Companion Goat Scorecard

The purpose of the Companion Goat Scorecard is to aid in the selection of healthy, sound animals, which can provide companionship over a long lifetime.

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Structural Correctness / Conformation	50
Head & Mouth - Balanced head, alert, clear eyes, strong muzzle and appropriate set to jaw being neither undershot nor overshot.	12
Front End – Shoulders and elbows set tightly against chest wall, with adequate fullness through the crops. Neck, withers, shoulders, crops, and elbows should blend smoothly at rest and in motion.	8
Topline – Strong, straight back, showing levelness from withers, through chine, loin, and rump. Rump should be appropriately wide and nearly level from thurl to thurl.	15
Feet & Legs – Strong, straight bone with evidence of smooth mobility. Front legs should be wide and squarely set. Rear legs should be wide and squarely set when viewed from the rear, and have adequate angulation through the stifle when viewed from the side. Pasterns should be strong and flexible and of medium length. Toes should be tight, pointed straight and have good, uniform depth from toe to heel.	15
Body Capacity	**10**
Chest – Deep and wide, with well sprung foreribs, appropriate to size and scale of individual to allow ample capacity for vital organs.	5
Barrel – Long, deep and wide, with good spring of rib to allow for adequate feed intake.	5
Condition & Appearance	**40**
Body Condition – Animal should be neither too fat, nor too thin. Should show normal growth, strength and muscling appropriate to individual size and scale.	10
Hair – Soft and lustrous.	10
Skin – Soft, clean and free from excessive dryness, flaking or scaling.	10
Poll/Horns – No preference given for horned/disbudded/polled animals, regardless of breed. Horns on animals should not be cracked or broken. Disbudded animals should be done so cleanly, without presence of large scurs.	10
TOTAL	**100**