

American LaMancha Breeders Association

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Holiday Issue



***May you and your family have a very blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year!***

Gift of the Old One

The young couple had made their usual hurried, pre-Christmas visit to the little farm where dwelt their elderly parents with their small herd of goats. The farm had been named Lone Pine Farm because of the huge pine which topped the hill behind the farm, and through the years had become a talisman to the old man and his wife, and a landmark in the countryside. The old folks no longer showed their goats, for the years had taken their toll, but they sold a little milk, and a few kids each year, and the goats were their reason for joy in the morning and contentment at day's end.

Crossly, as they prepared to leave, the young couple confronted the old folks, "Why do you not at least dispose of "The Old One". She is no longer of use to you. It's been years since you've had either kids or milk from her. You should cut corners and save where you can. Why do you keep her anyway?" The old man looked down as his worn boot scuffed at the barn floor and his arm stole defensively about the Old One's neck as he drew her to him and rubbed her gently behind her ears. He replied softly, "We keep her because of love. Only because of love." Baffled and irritated, the young folks wished the old man and his wife a Merry Christmas and headed back toward the city as darkness stole through the valley. So it was, that because of the leave taking, no one noticed the insulation smoldering on the frayed wires in the old barn. None saw the first spark fall. None but the "Old One."

In a matter of minutes, the whole barn was ablaze and the hungry flames were licking at the loft full of hay. With a cry of horror and despair, the old man shout-

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Upcoming Dates :

- **Dec 31—Specialty Apps deadline**
- **December 10—Deadline for All American Entries**
- **December 31—Memberships due-end of 2 yr special**
- **February 5— Deadline for 1st quarter newsletter**

Mission Statement: The American LaMancha Breeders Assn. was organized for the purpose of promotion and development of the LaMancha breed. We aim to cooperate with all other organizations in the promotion of dairy goats in general.

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ALBA Committee Appointments

The American LaMancha Breeders Assn. is privileged to have many enthusiastic people working together to benefit the club and the breed. If you would like to contribute your time and knowledge to any of our committees, please contact the president. We value your input! Committee members must be current with membership dues.

All-American Committee:

Chair: Willow Olson, meditation.chik@gmail.com

Members: Deb Macke, raintree.lamancha@gmail.com

Krista Myers, kastdemurs@gmail.com

Sharla Macke, calicoacres@gmail.com

Committee responsible for receiving and preparing All American entries, contacts and lines up judges to judge All-American, prepares entries for judging and mails them to judges. Prepares a list of awards to be purchased by Awards Acquisitionist and sends list of winner to be printed on certificates by whomever is in charge of ALC Certificate printer. Sends out results and awards to entrants, sends results by email to webmaster and newsletter editor. Submits photos and results to Dairy Goat Journal and United Caprine News for publication. Works with committee members to suggest changes as needed to program and submits proposals to ALC BOD. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting in October and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Awards Acquisitionist & Display Chair:

Chair: Deb Macke, raintree.lamancha@gmail.com

Person designated responsible for networking with standing committee Chairs to provide economical and appealing awards, in accordance with the annual ALBA Budget, for all ALBA deserving program participants. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Breed Standards Committee:

Chair:

Members: Krista Myers, kastdemurs@gmail.com

Committee responsible for monitoring and working with ADGA on the current and future LaMancha breed standards. Duties include discussion of breed standard issues, possible change to breed standard, submitting polls for membership if called for and working directly with the ADGA Breed Standards committee. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Communications Committee:

Newsletter Editor/Website Coordinator

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Facebook Editor

Lorene Toth, vltoth@att.net

Committee responsible for overseeing newsletter and website as well as communication to members which may include posting updates on social media formats. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting , and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Constitution & ByLaws:

Chair: Deb Macke, raintree.lamancha@gmail.com

Members: Pam Hogan, FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net

Committee responsible for enforcing the ALBA constitution and bylaws. Duties include making sure C & BL is followed by officers, directors and members and working with members to make changes to C & BL when appropriate. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Fundraising/Raffle Committee:**Chair:**

Members: Pam Hogan, FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net
Committee responsible for fundraising to support the ALBA and its business. Duties include the T-shirts, raffle, soliciting donations via whatever media route available, from breeders and companies, submitting donation information to newsletter and website for promotion, preparing items for display at Convention/National Show and with help from member volunteers, oversee the raffle, selling tickets and conducting the physical raffle at Convention. Will package and ship raffle items when necessary and prepare a statement of raffle winners for newsletter and website. Will develop additional fundraising possibilities throughout the year. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

History Committee:**Chair:**

Members: Pam Hogan, FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net
Committee responsible for keeping a complete record of ALBA History. Duties include maintaining copies of past and present newsletters, photographs of historical value to the breed, newspaper clippings, AL BA program results and compiling scrapbooks that can be used at National Show and Convention. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD

Nominations Committee:

Chair: Abby Bunde, bundea@hotmail.com

Members: Deb Macke, raintree.lamancha@gmail.com
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Committee responsible for procuring candidates to run for officers and BOD. Duties include promoting open positions and upcoming elections, providing ballot information to the newsletter editor to be posted online for voting as spelled out in the C & BL's, receiving voting results and verifying membership status, tallying voting results, notifying candidates of results and announcing results to the membership. Submit annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Production Committee:

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Committee responsible for overseeing and supervising the ALBA production and dam-sire award programs. Duties include promoting and receiving entries, verifying that entries qualify for said production awards, preparing a list of awards and submitting results to newsletter editor, webmaster, and dairy goat publications in a timely fashion. Also responsible for receiving entries for Youth Production Honor roll and sending out awards as well as monitoring list of Breed Leader does owned by ALBA members and ordering and sending out Production medals to those recipients with appropriate certificates. Chair maintains contact with committee members throughout the year to discuss program and recommend changes as needed to the BOD for approval. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting,, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

Specialty Committee:

Chair: Lorene Toth, vltoth@att.net

Members: Pam Hogan, FeatherbrainedFarm@ccountry.net
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Committee responsible for overseeing and administering ALBA Specialty Shows. Duties include promoting the program, receiving applications and verifying shows fitness to hold a specialty, preparing a list of awards to be ordered by awards acquisition designed, preparing list of certificates to be printed by ALBA printer possessor, packaging and shipping entire specialty program awards and certificates as well as any additional correspondence with local specialty chairs, receiving specialty results and preparing photos and results for submission to newsletter editor and webmaster, keeping track of timeline for results and submitting request for payment refunds to S/T. Chair will be in contact with committee members to choose approved shows and for discussion of changes to program to submit to BOD for approval. Submit Annual report to BOD in time for annual meeting, and updates BOD throughout the year as needed or requested by BOD.

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ed to his wife to call for help as he raced to the barn to save their beloved goats. But the flames were roaring now, and the blazing heat drove him back. He sank sobbing to the ground, helpless before the fire's fury. By the time the fire department arrived, only smoking, glowing ruins were left, and the old man and his wife. They thanked those who had come to their aid, and the old man turned to his wife, resting her white head upon his shoulders as he clumsily dried her tears with a frayed red bandana.

Brokenly he whispered, "We have lost much, but God has spared our home on this eve of Christmas. Let us, therefore, climb the hill to the old pine where we have sought comfort in times of despair. We will look down upon our home and give thanks to God that it has been spared." And so, he took her by the hand and helped her up the snowy hill as he brushed aside his own tears with the back of his hand. As they stepped over the little knoll at the crest of the hill, they looked up and gasped in amazement at the incredible beauty before them.

Seemingly, every glorious, brilliant star in the heavens was caught up in the glittering, snow-frosted branches of their beloved pine, and it was aglow with heavenly candles. And poised on its top most bough, a crystal crescent moon glistened like spun glass. Never had a mere mortal created such a Christmas tree such as this. Suddenly, the old man gave a cry of wonder and incredible joy as he pulled his wife forward. There, beneath the tree, was their Christmas gift.

Bedded down about the "Old One", close to the trunk of the tree, was the entire herd, safe. At the first hint of smoke, she had pushed the door ajar with her muzzle and had led the goats through it. Slowly and with great dignity, never looking back, she had led them up the hill, stepping daintily through the snow. The kids were frightened and dashed about. The skittish yearlings looked back at the crackling, hungry flames, and tucked their tails under them as they licked their lips and hopped like rabbits. The milkers pressed uneasily against the "Old One" as she moved calmly up the hill and to safety beneath the pine.

And now, she lay among them and gazed at the faces of those she loved. Her body was brittle with years, but the golden eyes were filled with devotion as she offered her gift—Because of Love.

Only Because of Love.

By Eunice "Pixie" Day, Washington, ME

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Year End Committee Reports

All American Committee:

The ALBA All American program had 70 entries from 11 exhibitors up slightly from 2022. Judges for the program were Dan Laney, Grace Toy and Jackson Noble. We appreciate the time and effort they all spent in judging our program.

In 2023 we voted to require both a side and rear photo of all entries in 2023. While it has been a part of the rules for years, this was the first year we enforced the rule and, for the most part, entrants were cooperative.

Fees will remain the same for 2023. All doe entries must have won a 1st or 2nd at an ADGA sanctioned show. Bucks and groups were not required to have show wins but group photos must have been taken as a group.

No changes were recommended for the 2024 program and the fee schedule remains the same.

I appreciate being allowed to chair this program and look forward to this year!! Deadline for 2024 is December 10. Entries should be submitted through the online entry form found on our club website.

Willow Olson, Chair

Production/Dam-Sire Committee:

Participation in the 2023 ALBA Production program was down this year. We gave out a total of 21 awards from submissions from 5 members. We encourage more members to submit their DHI records and recognize their production tested does including those on Owner-Sampler.

The Dam-Sire program only had 8 entries from 3 herds this year.

No changes were made to either program for 2024.

Deb Macke, Chair

Specialty Show Committee:

The ALBA Specialty program had a total of 2 specialty shows this year. Shows participating were D7-Barn in the USA, Clark County Goat Assn, WA and D8 Cal Expo, California State Fair, Sacramento, CA. All shows returned results and photos in a timely manner.

No changes were made to the fee structure going forward. We encourage shows to apply for a 2025 specialty show.

Lorene Toth, Chair



ZOOM MEETING ~ ALBA ANNUAL MEETING

MORE INFORMATION TBA

End of Year Financial Report

Submitted by Pam Hogan, Sec/Treas.

Balance 11/23/23	\$5752.52
Income:	
Adult Memberships:	\$609
Youth Memberships:	\$114
Specialty Shows	\$300 (4 shows, 2 for '24 and 2 for '25)
All American:	\$59 (2023 & 2024)
Production/DS:	\$157
Subtotal Income	\$1239
Expenses:	
Nat. Show/Convention Display:	\$50
Postage/Shipping:	\$47.91 (mailing awards)
Paper/Ink/Supplies:	\$116.50
Awards:	\$387.73 (AA, Prod, Specialty)
NS Sponsorships:	\$260.00
Youth Scholarships:	\$600.00
Subtotal Expenses:	\$1462.14
Paypal Fees:	\$209.11
Balance 11/28/24:	\$5738.49

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Newsletter is published quarterly:
 1st Q (Feb, March, April) on Feb 5
 2nd Q (May, June, July) on May 5
 3rd Q (Aug, Sept, Oct) on Aug 5
 4th Q (Nov, Dec, Jan) on Nov 5
 Deadlines for submissions are the 1st of the month in which they are published.

The ALBA newsletter will be sent out via email to all members unless member does not have an email address. We have also added a Members Only link on the website where the newsletter can be downloaded with a password which is also sent by email with your newsletter. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL CURRENT WITH THE CLUB!!

ALBA membership runs Jan 1 through Dec 31



Welcome New ALBA Members!

Youth Members in Red

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ALC Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Pam Hogan ~ ALBA Secretary-Treasurer

Balances as of November 28, 2024

Checking Account 4446,69

PayPal Account 1291.80

Total in all accounts: 5738.49

Board of Director Action this quarter

11/10/24: Extend the 2 year special membership each year from 9/1 to 12/31 Yes: 11 No: 0

09/24/24: Hold a virtual Zoom annual meeting in November or December 2024. Zoom meeting to be run by VP Tricia Greenwood Yes: 9 No: 2

Time to renew your membership for 2025....please Paypal to lamanchas.org and fill out a membership app
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2024 American Dairy Goat Association Annual Meeting

October 22-23, 2024 ~ Lake Geneva, WI

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS

2024-25 Officers:

President: Ed Jodlowski

1st Vice President: Karen Smith

2nd Vice President: Christine Owen

Member at Large: Trinity Malmanis

Member at Large: Dan Greene

STANDING COMMITTEE and TASK FORCE REPORTS WITH BOARD ACTION

Advanced Judges:

Proposal #1: Approved—ADGA Guidebook language: “Any judge using the alternate Advanced Judge renewal method at a PreTC is required to complete a form at the PreTC which includes name, ADGA membership number, date, name of PreTC instructor, and signature. This will be forwarded to the ADGA office to be recorded in the judges’ permanent file”

Annual Meeting:

Proposal #1: Not approved—Annual Meeting Handbook (referred back to committee)

Awards:

Proposal #1: Approved—Historic herd name designation of Body Shops owned by Karyl Dronen

Proposal #2: Not approved—Nomination for Director Emeriti

Proposal #3: Approved—Director Emeriti Designation for Dr. Joan D. Rowe, DVM

Finance:

Proposal #1: Approved—The Director of Finance in coordination with the National Sale Chair create a separate three-year comparable financial report detailing the revenue and expenses of our two national sales events.

Proposal #2: Approved—Increasing the equipment capitalization policy to a \$2,000 minimum dollar expenditure from the current \$500.

Proposal #3: Approved—Approved wording in the Committee Expense guidelines to clarify payment to Director Emeriti.

Proposal #4: Approved—50 cent per transfer funding to the ADGA Research Foundation be subject to profitability as determined by the annual audited financial statements.

Proposal #5: Approved—\$5000 in the 2025 budget to cover setup fee and authorize the Executive Committee to enter into an agreement with a third-party vendor to provide print services for members to purchase copies of the complete ADGA Membership Directory (or portions thereof), ADGA Guidebook, and potentially other publications currently available to members in digital format.

Proposal #6: Approved—Increase the reserve for the National Show to \$50,000 from its current amount of \$20,000 as a method to allow increased profits (revenue over expenditures) from one year to be used in the next year for budgeting purposes.

Proposal #7: Approved—Establish a budget line item for cash reserve replenishment (50% of the net profit) for each year beginning in 2024.

Proposal #8: Approved—Increase in pay of up to a maximum of 3% with all staff receiving at least 2.5%.

Proposal #9: Approved—Management’s request to increase the salary level for the Office Manager. The specific amount is \$3,500 (1/2 of the annual request) effective January 2025 and the second half (\$3,500) effective July 1, 2025 subject to a positive performance evaluation by the Association Manager based on measurable goals with EC Approval.

Proposal #10: Approved—Adoption of the revised 2024 and 2025 budgets.

Proposal #11: Approved—Adoption of the 2025 capital budget

Proposal #12: Approved—The annual financial statements of the association for 2023 be revised to reflect accounts receivable at full value (no write off of old balances) and increase the allowance for doubtful accounts by 100% of the balances greater than 1 year.

Proposal #13: Approved—The Executive Committee to work with ADGA management to develop a process to collect member and

non-member receivables.

Proposal #14: Approved—The Board to give authority to the 2024-2025 Executive Committee to establish an account(s) at a federally regulated financial institution (bank/credit union) as needed to ensure the total cash/investments, including interest earned held at any one institution (bank/credit union) does not exceed the FDIC limit currently at \$250,000.

Proposal #15: Approved—The Board of Directors (Board) affirm that authority for financial management and reporting is with the Board pursuant to Article V Section 10 on page 10 and Article VII Section 6e on page 13 of the 2024 Guidebook.

Genetic Advancement:

Proposal #1: Approved—Fee structure for ADGA Plus (for 2025 only) that reflects increased pricing from third-party vendor (prices to be included on the website)

Governmental Modernization Task Force:

Proposal #1: Approved—Language to be added to ADGA Guidebook A postal ballot is proposal created outside the time of a regularly scheduled board meeting to bring on immediate or emergency issue to the board that requires action in the form of a vote.

Proposal #2: Referred language back to Task Force.

Information Management:

Proposal #1: Approved—a revision to the committee guidelines per the ADGA Guidebook

Judges:

Referral: Report of Awards concern to Judges Committee

Judges Training, Assessment & Licensing:

Proposal #1: Approved—Change of wording in Showmanship Scorecard, locate under Clipping Breed—appropriate preparation of hair is allowed in breeds where hair coat may be considered according to the breed standard; neatly trimmed tail, mammary and ears.

Linear Appraisal:

Proposal #1: Approved—Appraiser Emeritus Program with approved recognition program

Proposal #2: Approved—Fee all Transport does will be \$20 each. Can be part of the minimum stop fee. All Bucks are \$20 each in addition to the minimum stop fee.

Proposal #3: Approved—Approved \$10,000 for Linear Appraisal Summit and strategic planning to be on a 5-year-cycle

National Show:

Proposal #1: Approved—Increase the fee paid to National Show Judges to \$600 per breed for both lead judge and consulting judge.

Proposal #2: Tasked—the Executive Committee to address an exhibitor who left early without permission.

Proposal #3: Not approved—Language regarding the selection criteria for sales (referred back to committee)

Proposal #4: Approved—Language to add to Colorama contract, Spotlight contract, Terms/Conditions for both sales: ADGA Recommended Trade Practices for Members (Section XIX in the ADGA Guidebook)

Proposal #5: Approved—The following language The animals in the sale have undergone a physical examination by a licensed veterinarian prior to selling and have been tested negative for CAE, brucellosis and TB within 30 days of the sale.

National Show Long Range:

Proposal #1: Approved—2028 National Show to be held from July 14-21 in Louisville, KY

National Show Youth Activities:

Proposal #1: Approved—The National Show chair will implement a procedure to allow youth to designate another youth to show on their behalf only if they have another breed showing at the same time.

Products:

Proposal #1: Approved—budge request amount of \$3,000

Registration:

Proposal #1: Approved—Accepted language that abbreviations that imply or are used in a manner which could be construed as an official ADGA award shall not be used in the naming of the goat on application for registration. These include, but are not limited to, *B, +B, *M, CH, GCH, SGCH, SG.

Proposal #2: Approved—The Sable proposal in concept (based upon the 2024 Registration Committee YER) and direct the Registration Committee Chairperson and the Executive Committee to work with IT & Development staff to provide a scope of work and cost requirement of the 2025 Annual Meeting for a vote by the 2025 Board of Directors. The recommendation would not be retroactive and if adopted would be contingent on programming completion.

Reproductive Technologies:

Proposal #1: Approved—Updated language regarding interim Clone Policy

Proposal #2: Approved—To allow registration of progeny from Guernsey buck collections performed prior to January 1st, 2016 through March 1st, 2025* without requiring an ADGA registration number on the collection born (buck name, tattoo/EID, and collection date all still required). DNA shall be required to be on file in order to accept the “incomplete” collection form; sire verification of said progeny is also a requirement before accepting any further generations for the registry. *Note, the end date for this policy may be recommended for extension on an annual basis, if deemed necessary due to continued registration delays.

Scholarships:

Proposal #1: Approved—Youth Convention Scholarship to be moved under the umbrella of the Scholarship Committee.

Shows:

Proposal #1: Approved—To accept legs on various shows where there were errors on Report of Awards.

Proposal #2: Not Approved—To award leg on Report of Awards

Proposal #3: Not Approved—To award leg on Report of Awards

Proposal #3: Not Approved—To award leg on Report of Awards

Referral: To instruct the Association manager to file a formal complaint to an individual.

New Business Board Action:**Association Manager Recommendations:**

Proposal #1: Approved—Language to change membership year from January 1 to December 31

Proposal #2: Approved—Committee Assignments shall be announced by December 1 (from December 15)

Proposal #3: Approved—Language as listed in the Guidebook will state “refer to the latest fee schedule”

Executive Committee Recommendations:

Proposal #1: Approved—Stamped duplicate acceptance extended through December 31, 2025

Proposal #2: Approved—Member generated show records acceptance extended through December 31, 2025

New Business from the Floor:

Approved the following: Include bucks in the Colorama Sale to be held at the 2025 ADGA National Show in Grand Island, NE. Bucks will be virgin bucks, at least 60 days in age and born January 1st or later. All terms of sale for the Colorama Sale will apply. Bucks will be excluded from the requirement to sho but will be required to be on display. Consigned bucks must have DNA on file prior to selling. The consignor will be responsible for all pen fees, animal care, and care related expenses while the animal is on display prior to the sale. No entry or individual animal fees will be charge excluding the nomination and sale commission.

Bucks selected for the sale are to be of the highest quality available. Using official DHIR, linear appraisal, show records and DNA Parent Verified pedigrees, the committee prefers dairy goats that excel in all categories but will consider highly marketable animals that may not have performance program data

All National Show policies including Arrival Time, Check-in, Health Rules and Regulations shall apply.

Change to National Show Rule to read 23. BUCKS: No bucks other than those consigned to the Colorama Sale will be permitted on site. Consigned bucks may not be penned with does or bucks from a separate herd.”

All National Show Rule references to “NON-SHOW DOES” shall be revised to “NON-SHOW ANIMALS”

Nomination forms will be available by May 1st, 2025

Nomination forms for bucks must be submitted by June 1st, 2024. Accepted nominations will be notified by June 10th, 20225.

Proof of submission of DNA samples is required prior to acceptance into the sale. The 2025 Convention in Danvers, MA will not include a live animal sale. The Colorama Sale will include bucks and serve in lieu of the traditional Spotlight Sale event.

Committees and Task Forces with No Board Action:

Annual Meeting—Long Range

Breed Standards

Constitution & ByLaws

Dairy Goat Well-Being Task Force

Government & International Liaison

Herdbook Change Review

History

Membership

Production Testing

Type

Youth Annual Meeting & Education



Recipe Corner

Holiday Goat Cheese Log

Ingredients:

- 1 log (10.5 oz) chevre cheese
 - 1 package (3 oz) cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
 - 1/3 cup chopped dried cranberries
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- Assorted Crackers



Directions:

1. In medium bowl, mix cheeses and pepper. Using hands, roll mixture into 10-inch log.
2. In shallow dish, mix dried cranberries, parsley and chopped rosemary. Roll log in mixture, coating all sides and gently pressing to adhere. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hour. Garnish with rosemary sprigs and fresh cranberries. Serve with crackers.

Recipe courtesy of www.pillsbury.com

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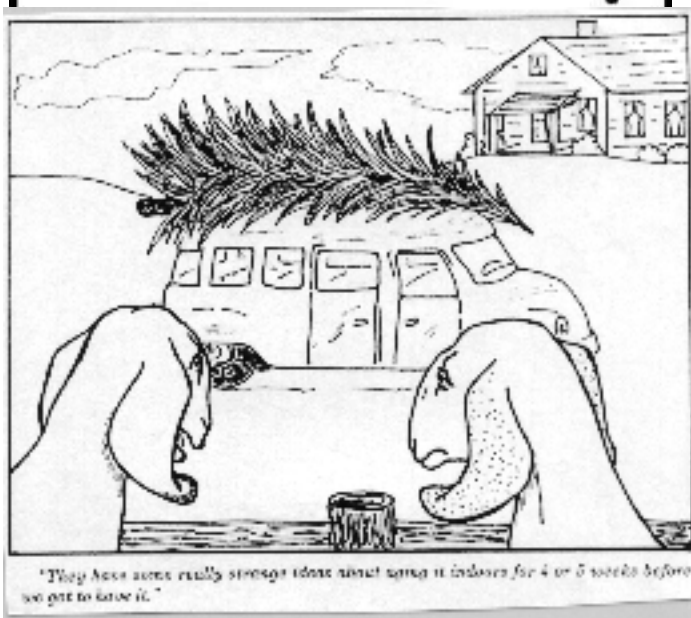
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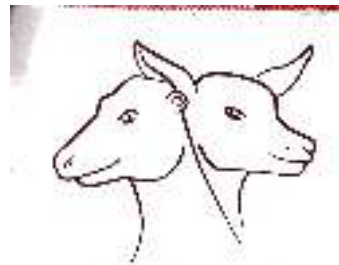
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From the President....

Hi everyone,

Well, for most of us, show season has ended and breeding season is winding down. I hope you have all had a very successful breeding season and have lots of ladies in waiting in your barns. Next newsletter will be early February and will include the All American winners.

We want to welcome 3 new and 1 returning board members to our Board of Directors. Next election will be in August so please consider running for an open spot. We thank all of our candidates and encourage you to run again if you were not elected this year.

We are currently offering a "Membership Special" for all of our new and renewing members. Anyone that renews/joins between 09/01/24 and 12/31/24 can renew for 2 years at \$25.00 AND we will include your farm business card for free in both the newsletter and on the website. We hope this special will be an incentive to join our great club!!!

Reminder that All American apps are due December 10 and specialty apps are due December 31. Please consider entering your animals in the All American....does need an official ADGA show win of 1st or 2nd and all animals need to submit both a side and rear photo of their entrants.

If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact any of your officers or directors. Have a wonderful holiday season and let's look forward to an amazing 2025!

Deb Macke

President

Christmas Wonder

The young father and husband had done his best. His beginning career would take him to the city where it would not be possible to keep the herd so lovingly and carefully selected. All but the bred yearling had been sold and the family sent on ahead. He was to dispose of her and join them on Christmas Eve.

Now time had run out and no one wanted the little brown doe with white markings and appealing eyes. With no other course open, the dealer had been called and was now in the snowy driveway. The driver, who had obviously been having a bit of Christmas cheer at each stop, fumbled with the rusty fastenings and lowered the tailgate. The trembling doe was shoved into the already crowded truck against the calves and sheep, the fastenings secured and the truck drove off into the gathering twilight, unmindful of the tears trickling down the face of the man who stood watching it out of sight.

Some distance down the road stood a cozy cottage. A curly headed toddler, too excited to sleep, edged carefully down the stairs, one step at a time, limp teddy bear under his arm and eyes wide with anticipation, while his parents were busy trimming

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the tree. Running quickly to the window beside the kitchen door, he pressed his face to the window, looking hopefully out into the darkness where a few light flakes of snow had begun to fall. It was at that moment that the truck which had passed minutes before hit a bump in the road and the tailgate, never too reliable at best, dropped suddenly and the little doe flew out of the opening and landed with a thump on her side in the slippery snow which covered the road. More frightened than ever, she pulled herself to her feet, looked about wildly and began to flee frantically back down the road.

Suddenly she spotted the light in the window, which to her meant warmth and food and love, and leapt through the deepening snow toward it. Ah, there on the door was a great fir wreath with a bright red bow. As she had often done at home, she trotted to the window from which the light streamed to see if anyone was coming out to tend the herd.

As the red-covered muzzle appeared in the window and the face of the doe stood looking in, the toddler's eyes grew wide and the mouth formed a great "Oh!" The child and the doe stood nose to nose, eye to eye, and who was more started it would be hard to say. Then came a shout from the child, "Mama, Daddy, it's Rudolph! It's Rudolph!"

Started the doe turned and fled once more into the thickening snow, while the child ran excitedly to his parents. They scooped the boy up and ruffled his curls, laughing as they did so at his overactive imagination. But he kept insisting and pointing to the kitchen window, and to quiet him, still chuckling, they carried him to it, pulling back the curtains to better let the light shine out, and to show the boy there was really nothing there. The laughter stopped suddenly and there was indrawn breath as the deer-like hoof prints, now rapidly filling with snow, stood out sharply and disappeared into the circle of darkness. With a sense of wonder, they carried the sleepy toddler up to bed and tucked him in. Then, very thoughtfully, they returned to trimming the tree.

Terrified now, the little doe raced and slipped wildly down the road. That had not been home...where was home?? The fir morsels had done little to help her hunger and the wet snow was soaking through to her skin, adding to the misery.

Somewhere ahead was a farm belonging to an elderly couple. They were feeling sad on this eve of Christmas. Their cow had recently died and the old horse was disconsolate. The two had been companions in barn and pasture for many a year and the barn was now a lonely place. The horse had lost interest in food, and had stood head hanging, for the past two days. The country veterinarian had not been able to help, for the horse no longer cared, and that was the way of it.

Hoping to arouse the animal's interest with cut apples and love, the old man bundled up, picked up his lantern, and headed down the slippery path toward the barn. The horse heard the door open but did not bother to lift his head. The stall next to him was empty and his sorrow was great.

The old man put his arm about the horse and proffered the cut-up apples. Politely, the horse mouthed them, and then let them fall into the hay-filled manger, hanging his head even lower. Tears slipped down the old man's furrowed cheeks as his mittened

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hands stroked the once sleek neck.

The little doe checked her wild flight as she suddenly saw through the thickening snow the light streaming from the open barn door. Timidly, she lifted on hoof and stood tasting the homey barn smell with lifted muzzle. One foot at a time she advanced toward the door and stood for a moment looking in at so much that was familiar.

Then, with a great rush, she was through the door and into the stall, pressing her wet, shivering body against the warmth of the old horse. Up came his head and with a loud whicker of welcome, he turned and drew her forward with his head. With a long sign, she closed her eyes and leaned ever closer as the horse continued, with excitement and joy, to whicker softly. She had found a home

Astonished, the old man stepped back and stared at the two. Then, turning, he raced to the house, calling to his wife as he went. Unnoticed, the lantern fell into the snow and went out as he stumbled up the steps and through the door.

His wife dropped the apples she was paring and helped him to a chair, her wonder equaling his as he breathlessly poured out the story. Over and over he must repeat it. How God had seen their sorry and the loneliness of the old horse at the death of their cow, and sent His miracle on the eve of the birthday of His dearly beloved Son. That it was obvious that the doe would soon kid and they would have milk once more, but most importantly, the old horse had found joy and decided to live for another springtime to come, and hopefully many, many more.

And so it was that because of the little brown doe a young child and his parents experience the wonder of Christmas; an old horse and a young doe found love and hope; an old man and his wife believed in a miracle; and the livestock dealer—he found his own type of Christmas happiness and was too befuddled to know or care by the time he unloaded that he had inadvertently given his own Christmas gift to a very small portion of the world.

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NOTE: INFORMATION ONLY....PLEASE APPLY FOR 2025 SPECIALTY SHOWS ONLINE ONLY



**American LaMancha Breeders Association
2025 District Specialty Show Application
Form**

Show Date: _____

Location (City/State): _____

ADGA District: _____

Sponsoring Organization: _____

ADGA Sanctioned for: Open Doe Senior Doe Junior Doe Buck
 Sr. Doe show Champion Challenge (BOB) offered: Yes No Buck Show Champion Challenge Offered: Yes No

Is your club applying for any other breed specialties: Yes No. If yes, how many breeds have you applied for? _____

Is this show held in conjunction with a fair: Yes No Is yes, list fair name: _____

Was this show held in 2024? Yes No **Number of youth exhibitors in 2024:** _____
 If so, how many LaManchas were exhibited? **How many total animals were exhibited in the show?**
 (1 ring only) totals (1 ring only, all breeds)

ENTRIES	LAMANCHA BREED
	LaMancha Sr. Does
	LaMancha Jr. Does
	LaMancha Bucks

ENTRIES	ALL BREEDS
	ADGA Sr. Does
	ADGA jr. Does
	ADGA Bucks

What specialty groups are offered? You are required to offer at least one group class. We encourage you to offer more to highlight your LaMancha exhibitors.

Dairy Herd Sr. Get of Sire Best 3 Dam & Dtr Produce Jr. Get of Sire
 Sire & Son Other _____

Show Secretary: _____ Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip _____

Show Chairman: _____ Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip _____

In addition, ONE person from the host group is to be selected as the Specialty Contact Person, responsible for fulfilling all of the Specialty Show requirements including furnishing bio and contact info for the Outstanding Youth exhibitors. Please list this person, address, phone # and email. This is the person whom we will communicate with and send all awards to and will need to sign the application on the following page:

Name _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name of ADGA judge for specialty show: _____ (awards will not be sent until we have this name)

In signing this application to host an ALBA Specialty show, the applicant agrees to provide photographs of all 1st place winners, champions, reserve champions, BOB, best udder and both outstanding youth winners. Those pictures will be forwarded in electronic format (flash drive will be furnished by club with show awards). All photos must be submitted on the flash drive and results submitted via an online link. Envelope will be furnished for return of flash drive to Deb Macke, N3690 Elmwood Rd., Hawkins, WI 54530 within 30 days of date of show. The applicant also agrees that a Best Udder LaMancha will be chosen as well as both a Jr. & Sr. Outstanding LaMancha exhibitor. Applying club is responsible for flash drive and should it go missing, they are responsible for replacement of said drive. Unused awards are to be returned to the ALBA after the show. Clubs not following ALBA Specialty show rules and policies will not be eligible to apply for a specialty for a time span of 3 to 5 years.

Application fee: \$75 for a Sr/Jr show or \$100 for a Sr/Jr/Buck show if held on same day (weekend) Buck show only \$50. Application is available online at www.lamanchas.org and payment can be made through Paypal. Sponsoring clubs will be notified immediately after 1/1/25

Specialty Show Host Club Requirements

By signing the above application, the host groups agrees to provide to the ALBA the following within 30 days of the date of show:

- 1) Show results: 3 placings for each class listing name of animal (dam for produce & D&D and sire for get of sires) as well as exhibitor/farm name
- 2) Photos of ALL first place animals and/or groups including all Champions and Reserve Champions. Group classes should be taken from the rear showing all animals in the group.
- 3) Rear udder photo of Best Udder Doe
- 4) Photos of both Junior and Senior Outstanding Youth exhibitors. Also full name, address, phone #, email and website for both youth as well as submitting a biography for each youth. (forms will be provided for this)

Hosting clubs are responsible to furnish all photos in .jpg format (please compress your files!) on the furnished flash drive. Club also agrees to return any unused awards to the ALBA at conclusion of show. Flash drive should be mailed in the furnished envelope.

Signature of applicant (this person is the person who we will correspond with and will receive all the awards and this person will be responsible for providing all of the above results/photos)

Name

Address

Email

*God Rest ye Merry
Gentlemen....*



American LaMancha Breeders Association
All-American Award Nomination Rules
(please submit all actual entries using online form)

Animal's Name: _____ Registration # _____
Tattoo: LT: _____ CT: _____ RT: _____ Birthdate: _____
Breeder: _____ Owner at time of nomination: _____

Purebred/American Does:

- Class 1: Junior Kids (Born April 2024 & after)
- Class 2: Intermediate Kids (Born March 2024)
- Class 3: Senior Kids (Born Dec. 2023, Jan & Feb '24)
- Class 4: Junior Yearlings (born 5/1/23-11/30/23)
- Class 5: Senior Yearlings (12/1/22-04/30/23)
- Class 6: Yearling Milkers (12/1/22-11/30/23)
- Class 7: Two Year Olds (12/1/21-11/30/22)
- Class 8: Three Year Olds (12/1/20-11/30/21)
- Class 9: Four Year Olds (12/1/19-11/30/20)
- Class 10: Five & Six Years Old (11/30/17-11/30/19)
- Class 11: Seven & Over (Prior to 11/30/17)

Bucks:

- Class 12: Born March 2024 & after
- Class 13: Born 12/11/23-02/28/24
- Class 14: One year old
- Class 15: Two year old
- Class 16: Three & Four year olds
- Class 17: Five years & over

Purebred/American Group Classes:

****Group class photos MUST be taken as a group****

- Class 18: Dairy herd (4 does in milk-1 photo)
- Class 19: Junior Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 jr does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 20: Senior Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 sr. does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 21: Dam & Daughter – 1 photo – please list names
- Class 22: Produce of Dam – please indicate dam (1 photo, 2 daughters – produce of one dam)

Rec. Grade Does (must meet LaMancha breed standards)

- Class 23: Junior Kids (Born April 2024 & after)
- Class 24: Intermediate Kids (Born March 2024)
- Class 25: Senior Kids (Born Dec. '23, Jan/Feb '24)
- Class 26: Junior Yearlings (born 5/1/23-11/30/23)
- Class 27: Dry Yearlings (born 12/1/22-11/30/22)
- Class 28: Yearling Milkers (12/1/22-11/30/22)
- Class 29: Two Year Olds (12/1/21-11/30/22)
- Class 30: Three Year Olds (12/1/20-11/30/21)
- Class 31: Four Year Olds (12/1/19-11/30/20)
- Class 32: Five & Six Years Old (11/30/17-11/30/19)
- Class 33: Seven & Over (Prior to 11/30/17)

Rec. Grade Group Classes: All does must meet LaMancha Breed Standards and members of Get of Sire class must be sired by a Purebred or Experimental buck that meets LaMancha Breed standards. **Group class photos MUST be taken as a group**

- Class 34: Dairy herd (4 does in milk – 1 photo)
- Class 35: Jr. Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 Jr. RG does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 36: Sr. Get of Sire – please indicate sire (3 Sr. RG does of the same sire – 1 photo)
- Class 37: Dam & Daughter – 1 photo – please list names (Dam and Dtr must be RG)
- Class 38: Produce of Dam – 1 photo – 2 daughters produce of one dam – must be RG)

By submission of this entry, I, the undersigned owner of the above mentioned animal, do certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information given here is correct. I also certify that the nominated animal has placed 1st or 2nd in an ADGA Sanctioned show in 2024. Please list your qualifying show below. NOTE: Bucks and groups do not need a qualifying show win to enter.

Name of Qualifying Show: _____
Date of Qualifying Show: _____ Location of Qualifying Show: _____
Judge of Qualifying Show: _____
Placing: (please indicate 1st, 2nd, GCH, BOB, BIS and list all awards won) _____
Name _____
Address _____

Online entries are available at www.lamanchas.org Questions? Please email allamericanalba@gmail.com

Instructions for Entry:

- 1) Please submit each entry in a separate online form. Please include the total amount of entries you are submitting on each entry form. Each entry should have two photos of the animal attached and the entry form (online) Two photos (side and rear) are required for individual classes. One rear photo for group classes.
- 2) Photos should be submitted in .jpg format. Reduce photo size to it is no more than 1200 pixels in any direction. Please include animal's name in the file name. NOTE: Both a rear view and a side view of each animal is required. Entries submitted without a rear view will be disqualified and not submitted in the final posting to the judges. Group classes require ONLY a rear view photo.
- 3) You will receive an email confirmation of the number of entries within 72 hours of submission. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ALL AMERICAN ENTRIES BEFORE 11/15/24 AS THAT EMAIL IS NOT CHECKED REGULARLY UNTIL THAT TIME

THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN ORDER FOR ENTRIES TO BE ACCEPTED

1. To be eligible for nomination, all of the following must apply:
 - a) Recorded Grade animals MUST meet the ADGA breed standards for LaManchas
 - b) An ALC member must be the current owner of the animal being nominated. Nominations are open to all ALC members in good standing (2025 dues current). Non-members may join ALC concurrently, providing that the \$15.00 annual membership fee is also enclosed. All payments must be submitted by Paypal before entry will be accepted.. Membership must be paid by the time the entries are submitted.
 - c) Recorded Grade group classesall animals in group must be Rec. grades. Sire of animals in Jr. & Sr. Get class must be either Purebred LaMancha or Experimental LaMancha and must meet LaMancha breed standards.
2. Enclose \$3.09 for each entry (includes Paypal fees). Entries may be paid by submitting the correct fee via PayPal to lamanchabreeders@gmail.com
3. Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by December 10 to be considered. This includes all payments as verified by Paypal account.
4. Two different views of the animal MUST be submitted - side and rear view. The photographs must have been taken during the year for which the nomination is being made. **NOTE** : Photos sent in with **ANY identifying information will be returned**. Group class pictures must have been taken together. Group classes of Dairy Herd, Produce, Get of Sire and Dam & Daughter are rear shots ONLY. **If an entry is submitted with only one view of the animal, it will be disqualified.**
5. NOTE: The All American program will be ONLINE and DIGITAL ONLY. Only digital photos must be submitted with your entry. Please attach them to the entry form.. Entries must be submitted online using the online entry form available on the home page of the ALBA website.
6. All photos become the property of ALBA archives.. Final entries need to be received December 10. Names of judges will be published after completion of competition
7. Any Winning entry that has been found to be a misrepresentation of the actual animal will be officially removed from the list of winners and a correction will be published in the next issue of the LaMancha Club newsletter.
8. **YOUTH: To be eligible to enter the youth portion of the ALBA All American the youth must own the animal entered and the registration papers must be in the name of the youth only. Animals owned by a farm/partnership are not eligible for youth entry.**
9. A Supreme Champion will be awarded to top doe and top buck. A GCH entry will be awarded to two youth exhibitors in each youth category ~ GCH Jr Doe and GCH Sr Doe in each age category. (total 4 youth recognized). Youth categories are younger youth of 14 and under and older youth 15 through their 21st birthday at time of entry. There will be a GCH Senior & Junior Doe also chosen among open recorded grade entries.
Please send direct questions to All American chair at allamericanalba@gmail.com

All American entries can be submitted online at www.lamanchas.org

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