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**HERD NAME & TATTOO APPLICATION**

A herd name or farm name may be registered with AGS, and this “exact” name shall be used as a prefix with the names of the owner’s animals when registering them in the AGS herd books. An animal’s registered name shall be limited to thirty letters and spaces, including the herd prefix. A registered herd name is reserved only as a prefix, not as a suffix. Tattoo registration is free of charge with the registration of a herd name. The Society no longer registers tattoos without the registration of a herd name.

To reserve a herd name, one applies to the AGS office in writing, submits the appropriate fee, and provides first and second choices of name, in case the first choice is already taken. When the application has been processed, the applicant receives a herd-name certificate. A tattoo will be assigned at the same time. IF a specific tattoo is desired, it should be requested at the time of herd name application.

Farm names, herd names, company names, etc., cannot be accepted as signatures for registrations or transfers, unless the owner or other authorized agent also signs the application.

Herd names registered with AGS are permanently owned by those individuals.

To apply for a herd name and tattoo sequence, the Herd Name and Tattoo Registration Application must be completed and submitted to the AGS office. Each Family or Individual membership (including all categories of Individual membership) may have exactly one herd name associated with it. Please keep in mind when choosing a herd name that names of goats registered with AGS are limited to 30 letters and spaces.

The Office Manager will determine whether the requested herd name is distinct from any previously registered herd name according to the applicable rules. Because it is impossible to specifically address all possible permutations in a written policy, the opinion of the Office Manager on this matter will be definitive, unless the member appeals his or her decision to the Board of Directors.

**Herd names will be used exactly as they are registered with no abbreviations or changes.**

Each herd name shall have its own unique tattoo. This tattoo is typically placed in the right ear of each animal born on the property.

I hereby apply for the herd name and tattoo:   **Fee \$10 for members**       **\$20 for non-members**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_