



# New Zealand Dairy Goat Breeders Association (Inc)

## NZDGBA CAE Herd Accreditation Scheme

Participation in the NZDGBA CAE Herd Accreditation Scheme is voluntary. All serological testing is to be done at Gribbles, Palmerston North. NZDGBA maintains a computerized register of accredited herds.

Requirements for accreditation are:

1. A pre-accreditation of all eligible goats.
2. Two accreditation tests of all eligible goats, 12 months apart, the first being 12 months after the pre-accreditation test.
3. For newly established herds, provided that all goats have been purchased from accredited herds, accreditation may be granted following a single negative test of all eligible goats tested within 30 days of purchase.
4. For renewal of accreditation, a negative test on all eligible goats is required annually for the first 2 years of accreditation, i.e. the initial pre-accreditation test and two subsequent annual re-accreditation tests.
5. After three clear accreditation tests (including the pre-accreditation test), triennial testing will be permitted.

*Note: Eligible goats are all goats over 12 months of age (wethers, bucks and does included).*

*Based on information received from the herd owner and Gribbles Pathology lab.*

## **PROCEDURES:**

### **Requirements**

Application to join the scheme

The Owner:

1. Fills in the application form and pays the registration fee of \$25.
2. Arranges to have all the animals tested annually and then triennially.

***So long as all goats test negative for CAE, accreditation will be granted, unless revoked or suspended.***

### **Suspension**

Accreditation may be suspended where:

- A. Testing for renewal of accreditation is not carried out within 30 days of the due date.

B. There is a breach or suspected breach in the framework of the accreditation scheme.

**Re-accreditation after suspension**, for reasons other than breakdown shall be permitted in the case of testing not carried out within the 30 day, at the discretion of NZDGBA. Renewal will be from the date when testing was due.

### **Loss of accreditation**

Breakdown of accreditation occurs when:

The detection of any serologically positive or clinically affected goats on the property constitutes a breakdown and accreditation will be revoked. The herd will immediately be removed from the register of accredited herds.

### **Re-accreditation after a breakdown**

If the breakdown is confined solely to introduced goats held in isolation until test results are known, then re-accreditation will be granted after 2 negative test results (no less than 30 days apart) of the remaining isolated eligible goats and these goats remain in isolation for that period of time.

### **Change of Ownership**

Where ownership of an accredited CAE free herd changes, the herd maybe re-registered in the new owner's name, provided he/she is already a member of the CAE accredited scheme and supplies to NZDGBA a full list of the goats acquired, within 30 days of arrival onto the property.

### **Goats Returning to the Property**

Goats returning from shows, unsold from sales or returning from mating, may rejoin the herd immediately, provided that they have not been penned with nor shared drinking or feeding facilities with goats other than from accredited herds or herds which have a valid pre-accreditation test in the last 12 months.

It is important to persuade organisers of shows and sales etc. to provide separate penning, displays, feeding, watering and sale of goats from accredited and non-accredited herds.

*Note:*

The NZDGBA register of accredited herds will be public information. However, the only information available will be whether the herd is currently accredited.

NO information regarding testing history or pre-accreditation status of any herd will be divulged to any person.

When a herd has attained accreditation, the herd name will be published in the Dairy Goat News.