

BREEDERS RESOURCE BOOK

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Santa Gertrudis Breeders International

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ITEM	DESIRABLE	PERMISSIBLE	OBJECTIONABLE	DISQUALIFICATIONS
A. BREED CHARACTER				
1. Hair Color	Solid Santa Gertrudis red (light or dark)	Slight dilution of red. Some white hairs in switch.	Creamy underline and twist, dilution, light or dark spots in other areas; blackish red.	Any extreme manifestation or combination of discriminations that will be a definite detriment to our breed improvement. White outside underline or other spotting in other parts of the body. Brindling in any extent. Roan condition. No more than 50% of the underline may be white and white must remain behind the front legs and may not extend past the udder or testicles.
2. Hair Patterns (dependant on environment)	Short, straight, slick coat	Medium length	Long, wavy hair	
3. Head				
a. Bull	Broad with sufficient length, masculine, slightly convex forehead; straight profile		Long and narrow, dish face, cow head.(feminine)	
b. Female	Feminine with sufficient length and width.		Long and narrow, dish face, bullish head.(masculine)	
4. Ears	Medium to large, slightly drooping, open forward.	Horizontal position	Turned down; Small	Vestigial
5. Eyes	Large, prominent, pigmented		Close together, "bug-eyed"	
6. Horns		Horned or Polled		
7. Muzzle	Broad and Large			Wry nose, overshot or undershot jaw.
8. Tail	Smooth insertion, full, long switch reaching below hocks		High insertion "rat tail" or short tail	Wry tail
9. Dewlap	Moderate development		Lack of dewlap, tight throat.	
10. Navel				
a. Bull	Flat Medium-sized		Excessive bell	Hernia
b. Female	Navel score of 3 or less, well attached and balanced		Excessive bell shaped or irregularly attached navel.	Evidence of navel change; hernia

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<p>B. DISPOSITION 1. Temperament</p> <p>C. CONFORMATION 1. General form or type a. Bull</p> <p>b. Female</p> <p>2. Neck a. Bull</p> <p>b. Female</p> <p>3. Shoulder and forearms a. Bull</p> <p>b. Female</p>	<p>Mild, easily managed</p> <p>Exceptional breed character, displaying masculinity and strong straight lines. Great depth, bone, body capacity and thickness. He is structurally correct from end to end and stands correctly on his feet and legs. Long rump, long muscled, deep quartered and has adequate looseness of hide; free in his movement.</p> <p>Ideal breed character, feminine head, clean in the front and blending smoothly from neck to shoulders. Long and smooth in her muscle structure yet displays adequate bone, depth and body capacity. Strong over her top, full in the crop, deep in the flank and have moderate slope from hooks to pins. Stands correctly on a good set of feet and legs; free in her movement.</p> <p>Medium in length; muscular, but neat, smooth attachment; moderate crest, hump and dewlap development</p> <p>Moderately thin, neat and blending smoothly in shoulders and moderate dewlap development.</p> <p>Well muscled, massive, masculine; with definition of forearm muscling, Free moving.</p> <p>Smooth and moderately muscled, blending smoothly into rest of body; as viewed from side, should be slightly shallower in forequarter than rear quarter.</p>	<p>Nervous</p>	<p>Small and refined Short and round muscled</p> <p>Short, thin neck, excessive or too large a crest and lack of dewlap, "ewe neck"</p> <p>Short, thick coarse neck, lack of dewlap, "ewe neck" showing masculinity</p> <p>Open</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>Mean disposition</p> <p>Extremely rangy or flat sided. No thickness or natural muscle</p> <p>Small and refined, hard "doing"; lack of natural muscle.</p> <p>Excessively open causing front legs to bow.</p> <p>Excessively open causing front legs to bow.</p>

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4 Crest a. Bull	Evidence of hump immediately forward of the top of shoulders.	Absence of hump	Large hump	
b. Female	Absence of hump			Excessive
5. Chest	Full and wide chest floor, full crop and full heart girth with ample capacity. Clean broad brisket.		Pinched in at the crop, narrow heart, or narrow chest floor; Protruding brisket short middle or short coupling, tight ribs and middle giving appearance of "barrel belly"; weak or slack top and hump back.	Excessive brisket
6. Back, ribs and loin	An abundance of natural thickness down top; ribs well sprung from loin-well arched with good length to give good depth of body and capacity			
7. Hindquarter	Tail head smoothly attached; rump long, naturally thick, moderate slope from hooks to pins.	Level	Extremely sloping rump and extremely rounded or "apple-butted"	Short and excessive droop; narrow at pins.
8. Round and Twist a. Bull	Thick and deep, meeting well down to the hocks; long with well developed stifle; muscle extending well into flank		Shallow round or twist lacking natural tickness; high in the twist	Double muscling
b. Female	Moderate to moderately heavy muscled, but most important smoothly muscle; deep and full.		High in the twist lacking natural thickness	Double muscling
D. FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY				
1. Legs	Length proportionate to animal, ample boned and sound joints	Heavy boned	Weak pattern, fine boned and excessive set to hocks.	"Post-legged"; absence of any set of hocks
2. Feet	Squarely set and sound		Wide set toes indication of corns	

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E. REPRODUCTIVE EFFICIENCY				
1. Bulls				
a. Sheath	Retracted prepuce, 45° angle and small orifice. Sheath score 3 or less		Twisted or turned up. Sheath score of 4	Non-retractable prepuce. Persistently dangling prepuce, loose 90° pendulous and large orifice. Sheath score 5.
b. Testicles	Well developed and proportionate in size — Min. 34 cm diameter taken between 11 and 15 months of age	Min. 32 cm diameter taken between 11 and 15 months of age		A scrotal circumference of less than a 30 cm taken between 11 and 15 months of age. Underdeveloped; cryptorchid lone descending testicle.
2. Females				
a. Udder and Teats	Udder well attached; four teats moderate in size and will placed under the udder		Pendulous or fleshy udder; large or uneven teats	Freemartin heifers
b. Genital Organs	Well developed Adequate growth (for age)		Underdeveloped or small	
F. SIZE	Fast gaining (for area)	Medium Size		Dwarfism
G. MISCELLANEOUS				
1. Pigment	Red or Pink	Some black slate in nose	Black nose, around eyes, scrotum, udder, genitals and anal area	3 or more areas being black
2. Hide	Loose, thick, vascular, moveable and pliable		Tight-hided	
3. Skin	Red pigmented		Some black	Solid black
H. ULTRASOUND	An IMF score no lower than 3.0 at 11-15 months of age.			