

ClassiMate

Unlock the True Potential of your Boer Goats

What is ClassiMate?

ClassiMate has been specifically designed to assist in standardising and improving Boer goat herds, large and small.

By undertaking an independent assessment and obtaining a professional recommendation in the selection of your ongoing breeding nucleus, you are “unlocking the true potential of your Boer goats”.

We offer a 2-step process (the second step being optional):-

Step 1. An on-farm visit by a qualified inspector who will assess and grade your animals individually, based on the South African breed standards. This includes checking of teeth and teat formation as well as a visual assessment. We encourage you to keep a summary of each classified animal and its relevant classification score.

Step 2. Entering animals of your choice into the ClassiMate system.



Benefits of Joining the ClassiMate System

When you choose to enter animals into the ClassiMate System, these animals will:-

- ① have their individual details maintained in our confidential database;
- ② each receive a signed certificate showing their individual score;
- ③ become our preferred supply option when we cannot fill an order (see page 2);
- ④ be invited to enter in future multi-vendor online sales.

Please note that not every sale is a multi-vendor sale, and that charges will apply to sales generated by ClassiMate (see page 2).

Red Goats and the ClassiMate System

As the classification of reds has been a point of debate for a number of years, we are leaving the guidelines open until Celia returns from the Inspectors Course she is attending in South Africa in February. This course is attended by every SA judge and inspector and is for the discussion, review and adaptations, if any, of breed standards.

You will be advised accordingly after the course. In the meantime, good quality red goats will be recorded as “6” and lesser quality reds will be recorded as “pending”.

The ClassiMate Scoring System

The ClassiMate system is designed to assess and grade animals depending on their traits - positive and negative. A simple scoring system is offered, with each animal fitting into a relevant category. An animal's score may change as it grows out and matures, either up or down and provision is made for this.

- ⑨ Elite ~ all round high quality animal, correct in every way, top recommendation
- ⑧ Excellent quality ~ highly recommended for breeding and showing
- ⑦ Good quality ~ recommended for breeding and/or showing
- ⑥ Good quality ~ a superior quality animal with colour faults according to the breed standards. It is important to note that these animals, without their excess colour, would be 7, 8 or 9. An animal which is classified with a score 5 or less does not get up-classified to 6 under any circumstances
- ⑤ Average ~ good breeding does (largely excellent bloodlines) but with faults such as imperfect teats, etc. Highly recommended for core breeding stock
- ④ "Second selection" ~ below the recommended breed standard, no terminal faults but suitable only as base breeding stock
- ③ Off type although without cull faults, suitable for low level commercial breeding
- ② Not conforming to the breed standards. Not for sale.



Fee Schedule

(all prices include GST)

ClassiMate on-farm visit:-

- Ⓜ ½ day (1-4 hours) = \$137.50 + travel costs
- Ⓜ ¾ day (4-6 hours) = \$183.70 + travel costs
- Ⓜ 1 day (6+ hours) = \$275.00 + travel costs.

Travel costs include airfares, car hire, accommodation and meals where applicable. If possible, these charges will be apportioned between studs visited.

Commissions on ClassiMate-generated sales:-

- Ⓜ A 4% commission + GST will be deducted from your proceeds for each sale generated through the ClassiMate system.
- Ⓜ An entry fee may apply to our online sales but this is yet to be determined. Previously, this figure was \$25.

Joining the ClassiMate System (within 30 days of assessment):-

Only animals over 3 months of age will be classified and those which are 3-12 months old will be prefixed with a "P" for "Potential", and will need to be classified at over 12 months old to have the "P" removed. There is no additional charge for the upgrade once the inspection has taken place.

Entry fees for animals 3 months and older are as follows:-

- Ⓜ First 1-25 animals ~ \$5.50 each
- Ⓜ Next 26-50 animals ~ \$4.00 each
- Ⓜ Next 51-100 animals ~ \$2.50 each
- Ⓜ Next 101+ animals ~ \$1.00 each.

Joining the ClassiMate System (later than 30 days after assessment):-

- Ⓜ All animals ~ \$9.50/head.

Change in Ownership

- Ⓜ Where a new owner wants an animal recorded in database - \$55.00 joining fee + \$3.00/head.

Preparing for Inspection

To ensure that your farm inspection runs smoothly, efficiently and comfortably, please provide the following:-

- Ⓜ facilities (temporary or permanent) for ease of drafting animals;
- Ⓜ personnel to assist with handling, drafting, scribing, etc;
- Ⓜ shade/cover for inspector and personnel;
- Ⓜ table and chairs;
- Ⓜ drinking water.

The time booked in at each stud is approximate only. The actual time will depend on the facilities and assessment time. An invoice will be raised after the assessment has taken place and the time taken is known.

If you cannot provide additional personnel to assist, we can, but this will be an additional cost, and charged at cost.

ClassiMate ~ Meeting Demand!

TerraMac alone cannot meet demand for Boer goat enquiries. Through ClassiMate, however, we can ensure a regular supply of animals consistent with required quality. Help us meet demand by entering your animals into the ClassiMate system.



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