



## **Benefits of joining GBAZ**

Joining the Goat breeders association of Zimbabwe can provide you with numerous benefits as you work to cultivate and expand your goat breeding endeavour. Here are some ways in which the association can assist you:

1. **Knowledge Sharing and Networking:** As a member of GBAZ, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other goat keepers, breeders, and experts in the field. This networking can be invaluable for sharing best practices, learning about new breeding techniques, and gaining insights into goat care, health, and nutrition. You can also exchange ideas and experiences with fellow members, build relationships, and potentially collaborate on breeding projects.

2. **Access to Resources:** GBAZ provides members with access to a wealth of resources, such as publications, and research findings related to goat breeding. This allows you to stay informed about the latest developments in the industry, helping you make more informed decisions and adapt to changes in best practices. BAZ is also affiliated to the Zimbabwe Herd Book which also serves as an additional resource for members.

3. **Promotion and Marketing:** Joining GBAZ will give you opportunities to market and promote your goat breeding business or products through our events such as the Goat Indaba, newsletter and member open days and exhibitions where you can showcase your goats, breeding principles, and related products to potential buyers, other breeders, and the public. GBAZ encourages and supports members to host open days at their farm giving them the opportunity to raise the profile of their goat venture.

4. **Advocacy and Representation:** GBAZ works to advocate for the interests of their members with regulatory agencies, policymakers, and other stakeholders. By joining the association, you contribute to a collective voice that can address issues affecting the goat breeding industry and work toward favourable policies and regulations for breeders.

5. **Educational Programmes and Training:** GBAZ offers educational Programmes and training workshops tailored to the specific needs of breeders. Whether it's about genetics, breeding strategies, animal health, or business management, these programmes can help you enhance your skills, knowledge, and overall efficiency as a breeder. We also collaborate with the South African Boer Goat Breeders Association to deliver their accredited junior course training during our flagship event, The Goat Indaba. This makes it affordable for members to access this training which is only offered in South Africa.

6. Breed Improvement and Recognition: As we are affiliated to the Zimbabwe Herd Book, we are involved in breed improvement programmes including breed standard development, breed registration, and breed promotion. By being part of such initiatives, you can contribute to the preservation and improvement of specific goat breeds and help promote their recognition and marketability.

7. Industry Updates and Trends: We keep members informed about industry trends, market demands, and emerging opportunities. This can help you adapt your breeding practices to changing consumer preferences and market dynamics, ultimately contributing to the success of your business.

8. Legal and Regulatory Guidance: As a goat keeper, you may encounter various legal and regulatory challenges, such as zoning laws, movement of animals, animal welfare regulations, or food safety requirements. GBAZ works very closely with the DVS and can provide you with access to guidance on compliance issues and help in navigating complex regulatory frameworks.

9. Support and Collaboration: Being part of a community of fellow breeders can provide you with emotional support, advice, and encouragement when facing challenges or setbacks in your breeding venture. Collaborating with other members on joint projects or initiatives can also be beneficial in terms of sharing resources, experiences, and expertise.

10. Access to Funding and Grants: GBAZ is currently working with some financial institutions to create financial products for members so as to ease the challenge of access to funding opportunities and help breeders like you to improving your goat breeding operation.

These benefits can significantly contribute to the growth and success of your dream as a goat keeper. By joining GBAZ you can gain valuable support, knowledge, and resources to help you navigate the complexities of the industry and achieve your breeding goals. Please kindly like, follow and share our Facebook " Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe "

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Category	Joining Fee USD*	Membership 2024 USD*
Ordinary and Associate Member	20	20
Stud Breeder	50	50

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