



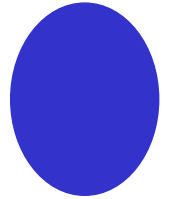
The Nubian goat

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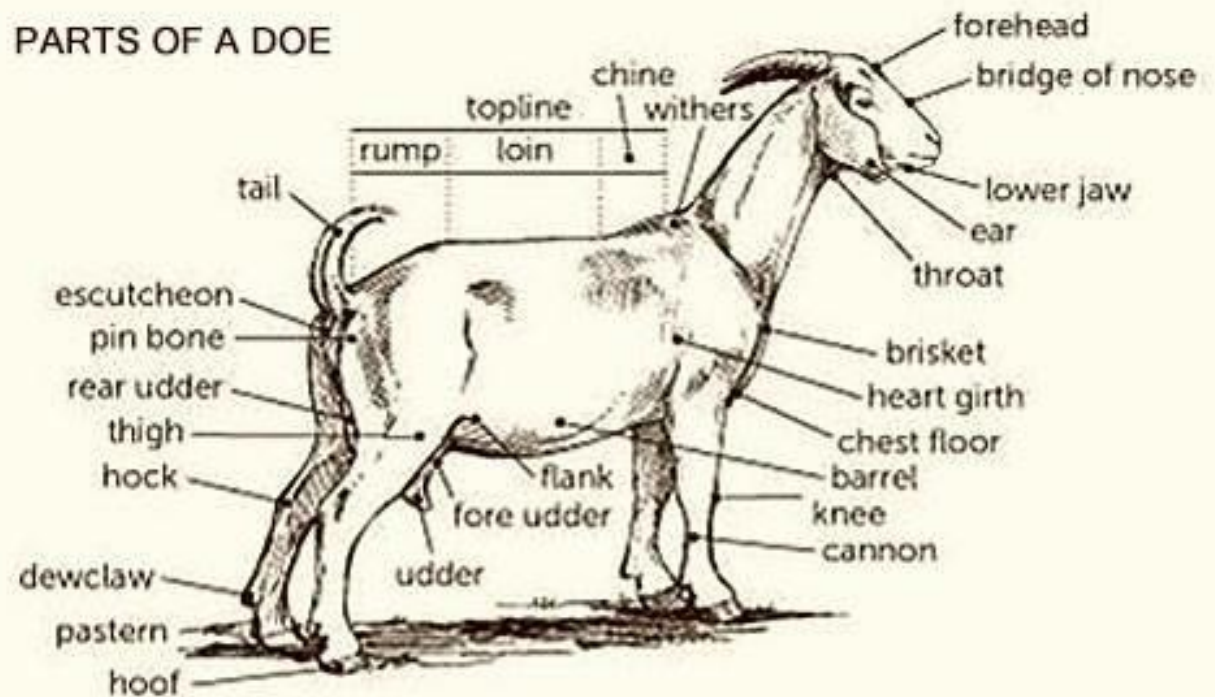
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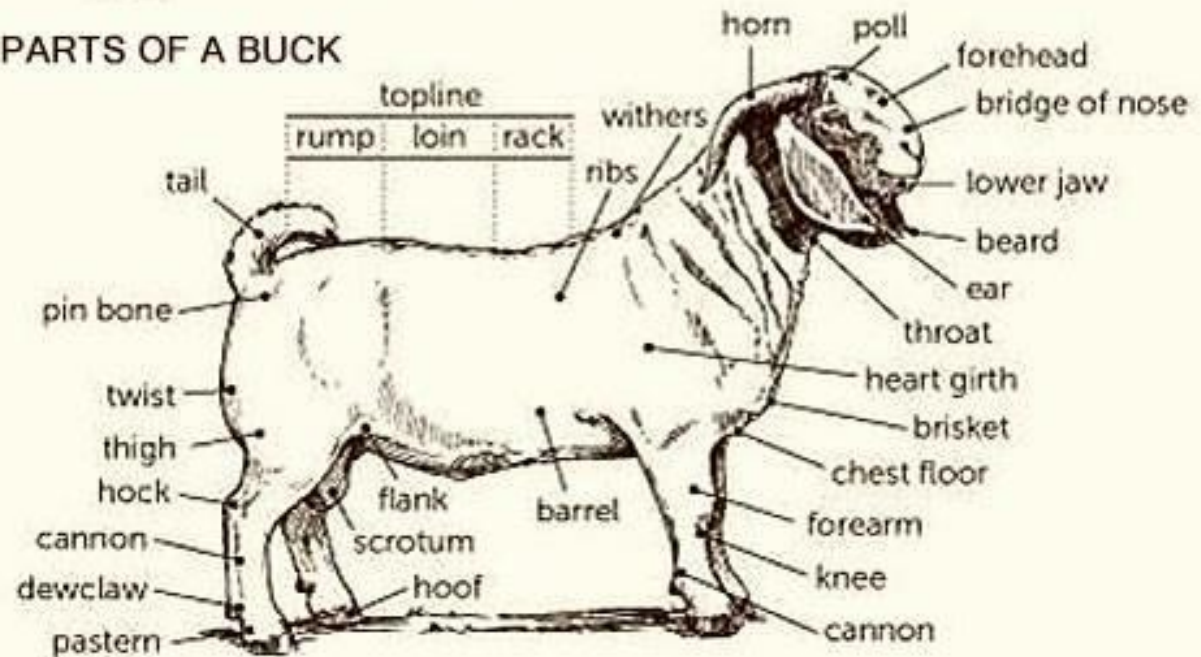


Parts of a doe / buck

PARTS OF A DOE



PARTS OF A BUCK



History



The ancestors of Anglo-Nubian goats originate from the Middle East. They were primarily kept for food, milk and meat. Around 1870, these goats were taken on P&O steamers from Egypt to the UK to provide infant passengers with fresh milk on these long journeys. Once they arrived there, these goats were kept there and crossed with British goats, from which the Anglo-Nubian breed originated.

The Anglo-Nubian goat breed



The Anglo-Nubian goat is the biggest goat in the world, the height at the withers is 80 to 90 cm and they stand high on their legs. The main characteristics of this breed are the many colours of their coat and the curved nose shape (Roman nose) with long hanging ears

The Nubian goat in the Netherlands



In 1982 the Nubian breed was first brought to the Netherlands. An association called the ANGV, was founded on November 15, 1982 and a studbook was opened with seven female animals and two bucks. The number of registrations grew rapidly, thanks to the import of more than two hundred animals between 1984 and 1986. The association was dissolved in December 1988 and the herd book with 297 purebred Nubian goats and 76 bucks was transferred to the Dutch Goat Breeding Organization (NOG).

Development since 1989 in the NOG



In 1989, when the NOG administration was a fact, the Nubian Goat Breeding Committee had to work seriously for the European herdbook recognition. The name Anglo-Nubian goat breed has been changed to the Dutch Nubian goat breed, but obviously this did not change the breed itself and the Dutch breed description is very close to the British one. The breed standard was adopted in 1991, the breeding rules were laid down and a national show with inspection is organised annually.



The breed type

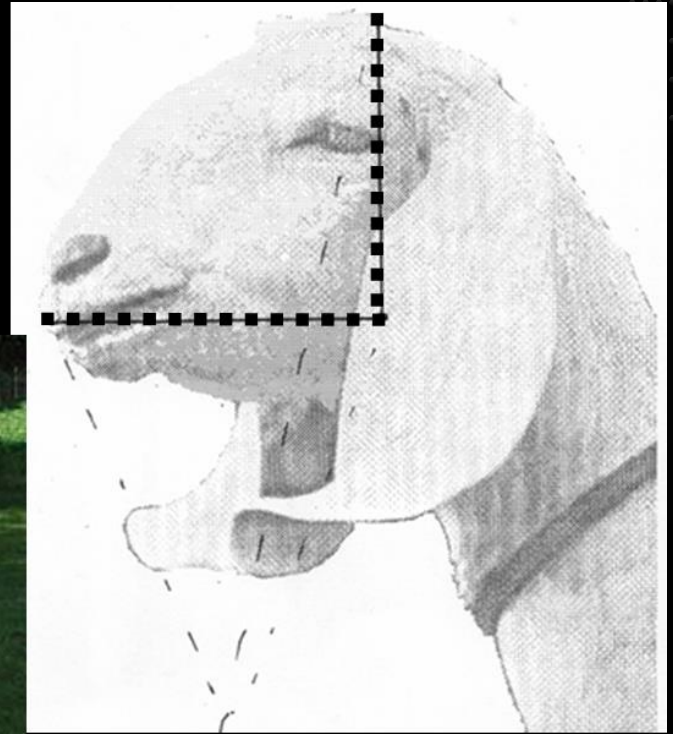
- *The Nubian goat is a well-developed, strongly built dairy-type goat with a high head and an elegant, majestic appearance*

Breed points in general

- *Dairy-type appearance, typical characteristics that distinguish the variety from the other varieties. The goats should have a proud attitude*
- *The desired height at the withers for adult goats is 85 cm, the desired height at the withers for adult bucks is 98 cm*
- *This makes the Nubian breed one of the largest goat breeds*

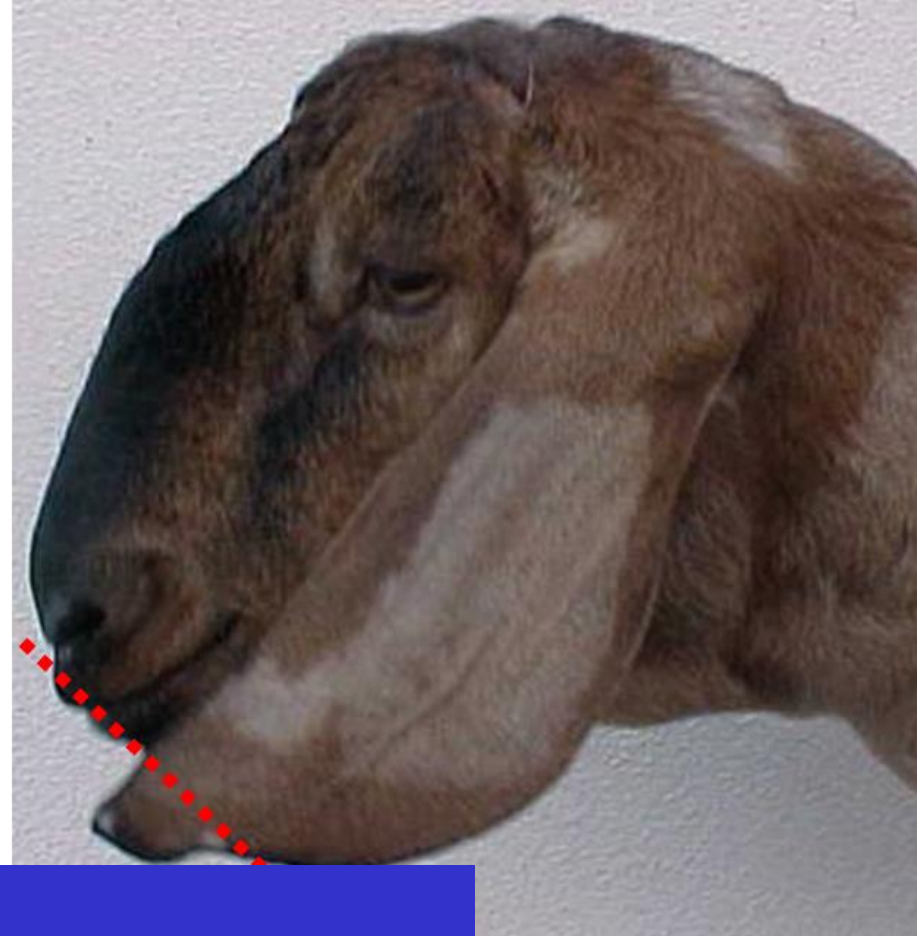


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Breed points head and neck

The lop-eared head should be in a right proportion to the body, with a pronounced Roman nose and an elegant, calm appearance. The neck is long, slender and graceful and should flow smoothly into the forequarters



Ear length and ear carriage

- *The ears should be set low, at eye-height,*
- *They should be open and pendulous,*
- *Ear tips should extend past the nose*



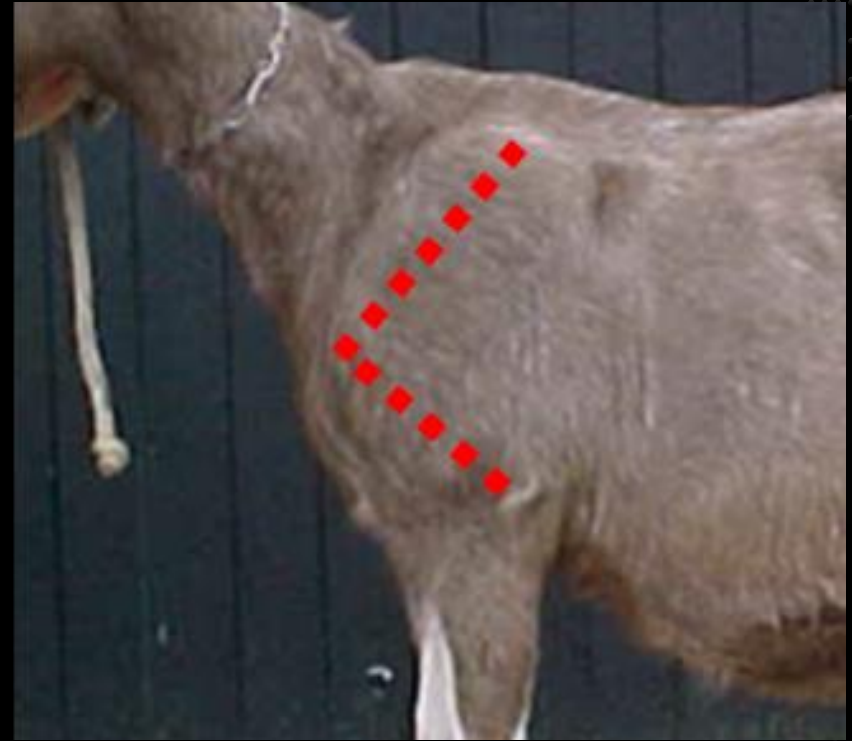
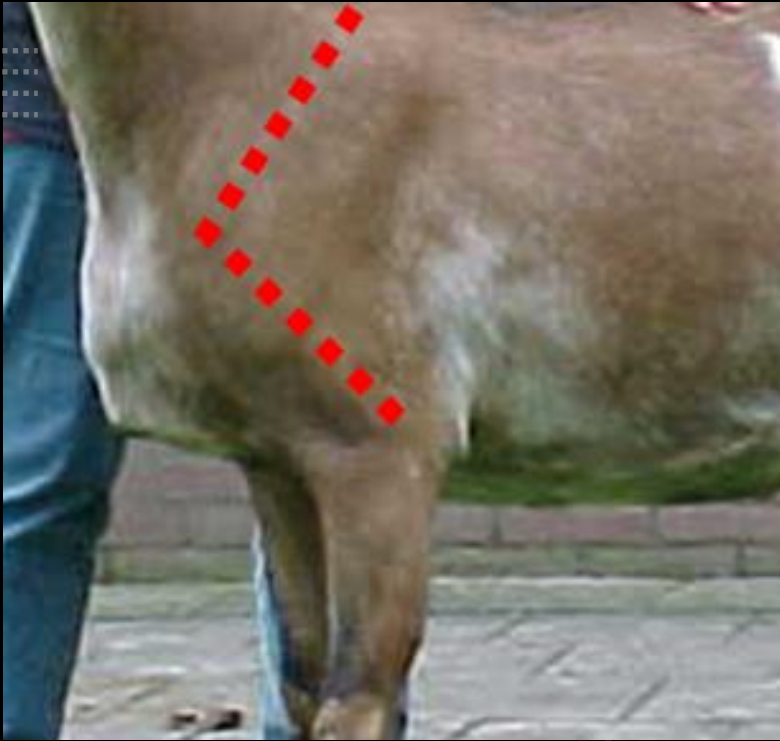
Eyes

- The eyes are almond-shaped, with a fresh and lively look, set high and wide in the head*

Lower jaw



A non-exclusional defect is a pronounced lower jaw, where the teeth are visible when the mouth is closed



Forequarters

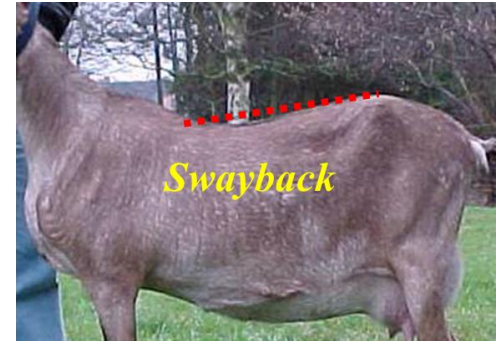
- *A broad, wide chest with sufficient space between the forelegs*
- *The shoulders are well connected and somewhat straight compared to the other breeds, which contributes to the characteristic profile of the Nubian goat*

Body

- *The Nubian breed has a long and strong back with broad lumbar vertebrae*
- *The ribs should be long and sprung, the belly spacious and deep*
- *The profile of the goat must have a clear wedge shape*



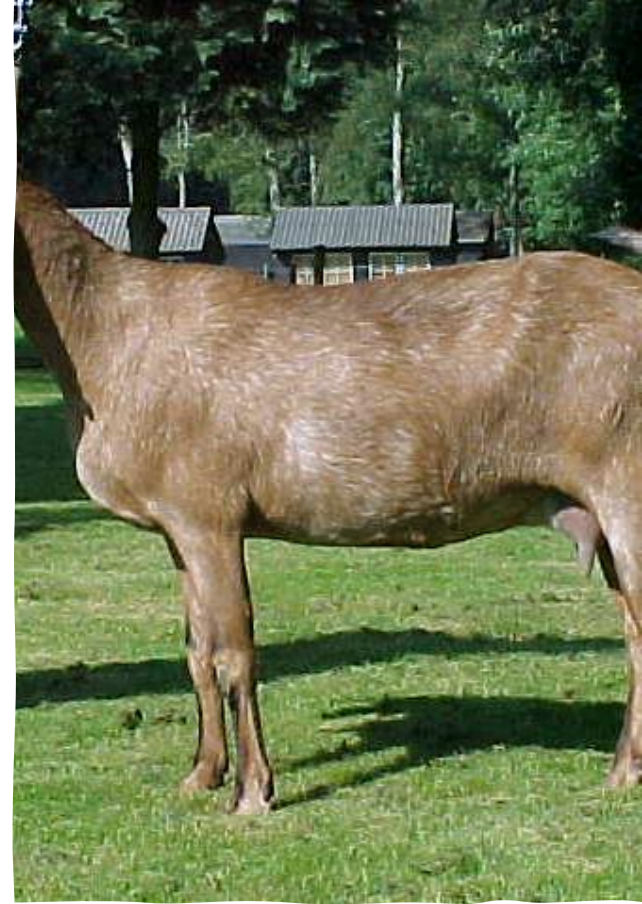
Topline



Legs

- *The legs should be strong and “dry” (without moisture between bone and skin)*
- *The forelegs are proportionally a little longer than the depth of the chest (approximately 60/40%)*
- *The walk should be springy, stately and flowing and smooth*





The hindquarters

- *The hips should be broad, flat, long and slightly sloping*
- *The thighs are long and with flat muscles*
- *A straight tail is desired.*



The udder

- *The udder should be spacious, soft and rounded*
- *Well connected at both front and rear*
- *Both udder halves should be the same size, with a clearly visible suspension strap*
- *The teats should be placed vertically on the lowest part of the udder and they point vertically*

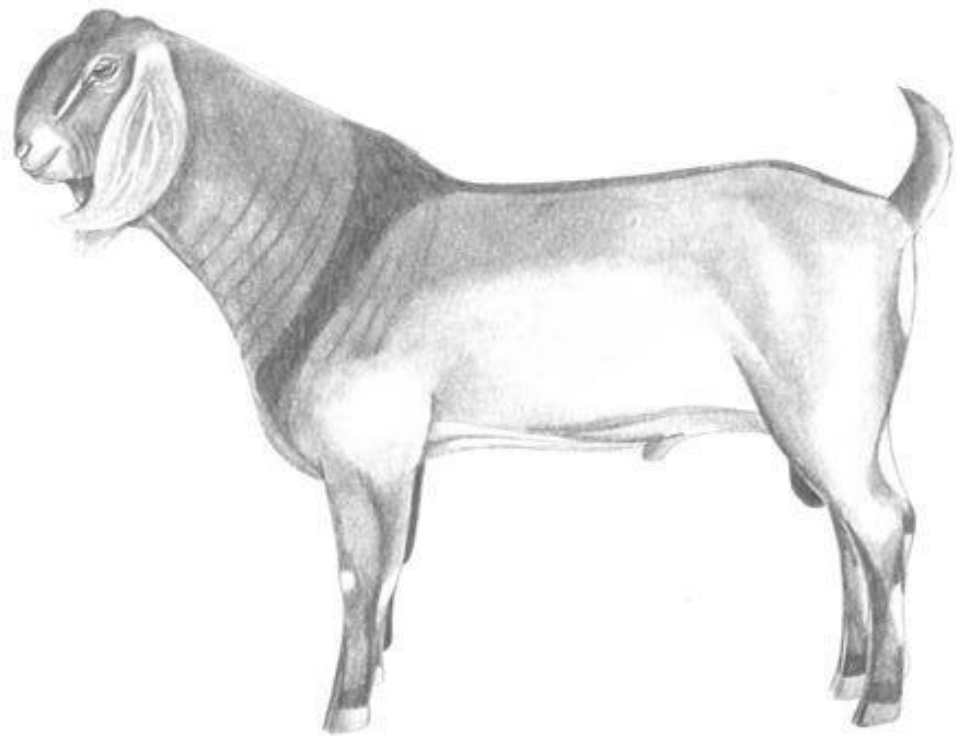
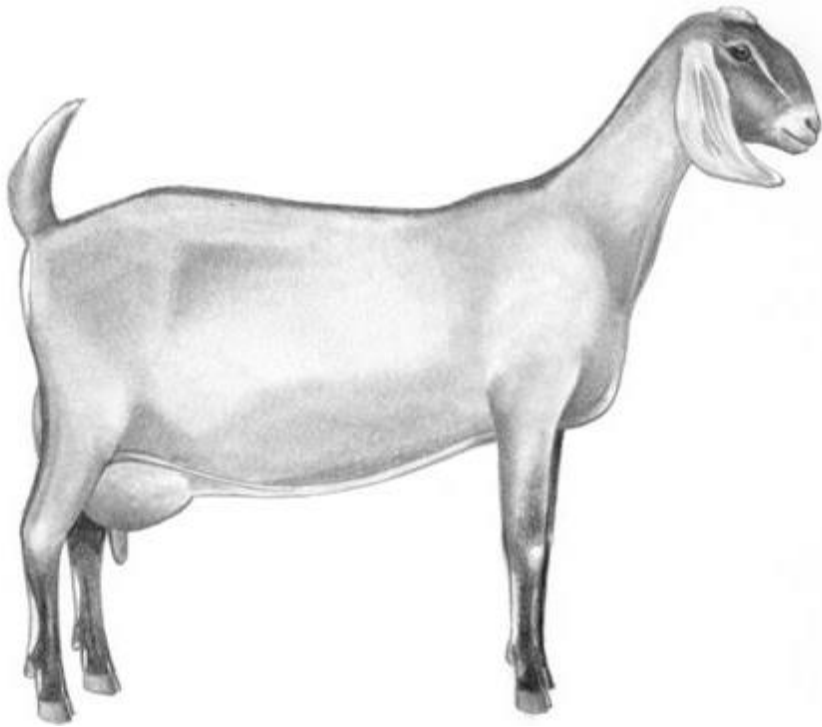
Coat

Any colour or combination of colours

Hair fine and short, no fringing



*Nubian breed standard:
The “True type”*



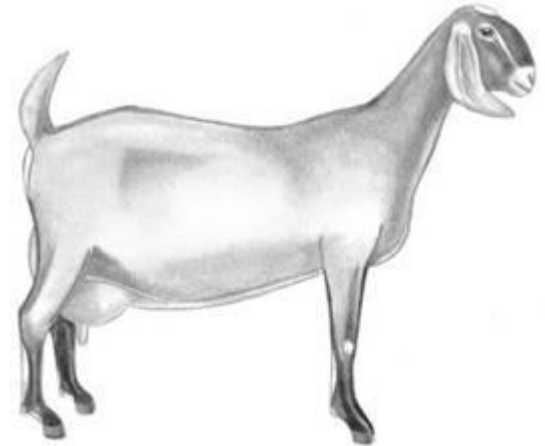
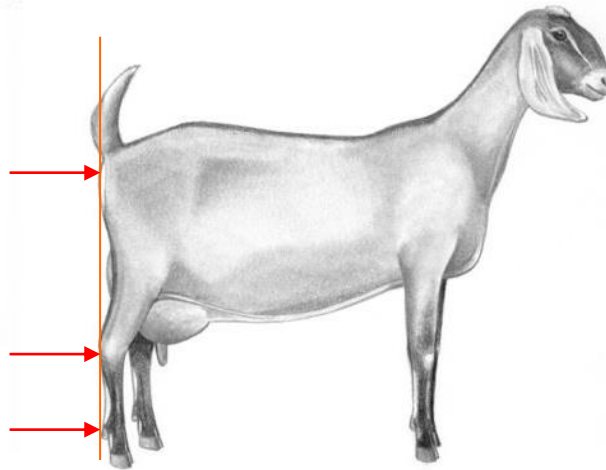
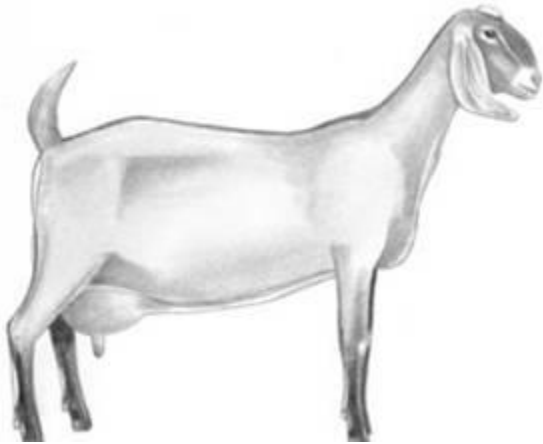
Hind leg position



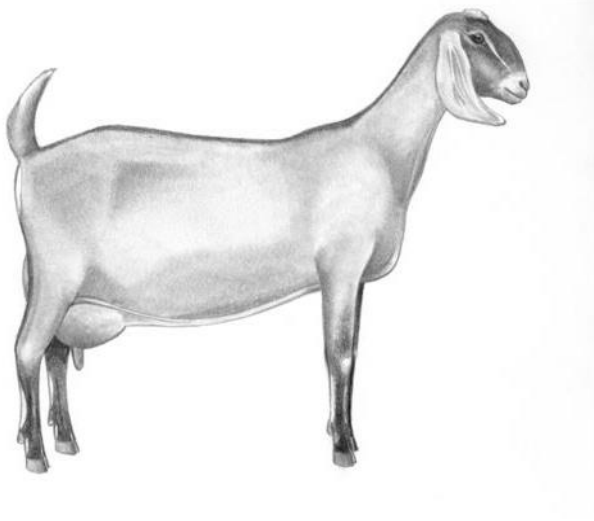
Legs behind body

*One straight line
from pinbone to
hock to declaw*

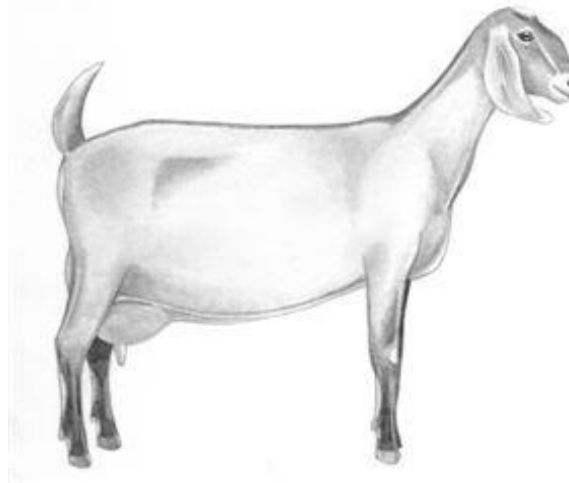
Weak pastern



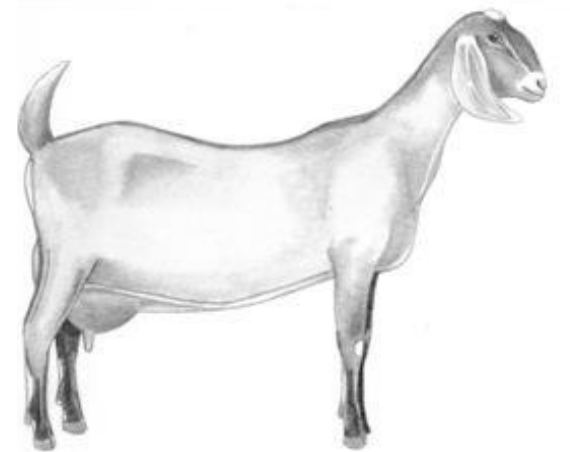
Topline



Too straight



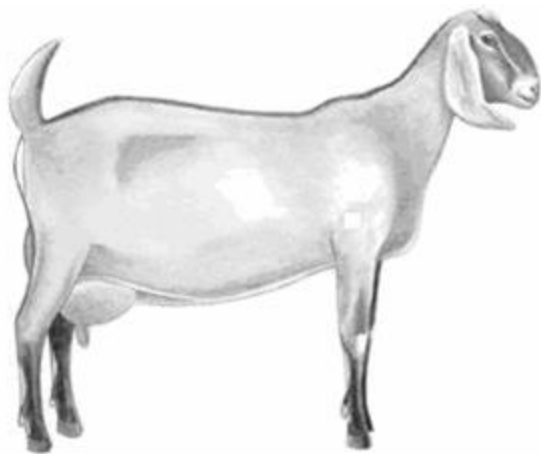
Too weak



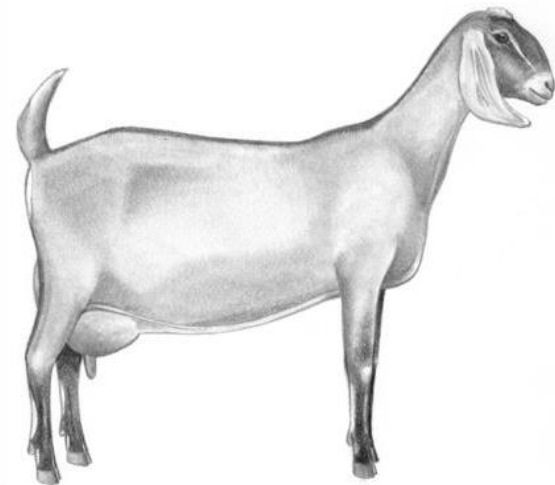
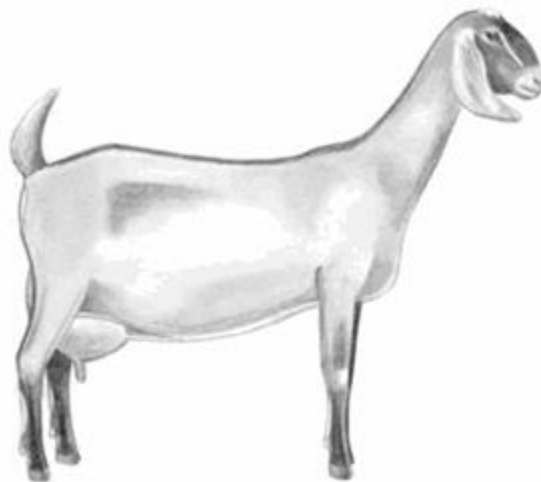
Neck



Too short



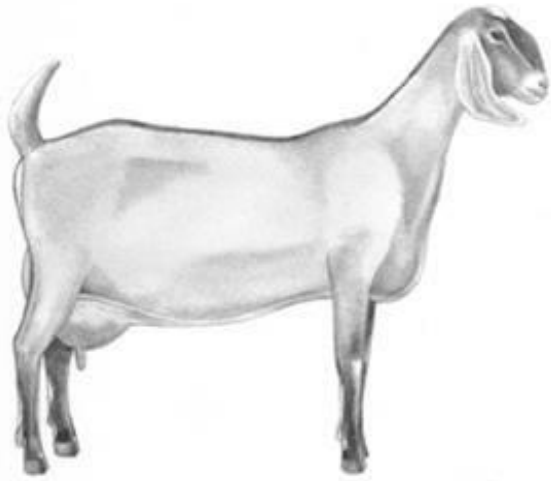
Too long



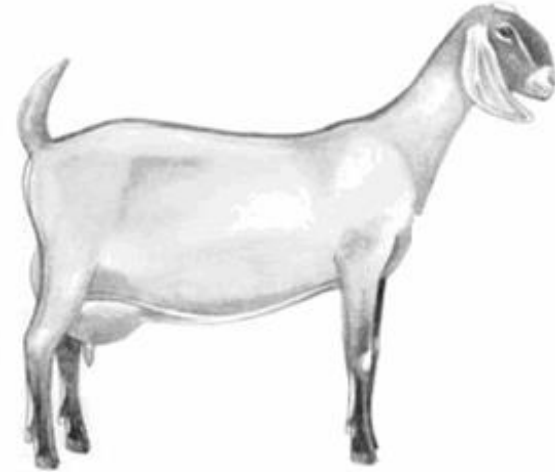
Forequarters



Brisket too
heavy



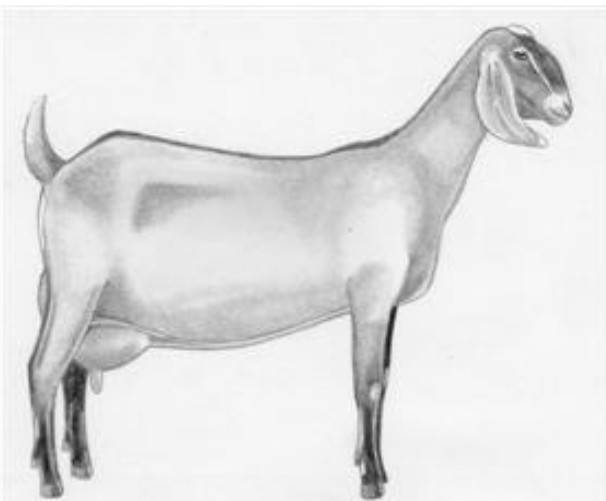
Brisket too
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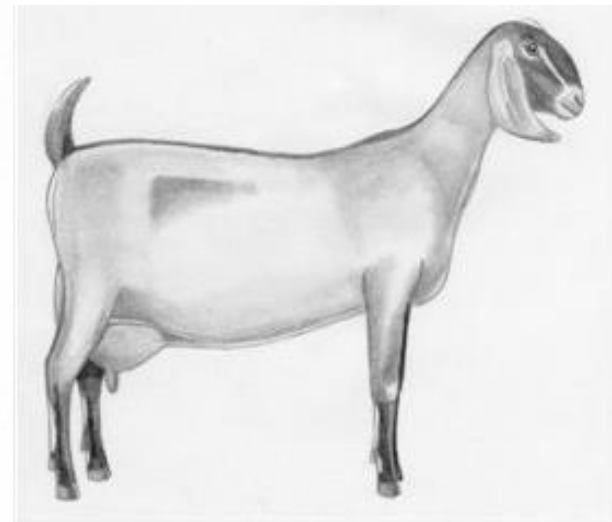
Rump



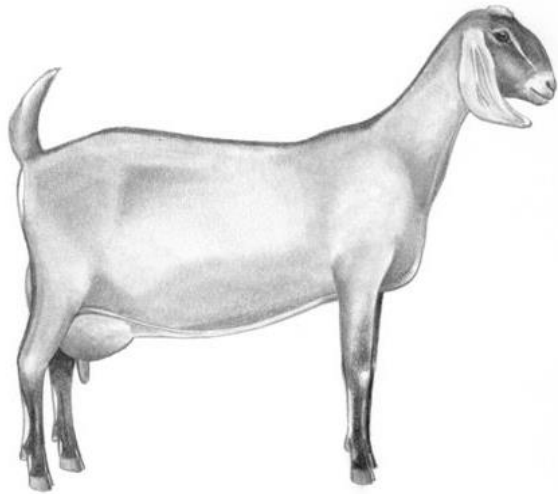
Rump too sloping



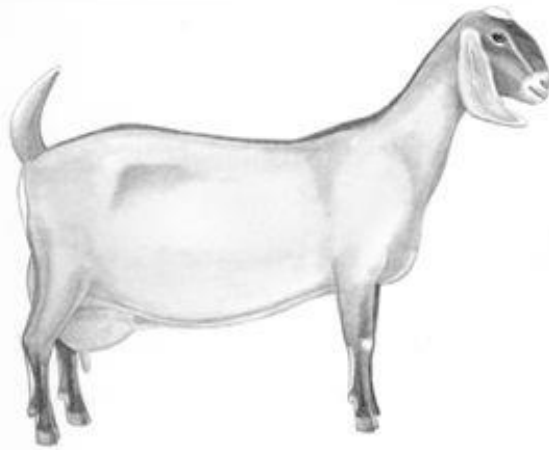
Rump too straight



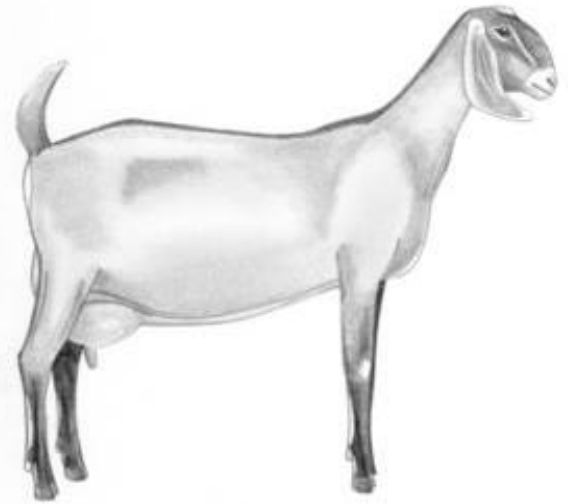
Proportions



Legs too short



Legs too long



Shape of the head



Positioning of the ears



✗



✗



✓



The Nubian goat



The Nubian buck



The breed standard: a summary



General Appearance: the first impression of a Nubian goat should be: a well-balanced and well-developed goat, with a “dairy-typical” appearance and with the typical characteristics that distinguish the breed from the other breeds. The goats should have a proud attitude

Type: A well-developed, strongly built, dairy-type goat with a high carried head and an elegant, majestic appearance

Development: The desired height at the withers for adult goats is 85 cm. For bucks this is 98 cm. This makes the Nubian breed one of the largest goat breeds.

Legs: The legs must be strong and dry. The forelegs are proportionally slightly longer than the depth of the chest, proportion is about 60/40%. The walk is springy, stately and smooth

The breed standard: a summary



Udder: The udder should be spacious, soft, hemispherical. Well connected at both front and rear. Both udder halves should be the same size, with a clearly visible suspension strap. The teats should be placed vertically on the lowest part and point vertically. The teat length is somewhat longer than the length of other breeds and must match the udder

Head and Neck: The headsize should be in proportion to the body, with a pronounced roman nose and an elegant, calm appearance. The ears should be set at the same height to the eyes, open and pendulous, extending past the nose. The neck is long, slender and graceful and should flow smoothly into the forequarters. The eyes appear almond-shaped

Champions



- ***Dutch champions over the years***













Champions



- ***British champions over the years***









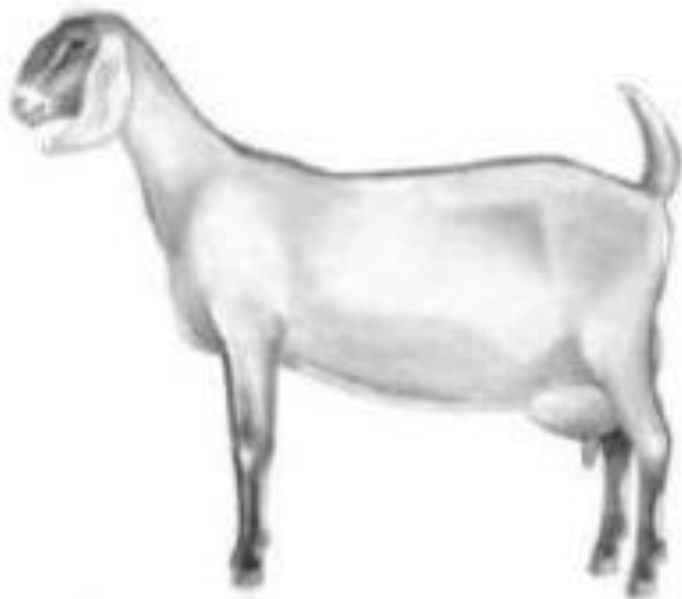




Judging on two levels:



- *On every show, two judges place the animals, best goat on the left (seen from middle of the show area). Goal: best animal at the front, less quality at the rear*
- *Two judges give points to an individual animal, only once a year*



Judgement report		Nederlandse Organisatie voor de Geitenfokkerij (NOG)									
Tagnumber		Animal name.....									
Date of birth		Owner									
Assessment characteristics in general											
Overall judgement		Breed type		Development		Legs		Udder			
Breed		Dutch White	Measure- ments				≥ 90 pt	Excellent			
		Dutch Bonte			High at rump	85-89 pt	Very good				
		Dutch Toggenburg				80-84 pt	Good				
		Dutch Nubian				75-79 pt	Enough				
						70-74 pt	Mediocre				
						≤ 69 pt	Fail				
Descriptive characteristics (5 = ideal)											
Head	fine	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	coarse
Neck	short										long
Forequarters	narrow										wide
Body volume	little										much
Topline	weak										arched
Rump length	short										long
Rump position	sloaping										flat
Hind legs	straight										arched
Leg bone	fine										coarse
Muscle	litte										much
Udder front	loose										firm
Udder depth	deep										shallow
Teets length	short										long
Teets positioning	narrow										wide
Suspension strap	weak										strong
Udder rear	low										high
Remarks (s = slight, se = serious, f = fail)											
		Head/neck			Body	45		round legs			Scrotum
1		crooked	21		flat ribs	46		cow hocks	61		small
2		short l. jaw	22		bar-shaped	47		french	62		1 testicle
3		long l. jaw	23		arched topline				63		empty
4		profile nose						Udder/teats			
5		earlength			Rear end	51		small			Hair
6		ear position	31		narrow	52		narrow	71		long
7		narrow neck	32		rounded	53		crooked	72		stiff
8		heavy neck	33		sharp	54		split			colour
		Shoulders			Legs	55		fleshy	82		pinky
9		loose	41		"wet"	56		horizontally	84		discoloured
10		heavy	42		weak pastern	58		several teats	85		white in brown
11		steep	43		spreaded hoof	59		course teat	86		markings
			44		distorted hoof				90		brown in white
Judge 1											
Judge 2											
Date											