



## **KALAHARI RED CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013**

### **NEW AND DYNAMIC KALAHARI RED BREEDER**

We recently came into contact with a new Kalahari Red breeder, by the name of Corne Vermeulen, from Nelspruit through our website. She purchased a few indigenous ewes and used a Kalahari Red ram, bought at an auction, for breeding with rewarding results.

Corne was kind enough to provide us with an article about her breeding program.

### **CROSS BREEDING MY INDIGENOUS GOATS WITH KALAHARI REDS (BY CORNE VERMEULEN)**

I bought my first indigenous goats little more than a year ago from a family member who wanted to give up his land. My first impression of them was that they were strong and hardy and didn't require a lot of attention, but they lacked body and meat.

Immediately I got rid of all the rams, and started looking for something that would improve the size and weight of the lambs. One day, at an auction in Belfast, I found just what I was looking for. A Kalahari Red ram of four months old, he was young but had the body I was looking for.

I immediately bought him as my breeding ram and named him Dawid.



**Dawid upon arrival at our farm**



**Dawid at one year old**

While Dawid was still too young to be used for breeding, I used an indigenous ram, to enable me to breed ewes for my flock. I kept all the ewes and sold the rams.

In August of this year my first lambs fathered by Dawid were born and they all had a beautiful red colour. There was a big improvement between my previous lambs and the ones born from the Kalahari Red ram.

In appearance the lambs were more muscular around their legs and backs than their indigenous family and have longer ears with shorter heads. They carried more meat and were longer in length. They are physically stronger than the indigenous goats and get up to walk with the ewes much quicker.



One of the first lambs born – only a few hours old here



The lamb in the first picture with it's twin with their mother

With indigenous ewes twins are the norm and orphans are unheard of. I experienced that lambs born from the black ewes were all completely brown, but surprisingly the same is true for lambs born from the lighter ewes.

I realised that I would be able to create a uniform herd very fast and appreciated the fact that the lambs were much heavier. I realised that this was why the Kalahari red rams were so sought after. My first choice for breeding will always be a Kalahari Red ram!



The rocky landscape on our farm on the shores of the crocodile river near Nelspruit, is ideal for goats

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I think that this is a wonderful testimony to the Kalahari Red breed. It just proves yet again what a wonderful breed the Kalahari Red is and why we all have so much passion for this breed!

# KALAHARI RED AUCTION 23 MARCH 2013

The National Auction of the Kalahari red Club will on again be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013 at the Pretoria Show Grounds.

We have many enquiries from new breeders who are looking for ewes. I would like to share the advantages of buying at an organised club auction with you.



1. All animals were inspected by two qualified inspectors of the SA Boer goat association;
2. The goats are classified into stud animals and non-stud animals;
3. No goats with cull defaults will be sold at the auction;
4. All rams are tested and certified for fertility, which means there is no gamble for buyers;
5. All ewes are scanned for pregnancy; and certified;
6. Professional advice is available the day before and on the auction day;
7. You have a choice of goats and breeders and get the opportunity to talk to each breeder and inspect the goats you are interested in;
8. Most of the animals are registered with SA Studbook;
9. If you want to export to African countries, you can arrange it beforehand and the necessary inspections can be done simultaneously and export certificates can be arranged sooner, saving you time and money.

See you all at the auction!

## FARMERS DAY 22 MARCH 2013

The Kalahari Red Club will be hosting a Farmers Day on 22 March 2013 at 9:30 at the Pretoria Show Grounds.

This year we are privileged to have Dr. Dave Midgley presenting the Farmers Day. His love for goats has made him one of the most respected small stock veterinarians in the world. Dr. Dave will have a discussion on how to increase your lambing percentage by strict management and record keeping.

Dr. Dave has studied and applied these methods practically for many years and will share his knowledge with us.



There will also be a discussion on the prevention and treatment of Heartwater in the Bushveld, but we will provide you with more details on this in coming newsletters. Please book in advance for the Farmers Day by sending an e-mail to [andre@ilnika.com](mailto:andre@ilnika.com) to avoid disappointment.

## KALAHARI RED CLUB AGM

The Kalahari Red Club will also have their **annual general meeting** (AGM) on 22 March 2013, after the inspection of the auction goats at 18:00. The AGM will be held in the Karee Hall at the Show Grounds. There will be a Braai where you could enjoy the company of other goat farmers.

This is a weekend not to be missed!



## **JUNIOR BOER GOAT COURSE.**

**The Bosveldboerbokklub is presenting a Junior boergoat course in Rustenburg on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2013**

**Please go to [www.bosveldboerbokklub.com](http://www.bosveldboerbokklub.com) for more information and entry forms**



## **KALAHARI RED NEW YEARS WISHES**

**We here at the Kalahari Red offices wish you and yours a prosperous new year!**

Regards  
Kalahari Red Club

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