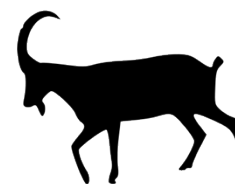


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## Packgoat Breeds at a Glance

Breed	Type	Origin	Color	Size	Ears/horns	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Alpine</b>	Dairy	French Alps (but considered a Swiss breed)	Several recognized colors encompassing every color except solid white or brown with white Toggenburg-like markings	Medium-large  Fine-boned  Males at least 32", 170 lb.	Erect  Long, black, scimitar-shaped horns with pronounced rings	Alert, active, friendly; leggy and very agile; enjoys working; easy to train	Can be reactive; a tendency to become more independent as they age
<b>Boer</b>	Meat	South Africa	White with tan to dark red (or black) head and neck; paint (spotted), red,	Large  Muscular; heavy-boned; short legs,	Long, pendulous  Strong, dark-colored	Very strong; friendly, intelligent; easy keepers;	Not suited to steep, rugged terrain

			black.	long body  Mature males 250-300 lb. or more	curving horns sweep straight back, then curl close to the side of the face	heat-tolerant  Due to placement, horns less likely to inflict accidental injury	
<b>Kiko</b>	Meat	New Zealand	Any color; many American Kikos are white  Longer hair than most other breeds	Large  Muscular; heavy-boned  Mature males 250-300 lb.	Long ears flop out to sides of face  Strong, flat horns grow straight back then twist outward in spirals	Very strong; friendly but somewhat independent	Not suited to steep, rugged terrain; outstanding in hilly to flat locales
<b>Lamancha</b>		United States (California)	Any color or pattern	Medium-large  More strongly built than Swiss breeds; not as stocky	Absent or very tiny external ears of one of two types:  Gopher-ears: up to	Intelligent, extra-friendly; easy to train and like to work; most don't mind crossing water; both	High intelligence equates with mischievous nature ("Munchies" are the clowns of the goat world)

				as Nubians and meat goats.  Males at least 30", 165 lb.	1" with no cartilage  Elf-ear: up to 2" but with cartilage  Brown or black, relatively small-diameter horns	heat- and cold-tolerant	
<b>Nigerian Dwarf</b>	Miniature (dairy type)	Africa	Any color or pattern	Small  Males up to 23"; 40-75 lb.	Erect  Small horns grow straight up, then back	Friendly, easy to train	Can't carry as much weight as larger breeds
<b>Nubian</b>		England (where it's called the Anglo-Nubian)	Any color or pattern	Medium-large; elegant, aristocratic  Males at least 32', 175 lb.  Meatier than other	Long, pendulous; ideally reach 1/2" beyond muzzle  Thick, dark, flat horns	Strong, hardy; heat-tolerant	Very vocal, unique (some say annoying) vocalization  Stubborn, opinionated; then to lie down when annoyed

				dairy breeds			
<b>Oberhausli</b>		Switzerland	Chamois (bay-colored) with black dorsal stripe, udder, belly, and lower legs; head is nearly black with two white stripes on sides of head	Medium  Males at least 30"	Erect  Tan, scimitar-shaped horns	Easy-going, mellow; friendly, loves to work; many actually enjoy water crossings	Fairly rare; American Livestock Breeds Conservancy-listed
<b>Pygmy</b>	Miniature (meat type)	Cameroon, Africa	Any color	Small; very stocky  18-20"; 40-65 lb.	Erect, out to sides	Very friendly, intelligent; easy to train and enjoys working	Can't carry as much weight as larger breeds
<b>Saanen</b>	Dairy	Switzerland	White or pale cream	Medium-large; big-boned  Males at least 32", 170 lb.	Erect; medium-size, preferably pointing outward  Long, tan, flattened	Kind, gentle, quiet; sturdy, excellent weight-carrier; cold-tolerant	Overheat in hot climates; pink skin is prone to sunburn

					scimitar-shaped, ringed horns		
<b>Sable</b>	Dairy	Switzerland	Colored version of Saanen; now considered a separate breed	Same as Saanen	Same as Saanen	Same as Saanen	Tendency to overheat in hot climates; pigmented skin resists sunburn
<b>Toggenburg</b>		Switzerland	Any shade of brown; white stripes on sides of face; white stripes on inside of lower legs; white stripes on sides of tail	Medium; big-boned and angular  At least 26", 120 lb.	Erect; medium-size, preferably pointing outward		

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