

## American Traditional

(AT) American Traditional Savanna- To obtain this classification the goat must meet the performance standard below and characteristics in the South African breed standard with. Examples are; a totally white goat, the pigmentation must be complete, pink skin is not permitted, horns are dark and oval and not wild in appearance. The nose should have a slight curvature. Only Savannas that meet the ideal criteria will receive a (AT) classification.

Savanna goats should be; Strong, Virile, Functionally efficient. Does must have strong mothering instinct. Initiate kids nursing quickly and fiercely defend their kids. Bucks should be aggressive breeders with an even temperament. They are able to utilize a wide range of vegetation. The teeth of young as well as mature goats must bite solidly and correctly on the dental pads of the upper jaws.

The horns must be strong. The pasterns of the front and hind legs must be strong. Does should have a well-formed udder firmly attached with functional teats. Bucks should have two reasonably large, well-formed, healthy and equal sized testes in one Scrotum.

## Breed Standard

### Head:

The Savanna has a fairly long, slightly curved head, the head and nose must be fairly broad and not sharp. The mouth must be reasonably wide with well-muscled jaws. The upper and lower lips must be well muscled and mobile. The teeth of young as well as mature goats in the case of Bucks, as well as Does, must bite solidly and correctly on the dental pads of the upper jaws. No jaw or mouth faults will be tolerated, except at eight tooth of age and older may show 6mm. protrusion. The eyes must be lively and surrounded by black pigmented eyelids, and skin must be protected by well-developed eyebrow ridges. The ears must be fairly big, of oval shape and hang down next to the head. The ears must be well pigmented and mobile in order to protect the goat against annoying insects. The horns are dark black and grow backwards from the crown of the head, must also be strong and oval shaped and must not press against the neck and should not grow wild or be too long, Bucks have slightly stronger, heavier horns than Does, at the base there should be a reasonable width between the horns. Does as well as Bucks must be able to use their horns to protect themselves and their offspring.



