

**The next classification for the American Savanna is the American Performance (AP)** So many folks have asked this question. What about the goats that don't meet all the breed standards that are full bloods by blood, but have outstanding performance and body type? We felt these goats had a place similar to what the South Africans use as a 'flock' designation. We've found tremendous value in goats that belong in the AP classification. These goats can be used to build American Traditional goats without sacrificing performance over fancy points.

(AP) American Performance Savanna - To obtain this classification the full blood savanna goat must meet the performance standard below. This white goat may have limited red, blue or black roaning, multiple functional teats, and light pigment. They are Full blood Savannas that do not meet all the ideal breed standard yet, is a performer in breeding and raising offspring has a home in the (AP) category.

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.

I am attaching photos of goats and giving examples of why an animal makes the AP Classification. BHF Newt is pictured 1st below. BHF Newt for instance has no roman nose and is straight faced. Everything else is by the breed standard. BHF Newt has produced fantastic offspring that does meet the AT standards and wonderful body conformation. Why eliminate such a buck from the gene pool for a fancy point like not having a roman nose.



BHF Newt. misses an AT by not having a roman nose.



P216 Has a great conformation but has light pigment. When bred to BHF RipTide I get most dark Pigment.



P08 light pigment and not enough roman nose. She produces 90% AT kids from BHF RipTide and BHF Newt. P25 one of her kids is beside her on the next pic a beautiful AT.





P43. My biggest doe. Her horns are too wild to be an AT but her kids are perfect.