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TYPICAL OR COMMON BREEDS OF GOATS

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Alpine

Originated in the Alps, moved from Switzerland to France & on to US

Production traits were stressed, so there is no distinct color pattern

Excellent milkers with large & well-shaped udders

Have erect ears, & tend to have shorter hair

They are medium in size

Photo: Crystal D'Eon, Oklahoma State University
Angora

Originated in the Angora District of Asia Minor
Considered as picturesque
Both sexes are horned
Ears are droopy & heavy
Are a medium sized breed
Valued for mohair fleece
Less prolific than most other breed of goats

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Originated in South Africa
Ears are long & droopy
It is a horned breed
Typical color pattern is a white body with darker (black or brown) head
Value is as a meat goat
Build thick & strong
It is a heavy breed
Cashmere

Originated in Middle East (Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan)

Has a regal appearance, due to long coat & the long, sweeping horns

Both sexes are horned

Healthy & hardy breed

Do not tend to jump

Valued for cashmere fleece

Photo: Paul Johnson, Oregon, USA
Kiko

Originated in New Zealand
Purposely developed & bred for meat production
Kiko...means meat or flesh
Both sexes are horned
The horns have a distinct outward & “v” flare
Are hardy & adaptable
Are intermediate in size

Photo: Dr. An Peischel, Oklahoma State University
LaMancha

Originated in Oregon, USA
Most distinguishing feature is the shortness of ear length

Gopher Ear has a maximum length of one inch, but it is preferable to be non-existent

Elf Ear has a maximum length of two inches & curved ends
Hair is short, fine, & glossy
Any color/colors is acceptable

Photo: Karen Lee, Oklahoma State University
Photo: www.goats4h.com/DairyGoats
Myotonic

Originated in Tennessee

They are also called Stiff Leg, Wooden Leg, and/or Tennessee Fainting Goat

Typically, they are black & white, but other colors are not uncommon

Considered as easy kidders & as good mothers

A thicker & heavier goat

Valued for meat production

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Nubian

Originated in England
Also called Anglo-Nubian
Distinguished by its royal or aristocratic appearance
Its appearance is dominated by its very long, drooping, graceful, & curving ear
Any color is acceptable
It is a larger framed breed
It is a multi-purpose breed
Oberhasli

Originated in Switzerland

The color is chamois, which is like the bay color of a horse

Markings: two black stripes down the face, a nearly all black forehead, black dorsal stripe, black legs below the knees, hocks, & black belly

Developed as a dairy goat

It is a medium sized breed
Pygmy

Originated in many countries in area of western Africa

The hair may be any color, agouti (top picture) is the most predominate

Markings: the muzzle, eyes, ears, & forehead must be a lighter color/tone; the lower legs & dorsal stripe are a darker color/tone

Developed as a meat breed

It is very small framed

Photos: Oklahoma State University
Saanen

Originated in Switzerland

White/light cream in color

Hair is short & fine, with fringe along spine & thigh

Ears: erect & point forward

Sensitive to sunlight & do best in cool conditions

Medium to large in size

They are heavy milkers

Photo: Oklahoma State University
San Clemente

Originated off the coast of California on island of San Clemente

Color is mostly red or tan with black markings

Both sexes are horned

They are a small breed (almost dwarf size)

They are fine boned

They are meat goat breed

Photos: Oklahoma State University
Originated in US, goats brought by Spanish
They developed in the wild
As a result; size, ear type, hair length, horns, etc are not standardized
Also, developing in the wild resulted in a small to medium sized goat and one with a smaller udder (to avoid damage by rocks, cactus, etc)
Considered a meat goat

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Toggenburg

Originated in Switzerland

The color is light fawn to dark brown

Ears are erect & white, with dark in middle

A white stripe runs down each side of the face

Legs are white below the knee/hock & a white triangle by tail attach

Oldest known dairy breed

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Nubian

Photo: Unknown Source
Identify...

Boer

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Photo: Dr. An Peischel,
Oklahoma State University

Kiko
Identify...

Photo: Unknown Source

Alpine
Identify...

Oberhasli

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Oberhasli
Identify... 

Originated in Oregon, USA

Most distinguishing feature is the shortness of ear length

*Gopher Ear* has a maximum length of one inch, *Elf Ear* has a max length of two inches

Hair is short, fine, & glossy

Any color/colors is acceptable

LaMancha
Identify...

Toggenburg

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

Saanen

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Photo: Oklahoma State University

Spanish
Identify...

Myotonic

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Photo: Paul Johnson, Oregon, USA

Cashmere
Identify...

San Clemente

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Angora

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Pygmy

Photo: Unknown Source
Identify...

Kiko

Photo: Teresa Freeman
Identify...

Originated in England

Distinguished by its royal or aristocratic appearance

Appearance is dominated by its very long, drooping, graceful, & curving ear

Any color is acceptable

It is a larger framed breed

It is a multi-purpose breed

Nubian
Identify...

Originated in Switzerland, & color is fawn to brown

Ears are erect & white, with dark in middle; & a white stripe runs down each side of the face

Legs are white below the knee & hock

Oldest known dairy breed

Toggenburg
Identify...

Originated in Switzerland
White/light cream in color
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Ears: erect & point forward
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Medium to large in size
They are heavy milkers

Saanen
Identify...

LaMancha

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

Oberhasli

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

San Clemente

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Photo: Oklahoma State University

Alpine
Identify...

Nubian

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

Photo: Sharon Reeves

Spanish
Identify...

Originated in Asia Minor
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Less prolific than other breeds

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Healthy & hardy breed

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Considered as easy kidders & as good mothers

A thicker & heavier goat, & they are valued for meat production
Identify...

LaMancha

Photo: Carolyn Futrell, Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Originated in Western Africa
The hair may be any color, but agouti is the most predominate
Markings: the muzzle, eyes, ears, & forehead must be a lighter color/tone; the lower legs & dorsal stripe are a darker color
Developed as a meat breed, but is very small framed (dwarf-type)
Identify...

Spanish

Photo: Sharon Reeves
Identify...

Photo: Fias Co Farm

Boer
Identify...

Oberhasli

Photo: Dave Battjes
Identify...

Originated in New Zealand

Purposely developed & bred for meat production, its name actually means meat or flesh

Both sexes are horned, & the horns have a distinct outward & “v” flare (front view)

They are hardy & adaptable, and are intermediate in size

Kiko
Identify...

Originated in the Alps, moved from Switzerland to France & on to US

Production traits were stressed, so there is no distinct color pattern

They are excellent milkers with large & well-shaped udders

They have erect ears, & they tend to have shorter hair

They are medium in size

Alpine
Identify...

Photo: Unknown Source

Pygmy
Identify...

Saanen

Photo: www.goats4h.com/DairyGoats
Identify...

San Clemente

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Cashmere

Photo: Breezy Meadow Farm
Identify...

Myotonic

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Angora

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

Photo: Crystal D’Eon, Oklahoma State University

Nubian
Identify... Boer

Photo: Unknown Source
Identify...

LaMancha

Photo: Karen Lee,
Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Alpine

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Identify...

Toggenburg

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Kiko

Photo: Dr. An Peischel,
Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Cashmere

Photo: Ol West Farms
Identify...

Pygmy

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Originated off California
Color is mostly red or tan with black markings
Both sexes are horned
They are a small breed (almost dwarf size)
They are fine boned
They are meat goat breed

San Clemente
Identify...

Originated in the US, & they naturally developed in the wild

As a result; size, ear type, hair, horns, etc are not standardized

Developing in the wild resulted in a small to medium sized goat & one with a small udder (to avoid injury from rocks, cactus, etc)

Considered a meat goat

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Ears are long and droopy
It is a horned breed
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It is built thick & strong
It is a heavy breed

Boer
Identify...

Angora

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Photo: Oklahoma State University

Myotonic
Identify...

Saanen

Photo: Oklahoma State University
Identify...

Toggenburg

Photo: www.goats4h.com/DairyGoats
Identify...

Oberhasli

Photo: Fias Co Farm
Other Breeds

There are many other breeds that could have been included in this presentation; and maybe some of them should have been included, and maybe some of those that were included should have been excluded.

Regardless of your thoughts and opinions concerning the inclusion/exclusion of the various breeds, it can be agreed that it would be very difficult to reach agreement.
Given the thoughts stated in the previous slide, the following breeds are listed as breeds for additional review and study.

Altai Mountain
Grisons Striped
Nigerian Dwarf
Golden Guernsey
Corsican
Kinder
Damascus
Appenzell
Norwegian
Australian
Carpathian
Tauernsheck

Conducting an internet search for goat breeds is an excellent starting point.