

SCALLYWAG FARM HERDSHARE

Please review all information BEFORE you sign the boarding contract and bill of sale!

Raw Milk

“Raw milk” is milk that has not been pasteurized. Pasteurization involved heating milk to a specific temperature for a designated amount of time to kill off potential pathogens (primarily bacteria) in the milk.

Raw milk has been the topic of much debate, and there exists an abundance of scientific as well as pseudo-scientific data and opinions. People interested in consuming raw milk are encouraged to conduct due diligence from accredited scientific sources in order to fully comprehend and weigh all potential risks and benefits.

Regulation of Milk

Government regulation of milk began to build in the U.S. towards the end of the surge in industrialization and growth from late 1800s through the early 1900s. It was spurred by escalating outbreaks of milk-borne diseases, both in number and extent. The cause of these outbreaks cannot be determined with certainty, but are at least partially, and likely primarily attributable to increases in production and consumption, consolidation of dairy operations, expansion of distribution areas, and lack of sanitation standards.

The Standard Milk Ordinance was instituted in 1924, today called the Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO). This ordinance established standards for milking operations, dairies, transport, storage, and established grades of milk.

Regulations regarding raw milk currently vary by state; distribution in Colorado is legal and regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Pursuant to Colorado law (CRS 25-5.5-117) people may consume raw/unpasteurized milk if they own a portion of the herd from which the milk is produced.

For Scallywag Farm to distribute raw milk, individuals and families must become partial owners of the herd through membership in the Scallywag Farm Herd Share Program.

Herd Share Information

There is a one-time purchase price of \$25 for a lifetime share of the herd.

Boarding Fees

- \$10/week ~ Half gallon per week
- \$20/week ~ Full gallon per week

Since these are contributions towards the upkeep of our herd and not a specific quantity of milk, the above is our best estimate of what a particular portion of our herd will provide. There may be more or less available based on the herd production.

To reiterate: Because selling raw milk in Colorado is illegal, WE NEVER SELL MILK. You contribute to the boarding of your portion of the herd and we provide loving goat care and sanitary milking service for you, which includes monthly milk tests. The contributions are based on the share of milk you may receive each week.

Milk Bottles

There is an initial \$3 fee per milk bottle. We ask that you bring back your empty, clean, rinsed-out glass bottle and lid every week and we will sanitize them and give you a new bottle filled with fresh milk!

In order to ensure we have enough bottles on a regular basis, bottles must be returned at each pick up or you will be charged an additional \$3 per bottle.

Bottles may also be returned to our bottle drop-box on the farm.

PLEASE RINSE YOUR BOTTLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE RETURNING TO US

The best time to rinse a milk bottle is immediately after it is emptied!

Use warm soapy water and shake vigorously and/or scrub all residual milk from the inside and outside of the bottle, including the threaded area. Don't forget to rinse out the inside of the lid as well.

We sincerely appreciate your help in keeping our milk bottles and caps clean. In addition to supporting proper sanitation, thorough rinsing of bottles allows us to re-use them almost indefinitely and keeps costs down.

Milk Pickups

At the scale we operate we have somewhat flexible options for on-farm pickups by appointment, please contact us to see if we can set something up. Regularly recurring pickup schedules are preferred, but ultimately we try to connect folks to their milk as is mutually convenient as possible.

Our Farm

Sallywag Farm is a small family operation milking less than a dozen goats by hand daily. Keeping our herd small allows us to apply individual attention and care to maintain robust and healthy animals and to produce clean milk with high safety standards.

Milk testing is conducted monthly for Salmonella, E. Coli O157, Listeria, Campylobacter, Coliforms, and a standard plate count for all bacterial colonies. Data is available to herd share members on request; we have never tested positive for any pathogens in our milk.

The contract below describes our farm operations, boarding contract specifications for ownership of a portion of our herd, and the herd share bill of sale.

We strongly encourage interested parties to contact us and schedule a tour of our farm to learn about our animals and practices before deciding to become a herd share member.

Herd Health Plan

Feed and Nutrition

Hay and Browse

Throughout the growing season the goats have regular access to our 3 acres of pasture, and they will browse trees and shrubs around the property on occasion for a bit of pruning. We also feed hay year-round, but less when green forage is available. Our hay comes from a variety of local growers including certified organic producers, biodynamic farms, and small non-irrigated fields with deep-rooted heirloom species. The goats get a roughly 50/50 mix of alfalfa and orchard/brome grass. We do not feed any GMOs or hay that has been sprayed with pesticides, but only one of our sources produces at a scale where USDA certified organic is a viable option.

Minerals and Supplements

Minerals are always provided free-choice for the goats, and pregnant does receive an herbal tonic. We also give them apple cider vinegar or molasses in their water on occasion, and reward them with various treats like organic raisins, carrots, and graham crackers.

Water

We check water buckets twice daily, clean and refill as necessary to make sure they have plenty of fresh water at all times.

Milking Does

Does in milk are provided a mix of organic grains, alfalfa pellets, and black-oil sunflower seeds on the milk stand. This supplementary nutrition helps our girls keep up their production and a healthy body weight.

Baby Goats

Kids receive colostrum from their mothers and are bottle-fed milk until approximately 12 weeks of age.

Medical Care

We will seek professional opinions and proper medical care when necessary, but we prohibit any medicine in our milk. Milking does requiring medication will be immediately removed from the herd share milk distributions until medications can be passed through the metabolic processes of the animal and no longer present in the milk. Our herd has always been very healthy and we will address health issues and assess potential milk contamination from medications on a case-by-case basis with the best available information.

We maintain low parasite loads by rotationally grazing, keeping pens as clean as possible, and treatment with diatomaceous earth and herbal de-wormers in winter and spring. We test each goat for CL, CAE, and Johnes every three years. We have never had a positive test result from any of our animals. We also vaccinate our goats for CD&T (Cl. Perfringens & Types C & D Tetanus) annually.

Dairy Operation

Facilities

We have three acres of pasture and several pens and shelters to get them out of the weather. Milking is performed in an enclosed, well-lit and ventilated milking parlor, which is a modified tack room in the barn with a concrete floor and drain so we can wash it down frequently.

Procedures

Proper hygiene and sanitation are of utmost importance and we take all possible precautions regarding equipment, environment, and personnel.

Goats are brought into the milking parlor from the barn once per day for milking. We give them a good brushing to remove loose hair, hay or other debris, then wash teats with hot soapy water, followed by a wipe down with a sanitizing wipes. We use separate clean rags/wipes for each teat to avoid any potential cross-contamination. The first three streams of milk are discarded into a strip cup, and the goats are hand-milked into stainless steel milking buckets. After milking, each teat is dipped in an iodine-based disinfectant.

After all goats have been milked, the milk is carried in a covered milk tote to the house and poured through a filter into sanitized bottles. The jars are lidded and placed into a refrigerator to chill rapidly to between 35°-40°F.

Jars are sterilized in a dishwasher and all milking equipment is sterilized one to two hours before use with a hydrogen peroxide solution and air-dried.

Milk Testing

We send out milk samples for laboratory testing monthly, which includes standard bacterial plate-count enumeration and screenings for Salmonella, E. coli 0157-H7, Campylobacter, and Listeria.

BOARDING CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made to be effective by and between Scallywag Farm (2113 Blue Mountain Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513), and name of Buyer as indicated by Bill of Sale (herein called “Boarder”).

Recitals

Scallywag Farm owns a property at 2113 Blue Mountain Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513 for the holding, caring for, handling and milking of dairy goats. Said facilities will be used for the boarding and milking on behalf of the Boarder of the dairy goats which will constitute the hereafter defined “Herd”.

Boarder is the owner of: An interest in shares in the dairy goat herd located at the Scallywag Farm facilities.

Boarder desires to board their portion of the Herd with Scallywag Farm and to have the Goat Dairy care for and milk the goats in the Herd and the Goat Dairy desires to take on the boarding obligation until such obligation is terminated by either party in writing.

Boarder grants Scallywag Farm legal agency to manufacture raw milk into cheese for use of by the Boarder. This means Scallywag Farm, as an agent, is legally authorized to act on behalf of goat-share owners, as principals, to make cheese out of the milk for goat-share members so long as goat-share members own an interest in the Scallywag Farm herd, have signed a legal Bill of Sale and are paying a boarding fee for their goats.

Agreements

The parties agree as follows:

Boarding

Shall mean having possession of, feeding, maintaining and caring for the Herd, milking the goats in the Herd and preparing the production of milk from the Herd as fluid milk or any other milk products as defined by the Food and Drug Administration, 21 CFR 131, including but not limited to: acidified or cultured milk, i.e. kefir; eggnog; yogurt; sour cream.

Herd Management & Health

Sallywag Farm retains absolute control over how the Herd will be maintained and boarded to maintain optimum health of animals, the environment and our members.

Boarding Fees

For boarding the Boarder's undivided interest in the Herd, Boarder shall pay to Sallywag Farm a boarding fee equal to \$5/quart share or \$10/half-gallon or \$20/gallon share of the Herd owned by Boarder. The parties agree the amount of the boarding fee is a fair and reasonable charge.

Shares of Milk

Boarder shall be entitled to receive a portion of the milk production from Boarder's undivided shares in the Herd. The amount of milk may vary week to week depending on the circumstances.

Agency Agreement

This contract forms a legal agency agreement between Boarder and Sallywag Farm. Thus, Boarder is authorizing Sallywag Farm to act on the Boarder's behalf by making cheese out of the Boarder's milk share. This is a legal relationship between the Boarder and MFD.

No Sales of Milk

Boarder and Sallywag Farm acknowledge that the sale of raw milk is prohibited by the State of Colorado. Under no circumstances shall Boarder or Sallywag Farm transfer the ownership or possession of any raw milk production from the Herd in any transaction that would constitute a sale of milk in violation of the statutes of the State of Colorado or the regulations of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Boarding Termination

This agreement will be terminated upon written notice of either the Boarder or Sallywag Farm.

HERD SHARE BILL OF SALE

This Bill of Sale is made by Scallywag Farm (“Seller”), to and for the benefit of (“Buyers”).

For purposes of this contract, Buyer must be over 18 and is the agent of the family unit. When the Buyer enters into this contract, the entire family becomes the owner of a portion of Scallywag Farm herd (“herd share”) and therefore everyone in the family has legal rights to drink the milk from the herd.

In consideration of \$25.00 (twenty five dollars), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and paid, Seller hereby sells to Buyer, of Seller’s right, title and interest in Scallywag Farm, located at 2113 Blue Mountain Avenue, Berthoud, CO 80513, to Buyer to have and to hold unto Buyer for its use and benefit.

The undersigned have executed this Bill of Sale effective as of the date first above written.

Signed

Date