

Boer Goats

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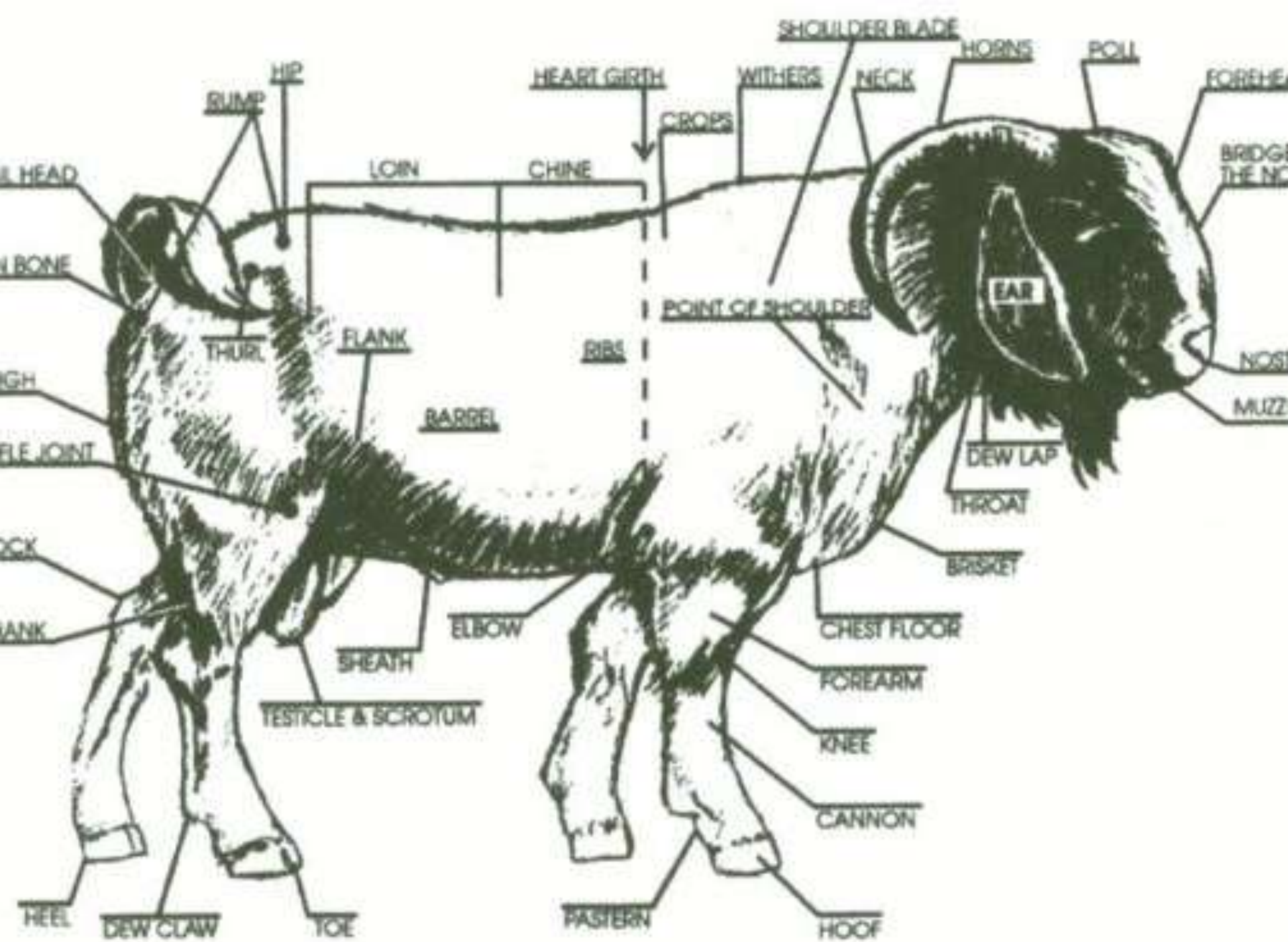
The Origins and Description of Boer Goats

- Boer goats originated in South Africa.
- They are a meat goat, which means they are used to feed people.
- Boer goats usually have a brown head with a white body. There can be variations to this; some Boer goats have white, black, or brown splotches on their bodies. In some rare cases, Boer goats have a solid white, black, or brown body.



Showing a Boer Goat

- Many Boer goats are shown in county, state, and national fairs.
- When showing a Boer goat judges look for a goat that has a long loin, and is fresh. The word fresh is used to describe a goat that has defined muscles, but does not look over muscled.



Boer Goat Production

- Goat meat is becoming increasingly popular in the U.S.
- Goat meat has risen above many of the other common meats, such as beef and pork, in the percentage per pound (goat meat sells for more than beef and pork).
- As the popularity of goat meat continues to rise, the population of Boer goats will rise to meet the demand of goat meat.