

# FAMACHA Workshop

## July 7, 2007

Sponsored by: Brandywine Valley Australian Shepherd Club

Time: 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (or later)      Presenter: Susan Schoenian, M.S., P.A.S.  
Sheep and Goat Specialist, Western Maryland Research & Education Center

Place: The Nickles' Farm, Geigertown, PA

Cost: \$75 /person

Price includes

- ❖ FAMACHA card
- ❖ IPM reference booklets
- ❖ Other FAMACHA materials
- ❖ Lunch – sandwiches, snacks, drinks, desserts

Workshop will be set up using:

- ❖ PowerPoint slides
- ❖ Microscopes for checking fecal samples
- ❖ Live animals for FAMACHA training

FAMACHA is a new system designed to control the parasite *Haemonchus contortus* in sheep and goats. This parasite is one of the most problematic among small ruminants. It is an intestinal parasite that survives by sucking the blood of its host. The parasite actually lives in the abomasums of sheep and goats, also known as the true stomach. The parasite sucks large amounts of blood and the result is a severely anemic animal that most frequently dies. The FAMACHA system was developed in South Africa by Francois Malan. There is a huge problem with worm control in South Africa in the meat goat industry, and the FAMACHA system was developed as a means of controlling *Haemonchus contortus* in small ruminants.

### Directions:

From Morgantown: Take Route 10 North/Beckersville 0.6 miles, then turn RIGHT onto Joanna Rd. Go 0.9 miles to stop sign (at Joanna Store) and turn RIGHT. Go 0.4 miles to the stop sign and turn LEFT onto Route 82 North (Hay Creek Road/Twin Valley Rd). Go 4.8 miles through Geigertown (*DO NOT follow Route 82 detour sign! Keep going—you will be at Scarlet's Mill before you get to the actual detour*) to the stop sign. Bear LEFT at the stop sign. Workshop site is the first drive on the left (two stone pillars at entrance of drive). Please use second driveway for parking.

From NY/NJ/East: NJ Turnpike to exit 6 (PA Turnpike W). Merge onto NJ Turnpike Ext. NJ Turnpike Ext. becomes PA Turnpike W (I-76). Follow directions above.

From Points West: Take I-76 (PA Turnpike) East. Exit onto I-176 N (Morgantown Exwy, exit 298) toward Morgantown/Reading. Follow directions above

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Please send this form along with your payment postmarked by June 25, 2007 — **LIMIT 40 PARTICIPANTS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75/person      Total payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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