



Vintage Quest Acres

220 Greenhill Rd

Madisonville, TN 37354

Bill of Sale and Herd Boarding Agreement

This agreement between Vintage Quest Acres of Powered by Nature LLC (seller) and _____ (buyer) is entered into on _____.

The buyer purchases _____ share(s) in our Herd of goats and cattle at Vintage Quest Acres at \$30 per share, giving buyer limited interest, shared with others of co-ownership in the Herd. The buyer understands that the seller retains a majority interest in the shares of this Herd. The buyer does not obtain any interest or rights to the kids and calves that are birthed in this Herd. Furthermore, the buyer understands that he/she has no rights concerning the day to day operations involving the Herd, or any decisions made by the seller regarding its maintenance, housing, pasturing, health care. The seller retains the right to make all such decisions, as well as decisions deemed necessary regarding the purchasing or disposing of any animals in the Herd.

The buyer agrees to pay a weekly fee of \$8.00 for the care and boarding of the Herd per share. Buyer is entitled to receive a proportional share of the milk produced by the Herd as long as their fee is paid. The buyer has discussed and agreed to the delivery option with the seller.

The buyer may visit the Herd as arranged with the seller. Seller will offer reasonable educational opportunities for the buyer to understand and appreciate the Herd and dairy farming.

Buyer's assumption of Risks and Waiver of Claims: Buyer understands and acknowledges that there may be risks of harm encountered in consuming raw milk; in visiting and/or interacting with the Herd and/or animals that may be found in the vicinity, in visiting or entering upon the type of premises where the Herd is found; and in being on the same premises as the types of equipment, tools, etc. that are likely to be found upon the type of premises where the Herd is found. By signing this agreement, the Buyer hereby knowingly and voluntarily assumes the risk of any and all such harm and also waives any and all right to make, file, or pursue any claim, demand, suit, action, cause of action, damages, etc. against Seller or any of Seller's agent, employees, lessors, lessees, vendors etc. that arises out of or relates to any harm encountered or caused, in whole or in part, by, consuming raw milk; visiting and/or interacting with the Herd and/or other animals that may be found in the vicinity of the Herd; visiting or entering upon the premises where the Herd is found, or encountering equipment, tools, etc. that are found upon the premises where the Herd is found.

Dated: _____

Buyer (sign) _____ Buyer: (print) _____

Seller: (sign) _____ Seller (print) _____



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2010 Dairy Herd Share Program Information

Thanks to the efforts of many people like you, Tennesseans can now legally obtain real goat and cow milk, fresh from a local farm! Here at VQA our goal is to provide wholesome and healing foods for our family and yours. Through our Herd Share Program, you too can enjoy the benefits of drinking delicious milk that is both good and good for you.

- ***How does a Herd share program work and what does it cost?***

When you join the VQA Share Program, you purchase a share in our Herd of Cow and Dairy Goats for a one time fee of \$30.00. At that time, you will also sign a Herd Boarding Agreement, and receive a Bill of Sale. Thereafter, you will pay a weekly boarding fee of approximately \$8.00 per share in 3 month increments for the feeding, milking and care of your portion of the Herd. One Herd share entitles you to one gallon of milk a week.

- ***How do I pay my boarding fees?***

For everyone's convenience, weekly boarding fees are due every 3 months, payable in full, 2 weeks in advance on the schedule below. We cannot deliver milk unless your boarding fees are up to date. Cash is the preferred method of payment, although we do accept checks, PayPal and money orders. There is limited milk capacity and we work on a first-come first serve basis for boarding fees. If we have extra capacity we may accept new shares and board fees on a pro-rated basis. The 3 month delivery schedule is:

Season 1	Dec, Jan, Feb - \$96 per share
Season 2	Mar, Apr, May - \$96 per share
Season 3	Jun, Jul, Aug - \$96 per share
Season 4	Sep, Oct, Nov - \$96 per share

- ***Where do I pick up my milk?***

Farm pick up is available; however, we currently deliver to pre-arranged sites in Knoxville weekly. Please be punctual in picking up your milk.

- ***What if I am unable to pick up my milk?***

You are responsible for getting your milk from the pre-arranged site; however, if you are unable to come for any reason, you may designate someone else to pick up your milk for you. However, if you fail to pick up your milk, we are unable to save your milk for the following week, nor can the boarding fees be altered. Whenever possible, we ask you to e-mail us if you will be unable to pick up your milk and we will try to make arrangements.

- ***What if I no longer want my Herd share?***

The ownership of a goat share is good until you no longer want to own it. Then you can sell it back to VQA for the price of \$5.00. You may not sell it to a third party (as per Tenn. Law) however, if you know of



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someone else who is interested in a Herd share program, please share this information with them and ask them to get in contact with us.

- ***How do I care for my milk after I pick it up?***

It is critical that your milk stay chilled once you pick it up. Many customers routinely bring a small cooler (with ice) for this purpose.

- ***What about jars?***

We use uniform, conveniently-sized ½ gal mason (canning) jars that you can purchase from us at \$3 each (you will need 5 jars total, per share). Alternatively you can purchase your own jars. Place your name on each jar so you receive the jar you cleaned. We have found that an engraving tool etches the names on nicely. Else a permanent marker should be used each week. Each week, you will receive milk in 2 jars AND return 2 jars for the next week's delivery. The 5th jar is for any remaining milk that did not quite get consumed in time. It is CRITICAL that your jars be scrupulously cleaned and dried. When cleaning milk containers, begin by rinsing with lukewarm water (too hot or too cold can cause milk solids to adhere to the jar's surface). Next, wash thoroughly with soap and hot water, rinse well, and allow to dry completely. It is better to leave the lid off. If rinsed well before being loaded, dishwashers are fine for cleaning milk jars. Please sniff your cleansed jars before coming for milk pick up – they should smell clean.

- ***How long does raw milk keep?***

If handled as above, your milk will easily keep a week with no change in quality.

- ***What should I do if the milk smells bad after only a few days?***

DISCARD IT! Let us know right away, and we will investigate and possibly replace it. If no one else had a problem – or if you discover only one of your jars was bad – there was likely a problem with the sanitation or refrigeration of that particular jar.

- ***What should I do with milk that is more than 1 week old?***

As long as it still smells and tastes sweet to you, it is fine to use. However, during the milking season, you will be getting milk each week. Therefore, if you find you are consistently having extra milk, experiment with making fun milk products like pudding, yogurt, cheese or soap. Many pets enjoy and can benefit from the leftover milk.

- ***Why does a layer of cream form on top of the milk?***

Goat milk and to some extent Dexter milk is naturally homogenized, meaning the fat (cream) is suspended in the milk. However, our milk is high in butterfat and some of this cream will rise to the top of the milk. You can skim this off if you want to use the cream or make butter. For drinking or cooking with the whole milk, you can shake the container before pouring to disperse the cream into the milk again.



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- ***What can you tell me about the Herd animals?***

Well now, that is one of our favorite subjects! As of 2011 we have 4 female goats (does) and 3 female cattle (cows). Our goats are Nubian and Nigerian Dwarf. Our cows are Dexters and one is a Jersey mix. Not all the animals will be in milk at the same time. We prefer to keep our Herd relatively small so we can provide it lots of attention.

- ***What is your approach to Herd health?***

We take a preventive approach to our Herd's health, and thus, we rarely encounter health concerns. We use a wonderful herbal worming product that has been proven to be more effective than those undesirable chemical wormers. Because of the health and vigor of our Herd we have not had to use antibiotics; although we would not withhold such treatment if we deemed it necessary for the long-term benefit of any of our goats. If any goat were to need antibiotics, she would be removed from the milking pool for the appropriate withdrawal period.

- ***How is the milking done?***

We milk twice daily, following a strict regimen for hygiene. This involves plenty of hand washing, sanitizing, and proper udder care. Only stainless steel containers are used for milking and processing your milk. We have a covered milking stanchion near the goat and cow houses. After the milk is collected, it is strained into your jars through cheese cloth and a metal tea strainer. The jars are immediately refrigerated until delivery. Finally, all the milking equipment is cleaned and sanitized.

- ***What does the Herd eat?***

By far forage (like browsing for leaves and grazing grass) is their mainstay. While on the milking stanchions, the animals receive a small amount of store bought feed (mostly grain). They are given the grain as a training aid in the same way dog trainers give their dogs a treat for good work. When the animal cooperates with the milking process it gets a little treat. Normally, our Herd spends its day outside in our pastures and woodlots. We rotate where they eat to allow the plants some recovery time. The cows are very hardy and only stop eating to sleep or hide from the most severe weather. The cows eat some leaves but prefer grass. The goats do not like rainy weather, cold weather, thunder or dark nights, and trot back to their houses as soon as they are uncomfortable. The goats are primarily browsers and are very adept at reaching leaves up to 8 feet up.