

# Australian Miniature Goat

## BRIEF HISTORY

The Australian miniature goat was officially recognised in 2000. The breed was developed by careful breeding of select, small goats (predominately cashmere and angora) cross-bred with rangeland goats. Rangeland goats are a composite breed of goat which has become naturalised throughout Australia's rangelands to the extent that they no longer resemble their original European ancestors.

A small handful of goat owners spent many years selectively breeding to produce this miniature delight. Known as a more multipurpose miniature breed these animals can give 1-2L of milk per day, although there are individuals recorded as producing more than this.

The breed rapidly grew in popularity and there are now many dedicated breeders across the country with pure-bred stock.

Goats are ruminants so are very good at using most of the fibre and nutrients they eat. Their droppings are perfect for liquid fertiliser, breaking down easily in water.

## OVERVIEW

'Australian Miniature Goats are small in stature, big in personality' (MGA, 2021).

Their conformation is similar to that of the larger breeds, with all parts of the body in balanced proportion and relative to their size.

Each animal has its own unique characteristics which differentiates them from each other.

Ears, coat, colour and facial features are individual and animals may differ in body shape.

All coat types, colour combinations and all eye colours are accepted.

Australian Miniatures are easily handled by members of the whole family.

## AT A GLANCE

- Multi purpose goats
- High butter-fat content  
Produce 1-2 L a day
- Australian bred breed that has been recognised for over 25 years.
- 'Small in stature, big in personality!'



## MGA REGISTRATION

Australian Miniature Goats are eligible to be registered with

Miniature Goats Australia (MGA).