

# Breeder SPOTLIGHT

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## Rambo Ranch

Rambo Ranch, located in Palacios, Tex., is owned by Karen Venglar. They focus on raising quality show goats with the genetics that perform and win in the show ring as well as out in the pasture. They answer a few questions about their operation.

### 1. HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN THE BOER GOAT INDUSTRY?

We got started after retiring from the US Army. We started with selling show wethers and then have slowly changed to all full bloods making sure to concentrate on quality over quantity.

### 2. HOW MANY GOATS DO YOU HAVE, AND WHAT DO YOU USE THEM FOR?

For many years we ran close to 75 grown does and sold them as registered Full bloods as well as champion wethers. We have, in the last few years, been raising mainly full bloods of a herd of 25 head. We are increasing the herd this coming year slowly, making sure each doe meets out strict requirements. We are concentrating on quality, not quantity or pedigree.

### 3. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT RAISING BOER GOATS?

The Great friends we have made and the smile on a child when they win with one of our goats.

### 4. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE FACED, AND WHAT DID YOU DO TO OVERCOME THEM?

The challenge to produce even better kids each year without a lot of feed or additives. We work hard to breed quality show goats, with the genetics that perform and win in the show ring as well as out in the pasture. We are breeding for goats that are naturally

powerful and meaty, that look great and are productive. We never keep or buy a doe just because of what is on the registration paper. We expect our does to work for a living. All does run on pasture, get a small amount of goat feed in the evening and coastal hay. We are trying to breed for does who carry such attributes as hardiness, big correct conformation, good clean utters, good milk production & good mothering abilities.

### 5. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNG PRODUCERS GETTING INTO THE BOER GOAT INDUSTRY?

To look at the goat and not the registration paper first. A doe or buck with correct conformation will always give you a great kid no matter what is on the registration papers. A doe with bad udder, steep hip, or weak pasterns will not give you great kids no matter how good the papers are.

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