

Bally Park Rebel

RIP special boy 30.4.10 – 9.3.17



With only beautiful memories now this is the story of 'Rebel', a very special Buck.

Rebel was offered for sale to me by a breeder friend from NSW along with his sister SueJay in Feb 2013.

I hadn't seen Reb or his sister at all but knew this breeder was a quiet achiever and had bred some nice stock. The breeder wanted to concentrate on a Dairy Goat Soap business but thought they might breed minis again one day so I convinced them to just lease Reb to me. At that stage I didn't really need another buck but thought if he was 'special' then it was a win win for us both.

The breeder had family close to Bendigo so they offered to meet me there. I couldn't get away at the time they were able to travel so I asked Sharon & Clive at Queensbury Farm if the goats could be dropped off at their property until I could get to Bendigo and pick them up.

Sharon phoned very excited the day they arrived to say how small they were and I certainly agreed once I saw them.

In July I contacted the breeder to say we'd like to purchase Rebel and as he was quite a few \$\$ it was then that Sharon & Clive – Les and I purchased him as a joint venture.

We had arranged for Rebel to live 6mths in Bendigo and 6mths in Portland and this turned out to be a MUST for Reb as he suffered badly from the heat. He had his Summers in Portland and Winters' in Bendigo and it worked well.

He travelled exceptionally well and didn't seem to mind the array of Does he had to choose from at each property. ☺

We travelled him to SA and around Vic to the shows and he never minded at all preferring to sleep all day anyways.

In 2016 when Sharon & Clive were winding down Queensbury Farm we took on Rebs care and show career full time. Sharon & Clive were not ready to sell their half and who could blame them. We could never decide who owned which half anyway haha!

Rebel melted the heart of anyone who met him and if you didn't like goats before you met Rebel you sure did afterwards. He was a very gentle boy who had a funny little squeal, a swagger walk and unlike a lot of bucks didn't stink too bad at all.

He was such an easy boy to handle although shaving his bits was a game of 'hit and miss' which made show prep a right pain. I'd start on his bits and he'd lay down so to get him up (he was too weighty to lift) I'd shave his head and as soon as he was up I'd do his bits again.

Reb had almost gained enough points for an Australian Champion Title but it wasn't to be. We are so very proud of his achievements and he always just took it all in his stride.

The shock of his death are still very raw; the paddock where he lived here with his two sons and a mate is void of this lovely boy but we will treasure his memories and look to his lovely kids for solace.

A clostridia type bacteria took him from us, the autopsy, extensive tests and lab report returned an inconclusive result. Whatever it was hit him hard on that horrible day and within hours of his breakfast and with no outward signs he was gone.



We were all so lucky to have known and loved him. Gone but NEVER forgotten...RIP special man.

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