

Study Guide

Goat Knowledge

Definitions:

1. Artificial Insemination- Another way to impregnate your doe.
2. Bloat- Swelling on the left side of your goat, slobbering, or lying down.
3. Colostrum- The first milk a doe produces during the first couple of days after giving birth.
4. Crossbreeding- when you mate a doe of one breed to a buck of another breed.
5. Disbudding- When you burn the horns of a newborn kid.
6. Doeling- A doe that is one year or younger.
7. Drying off- When you prepare a goat for birth and you stop the milking process.
8. Flagging- When a doe wags her tails letting you know that she may be in heat.
9. Free Choice Feed- When feed is left out for your goats at all times.
10. Lice- Small insects that are on the skin of your goat, and cause your goat to lose weight, loss of hair and scratching.
11. Mastitis- The inflammation of the udder.
12. Pneumonia- A sickness of coughing, runny nose, eyes, and fever.
13. Toxic Plants- Milkweed, Nightshade, Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel, Hours Nettle.
14. Wether- a castrated buck.

Facts:

1. American Dairy goat Association (AGDA)- an organization that keeps track of production records, show records, and pedigrees, it also issues official papers that registers your goat.
2. Your goat should be feed two times per day.
3. You should trim your goats' hoofs a least once per month.
4. A doe gestation period is 150 day/5 months, and will carry her kids on her right side of her body, and can have up to five kids at a time.
5. Hay, Soda, and Trace Mineral Salts should be free choice feeds.
6. When a doe "settles" she could be pregnant.
7. Goats need fresh water daily.
8. You should milk a goat twice per day.
9. Swiss Dairy goat breeds are: Alpine, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg,
10. Tropical Breeds are: Nubian, LaMancha,
11. Meat goat breeds are: Boar, Spanish goat, brush goat.
12. Fiber goat breeds are: Angora. Cashmere
13. Miniature Goats: African Pygmy, Nigerian Dwarf
14. Recommended time for breeding is September through October.
15. To prevent hoof rot you should always keep you goats bedding dry, and clean, and trim hoofs regularly.
16. A goat has 4 stomachs, but when it is first born only one stomach works.
17. A normal body temperature for a goat is 101.5-105° F
18. When you goat is pregnant you should feed her 1 lb of feed per day and increase it during the last 2 weeks to 3 pounds per day.
19. When preparing for a show you should shave your black goat 1 week before the show, and a white goat 1-2 days before the show.
20. Always make sure that all feed is fresh and mold free.
21. After you doe gives birth, it is recommended to give her some warm water mixed with molasses, this is a special treat and will giver her an extra energy boost if she is having more than one kid.

22. Never pasteurize your goats' milk in a microwave.
23. A milk stand can be used to milk and groom your goats.
24. Miniature goats are just like the other breeds of goats, you have to milk and groom them just like other breeds, the only difference is the amount you feed them.
25. An Average doe can produce about 900 Quarts of milk per year.
26. When preparing your goat for a show you should use a 10 blade for the underbody, inside the ears, bag and udders, for the body you should use a 30 blade.
27. Most goats are tattooed in the ears, with the exception of the LaMancha; they are tattooed in the tail web.
28. Goats should have two teats on their bag.
29. When you purchase goats it is recommended to have more than one.
30. A goat has two kinds of hair Primary and Secondary hair.