

Goat Selection

I. Selection

- Parts of a meat Goats
- Major areas of importance
 - 1) Length and width of loin
 - 2) Wide base and chest floor(track wide)
 - 3) (60/40) rule
 - 4) Forearm muscle
 - 5) Straight in lines

II. Facilities and Equipment:

- Exercise daily especially in the last few months
- Hanging feed trough and water bucket(3-5 gal. bucket)
- Show chains(metal or plastic), avoid using dog collars or halters
- Blanket and muzzle (sock vs. blanket with tail hole or open ended.
- 1 pound coffee can or container at equal amount.
- Drench gun (different sizes for goats and lambs)-injure throat You can order through ENASCO.com 100cc guns are best

III. Feeding:

- **ShowRite Advancer plus, Jacoby's, Honor, etc....(14-18% protein)**
 - a) Feed twice a day (work up to $\frac{3}{4}$ to one can/lb. per feeding
 - b) Feed trough should be off of ground or feed on ramp
 - c) Hay- alfalfa or high quality Sudan(handful in the evenings)
 - d) Water bucket should be cleaned every day. Ammonium chloride
 - e) Feed Additives- will address as needed

IV. Medication:

- De-wormer every 21-28 days (Valbazen, cydectin, ivomec, panacure, safeguard, etc.
- 5cc of **B-12 complex once a week** and **fastrack paste(microbial gel) 5cc twice a week** both (orally)
- Need hooves trimmed at least once every 2 months
- Penicillin, Naxcel, Nuflor, Exenel, Mycotil etc. for runny nose and minor setbacks (3-5 cc of penicillin in neck muscle for 3 to 5 days)

V. **Daily routines:**

- 1) Clean pen and water bucket
- 2) Practice walking and showmanship
- 3) Bath (blow dry) warm temp only if possible – parasites/Brush hair
- 4) Keep schedule of feeding changes, de-worming, hoof trimmings, etc.
- 5) Bring to weigh-ins or keep in barn. (weigh same day each week)
- 6) Ask questions!!!! IT'S OKAY!
- 7) Teach Goat to show before clinics not at clinics.
- 8) Exercise Program the last 30-60 days before show (more rigorous than the first few months)
- 9) Drench guns for dyne, electrolytes, etc.
- 10) Outwork the competition – every day you are not working someone else is getting ahead of you!!!

QUESTIONS?!?!?!?!?

FEEL FREE to message us on remind or email us if you have any questions! PARENTS can call us if there is an **EMERGENCY!**