

Goat Preventative Care Health Plan

KIDS –

Immediate New Born care: **Most important – Be sure kid is nursing**

- **General physical exam**
- **Check to be sure is nursing well**
- **Dip naval**

Check Nanny (adequate milk supply, passage of placenta, body condition, etc.)

Immunization:

Use CD&T - Clostridium Perfringens Type C, Clostridium Perfringens Type D, Tetanus

Give at: 1 week, 1 month, and 2 months

Deworming:

One way to protect kids from parasitism is to **strategically deworm the does**. To do this, treat kidding does with an effective dewormer 3 weeks prior to kidding.

Debudding:

Debudding prevents the growth of horns. If sure that is not a polled breed (no horns), easiest at 1-2 weeks of age. If you are not sure, it is best to wait a few months to see if they begin to grow horns. **If you choose to wait, at the first sign of a small “bump” beginning to grow debudding should be performed.**

Castrate Billy-kids:

This is most easily done between 1-14 days of age, but can be accomplished later if needed, and for pet goats it is advisable to wait until after puberty (3-5 months).

ADULT GOATS

Goats are very hardy animals and generally require only the most minimal of care once grown.

Suggest goat care:

Vaccinate annually: Tetanus and C. Perfringens Type C and D

Effective Deworming:

Parasitism is one of the top two reasons for death loss in goats. The best protocol for deworming your goats will vary with types of parasites, and resistance and contamination levels within your pastures. In order to make effective treatment and control recommendations, **it is essential to know what de-wormers are effective on the farm.** An effective program requires more than giving medications; it includes: strategic timing, correct medication selection and dosage, and sound pasture management. For more information on an effective deworming strategy please give us a call.

Hoof Care: Periodically, **evaluate hooves** for abnormalities and trim or treat as necessary

Body Condition: Evaluate goats regularly for proper amount of fat. Feed under conditioned goats more, and over conditioned goats less.