St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

4-H Goat Breeding Stock Project Report

Members 15-19 years old (by January 1)

Reference Material: The Goat Resource Handbook is available at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office

Name: ____________________________ Birth Date _____ / _____ / ______
Address: ____________________________ City: ______________ Zip: ____________

4-H Club Name: ____________________________ Goat Leader’s Name: ____________________________

Number of years in 4-H: _______ Number of years completed in this project: _______

Provide information on one (1) of your breeding stock animals:

Breed: ____________________________ Sex: Male ______ Female ______
Registration Name: ____________________________ Scrapies Number: ____________________________
Date of Birth: ____________________________ Birth Weight: _______ Current Weight: ________

Project Information

1. Why did you enroll in this project? ____________________________

2. How did you obtain your breeding stock goat? ____________________________

3. What did you do to keep your goat healthy? What kind of feed did you give your goat? ____________________________

4. What kind of facilities do you have for your goat? ____________________________
5. What breed is your goat? Why did you select this breed?

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6. What are your future plans for breeding this goat?

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7. At what age should you breed a doe? At what age should you use your buck for breeding?

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8. What is the gestation period of a goat? What is the typical breeding season for goats?

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9. What is the difference between a purebred and a crossbred animal?

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10. List three (3) breed characteristics of your goat.

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

11. Name three (3) things that should be done right away after a kid is born.

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

12. When horns are not desired, it is preferable to dehorn (disbud) kids when they are how old?

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13. At what age should buck kids be castrated?

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14. What are 3 castration methods?
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

15. At what age should a kid be weaned?

16. What is colostrum and why is it important to a newborn kid?

17. What ingredients make up your animals ration? What are trace minerals?

18. What kind of stomach does a goat have?

19. What are some things that goats are raised for?

20. What do you do to prepare for a Breeding Stock show?

21. What are three (3) common health issues/diseases in goats?
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

22. What can you do to prevent/treat these conditions?
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 
23. Explain the nutritional needs of a goat in regard to protein, carbohydrates/fats, and vitamins A, D, E and B.

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**EXPENSES**

Start expense record in October or in earliest month you took ownership of your project animal.

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TOTAL EXPENSES = $

* List “other” expense items:

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**KNOWLEDGE OF GOAT ANATOMY**

24. What are the four parts of the ruminant stomach, and the function of each?

1. ___________________________________  ___________________________________
2. ___________________________________  ___________________________________
3. ___________________________________  ___________________________________
4. ___________________________________  ___________________________________
25. What characteristics should you look for in breeding stock?

Parts of a Goat

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