

# MARKET GOAT SHOW CLINIC

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# SELECTION

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- Have a game plan
- Buy the proper age/sex
- Buy from reputable breeders/traders
- Research Judges
- Ask for help

# FEED

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- Textured vs. Pelleted
- Protein content (15-16%)
- Fat content (3-3.5%)
- Palatable
- Fresh feed
- Amount depends on age and size of animal (3-4% body weight)
- Weigh your feed
- Easy-to-use measuring cup for kids
- Use a clip on feeder to feed off of the ground

# FEED CONTINUED...

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- Clean out old feed from feeder
- Teach goat to eat in a time frame (not a buffet)
- Feed on a schedule

# HAY

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- Don't be afraid to feed hay
- Coastal, Sudan, Alfalfa (depends on body type)
- Do not leave hay in their pen all day
- Keep hay stored out of the weather

# FEED SUPPLEMENTS (WHAT DO I USE?)

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- Know what issue you are trying to address
- Don't over feed
- Be consistent each feeding
- It takes time to work
- Don't use last year's left overs
- Don't be scared to ask

# WATER

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- Clean fresh water daily
- Small 8 quart bucket
- Most limiting and most important nutrient
- Water intake will increase feed intake
- Take water from home to the shows

# SHELTER

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- 10 x 20 ft. pen
- Dirt flooring (packed and not dusty)
- Can be outside or inside
- Need to be able to get under a roof/shelter
- Out of wind
- Let them stay dry
- Fan in the summer, heat lamp in the winter



# EXERCISE

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- Exercise needs are animal specific
- Walker
- Treadmill
- Track dog
- 6 year old little boy on a sugar high

# WEIGHING YOUR GOAT

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- Weigh weekly
- Record weights
- Be consistent on when and how you weigh
- Scales are a good investment for market show animals

# BLANKETS

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- Canvas blankets
- Use after shearing
- Use in winter
- 55 degrees and below
- Take off daily to work and check for parasites

# HALTERS

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- Chain halters
- Rope halters with clip on the end
- Don't clip a leash to their chain
- Fit correctly, nose bridge piece just below the eyes
- Don't cut their air off by cinching down on end of nose

# SHOW CHAINS

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- Leather handle
- Plastic handle
- Smooth chain
- Chain with prongs/spikes (To train with, outlawed at major shows)
- Not too loose on animal

# WASH RACK SUPPLIES

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- Don't wash very often, only when needed
- Short water hose
- Soft abrasive nozzle
- Don't get water in their ears
- Don't over use soap
- Don't spray your neighbors!

# BRUSHES

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- Small soft bristle brush for body
- Rice root brush for leg hair

# TRAINING LEG HAIR

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- Put goat up on blocking stand
- Rinse leg hair
- Use blower to dry legs by blowing backwards
- Spray in sheen
- Use rice root brush to train hair backwards
- Blow sheen into legs
- Twice a week



# CLIPPING

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- Blow dirt out before clipping
- Use Cover Coat blades
- Shear against the grain of the hair
- Leave leg hair below the knee and hock
- Only clip for shows

# HOOF HEALTH

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- Keep feet trimmed
- Check every two weeks
- More often in soft sandy pen
- Less often in rocky pen or on concrete
- Trim to where the hoof will meet the ground squarely
- Don't cut into the quick
- Trim feet at least a week out from a show

# HEALTH

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- Use de-wormer every 20-30 days until about November
- Alternate wormers white and clear
- Look for signs of sickness
- Buy a digital thermometer
- Above 103 is a fever

# MEDICATIONS

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- Find a good vet
- Check with your veterinarian before administering any meds
- Know what symptoms to look for
- Medications target certain illnesses
- Difference between withdrawal times and “elimination” periods for major stock shows

# COMMON ILLNESSES

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- Respiratory infections – Nuflor, Baytril
- Diarrhea - Spectogard
- Coccidiosis - Corid
- Urinary Calculi (too much Phosphorus in diet) – Ammonium Chloride
- Bloat – treat with mineral oil and Maalox
- Chronic Bloat – baking soda in feed

# GOAT WON'T EAT

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- This happens often after being medicated
- Killed all the good bacteria in rumen
- Take feed away
- Feed Sudan or Coastal hay
- Give a probiotic or yogurt/buttermilk drench
- Slowly re-introduce feed back into diet

# FUNGUS CONTROL

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- Be proactive
- Keep clean blankets on at shows
- Wash with anti-fungal shampoo directly after you show and before you get back on the trailer
- Inspect animals all over their body multiple times a day following a show
- Disinfect blankets, halters, show chains, feeders, buckets, etc. after each show

# WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU TO SHOWS

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- Muzzle
- Clean blankets
- Feed pan
- Water bucket
- Plenty of hay (more than one kind) in a bucket with a lid
- Feed in a plastic bucket with a lid, not in the bag
- Tack rack
- Head stall if blocking table isn't allowed



# WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU TO SHOWS

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- Water from home
- Shammy
- Blower if allowed
- Shavings for stall
- Pen divider if only taking 1 or 2 head
- Drench gun
- Mineral oil
- Cinnamon

# WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU TO SHOWS

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- Halter
- Show chain (check show rules about spike chains)
- EZ Clean in spray bottle
- Number clip or safety pins
- Fan if allowed in summer time
- Extension cords
- Brush
- Zip ties
- Wire feed pan hanger

# WHEN HAULING GOATS

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- Trailer or popper
- Block the wind and sun
- Air conditioned trailers are the best but not required
- Use common sense for ventilation
- Use shavings in the floor of trailer or popper
- Check animal periodically
- Remove chains and halters to transport animals

# SHOW CLOTHES

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- Good fitting blue jeans
- Sperry type shoes, tennis shoes, or boots
- Don't tuck pant legs into boot tops
- Belt
- Collard shirt tucked in, no loose fitting blouses
- Young ladies have hair back in pony tail and out of eyes
- Young men don't wear caps or hats
- Don't chew gum
- Be comfortable

# QUESTIONS?

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# LEARNING HOW TO SHOW

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- Ask for help
- Watch how other kids your size show
- Animal leg position
- Showman body position
- Train animal to drive properly
- Know the show ring
- Know who the judge is
- Know where the judge is at all times