

Nutrition Excellence!

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Nutrition for Every Goat Lifestyle

HOBBY GOATS

Goats are increasing in popularity as backyard pets. Their affectionate and curious nature quickly allows them to become part of the family. For hobby goats, Purina® Goat Chow® feed makes an excellent feed when fed along with quality hay or pasture. The amount of Purina® Goat Chow® feed can be varied depending on overall body condition to maintain goats in excellent health. And to give your goats a nutritious treat, provide Purina® Goat Chow® Mineral free choice.

SHOW GOATS

When raising show goats, besides growth performance, you also want animals to look their very best. Purina® Show Chow® Goat Ration provides not only the protein and energy needed to build muscle mass, its high fat formula with Availa 4® minerals and Tascos® provides nutrients needed for a shiny hair coat. The complete pelleted formula means nothing else needs to be added.

MEAT GOATS

The objective with meat goats is to allow them to grow and build muscle as quickly as possible. A complete pelleted feed like Purina® Meat Goat 16% will provide all of the energy and protein needed for optimum muscle growth. The high-fiber complete pellet makes it a convenient feed for dry-lot situations. The inclusion of ammonium chloride helps minimize the incidence of urinary calculi (also known as water belly).

Goats raised in a confined or wet environment, are more likely to suffer from coccidiosis. Feeding a goat feed medicated with Deccox or Rumensin may help prevent coccidiosis.

DAIRY GOATS

Lactating dairy goats require extra protein, energy, minerals and vitamins to support milk production. An excellent dairy goat feeding program will be Purina® Goat Chow® goat ration fed along with long stemmed high-quality hay or pasture. Feed 1 lb of Purina® Goat Chow® goat ration for every three pounds of milk produced, along with access to plenty of high quality forage.

For kid goats, Purina® Goat Chow® goat ration makes an excellent creep feed. Provide Goat Chow® goat ration free choice in a creep feeder starting at two weeks of age. For young kids from 4 weeks to 4 months of age, feed measured amounts of Goat Chow® goat ration, up to 1.5% of body weight. Feed with good quality roughage to all goats after weaning.

RANGE - PASTURE GOATS

Goats are excellent at utilizing brush and browse that other animals will not consume. When goats are grazing pasture or brush, Purina® Goat Chow® Mineral makes an excellent supplement. Goat Chow® Mineral fed free choice will provide the extra minerals and vitamins plus salt to help stimulate water intake. It's highly palatable and gives goats the mineral supplementation they need, when they need it.

Animals become infected by grazing on pastures seeded with droppings from infected goats. The first signs of infection are lethargy and rough hair coat. Animals that lose weight, have a poor appetite and in many cases diarrhea, may already be in various stages of anemia (pale lips, tongue and mucous membrane of the eyes) as a result of parasite infection. Preventative treatment for worms is easy. Your veterinarian can recommend a worming schedule that is best for your goats and the area you live. Young kids and adults should be grazed on separate pastures and newly purchased animals should be treated for parasites and quarantined from the herd for at least two weeks.

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