

Goat Health (1) - The Healthy Goat

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Please circle one answer only e.g. **A**

- When formulating a diet for goats, it is important to remember that:
 - They are herbivores and prefer where possible to graze like sheep and cattle.
 - They are omnivores and will eat anything you put in front of them.
 - They are browsing animals, and prefer to select from a variety of plants, shrubs, and trees.
 - They prefer eating treats and tit-bits even though it may result in them getting fat.
- A goats normal temperature should be between:
 - 34.6°C to 36.6°C
 - 38.6°C to 40.6°C
 - 40.6°C to 42.6°C
 - 42.6°C to 44.6°C
- Under UK legislation:
 - Only goats farmed for profit need to be registered with Defra, and issued with a holding number.
 - Only goats producing milk for human consumption need to be registered with Defra and issued with a holding number.
 - All goats whether kept for profit, as a hobby or as pets must be registered with Defra and issued with a holding number.
 - As pet goats are not susceptible to notifiable diseases such as foot and mouth disease, Defra have no interest in them.
- When considering buying some goats:
 - There is no need to worry about a building, they are hardy animals and can survive outside in all weathers.
 - I have a stable with a half door, it can only be closed on the inside with a simple latch but I'm sure a goat wouldn't be able to reach it.
 - An old out-building can be used; it's very cold and draughty but should be OK.
 - I have a building I've kept sheep in previously, and they did well. I just need to make a few changes to make it goat proof, as goats are very good at getting out!
- I want to make my goat's diet as varied as possible, but need to ensure that they get some coarse mix to give them the extra protein and energy they need. This coarse mix should make up around:
 - 1% of their body weight so a 50 Kg goat should receive around 0.5 Kg mix daily for maintenance.
 - 2% of their body weight so a 50 Kg goat should receive around 1.0 Kg mix daily for maintenance.
 - 5% of their body weight so a 50 Kg goat should receive around 2.5 Kg mix daily for maintenance.
 - 10% of their body weight so a 50 Kg goat should receive around 5.0 Kg mix daily for maintenance.
- I have a very lame goat, it is under treatment by my vet, but it finds it very hard to walk to its food and water.
 - I intend to place it in total isolation in a pen so that it can look after itself.
 - I am going to turn it out into a field on its own – the exercise will do it good.
 - I am moving it away from the main group of goats so it doesn't get knocked around, but I'm leaving a companion goat to keep it company.
 - I'm leaving it with the other goats – I'm sure it will find feed and water if it needs it.