

Goat Health (2) – Maintaining Health & Fitness

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

- Which statement best defines the term biosecurity for you as a goat owner?
 - Not important to me, it's a term reserved for other farmed animals not goats.
 - Not important to me – it's mainly to do with keeping Foot and Mouth disease out of my farm when it's present in the UK.
 - Important to me, I need to ensure that I take steps to keep disease out of my goat unit.
 - Important to me, I need to ensure that I take steps to keep disease out of my goat unit, and to protect any goats joining my herd from any diseases that my goats have.
- It is important that I ask my vet to take a blood sample from any new goat entering my herd to check for:
 - Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE).
 - Listeriosis.
 - Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA).
 - Enterotoxaemia.
- I'm developing a small hobby farm, and want to run it as naturally as possible, with my goats, sheep and Jersey cow all running together.
 - I've been told this is impossible, and that I should make sure they are all penned separately.
 - I've been told that I can run them together, and that they pose no health risk to each other as they get different diseases.
 - I've been told that there are some conditions such as worms that can be shared between the different species, and that any health control programme I put in place should bear this in mind.
- I'm borrowing my neighbour's trailer to collect some new goats I've bought; he only uses it to transport his sheep around.
 - The trailer poses no risk to my new goats, it's a bit dirty, but he only uses it for sheep.
 - Before I leave, I'm going to sweep it out, and pressure wash the floor, before washing down with a Defra approved disinfectant.
 - I'm a bit pushed for time, so I'll just mix up some disinfectant and spray it over the faeces on the floor and walls that should do.
 - I'll sweep it out, the rest of the faecal material is dry so should not pose a risk.
- I've read about the importance of quarantine, my plan is:
 - I've got an ideal shed I normally keep my mower in, there are no windows, and any goat kept in there will be well away from my other goats.
 - To ignore it, very few goat diseases are likely to spread between goats, it's only really relevant to other farmed animals such as cattle.
 - I know it is winter, but I have a small paddock well away from my other goats, the fresh air will stop any bugs from spreading to my other goats.
 - I have a pen set aside in which my new goats can move into, although they can see my goats, they aren't able to have any contact with them.
- Goats are browsing animals and it is often stated that they can eat anything, which of these statements is true?
 - They can eat anything and not suffer as a result.
 - They are very good at maintaining their bodyweight and never eat too much and get fat as a result.
 - A goat owner must be aware of the plants and shrubs that pose a risk, and keep goats away from them.
 - Any change in diet must be made quickly as goats can adapt to change more readily than other farm animals.

- 7 When considering vaccination, which of these statements is true?
- A There are no vaccines licensed for use in goats in the UK, so it's a waste of time and money.
 - B The only vaccine I ever need to use is one to protect my goats against enterotoxaemia.
 - C Although my goats are fit and healthy, I'm worried that they may pick something up at shows; I'm going to ask my vet to give them every vaccine that is available just to be on the safe side.
 - D I'm going to discuss vaccination with my vet, I know that it is important to vaccinate against enterotoxaemia, but I need a carefully drawn up health plan to decide what other health risks exist in my goats.