

Goat Health (4) – Responsible Goat Keeping

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Last Name:

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Veterinary Practice:

Postcode: Date:

Please circle one answer only e.g. A

- 1 I've just got two Pygmy goats from a friend in the village; I'm going to keep them as pets:
 - A As they are pets – I don't need to worry about all these rules and regulations that apply to farmers.
 - B All goats are exempt from government legislation; it only applies to the main farm animals like cows and sheep.
 - C All goats are classified as farm animals, and as such are subject to government legislation including ear tagging, movement records etc.
 - D No-one will ever check up on my goats, so I don't really need to worry anyway.

- 2 I'm thinking of showing my goats around the county and maybe beyond:
 - A I'm certainly not going to put an ear tag in – it will spoil my goat's appearance and possibly stop it from winning!
 - B It's only a small village show 2 miles from my home; I don't need to worry about recording anything about them moving off my premises.
 - C It is the responsibility of the show organisers to register all goats arriving at the show.
 - D It is my personal responsibility to ensure that any movement of a goat off my premises is correctly recorded in my movement records.

- 3 I've read that there are few licensed veterinary medicine products for goats in the UK:
 - A I had better discuss with my vet just which products I can safely use, and at what dose rate.
 - B As not much is licensed, presumably I can go on the internet and find anything from overseas to use.
 - C My young goat is about the same size as a lamb, I'm going to use the same products and dose rates – it can surely do no harm?
 - D My adult Saanen goat is about the same size as a well grown calf, I'm going to use the same products and dose rates, it can surely do no harm?

- 4 If using unlicensed veterinary medicines in goats:
 - A There is no need to apply any milk or meat withhold times.
 - B The data sheet for this sheep wormer gives withhold times for sheep, I can apply the same withhold times for goats.
 - C As there is no declared withhold time for goats, I must apply a 28 day withhold for milk and 7 day withhold for meat.
 - D As there is no declared withhold time for goats, I must apply a minimum 7 day withhold for milk and 28 day withhold for meat.

- 5 The best way to store veterinary medicines for your goats is:
 - A In a single box in the goat house, that way everything is to hand.
 - B In the house in an old bathroom cabinet.
 - C Depending on the individual product requirements, some I'll store in the fridge, and the others in a safe but cool place.
 - D Knowing me, they'll be left around all over the place, I'm sure I'll know where they are when I need them!

- 6 My neighbour has shown me how to give an injection to my goats, and I've had a go on some of his lambs, and I'm confident in my ability.
 - A Sub-cutaneous injections are easiest; I'm going to administer everything by this route.
 - B I know that an intravenous injection acts most quickly, I'm going to administer everything by this route.
 - C I'm showing my goats, so don't want any unsightly lumps to develop, I'm going to give all my injections into the muscle.
 - D I know that the route of injection varies from product to product, therefore it is important to read the data sheet or veterinary instruction before deciding which route to use.