

# Goat Project Outline

## I. Feeding

- Showrite Grand Goat, Advancer, Jacoby
- Look at utilizing B12 supplements 3 times per week.
- Intimidator by Surefed is another good feed,
- Be careful of adding too many supplements in the feeds because they could counter additional ingredients already in the feeds.

## II. Exercise

### A) Breaking to lead

- Just like training steers or horses, a lot of sweat and pulling. Have someone behind the goat to “tail” to keep them moving when applying pressure by pulling on the collar or lead. Try coaxing the goat with feed when pulling on the collar or lead.
- Using a “bungee” cord or something that will stretch, and use this to train to lead and break to the collar or chain.

### B) Walking vs. Running

- Walking is good exercise but will not keep the goats in the best physical shape like running. Running will help prevent internal fat build up in internal organs. When running, you must increase the amount of feed by at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound per day.
- Running with a dog is the best form of exercise for high adrenaline and lowest internal fat.
- Utilize a “Oval” round pen for exercise with a dog. Be careful of corners or anything that the goats may catch themselves on.

## III. Health

### A) Worming

- This needs to be done every 6 weeks, but remember to look at withdrawal periods because they vary. Most injectable wormers can be given orally.

### B) Ring Worms

- Immediately treat with bleach/water (1:3) or iodine solution. This will not cure but will prevent spread to other animals.

### C) Coughing or Snotty Nose

- One product to use is Naxcel or Exnel. Read product label for directions. They will cough on occasion, but if it continues and they start having a runny or snotty nose, then this needs to be looked at by a vet. Be cautious of withdrawal times and also ask your vet about additional medications.

### D) De-horning - Very critical in helping the appearance of the animal, they look cleaner and more like a show animal.

### E) Hoof trimming - Try to keep hooves “manicured” during the year. Do not trim hooves less than 4 days before a show unless you know what you are doing!!

## IV. Showing

- A) Tie to the fence at least 3 times per week for 30-45 minutes at a time. But, do not leave them alone. Tie with heads up and rub along top and down both back legs to get them used to touch.
- B) Set legs while tied up. "All 4 corners" - this means to set front legs even and back legs even and just a little behind. This will help the goats look longer.
- C) Clipping – Clip only just before they will show, ideal would be the day before the show. Use Cover Coats only and go over the goat at least 2 times, with using Sudden Impact, Show Sheen, or some other type of Hair/Skin product to smooth patches of hair and to make sure they are even and smooth.
- E) Practice showing the goats to adults or other youth to critique your showmanship techniques, attend Goat Camps, and attend Goat Clinics or have Goat Project meetings.
- F) **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE,**  
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- G) Make sure that when you practice showing it is just like you will show in the ring. Don't set the animal up and immediately stop pushing, make them push "Brace" until they move. Walk the animal around and do it again, and again, and again, and again, and again, and again, etc.
- H) 90% of what happens in the show ring is done at home, and 10% is at the show.  
Do not wait until the show to make the goat brace, set-up or expect them to work.