

STUDY GUIDE FOR MARKET GOAT BRONZE LEVEL 1 TEST

Characteristics of a meat goat:

Wide chest, straight back, strong legs, rectangular appearance

Common Diseases:

Pinkeye, diarrhea, enterotoxaemia, white muscle, tetanus, pneumonia

Parasites:

Worms, lice ticks, mange, coccidiosis

What are items in your tack/show box for showing meat goats?

Normal temperature of a goat:

102-104

The three most common breeds of meat goats are:

Boer, Tennessee fainting goat and Kiko

Correct color characteristics of a BOER Goat?

Red head and white body

Know the weight limit for a market goat for the Kern County Fair:

70 – 120 lbs

What is the ideal weight gain for a market goat per week?

3 lbs

Know the parts of a goat

Common 4-H Knowledge

SILVER LEVEL TEST 2

- ❖ The three true breeds of meat goats are:
Boer, Kikos, & Tennessee Fainting Goats

BOER: Boer goats are large framed animals resembling, in many ways, the Nubian goat. The most striking difference between a BOER goat and other meat goats is its size. A Boer is a large, double muscled animal developed in South Africa specifically for meat and hardiness. They can consistently more muscling in less time than any other breed of goat, and will pass this capability to their kids. In April of 1993 the Boer goat was released into the United States. Their coat is straight, short & glossy.

KIKO: The Kiko goat is a recent development of a New Zealand company called "GOATEX GROUP LLC" These hardy goats were developed as a result of a government funded project to get the native goat population in New Zealand under control. As part of this project, in the 1970's, many goats were hunted and killed and thousands more were captured to cross with angoras. The Kiko's hair may vary from short, slick and lustrous to moderately profuse hair.

TENNESSEE FAINTING GOAT: The Tennessee fainting goat has been traced back to Marshall County, Tennessee in the 1880's. The story is, that a man named Tinsley drifted into town bringing in a few goats. When he left, he sold his goats to a man named R. Goode, who was fascinated by these unusual goats. Since then the Tennessee fainting goat has been used mainly for meat, bust also to protect sheep. The Tennessee Fainting Goat is also called a nervous goat or a stiff legged goat. Its hair is wavy and medium length.

- ❖ Describe how to trim hooves
- ❖ The most common wormer used for goats is IVOMEC
- ❖ Hooves should be trimmed every 4-12 weeks depending on the animal and if you have rocks or concrete on your property. Rocks and cement help keep the hooves trimmed down.
- ❖ What is the 4-H emblem?
- ❖ If your goat gets a minor cut, you should you clean it with Hydrogen Peroxide.
- ❖ Goat meat is also known as what? Chevron
- ❖ Know how much feed you should be feeding a market goat per day for the Kern County Fair.
- ❖ What is sore mouth and can goats get it? Yes
- ❖ The gestation period for a meat goat is 145 to 155 days.
- ❖ Identify parts of a goat
- ❖ Know how to trim a market goat for show.