



The Goat Source

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Hello Fellow Goat Breeder, Here is your August issue of The Goat Source News. Thanks for subscribing!

It hardly seems possible that the summer is half + over!!! My babies are all weaned and practically grown up. The milkers are still churning it out and feeding two calves plus milk for the house and the freezer. I bought a yearling back that I had sold in the spring, as her people couldn't keep her. After some pecking, she has settled back in and is doing fine. The goats have done just fine in the 100 degree heat we have had during July. (Most unusual for Colorado for this long a stretch!)

What's News This Month...

- High Uinta Pack Goats
- Quiz of the month...
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High Uinta Pack Goats

Goats as pack animals: Goats are being used more and more now as pack animals for hiking, hunting and fishing. They can pack up to 1/3 there body weight max (about 70#), but adjust the weight down for the trail conditions the same as you would for yourself. The average goat is about 200#. We use neutered males, so they do not smell and have a very good temperament. They can go places no other pack animal can go. They eat on the trail the same as a deer in the wild do, so you

don't have to take food for them. And they are environmentally friendly, They are easy to transport in a pickup, trailer or SUV. They will not run off when spooked. And because of the goats, the game you are hunting does not sense danger and run off. They do not need to be led, they will just follow you down the trail. They are fun to have in camp and easy to care for. We rent our goats for \$20 per day per goat, recommend 2 or more goats. That cost includes all equipment and training needed for working with the goats. We have been backpacking with goats since 1994, but the goat has been used as a pack animal for thousands of years. We do at least one 100 mile hike each year; the rest of the time they are available for other people to rent to help lighten their load while on the trail. For more info see our web page www.highuintapackgoats.com or call 1-877-packgoat (722-5462)

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August Quiz Question...

What Genus and Species are the common domestic goat classified as?

Classified Advertising

California dairyman seeking dairy goats doelings to mature milkers.

All breeds and ages

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Resource Guide for Goat Owners has been updated!! Now available on my website – Just click on the “buy now” link to get your very own copy!! Go to www.goatsource.com/Resource.htm



Goat Cover for one Month old kid. By Glenice MacGregor

You could buy some wool or unpick an old sweater and knit one. I have knitted my covers in wool to get the most warmth to get my kids off to a good start in life.

Materials: 4oz of oiled seaboot knitting wool (or what you have on hand) 1 pair No. 5 knitting needles.

Pattern: Knitted in two rows. 1st row: K; 2nd row: K.1., P.1.

Cast on 60 stitches and K. 14 rows pattern.

Next row increase 1 stitch each end and every following 10th row (5 times)

Divide to make holes for forelegs as follows:

Knit 12 stitches, turn and knit in pattern, increasing on the outside edge in the 5th, 8th and 11th rows, then knit 8 rows decreasing 1 stitch on each row on the inside edge. Slip these stitches on a holder. Join the wool onto the last 12 stitches on the main piece and knit to match, reversing the increases and decreases to match the finished side and place on a holder. On centre stitches knit 16 rows then decrease 1 stitch at each end of the next 8 rows. Pick up the stitches from the holders at each side and knit right across in K. 1., P.1 rib for 15 rows, to form collar.

Sew up the seams to the end of the decreases and the front piece to below the foreleg holes, leaving the collar and rear part of the body open.

To make in Quick Knit wool, cast on 100 stitches and work out increasings to match.

These coats are also very useful for traveling or part of your showing equipment.

Answer to the August Quiz...

A **goat** is an animal in the genus *Capra*, which consists of nine species: the Ibex, the West Caucasian Tur, the East Caucasian Tur, the Markhor, and the Wild Goat. **The animal most commonly known as a "goat" is the domestic goat (*Capra aegagrus hircus*), a domesticated subspecies of the Wild Goat.** Goats are bovines (members of the family Bovidae) and are related to cows and antelopes. They are widely scattered throughout Eurasia and Africa.

Source: Wikipedia The Free Encyclopedia <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goat>

Hints and Tips:

Keep an assortment of hose clamps on hand. I use them to hang cattle panels on my pipe gates to keep dogs out and kids in.

That's all for now!! See you next month....

Leslie, The Goat Source

P.S. Please excuse the mess my web site in – I am revamping it and not everything is working and some things aren't working correctly! If you order something and have a problem, email me and I will fix it!! Thanks!!

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