

## LESSON VII - HEALTH CARE FOR YOUR GOATS

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### A HEALTHY GOAT

- eats well
- has a shiny coat
- is free of disease
- has strong legs and feet
- chews its cud
- is sociable and alert
- has eyes that are bright and clear

### GOOD HEALTH CARE BEGINS WITH

- daily observation
- good nutrition, which includes green chop (hay and forage), protein and energy supplements, minerals and plenty of clean water
- good sanitation - clean pens, feeders and water buckets
- exercise
- hoof trimming as needed
- parasite control for internal and external parasites
- a vaccination program for tetanus and other diseases which may be a problem in your area

### SIGNS OF ILLNESS

- not eating
- standing off from group
- dehydration (Pull skin out from body. If skin sticks to itself and does not slip back easily, animal is dehydrated.)
- fever
- pale mucosa around eyes and in mouth
- diarrhea
- heavy mucus in nose and mouth, frequent coughing
- no sign of cud chewing
- limping or unwilling to stand
- runny eyes or blindness
- swelling at any point on body
- hair falling out or rough in appearance
- circling movements
- clots or blood in milk
- off flavor milk

