

Nigerian Dwarf Goat Care



Goat care is not very complicated. They like having places to climb and graze freely. There are several things to think about when caring for your goat. This information is based on the experiences that we have with our goat herd.

Worming:

Our goats have been worm free since we purchased them. This has been without any treatment. We make sure that they have adequate food and a large, clean area for grazing.

Recently, we added a Katahdin sheep to our herd. She was diagnosed with worms. Since goats and sheep can get worms from each other, we treated our goats during that time of exposure.

Safeguard makes a pellet wormer that you can use. This is effective if you can feed each of your goats separately so that you know they are each getting the appropriate amount of wormer. If you feed them all together, then a wormer that you inject in their mouth would be better.

Cydectin is a good wormer for goats and sheep, although it costs more than most of the other wormers available.

Food:

We supplement with All Stock Feed or creep feed based on how much they have available for grazing.

Nigerian Dwarfs like to eat weeds, leaves, and trees. They will eat grass and they like weedy hay. They will eat your garden too, if given a chance!

Lice:

Goats can get lice. Our vet has told us that they are not transferred to humans or other animals, but they do transfer among the goats. He told us that they have lice that are specific to them. If your goat does get lice, you will notice them rubbing on things and trying to scratch. You will have to go to your vet and get medication to treat your entire herd.

The only time that we had this problem was after showing our goat at the local 4H fair. She came home with lice. We had to treat our entire herd.