



GOAT

WELCOME

Welcome to the 4-H Goat Project! Please read through this guide carefully, as it contains information and suggestions that are important for your project. **4-H leaders can obtain a Leader Project Guide and other resources from the PEI 4-H Office.** Hopefully you, as a member, will “Learn to do by Doing” through hands-on activities that will encourage learning and enjoyment. If you have any questions, contact your District 4-H Officer or your 4-H project leader.

4-H YEAR COMPLETION

You complete a project by:

- completing the project Achievement Day requirements
- completing a communication project
- completing a community project
- completing an agriculture awareness project
- taking part in Achievement Day

You must complete all of the listed aspects in order to show at Fairs and Exhibitions.



ACHIEVEMENT DAY REQUIREMENTS

Dairy Goat 1 & 2

Showmanship	40
Conformation	40
Two inspections	<u>20</u>
	100 Marks

Members must show all of their project animals at their Achievement Day in order to show in 4-H Classes at the Island Fairs and Exhibitions.

If an animal is not shown at Achievement Day it cannot show in 4-H Classes at the Fairs and Exhibitions.

EXHIBITION ITEM

Members show their project animal.



KEEPING IT ALL TOGETHER!

It is recommended you get a duotang or a three ring binder in which to keep this member guide and any other project materials you receive from your leader. The duotang or binder can be displayed at your Achievement Day with the above listed requirements.

Ages for 4-H members as of January 1st of the 4-H year:

- Junior: 9-11 years
- Intermediate: 12-14 years
- Senior: 15-21 years

USE THE RIGHT TERMS

Kid - young goat under six months of age

Doe - female goat

Buck - male goat

Kidding - giving birth to young

Sire - father

Dam - mother

Purebred - an animal whose sire and dam are registered with the registry association

Registered - a purebred which is itself recorded with the registry association

Grade - an animal with one purebred parent and the other a grade or scrub

Scrub - an animal of unknown or unimproved ancestry

Udder - the mammary or milk producing glands of the female

Colostrum - the first milk produced by the dam after giving birth

Lactation period - the time during which milk is produced

Gestation period - the time during which the doe carries her young

HELPFUL RESOURCES!

- www.imagecyte.com/animations/bones.html
- www.premier-services.org/library/CLUBGOATGUIDE.htm
- www.goats.ca
- <http://home.earthlink.net/~lureynolds>
- www.goatwisdom.com
- <http://atn-riae.agr.ca/supply/e3385.htm>
- www.cybergoat.com
- www.caprinesupply.com

Some books and videos are also available at the PEI 4-H Office which can be borrowed for a two week loan period. To book these, call 368-4833 or drop by the PEI 4-H Office at 40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown.

IN THE RING

Leading - As you enter, lead the goat at normal walk around the ring in clockwise direction. Walk on the left side of your animal, next to the head. Hold the lead chain with your right hand. Holding the chain close to the animal insures more secure control. Your goat should lead readily, respond quickly. Lead slowly with the animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage, and graceful walk.

Posing - When you pose and show the goat, always keep it between yourself and the judge. Stand facing your goat at an angle far enough away to see stance of feet and topline. Pose your goat with the front feet placed squarely under and hind feet slightly spread. If possible, face the goat upstage with front feet on slight incline. When the judge is observing the animal, let he or she stand when posed reasonably well. Be natural. Over showing, undue fussing and maneuvering are objectionable practices.



REMEMBER...

You should try to keep at least two goats. A single goat will tend to be lonely and call for companionship.

It is very important to ensure that dogs and other wild animals cannot get into the goat pen.

Goats should have baking soda and powdered minerals available on a free-choice basis. Your feed bag will generally describe what type of minerals should be given to the goats.

Also, goats generally need their hoofs trimmed once a month. This is a relatively simple and quick procedure.

Community and Agriculture Awareness Projects

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Each year you are encouraged to provide a service to your community as a 4-H member. This introduces you to the responsibilities of citizenship. You must participate in your club's plan for a community project and you should have a role to play. Describe your involvement with your club's community project this year.



Our Community Project was _____

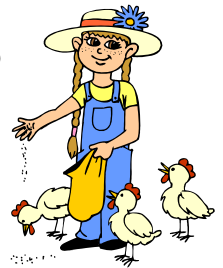
I helped by _____

It was beneficial because _____

I learned _____

AGRICULTURE AWARENESS PROJECT

Agriculture is one of PEI's main industries. You are expected to participate with your club to complete a project (or provide a service) which helps your club or others become aware of the importance of agriculture in our lives. As in the community project, you should actively participate.



Our Agricultural Awareness Project was _____

I helped by _____

It was beneficial because _____

I learned _____