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# Goat Herding Basics



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with Annie Warmke



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# Don't be Christopher Columbus

- Where to begin?
- What do you want to accomplish?
  - Start a business that earns a living
  - Just have fun
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  - Change the world

# Setting the Course

- Decide who is the leader
- Create a mission statement
- Decide on a business plan, no matter how simple
- Create a realistic budget
- Make a list of supporters
- Make a list of non-supporters
- Who is your customer?



What special skills do I possess to reach my goals

What skills will I need to learn and how will I learn them?



# What resources do I have/need?

- Physical/Land Resources
- Rules, regulations, standards
- Climate
- Developments and improvements
- Other attractions



# What Will It Take To Make A Living?

- Persistence
- Financial Resources
- Commitment from Others



# Now that we have that settled

Things to consider before the goats arrive

- What is their purpose/what breed?

Meat, milk, kids, hides, poo, fun

- How will you house them?
- Fencing?
- Feed?

# Goats are waiting to be discovered in the marketplace

## Milk Production:

- Average 6 to 8 lbs. Daily/305 day period
- 3.5 % butter fat
- Homogenized naturally for easier digestion

# What Could Go Wrong?

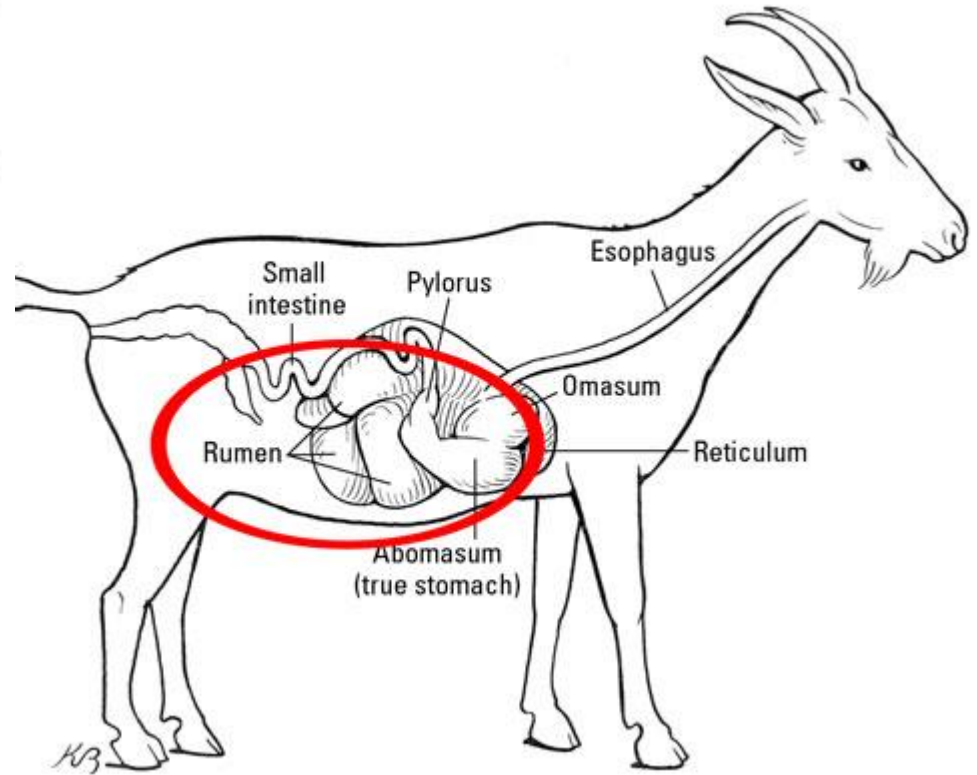
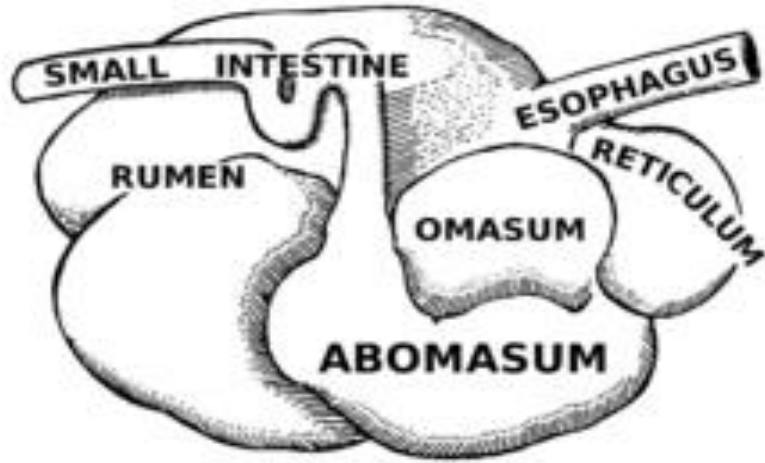
- Expect the Unexpected with a Medicine Box
- Locks and good gate latches
- Tool box with bolt and wire cutters
- Emergency Information easy to find

# Goat Vital Signs

- Pulse: 83 per minute ranging from 50 to 115
- Respiration: 29 per minute ranging from 15 to 50
- Body temperature: 101.2 to 103.6 degrees F\*
- Rumen: movement 1 to 3 minutes (on left side)

\* Smaller the goat higher the temp

# Goat anatomy



# Recognizing a Sick Goat

- Stops eating or has little interest in food.
- Stops drinking water or has little interest in water
- Has diarrhea or clumping
- Stops urinating/urinating painfully.
- Seems depressed – stands off alone from the herd or in the corner.
- Stops chewing her “cud”.
- Seems to have swelled up – has a larger than normal stomach
- A goat, especially a buck, that frequently tries to lay down, gets up and cries and then tries to lay down again



# Natural Everyday Things to Do

- Keep a record of average temp, rumen rate, problems
- Copper/selenium
- Gradually change food
- **Acidophilus**
- **Apple cider vinegar (ACV)**
- **Kelp (Boron, Iodine, Iron, Zinc)**
- **Dolomite**
- **Diatemaceous earth**

# Emergencies

- Take goat's temperature
- Nutri-drench
- Blood stop (or use cayene)
- Charcoal
- Baking soda, ginger, cayene
- Molasses
- Apple Cider Vinegar
- Massage

- Slippery Elm
- Spanish Black Radish
- Bee Propolis with Raw Honey
- Red Raspberry Leaves
- Comfrey

# Questions Answered



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