

Gunnison County Lease-A-Goat Record Intermediate 2018

Name _____

Age _____

Year(s) in Project _____

I declare that the information in this book is correct and all 4-H requirements have been completed to the best of my knowledge.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Leader Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Cashmere Goat Characteristics

Strong Traits

Balanced body; long and deep

Strong straight back

Travels or walks well

Feet pointing straight ahead

Stands square on their legs

Stands on the toe of their hoof

Wide chest

Fiber that grows from head to tail

Good teats and udder on does

Fiber diameter, style, length is good

Weak Traits

Lacks size or volume

Crooked teeth

Dangerous horns

Hooves are misshapen

Hocks nearly touching

Weak pasterns

Steep croup

Poor fiber coverage; spots

Poor fiber

GOAT KNOWLEDGE

Write the letter of the definition next to the term.

gestation	A	membranes of pregnancy that are expelled following giving birth
lactation	B	time during which the doe carries her unborn kid(s), normally 150 days
weaning	C	general shape and structure of animal
colostrum	D	birth of animal with the butt first rather than head first
afterbirth	E	female goat
breech	F	style in a lock of cashmere
ruminant	G	secretion of milk; time during which milk is produced
crimp	H	coarser, outer, protective goat fibers
guard hair	I	first milk from doe, high in nutrients
wether	J	hoofed animals that chew cud and have complex 3-4 chambered stomachs
conformation	K	castrated buck
pasture	L	group of goats with similar traits
doe	M	all the hair from one goat
clip	N	grasses grown for grazing animals
	O	separating a nursing kid from its dam
	P	male parent

Goat Talk

These are terms and words that you should be learning taking care of a goat and spending time at the Goat Ranch.

Cashmere goat: A goat native to the Himalayan regions of India and Tibet and prized for its wool.

Colostrum: The first milk from the doe. Very high in nutrients.

Cow-hocked: Undesirable, crooked hind legs. Hocks too close together as viewed from behind.

Dam: Female parent

Deworm: To rid of internal parasites.

Fleece: The hair or wool of an animal.

Free choice: Method of feeding in which rations are always present.

Freshening: To begin lactation after giving birth.

Hay: Livestock feed made from forage that has been cut and allowed to dry so that it may be stored without molding.

Nutrient: A chemical substance that nourishes, such as protein, carbohydrates, minerals or vitamins.

Pasture: Grasses grown for grazing animals.

Sire: Male parent

Stanchion: A restraining device that holds a goat by the neck. Used to trim hooves and comb.

Vaccine: A substance that contains live, modified or dead organisms or their products that is injected into an animal in an attempt to protect the host from a disease caused by that organism.

4-H STORY

Write a story about your project.

The answers to the following questions can help you form story/paragraph ideas and topics:

What was your greatest challenge this year?

What was your best surprise?

Name and describe one new piece you learned or experienced about cashmere goats or working on a goat ranch.

What would you do different next year? What goal(s) will you set?

Describe some of your goat's character or behavior traits. How are you alike or unlike from your goat(s)?

You can add other information or thoughts to your story.

You can type or hand-write your story. If you hand-write the story, use pencil or ink on lined white notebook paper. If a computer is used to write the story, use plain white paper with no smaller than 12 pt. font. Leave a wide enough margin so the story can be read if inserted into a report cover.

Limit your story to maximum of two (2) pages specifically related to your livestock projects.

PROJECT PHOTOS--Optional

. Pictures must be project specific and also tell your project "story". Include pictures that represent the whole project; for example, kidding, feeding, combing, cleaning the barn, showing, practicing showmanship, workshops, etc. **Pictures should have a caption that describes what is occurring in the picture.**