

Kid Care Operation Manual

From KBar Kids

Gender Terms

Kid – young goat under 1 year of age

Doe – female goat

Buck – male goat (intact)

Wether – neutered male goat



Feeding

Milk (see kid care calendar)

1 cup of warm milk fed in a 20 oz bottle (common soft drink or water bottles) with a Prichard nipple attached

Milk can be:

- ¾ cup of whole cow milk and ¼ cup ½ & ½
- Super kid milk replacer
- Purchase raw milk from a dairy
- Milk from your doe

Feed

Feed is introduced to kids during the 2nd month

Adult feed requirements for bucks and does

- In morning: ½ cup of classy goat grain
- In morning: ½ leaf of hay alfalfa/grass, from small square bale
- In evening: ½ leaf of hay alfalfa/grass, from small square bale
- Free choice goat minerals

Adult feed requirements for wethers

- In morning: ½ leaf of hay grass, from small square bale
- In evening: ½ leaf of hay grass, from small square bale
- Free choice goat minerals

Shelter needs

They need a place for them to get away from bad weather (wind, rain, snow) and a place to sleep. We use large dog houses and calf shelters. They also need a fenced area that they can't escape from. We like to use 4" x 4" welded wire panels and T-posts. They will likely enjoy having something to climb/play on. Keep it away from fencing so that they don't use it to jump out. They may enjoy climbing on their shelter, wooden spools, stumps or boulders.

Kid Care Calendar

- Day 1: remove kid from doe
- Day 1-7: feed colostrum from doe (3-4x per day), may supplement with colostrum powder
- Day 2 or 3: disbud (stop horn growth)
- Day 2 or 3: bucks are wethered (neutered) if not to be kept as bucks
- Month 1: bottle feed milk 3x per day
- Day 30: 2cc CDT vaccine administered subcutaneously
- Day 30-36: Albon treatment 1cc orally each day
- Month 2: bottle feed milk 2x per day
- Day 60: 2cc CDT vaccine administered subcutaneously
- Day 60-66: Albon treatment 2cc orally each day
- Month 3: bottle feed milk 1x per day
- Day 90-96: Albon treatment 3cc orally each day
- Day 90: 2cc CDT vaccine administered subcutaneously
- One time each year(one month before kidding if a breeding doe): 2cc CDT vaccine administered subcutaneously

Note that we are NOT veterinarians, so please consult your veterinarian. These are what we use and so you will know how they were treated prior to coming to your farm.