

Mitten Acres Kidding Checklist

These items listed are good to have on hand during kidding season. While you may not need all of them, it is better to have them on hand in case of an emergency or situation than not to have them and need them.

Items for birthing:

- ___ Vet's Emergency Phone Number- For questions or emergencies
- ___ Surgical Scissors – to cut umbilical cord if necessary
- ___ Disinfectant & Clean Bucket
- ___ Hot Water – Clean udder, wash hands
- ___ Paper Towels – To dry hands, clean udder, etc
- ___ Umbilical Cord Dip or Spray – To dip cord to prevent infection
- ___ Umbilical Clips, dental floss or fish line – To tie off umbilical cord
- ___ Towels – To dry off kids to prevent chill
- ___ Hair Dryer – To aid drying and warming a cold or hypothermic kid
- ___ Pads, Newspapers, or Clean Straw – For kids to be born on
- ___ Disinfectant Soap or Scrub – To clean hands
- ___ Thermometer – To check health of Kids and Doe
- ___ Disposable Gloves – Handling Placenta and eliminate possible exposure to disease
- ___ Sleeve Disposable Gloves - Internal Exam, Aiding in Birth
- ___ Nail Clippers – To trim my nails in case of needed assistance with birth
- ___ Sterile Lubricant – Internal Examinations
- ___ Collar & Lead Rope – for tying doe to assist with the birth or restrain for kid to nurse
- ___ Nasal Syringe – For clearing mouth and nose of birthing fluids
- ___ Flashlight
- ___ Cell Phone – Contacting Vet or Family/Friends for questions or help
- ___ Pad of Paper & Pencil or Pen – Recording birth information & notes
- ___ ID Bands or Collars – To identify and record # kid born, sex & mother
- ___ Lamb Puller – To aid in difficult birthing
- ___ Weighing Sling – To hold kid during weighing to record accurate birth weight
- ___ Hanging Scale
- ___ Garbage Bag – To keep birthing area clean

Items for Newborn Kids, Doe & Items for Possible Ailments:

- ___ Glucose or 50% Dextrose Solution – For weak kids; dilute to 20%
- ___ Tubing Syringe Kit – For tubing weak kids
- ___ Clean Milking Pail or Jar – for milking colostrum for emergencies to freeze
- ___ Colostrum – for emergencies from a Johnes, CAE free doe or have dried product 26% protein
- ___ Nipples & Bottles – For feeding orphaned or distressed kids
- ___ Pepto-Bismol or Kaopectate – For treating temporary or mild diarrhea
- ___ Baking Soda – To treat floppy kid, acidosis
- ___ Electrolyte Solution – To treat mild dehydration
- ___ Molasses – Mix about ¼ c in 1 gal warm water to give doe an energy boost after kidding

- ___ Probios® Bovine Oral Gel – For kids rumen at birth (Probiotics)
- ___ Kid Cover/Jacket – To cover kid in cold weather from wind/snow/cold when outside
- ___ MPK Oral Calcium - Restores metabolic balance
- ___ Goat Nutri-Drench - 4 ml (cc) at birth; Nutrient-rich supplement for nutritional support
- ___ Antibiotic* – Tylan® 50, LA-200, or Pro-Pen-G Penicillin – Off-label require veterinarian guidance & advice to use “off label”.

Health Management & Birth Recordkeeping:

- ___ CD & T Vaccine – To help prevent enterotoxaemia & tetanus (check expiration date)
- ___ BOSE Injection – (Prescription Only) or Selenium/Vitamin E Paste – To help prevent selenium deficiencies, white muscle disease in both kids and does.
- ___ Syringes & Needles – 3cc, 6 cc & 12 cc and 18 & 20 gauge 1” needles
- ___ Tattoo Outfit - Appropriate identification letters & numbers, green paste
- ___ Stethoscope – Listen for heartbeat in lethargic kid/does

Reference Materials on Kidding & Aftercare:

- ___ Emergency Ailments & Treatment List for the Doe & Kid
- ___ Kidding Positioning Graphics – To help determine positioning & required help
- ___ Timetable of Kidding – Kid positioning, action needed & physical signs

Does & Kids Vital Signs:

- ✓ Rectal temperature normal range is between 101.5 to 103.5 degrees F.

Using either a veterinarian thermometer or digital thermometer, lubricate the end with K-Y Jelly, Petroleum jelly or similar OB jell. To take the temperature, straddle the goat so you are looking at the rear hindquarters. Lift the tail and insert the thermometer into the rectum. (Double check to make sure the thermometer is in the rectum and not the vagina.) If using the veterinary thermometer, wait 2 minutes to ensure an accurate read. If using a digital thermometer, press the button and wait for the beep. The normal range for a goat is 101.5 to 103.5°F – and could be a little higher during hot weather.

NOTE: A low or high body temperature indicates that the goat needs immediate intervention.

- ✓ The Pulse rate is in the range of 70 -80 beats per minute.
- ✓ Respiration of Adult Goats is 10-30 per minute.
- ✓ Respiration of Kid Goats is 20-40 per minute.