



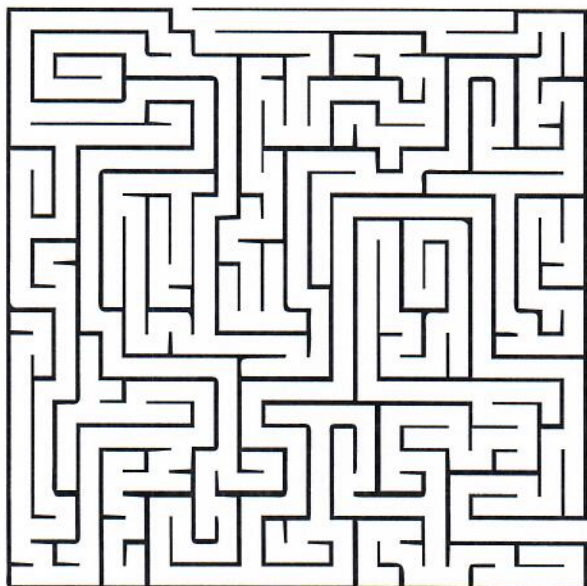
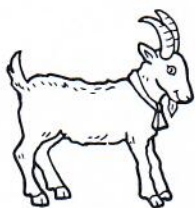
Goats

The Goat Project

Are you responsible? Do others trust you to follow through with a commitment? Being responsible is a skill everyone should have. Learning to be responsible can start by caring for an animal. When you care for an animal, you are responsible for providing everything the animal needs. To do this, you need to know about your animal and how to take care of it.

Raising goats can be fun. Goat projects are suitable for young people of any age. Search for the best goat for your budget. Set goals for your project, and select goats to achieve those goals. The most expensive goats are not always the best. You will not go out and buy a guaranteed champion. Develop your champion with your hard work at home.

This goat has wandered away from the rest of the herd. Help him get back to the barn.



Fun Facts about Goats

- Goats have only bottom teeth.
- The life expectancy of a goat is 8-12 years.
- Baby goats are called kids.
- Goats are great swimmers.
- Goat eyes are rectangular.
- Goat meat is one of the leanest red meats.
- Goats have excellent night vision.
- Goats can be taught their name and to come when called.
- Goats burp like humans.



Did You Know?

- A Female Goat is called a doe and a male goat is called a buck.
- Market goats show at a minimum weight of fifty pounds.
- Goat meat is lower in fat and cholesterol compared to beef, pork, mutton and poultry.
- A large group of goats is called a herd.

What do you call a goat on a mountain?

- A hillbilly

Why did the goat cross the road?

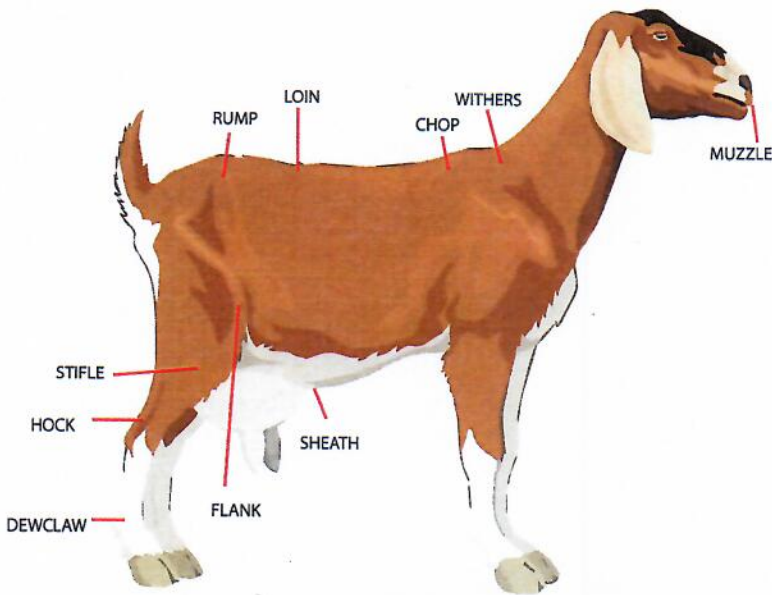
-Because it was the chickens' day off

What do you call a goat's beard?

-A Goatee

Goat Search

Knowing the anatomy of a goat will help you to become familiar with selecting the ideal goat. Study the body parts to the left. Find out what each part does and what you should look for when selecting a goat. Then, search for the names of the body parts in the puzzle. Share what you learn with your 4-H friends.



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 Y I J U T D E W C L A W
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Match 'em up!

Place the correct letter by the questions

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| ___ 1. Meat goats prefer what type of grazing? | A. A small shed or barn |
| ___ 2. What kind of grain does a goat eat? | B. Farmers or feed mill |
| ___ 3. What kind of housing does a goat need? | C. Electric fence or woven wire 4 feet high |
| ___ 4. How is goat milk used? | D. Clean, dry straw |
| ___ 5. Grain is available from ... | E. Good-quality hay and grasses |
| ___ 6. What do goats sleep on? | F. Browse |
| ___ 7. How would you keep a goat fenced in? | G. Veterinarian |
| ___ 8. A goat eats grain and ... | H. Drink it, sell it or make cheese and butter |
| ___ 9. Who would you call when a goat gets sick? | I. From a respected breeder |
| ___ 10. Where do you buy a goat? | J. 16 percent protein feed |



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