

Supplies for Your New Goat!

Did you just adopt a new goat? Congratulations! Now it is time to shop for everything they will need to make your house their forever home! Below is the list of things we recommend purchasing before bringing a new goat home with you.

Transport



The very first thing you need to have is a way to get your goat home with you! For larger goats you may need a livestock trailer but for smaller goats, a plastic dog crate can work well for the drive home.

Bedding



Whether you will use a stall or run-in shed for your goats' shelter you need to be sure you give them comfortable bedding that is easy to clean. We prefer using wood shavings. on top of rubber mats, but some prefer straw bedding.

Food/Water Bowls



Your goat must have access to fresh water at all times. A small water trough can work well as long as it is cleaned every few days. You'll always want to have a hay feeder and small food bowls to feed grain.

Supplements



Your goat will need dietary supplementation in the form of minerals. We use meat maker minerals as well as baking soda offered weekly to help avoid bloat. We also choose to supplement with black sunflower seeds every few days.

Cleaning Supplies



Goat stalls can be harder to clean than horse stalls, since their poop is small enough to fit through the rungs of regular pitchforks. Luckily there are Pitchforks specifically designed for mucking goat stalls. You will also need muck buckets and to pick a spot for a compost pile.

Diet



Your goat will mainly need a diet of hay. However, you can also add in a small amount of an appropriate pelleted goat feed daily. We give our goats their feed along with their supplements daily mixed in with a small amount of molasses.

Grooming



Goats need regular care and grooming to look and feel their best. We regularly clean our goats' ears, use wet wipes to keep their nostrils clear, and trim their hooves every 5-6 weeks. Once a year we also give our goats a bath!

First Aid



Anyone who has owned goats before can tell you they are idiots! Goats will often injure themselves scratching on something they shouldn't, getting their head stuck in the fence, or jumping awkwardly and landing poorly. It is a good idea to keep wound care on hand as well as vet wrap!

Enrichment



Your goats will need plenty of enrichment to keep them happy, entertained and out of trouble! They will need plenty of climbing items, which can be made easily from recycled pallets. You can also give them treat balls and puzzle toys meant for horses!