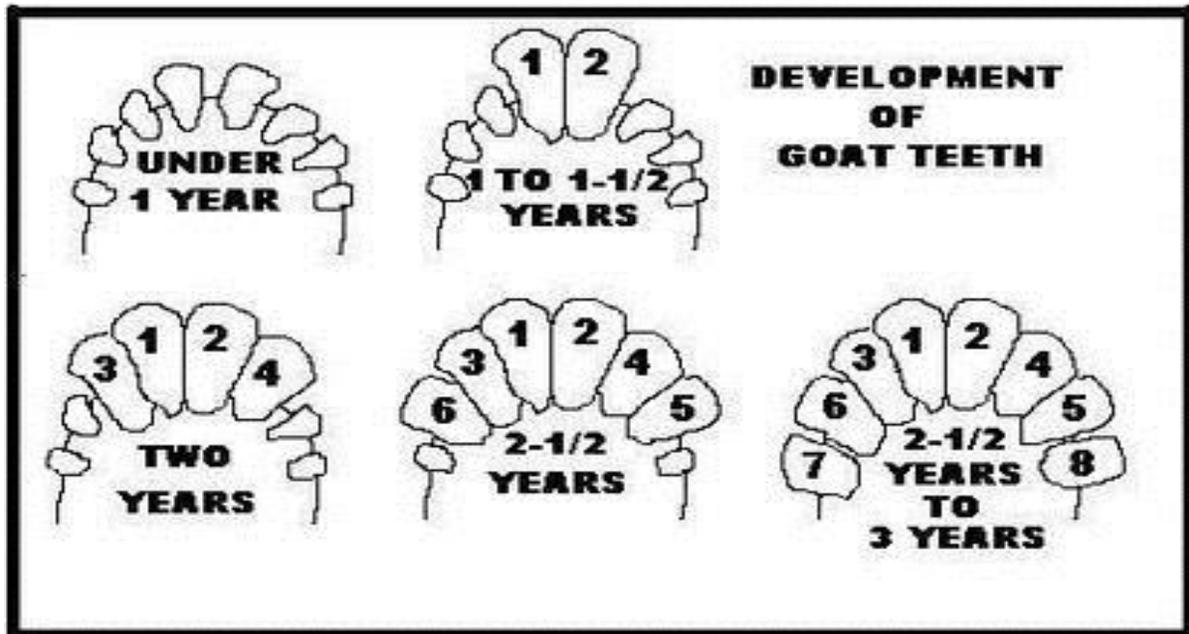


Goat Teeth Development



A procedure called “toothing” is used to determine the age of a goat.

A goat has no teeth in the upper front of its mouth, but it has eight teeth in the lower front. The size and condition of these eight teeth is the best gauge to determine the goat's age.

A goat is born with eight baby teeth in the lower front gum. All eight teeth are similarly small sized and sharp. When the goat approaches a year of age the two center front baby teeth are replaced by two permanent teeth.

The same procedure occurs again as the goat approaches two years of age. The next two baby teeth, one on each side of the two permanent teeth, are replaced by two more permanent teeth.

At three years of age, the third set of two teeth, one on each side of the permanent teeth, is replaced by permanent teeth. The last two baby teeth become permanent teeth as the goat approaches four years of age.

From age four onward, the process for determining the goat's age becomes less precise and an exact age is difficult to determine. The age of the goat beyond 5 years must be roughly estimated by the amount of wear on the teeth. This rate is variable; diet and health care have a large effect on this. Goats on rough, coarse diets and rough pasture will grind their teeth away faster than a goat on a softer diet or better quality ration.

Please note: Each goat is different. Various factors such as diet and health care will influence the growth of teeth. One goat's teeth may grow, fall out, and/or show wear, at slightly different ages than the teeth of another goat.

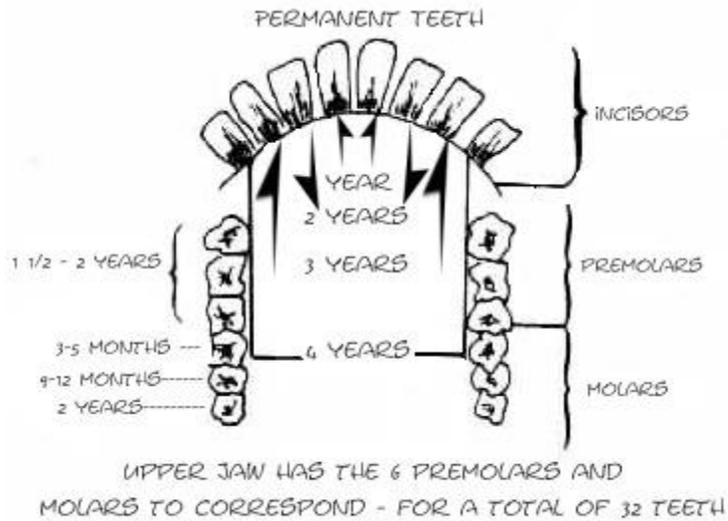


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Baby Teeth		Permanent Teeth	
1st pair incisors	at birth	1st pair incisors	15 months
2nd pair incisors	at Birth	2nd pair incisors	21 months
3rd pair incisors	at Birth	3rd pair incisors	27 months
4th pair incisors	at Birth	4th pair incisors	36 months
Premolars	3 months	Premolars	17-20 months
		1st molar	5-6 months
		2nd molar	8-10 months
		3rd molar	18-24 months