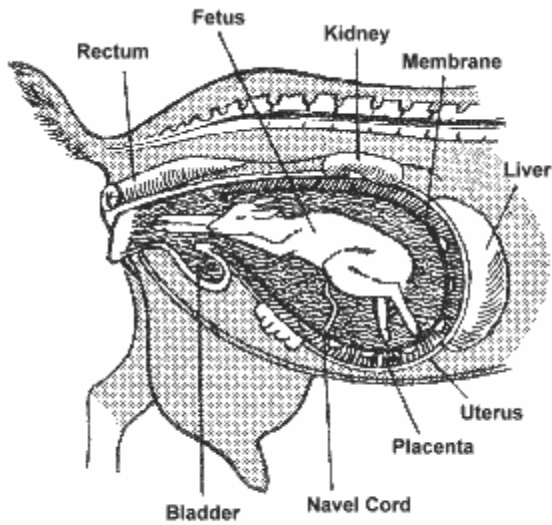


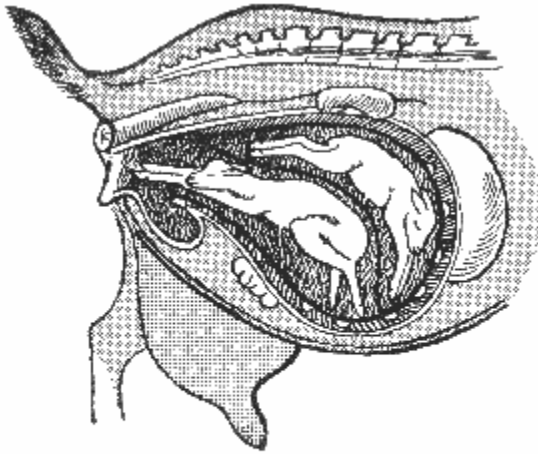
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Normal Positioning of Fetus and Organs

Most of the time this is what you will encounter for a single baby or the first of twins or triplets. This is the dream presentation.



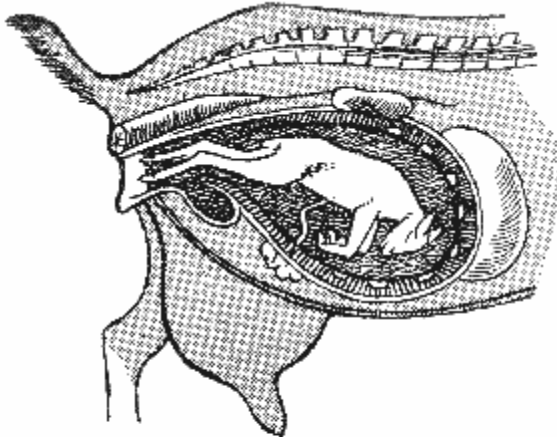
Normal Twin Presentation

This is the most typical twin presentation to expect. The first twin is front feet first, the second twin back feet first.

This is the best twin presentation you can ask for. Sometimes the babies come out reversed- meaning the first one is back feet first and the second one is front feet first. Just keep in mind: Hooves Up=back feet: Hooves Down=front feet.(Unless of course the entire baby is upside down, which in this case you would need to turn baby full around before it is born.)

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Back Legs First

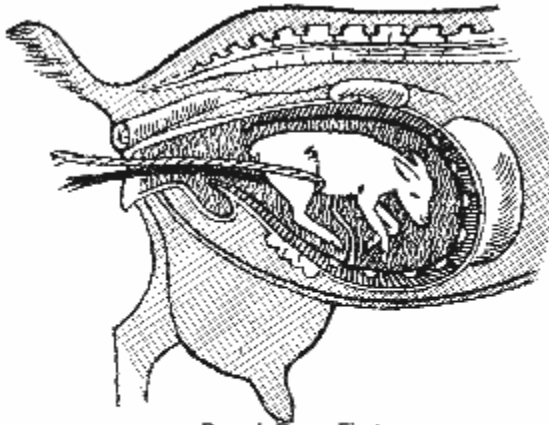
This is a normal second twin presentation.

It is also normal first kid for older goats.

Do not allow the shoulders to delay the birth once they are presented.

You may have to gently wiggle them out one at a time.

This happens usually with twins or multiples... but can happen with one baby as well



Breech-Rump First

This baby will not be able to pass through the birth canal.

The rope is showing what your fingers should do. Push baby forward, bring legs back so they can pass first.

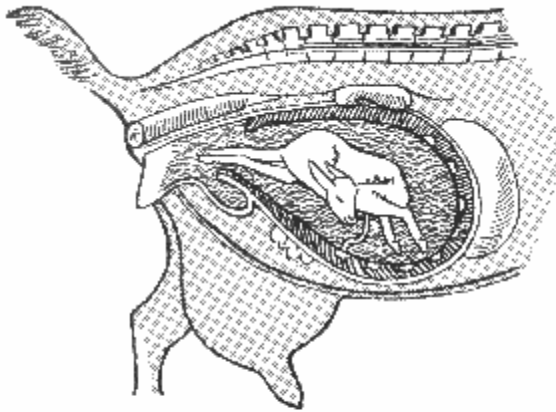
This is most dangerous for the dam,

Cup your hand/fingers so as not to tear uterine wall.

This is tricky... You will need to push baby back some to get up under the legs and straighten them out behind the kid so you can deliver the baby back feet first. Remember to ONLY manipulate baby back into mama Between her contractions- never work against the doe. "Rope in diagram shows what fingers will be doing"

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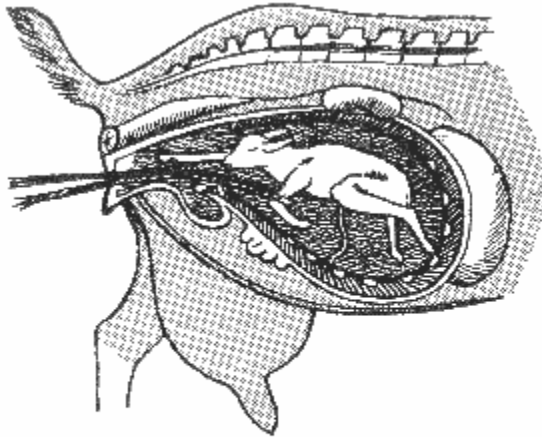
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Head Back

This is the most dangerous position for baby.
If the head is not gently brought forward,
the possibility of breaking the neck is great.
You must push baby back and gently work head forward,
chin resting on front legs.

Again, you will need to push baby back a little to work the front leg forward, using your fingers and gently yet firmly wiggle the leg forward with the leg in the "cup" of your hand. Anything you do inside the doe needs to be done very carefully so as not to tear her uterus. Any projecting parts should be kept away from the uterine wall-using the back of your hand toward the uterine wall and working inside your hand works well. "Rope in diagram shows what fingers will be doing"



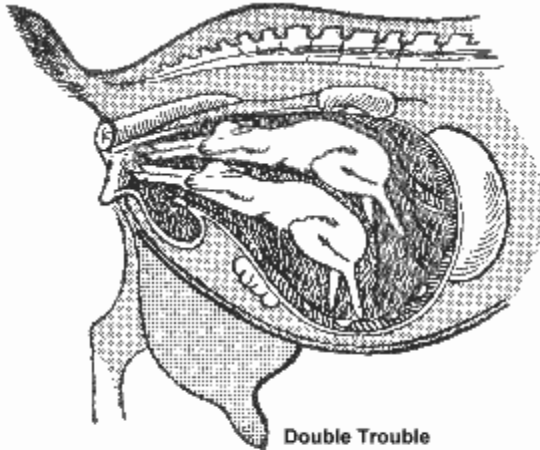
One Leg Back

In this case you must bring the leg
forward gently with your fingers. By curling your finger behind the joint,
you can gently wiggle the leg into a forward position.

This can be very frightening. Keep your cool and push baby back enough to wiggle the head into a face forward direction. If not, there is a chance of breaking the baby's neck during delivery.

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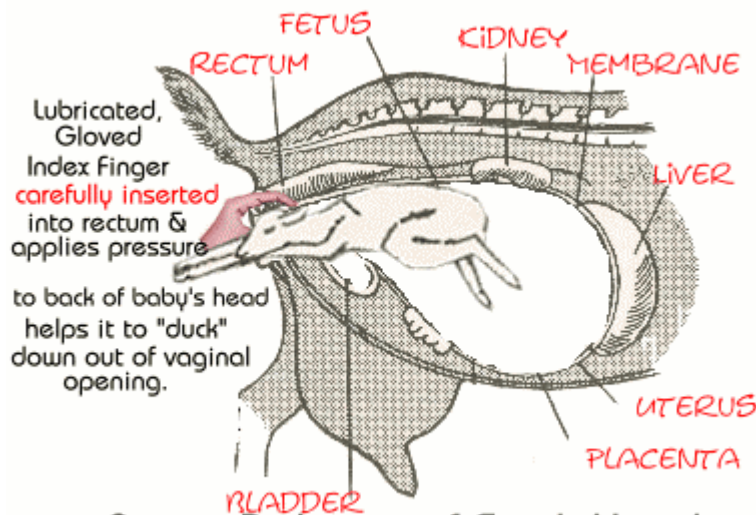
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Double Trouble

Neither of these babies is going to make a successful trip of being born unless you help. You must first push one baby back... then, making sure you have both front feet of the SAME baby, guide it into the world pulling Only when the dam pushes. The second baby should follow with no problems.

This birth will not happen successfully unless the babies are untangled and could do severe damage to the doe. Calmly push babies back and feel inside to decide which parts belong to which baby. Make absolutely sure you are working with only one baby before you try to deliver it. You may need to feel and follow feet back to the body of the baby and make sure you have the right head as well.



Assist Delivery of Stuck Head

Here I am trying to demonstrate how to assist a head that is stuck in the vaginal opening. You need to work carefully and remember not to tear the inner wall of the rectum. The picture shows the finger more curved than it really will be- to show you that you want to get behind the baby's head. Push with the Flat of your finger... making sure the tip of your finger is behind the head. What you are doing is making the baby "duck" his head down and out. **ALWAYS use a well lubricated gloved hand to do this! And make sure your fingernails are Shorter than short- no rings either...**

I hope this has shown you some of the possibilities and gives you an idea of what to expect. Of course this is in no way a complete list of possible positions, but honestly... I have had Very few of anything other than these in the 23+ years I have been delivering kids. (I am not a veterinarian; these methods are what work for me. Any medical procedures should be verified with your veterinarian before administering to your animals.)

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If the delivery is not progressing as you think it should, you may have to assist. The doe should have delivered her first kid within an hour after her first serious push. Think about what is happening and what you are doing. Stay calm. If you are worried or afraid, or the doe may pick up on this and become even more stressed.

If you feel the need to help by pulling, pull only when the doe pushes. Think about what is going on, you need to get the shoulders through the cervix. The shoulders are wide. Do not pull both legs at once. Pull one leg, then the other, one leg more in front of the other.. You are trying to "ease" the shoulders through the cervix, one at a time. Don't pull straight out ... pull at a downward angle (if the doe were standing up). Do not pull too hard.

If the baby is in the wrong position, you will have to "go in". Make sure your nails are cut short *before* the kidding starts. You must wash your hands and arms with a disinfecting cleanser such as Betadine Surgical Scrub. Also, clean the back end of the doe. Lube up with an proper OB lubricant and an additional squirt of Betadine. Start with just one finger, and try to feel what is going on. Work slowly and stay calm. Insert you hand/arm as necessary (Depending on your size, you may go in, if need be, as far as your elbow). Picture in your mind what you are feeling. Feel for legs and try to discern the position of the kid(s). Know what you may have to do ahead of time. If you do have to "go in", you should give the doe antibiotic shots for the next few days to ward off any possible infection.