

Vet Relationship

When raising livestock it is imperative to have at least one knowledgeable veterinarian whom you can call or take your animals to. While you can google diseases, post questions on groups, ask on Facebook, there will be times when only a veterinarian can help. I strongly encourage you to establish a relationship with several veterinarians in your area. If you can't reach one, you have a back-up to call. We all know livestock wait until "after hours" to become ill, injured, or have problems kidding.

Mentors

There are thousands of people raising goats. Look in your area for other goat producers and establish a relationship with them. There may be times when one of you may need something the other has, need help pulling a kid, or just need advice. When raising livestock it seems like someone always has to stay home. Establish a relationship with a fellow goat producer and swap time so if one of you becomes ill, injured, or needs a vacation there is someone whom can be called for help.