Photographic Sequence of Kidding

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Doe will often go off by herself and paw to “make a nest”
Doe begins pushing and the water sac surrounding the kid breaks.
Head and front feet emerge first in this delivery, kids and lambs can also be delivered hind legs first.
Doe starts to bond with kid
Cord dipped in 7% iodine - Women of child bearing age should wear gloves if handling newborns, birthing fluids or afterbirth
Doe rests between kids. She can be encouraged to move to a clean area by slowly moving her first kid there.
Doe begins to push again
Water sac (amniotic sac) with kid inside
Head and one front leg- this kid is being born with one leg back
A few more pushes by the doe and the kid’s shoulders are out
Kid is out, with umbilical cord unbroken, hold cord between two hands and stretch slowly to break or let doe break it when she stands up.
Dipping cord - disinfect cord with 7% iodine or chlorhexidine
Assisting kid with nursing
Small amounts of amniotic fluid are sometimes trapped in the afterbirth (placenta) even though all the kids are out.
Afterbirth (placenta)
Meconium- the tar-like first bowel movement
The doe licks the kid on the rear end and under the tail to stimulate the kid to suck, defecate, and urinate. This process also aids in bonding.