

Healthy Goat/Sheep Check List – “x”s indicate what you want to see

| | No | Yes |
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| What is her temperature? Normal is usually 101.5 – 103.5°F (102°F average) | 102 °F | |
| Does her breathing seem abnormally fast? Does it sound abnormal or heavily congested? | XX | |
| What is her resting heart rate? Normal can range from 60 - 90 beats/minute (aver. 70-80) | | |
| General appearance: Is she standing hunched up? Is she isolating herself? | XX | |
| Does she seem depressed or weak and uninterested in her surroundings? | X | |
| Does she seem agitated or confused? | X | |
| How is her appetite? How is her body condition? | Good | Not too fat or thin |
| Does he/she have swelling or unusual lumps on body, neck, legs, knees, udder or scrotum? | X | |
| Is she lame, stiff moving, staggering or circling? | X | |
| Teeth? How old does she appear to be? | | |
| When feeling her molars through her cheeks do they appear very sharp? | X | |
| Is she grinding teeth or head pressing as if in pain? | X | |
| Does she have a head tilt, “twirley eyes”, tremors or is one side of her face drooping? | X | |
| Is her nose running (a little clear discharge is of little concern)? | X | |
| If yes, what is the consistency of the discharge? | | |
| Is she coughing or breathing hard without having just done hard exercise? | X | |
| Does she have any scabs on her lips? | X | |
| Any unusual foaming or drooling? | X | X |
| Is she chewing her cud? | | |
| Are her ears well perked up (good) or do they appear listless (bad)? Are they itching? | X | |
| Do her eyes look dull, cloudy, runny, or irritated? | X | |
| What is her FAMACHA score (ideally 1 or 2 - look at mucus membrane inside lower eyelid)? | 1-2 | |
| Are her eyeballs jaundiced (liver issues, copper toxicity)? Are her mucus membranes bright pink and moist (good) or are they pale (anemic), blue (oxygen deprived, nitrate poisoning), yellow (jaundiced), extremely red (prussic acid poisoning, heat stroke) or dry (dehydration)? | X | |
| Does she appear blind or is she having trouble blinking normally? | X | |
| Is her fleece (sheep) or coat (goat) brittle, flaky, scabby or crusty? | X | |
| Does she show evidence of wool break or wool slip? | X | |
| Is her skin pliable and does it snap right back into place (well hydrated)? | X | |
| When parting the wool, fiber or hair do you see any lice, bald spots, maggots or rot? | X | |
| Feet: Are her hooves extremely overgrown, misshapen, foul smelling or decaying? Does she have a blister and foul smell between her toes? | X | |
| If your animal is a male, is he having trouble urinating? | X | |
| Does he have any foul smell (besides the smell of a male in rut) or discharge? | X | |
| Is the hair damp, crusty or around his penile sheath? | X | |
| Can you feel any crystals, swelling or leaking of urine (precursor of urinary calculi)? | X | |
| Does she have normal rumen sounds (gurgling at least twice a minute)? | | X |
| Does her rumen feel unusually swollen, hard (bloated) or “squishy” | X | |
| If she is milking, does her udder feel pliable and have a normal body temperature (good) or does it feel abnormally hot or cold, congested or full of scar tissue (all bad)? | | |
| Does her milk appear normal (good) or is it clotty, pinkish or flakey (bad)? | | |
| Feces? Are her pellets abnormally small indicating she is eating very little? | X | |
| Is her feces mucus covered or bloody? | X | |
| Does she have scours or a lot of “dags” hanging from her tail indicating diarrhea? | X | |

Short Healthy Goat/Sheep Check List

| | No | Yes |
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| Do her eyes look dull or cloudy? | X | |
| Does she have diarrhea? | X | |
| Is she standing hunched up with her tail drooping down? | X | |
| Are her eyes or nose very runny? | X | |
| Is she coughing or breathing hard without having just done hard exercise? | X | |
| Is her coat or wool rough and flaky or does she have any bald spots? | X | |
| Are her gums and insides of her eyelids very pale? What is her FAMACHA score? | X | |
| If your goat or sheep is a male, is he having trouble urinating | X | |
| Does she have any unusual lumps or swellings on her body, legs, or udder? | X | |
| Is she lame or stiff moving? | X | |
| If she is milking, does her milk taste bad? Is she hard to milk or does her milk have milk clots or blood in it? | X | |
| When you pinch the skin over her ribs does it snap back into place right away? | | X |
| Is her appetite poor? | X | |
| Does he/she have normal rumen sounds? | | X |
| Does she seem depressed or weak and uninterested in her surroundings? | X | |
| What is her temperature? Normal is usually 101.5 - 103.5°F | | |
| Is she unusually fat or skinny? What is her body condition score? | X | |
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