

4-H Members Name: _____

PYGMY GOATS

Level 1

The Explorer level is the most basic of all levels. The youth begins to explore the boundaries of the project area, touching on many skills and knowledge areas that will be expanded later.

Date Initial

- _____ 1. Be able to name and recognize at least 5 of the different color patterns and explain what an "optional marking" is.
- _____ 2. What is the NPGA and how are goats registered?
- _____ 3. Know the parts of the pygmy goat.
- _____ 4. Explain what the feed needs are of a growing goat as to a lactating doe.
- _____ 5. Show receipts, papers, calendar, records, etc., covering a 90 day period for feed, medicine, vet bills, equipment, etc.
- _____ 6. Follow a recommended program for vaccinations and worming.
- _____ 7. Describe the general signs of a doe in heat, and how many days between cycles.
- _____ 8. Know what a normal temperature for a goat is.
- _____ 9. Know the signs of an ill animal and the point when a vet should be contacted.
- _____ 10. Show and explain how to properly trim hooves while knowing the correct parts of the hoof and tools that are used.
- _____ 11. Explain why a goat needs to be washed, clipped, brushed, and when this should be done.
- _____ 12. Provide proper housing and fencing for your animals.
- _____ 13. Enter a showmanship class at least one time.
- _____ 14. Know the four general categories for the NPGA conformation scorecard.
- _____ 15. Be able to explain how to castrate a goat.
- _____ 16. Describe a Pygmy Goat's milking abilities.
- _____ 17. Make a vaccination chart to follow in your herd.

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Level 2

The Producer level builds and expands on the knowledge and skills learned in level 1-Explorer.

Date Initial

- ____ 1. Tell the history of pygmy goats.
- ____ 2. Describe one of the faults and strong points of one of your goats.
- ____ 3. Explain what kind of buck you breed your doe to for improvement in your herd.
- ____ 4. How does a ruminant's stomach work?
- ____ 5. Know how to give an injection and oral medicine.
- ____ 6. Explain the symptoms and treatment of sore mouth, coccidiosis, lice, and worms.
- ____ 7. Be able to follow a treatment program set up by a vet and keep records (such as precautionary worming and coccidiosis in younger animals).
- ____ 8. Explain the importance of disbudding, castrating, and trimming hoofs.
- ____ 9. Own your own grooming materials (foot rot shears, clippers, brushes, etc.).
- ____ 10. Exhibit an average of three times a year.
- ____ 11. Use proper showing techniques.
- ____ 12. Volunteer to help a show committee.
- ____ 13. Visit another members' Pygmy Goats and learn something from their set-up and experiences.
- ____ 14. Memorize the categories and point value of the showmanship scorecard.
- ____ 15. Keep a log of at least one goat for a week (what they have been fed, any vaccinations/treatments, changes in behavior, coat condition).
- ____ 16. Know the gestation, respiration, and pulse of a pygmy goat.
- ____ 17. List 5 items that should be present at the time of kidding and explain their use.
- ____ 18. Build a personal reference library. (Use NPGA informational books, keep notes from county meetings, write down different experiences and treatments).
- ____ 19. Give a presentation about pygmy goats.
- ____ 20. Write an article or give a prepared speech relating to the health of pygmy goats.
- ____ 21. Keep a record book that includes information on your goat herd, such as tag or tattoo number, dam, sire, DOB, shots administered, number of kids, etc.
- ____ 22. Be a Junior or Teen Leader or assist the Project Leader.

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Level 3

The Consumer level takes the member beyond the immediate project, out into the community, as they explore the project area in depth.

Complete at least one alternative listed below.

ALTERNATIVE 1:

• Have a breeding project involving at least four animals. Demonstrate knowledge of line breeding, breed characteristics, performance reports, marketing channels, artificial insemination, registration papers, breeding procedures, tagging and tattooing.

ALTERNATIVE 2:

• Demonstration Project-Research all by-products from pygmy goats and their uses in human life. Make display of product and present to a 4-H group or other industry group.

ALTERNATIVE 3:

Develop pygmy goat marketing plan for niche markets. Include a marketing schedule with a planning and processing facility, production costs etc.

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