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Goat Lover Gifts for the Holidays

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The holidays are a time of giving and if you have a goat-loving friend, you may think you are facing a daunting task to select the perfect gift. Do not despair! We have all faced this situation and have suggestions that will delight your spouse, significant other, special relative, friend, neighbor, or child.

First you need to decide on a gift budget. A homemade or a semi-homemade gift are always special gifts. These types of gifts can be tailored to your special someone on your gift list. If you don't have the time to make a gift, we also have ideas on some fabulous goat-related presents that are sure to delight. Our gift suggestions will help make your holiday giving fun and stress-free this year!

The Theme-Styled Gift

Themed Gifts can be easily made for a particular activity in mind. For example, owning Nigerian Dwarf goats, a ND themed gift could include milking goats, feeding goats, goat health care, showing goats, kidding season, making goatmilk related items like goat's milk lotion, soap making, goat milk candy making, or goats' milk cheesemaking themes.

The first step in making a themed gift is to compile items that could go with the activity that you are wanting to use for the gift that will fit into the theme. It is easy once you have a list of items that correspond to that activity. The next thing to do is look at the cost of the items on the list and determine what item or items stay within the budget set for the gift.

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A basket of goat milk items of soaps and lotions would make a perfect hostess gift! Photo courtesy of Yellow Rose Farm.

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Holiday Swap Gift Ideas

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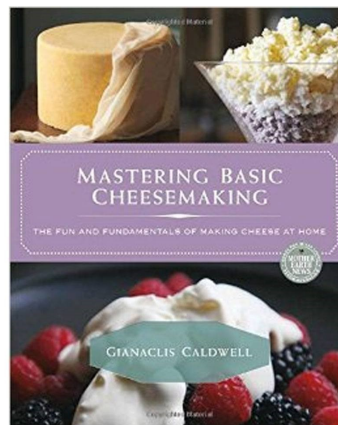
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ADGA CONVENTION CONTEST RESULTS

ADGA Youth Representative: Alicia Bohren

Best in Show Gift Basket: Amy Hackbarth, Platinum Sky Farm

Bar Soap: 2nd place, Amy Hackbarth, Platinum Sky Farm

Miscellaneous: 2nd place, Amy Hackbarth, Platinum Sky Farm

Bar Soap, Aesthetic: 3rd place, Amy Hackbarth, Platinum Sky Farm

Youth Essay

Intermediate: Paul Goodchild, 2nd

Senior: Alicia Bohren, 2nd

Photography

Junior: Michael Simpson, 1st

Intermediate II: Londyn Simpson, 3rd

Senior: Emily Kern, 2nd

Scavenger Hunt: Alicia Bohren, 2nd place team member

Education:

Emily Kern, 1st place team member

Alicia Bohren, 2nd place team member

Skillathon: Emily Kern, 1st place team member



Alicia Bohren (bottom right) was selected as the 2022 ADGA Youth Representative. Congratulations to all Youth who interviewed!



Castle Rock Sunthin Special high bid \$16,000



Wee3Farms D Posedon high bid \$3,200



Lil Miss B Haven Quiet Mystery high bid \$26,000 (original photo by [Melanie Ferguson Dairy Goat Photography](#))

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- For a person that shows goats, a gift could be made up with a variety of items like a show collar, disinfectant, a spray bottle, zip ties, an extension cord, a tool box, a first aid kit for the goat or human, gloves, a tarp, a flashlight, a goat coat, Probiotics, a sign with their herd name, a stainless steel bucket, a hose, a hose sprayer, a hanging hay rack, grooming supplies, a toolbox, white shirt, white jeans, a lead, a note book, the list is endless and can be made in many price ranges.
- A goat-milking theme could include items like a stainless-steel bucket, a digital scale, teat dip, teat dip cup, dairy towels, milk bottles, a notebook, a pen, a dairy thermometer, a goat milk recipe book, a stainless-steel pot, stainless steel utensils, a butter churner, a butter press, a cream separator, a milk stanchion (Aluminum, galvanized, steel or homemade) , or a milk stool - this list could go on to include a milk machine, silicone milk lines, or a milk pasteurizer depending on the persons needs and the budget.
- Many items can be arranged into a gift-basket style gift. As an example, a stainless steel pot or a cheese mold could be used as the basket, add a little paper shred and any combination of the following: a thermometer, a couple of cultures, a few recipe cards with cheeses to make with the mold or a goat milk cheese making recipe book, a stainless steel spoon, a slotted spoon, a small cutting board, a cheese slicer, a cheese knife, some herbs, a small jar of honey or jam, or crackers would all make a nice cheese-making gift basket.

Gifts of Time or Labor

Not everyone has extra money to buy gifts but would like to give someone a gift. Making a gift in the form of a coupon for the person to redeem is a wonderful way to give the gift of time or labor. The coupon could be for cleaning stalls, milking the goats, farm chores, helping tattoo goats, putting up fence, a day of free labor, putting up hay, making dinner, cleaning the house, cleaning the car or horse trailer, babysitting, farm sitting, taking them to a doctor's appointment, whatever that person would like and benefit from.



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Gifts to/from the Kitchen

Note: Before giving any gift using your goat's milk, you will need to check with your individual state and/or municipality to ensure you can provide these types of gifts without licensing, testing, inspection, or restrictions.

The holidays are always a great time for making and giving homemade goodies like goat's milk caramels, goat's milk fudge or goat cheeses for folks to enjoy. For those wanting to try something new with goat milk, there are several kits and books available on making cheese, soaps, or lotions. (See the 07/21 newsletter for the Lotion Making Book Review or visit the New England Cheesemaking Company for kits like the one pictured.)



Homemade Spice Blends

Last year we made up spice blends and named them after goats like the Chili Blend was Spiced Tea's Buttin' Bucks Chili Spice, for Taco Seasoning we named it Wally's Buck-Naked Taco Seasoning and Libby's Doe Ling Chinese Spice - We found the spice mix recipes online, designed the labels online, and purchased the jars for the spice mixes at the dollar store. We gave a few people the spice blends.

For family members, we made up baskets with the spice blend, the printed recipe to make the dish and the ingredients needed to make either chili, tacos, or Shanghai Steak.

Movie Night

We made a popcorn cheese salt blend (Bucky's Popcorn Cheese Salt), and with it we included a bag of popcorn kernels, a small jar of Ghee, a large red plastic bowl from the dollar store and 4 small red bowls, some red and white checkered napkins, added a DVD family-friendly movie or record a movie of your own goats for them to watch for a night at the movies. We used the bowl as the basket and arranged the items around inside with some crinkle paper shred in the bottom and wrapped it in a clear gift bag with a ribbon and card.

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Homemade Dinner Boxes

We've all seen the boxes in the grocery store that have all the ingredients for making dinner along with the directions to make them. We have been making those kinds of gifts well before they ever came out in the grocery store. Kits can be easily made up for almost any recipe.

Our favorites are dinner boxes to make chili, steak dinners with potato, a vegetable and rolls, a turkey or ham dinner with all the fixings – the list is endless with possibilities! Include the recipe and put the items inside a box you've wrapped in wrapping paper and maybe a few paper shreds. This can be made for singles, couples, or families of any size and food is always a welcome gift!

We are sure these few ideas will help you with your holiday planning this season!

News from the AGS office

Happy Holidays! We would like to wish everyone a wonderful and joyous Holiday season. Just a bit of news from the office.

In 2022 we hope to have 1 to 2 new classifiers trained and in rotation we urge everyone to email the office (agsgoat@live.com -subject line classification) with your city, state, and number of goats to be classified. We are still discussing the possibility of adding young stock evaluations.

We highly recommend following us on Facebook (AGS-American Goat Society) we try to update that regularly with important updates and information.

We have a new payment center on the AGS website <https://americangoatsociety.com/payment.php> we hope this makes sending payments for online registrations easier.

We have had some issues with our initial venue for AGS Nationals. We are still looking at the weekend of June 4-5 or 11-12th. We hope to have updates soon.

2022 YOUTH AMBASSADORS

We are now accepting applications for 2022 Youth Ambassadors! We are looking forward to an exciting and active year within the youth of ANDDA!

As an ambassador, you will be expected to write at least one article over the course of the year for the newsletter and help promote the ANDDA club as well as the Nigerian Dwarf breed.

To be considered, you must be 8 years old by Jan. 1, 2022 and submit a brief essay explaining why you'd like to be an ambassador, any accomplishments you have that involve your goats, and how you would help represent the ANDDA club.

If interested, please submit your name, birthday, and essay to anddayouth@gmail.com. Essays are due by **December 20, 2021** and names will be announced on Jan. 1, 2022.

2021 YOUTH HIGH POINT WINNER

Congratulations to ***Paul Goodchild*** for having the highest number of show points for the 2021 show season! Great work, Paul!

Looking forward to next year, be sure to submit any youth show points to be eligible for high point awards at the end of the year!

2022 YOUTH CHANGES



In an effort to make the youth side of the club more interactive and engaging, we will be adding some new opportunities!

Monthly Showmanship Question—Each month we will post and publish a single showmanship question. Simply submit your answer by email and those with the correct answers will gain a “stamp.” Those with the most stamps at the end of the year will be entered to win a prize!

Quarterly Quizzlet—Points will be recorded and those with the highest scores at the end of the year will get awards.

Monthly Engagement—You can submit anything goat related each month (pictures of your goats, show records, goat coloring pages, etc) for a chance for it to be published in the newsletter and to earn more “stamps” for the end of the year prize drawings!

*****Check the Facebook page for more information on these Youth Activities coming next year*****

Banding Horns

By Sarah Pershing, Funny Bunches of Goats

I used a chainsaw file at base of horns to put a groove for first band. I then place two bands under the groove. Electrical tape will help protect the bands.

I leave with herd for the first week or so, then separate and be VERY careful not to grab, bump, or knock the horns. The animal will be careful, for the most part.

The horns need to fall off on their own. Even if they start dropping or hanging off, don't pull them off.

I had one "dominant" doe that would use her horns to block a hand from grabbing her collar. She would dart out a gate and try to block you from stopping her. She also flipped kids over her shoulders, which was the main reason for losing her horns. The blocking my hand was done without her thinking as she darted out a gate and it knocked a horn off.

Lemme tell you. Not pleasant for either one. Blood everywhere! Blood stop didn't work I had to get out the disbudding iron. Phew! All good. Mental note don't give her a way to try that with the other horn.

A week later she did. 🙄 Less blood because it was 3.5 to 4 weeks banded by then, but still too early. A few days later we noticed first horn had infection and she had a fever, so we started penicillin.

It took a round of penicillin, fly spray, and Betadine washes. It was looking better a week later, however, another

week later and the infection was back.

We started a round of LA200. Same thing, a week later looking better and always keeping clean.

Another week the infection was back, however more healed looking. A third round of penicillin and infection didn't come back.

It took almost 2 months fighting infection, but she healed and is much nicer. She is now safe around human and goat kids.

I've banded horns on two others without any issues. They also didn't knock their horns off early.

I only had one that knocked their horns off, and it may be because she was a more dominant goat. I want to give a heads up on the potential hard part.

Also there are less bugs in winter, so that is the ideal time. I didn't get maggots from flies which may have made this process worse.

Wether horns may be difficult to band since they are much bigger. I haven't attempted to band male horns. I have a buck with bad scurs I just sawed one off and need to do the other. They are hollow so I didn't want to do both same time and leave both sinus cavities exposed. Took about 2 weeks to close the first one. (Last photo on next page.)

I would not recommend banding full horns due to not disbudding, but only scurs.



A progression of how to band a scurs.

Banding of a buck's scurs.

WINTERIZE WITH GOATS

WATER

During the summer months, lush pastures contain 60 to 80 percent moisture and can contribute to your animal's water requirement. In contrast, dried winter feedstuffs such as grain and hay contain less than 15 percent moisture. Thus, your animal will require more water in the winter.

Quick facts

- Provide warm water.
- Feed additional hay during extreme cold.
- Make sure there is access to shelter.
- Perform regular hoof care.
- Assess your animal's body condition regularly.
- Evaluate your facility's stability and ventilation.

BLANKETS

The hair coat insulates the animal by trapping and warming air. Wet or muddy hair can reduce its insulating value and increase heat loss. It is important to keep the animal dry and sheltered from moisture. As little as 0.1 inch of rain can cause cold stress by matting the hair and reducing its insulating value. As expected, an animal with a thicker hair coat can retain more heat.

BARN

Barns and shelters should have truss certificates of at least 30 pounds per square foot of snow load. Most buildings fail at the joints. If concerns arise about a barn structure under a snow load, examine the trusses and joints to see if there is movement, cracking, or dry rot.

Ventilation helps control temperature and humidity levels and improve air quality. Poor ventilation can affect a horse's respiratory health. Ceiling fans can help with air exchange. You should remove wet bedding and manure daily from barns.

FEET

Trimming should still occur on a regular basis. Hooves are prone to "ice or snowballs" during the winter. These balls of packed ice or snow make it hard for the horse to walk, increases the chance of slipping and falling, and may put stress on tendons or joints

- Food, water, shelter, space, cleanliness, exercise and hoof care become more important in the winter.
- Keep in mind that an animal requiring special care during summer months will need that care continued throughout the winter months.
- To ease the transition into winter, deworm your animals based on fecal analysis and make sure they are in good body condition.

**DO YOU HAVE A TIP
THAT WILL MAKE MANAGEMENT
OR SHOWING EASIER?
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM
YOU!**

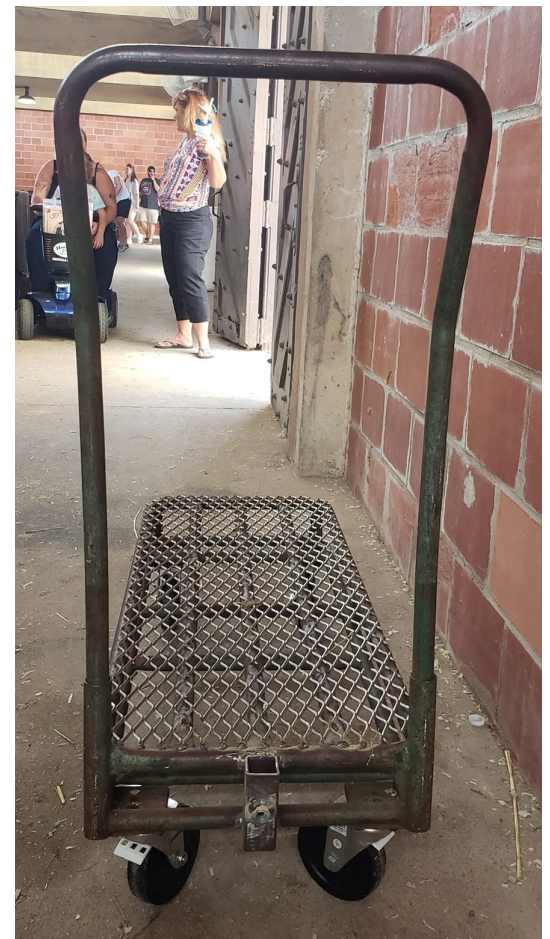


AJdrienne Griffin in Altus, OK had these customized hay feeders made to avoid waste (above). They open at the front to allow access without having to fight off curious goats.

"I wanted a feeder that would house any size bale because the flux in prices of bales I wasn't sure if I was going to feed round bales, small squares or large squares. I also wanted to be able to load it from outside the pen. I don't own where I have them so I needed to be able to move them around so had them put on skids and they also have pin sockets so I can attach panels to them."



Bar C developed a cart/stanchion to make attending shows easier. Once show supplies are hauled in, the removable cart handle can be changed out for the stanchion headpiece. It was converted by welding an expanded metal grid flooring and square tubing collar to fit a purchased headpiece.



Recipe of the Month— *Baked Potato Soup*

By: Karen Goodchild, [OK Doe K Dairy Goats](#)

12 slices of bacon, cooked, drained, and crumbled
2/3 c butter
2/3 c all-purpose flour
7 c goat milk
4 large baked potatoes, peeled and cubed
4 green onions, chopped
1 1/4 cups shredded cheddar
1 c sour cream
1 t salt
1 t black pepper

- In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat.
- Whisk in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk, stirring constantly until smooth.
- Add potatoes and onion. Let come to a boil, stirring frequently.
- Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes .
- Mix in bacon, cheese sour cream, salt and pepper.



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