



## FACT SHEET - GOATS

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Sure footed, curious animals with a sensitive and generally kind nature, although male goats can be very aggressive and also smelly! There are many different breeds in varying colours and sizes. They are all browsing ruminants. Female goats supply a great deal of milk. Goats can be destructive and will chew almost anything.



### Goats Need

- The companionship of other goats
- Access to a dry, warm shelter with a thick bed of straw or shavings
- A well fenced paddock for grazing and exercise
- A balanced diet of a recommended goat mix and good quality hay
- A constant supply of fresh water
- A mineral lick
- Their feet trimmed regularly
- A regular worming programme

### Goat Health

- Vaccinations are needed against Enterotoxemia
- Can develop mastitis
- Check feet regularly for foot rot and trim every 4 - 6 weeks
- For parasites such as lice, consult your veterinary practice for recommended treatment

### Goat Facts

- Average life span is 10 - 14 years
- Check with DEFRA for rules and regulations concerning goats
- De-horning needs to be done when goat kids are a few days old

This is intended as a quick guide only. Further information should be obtained before embarking on keeping this type of pet.