

Introduction to Raising Goats

Resources - Lesson 8

1. This is a video explaining and demonstrating the banding castration method.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWcrFwnTp7U>

2. This is a video demonstrating how to disbud your goat at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnxI5_gi7BI

3. This is the summary of the 1944 study that suggested polled goats were more like to produce hermaphrodite kids.

<http://europepmc.org/backend/ptpmcrender.fcgi?accid=PMC1209274&blobtype=pdf>

4. These are some scientific articles on polled genes in goats.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/agricultural-and-biological-sciences/polled-trait>

5. This is a free manual on goat diseases.

https://www.lincolnu.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=bb4dbab8-7dd1-4394-a08f-d3cc1f792a1b&groupId=21399

6. This is a free manual on goat care. It is written for use in South Africa, but many of the details will apply to goat herds around the world. For example, pages 6-10 of this manual show how to age a goat based on their teeth, body scoring, hoof trimming, and how to castrate by banding. It also has a comprehensive health questionnaire, a guide to performing an autopsy, and some basic medical care tips.

<http://lib.icimod.org/record/13031/files/1509.pdf>

7. This article is a round up of data on “Disease and Mortality on U.S. Goat Operations”. This report gives you a sense of what kind of diseases and complications are common in professional goat keeping (e.g. 13.8% mortality in kid populations).

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nahms/goats/downloads/goat09/Goat09_is_Disease.pdf