

Goat Care 101 Checklist

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Ensure your goats stay healthy and happy with this simple care checklist. From daily routines to seasonal tasks, this guide covers everything you need to keep your herd thriving.

Daily Care Tasks

- Provide fresh, clean water at all times.
- Feed a balanced diet, including hay and any supplements.
- Inspect goats for signs of illness or injury.
- Clean feeding areas and ensure hay racks are tidy.
- Collect and store milk (if milking goats).

Weekly Care Tasks

- Clean water buckets and troughs.
- Check fences and gates for damage or weak spots.
- Brush goats to remove dirt and inspect for parasites.
- Check hooves for signs of overgrowth or debris.

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Monthly Care Tasks

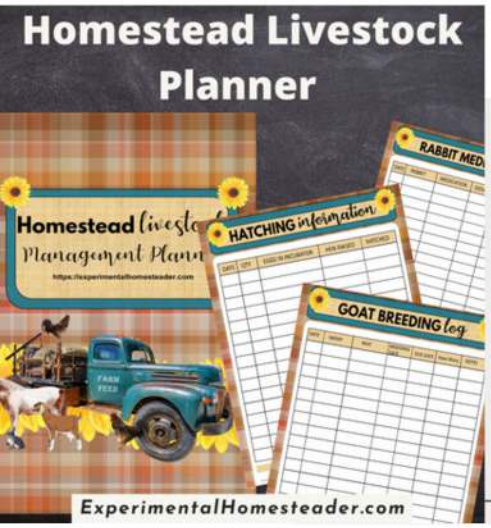
- Trim hooves to prevent overgrowth and health issues.
- Administer any necessary supplements or deworming treatments.
- Check shelters and bedding for cleanliness and comfort.
- Update health and breeding records.

Seasonal Care Tasks

- Winter: Provide extra bedding and ensure shelter is warm and draft-free.
- Spring: Prepare for kidding season and inspect pastures for new growth.
- Summer: Provide shade and monitor for heat stress.
- Fall: Stock up on hay and prepare for colder weather.

Personal Note: The goats in the cover image are two of my very first goats. The white one is Sugar and the black one is Darla. If you have read my homesteading eCourse emails, Darla is the first goat I ever tried to milk and the one I talk about that brought me to tears. I sure loved her though and I miss her so much. The hardest part of owning livestock to me is when it is time to say goodbye and let them pass over the rainbow bridge.

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