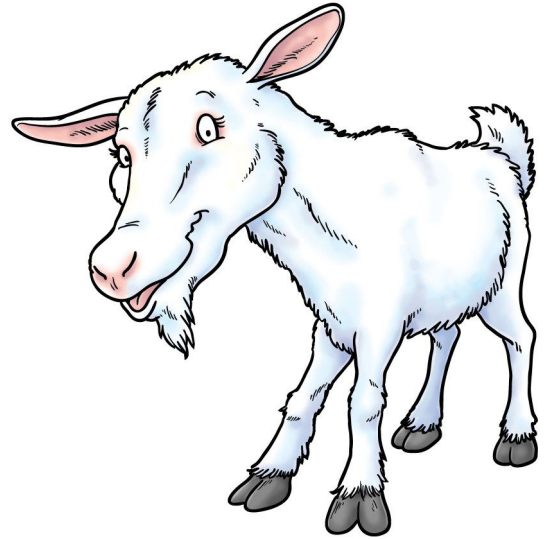


# An Introduction to your Goat



Congratulations! You are now the proud owner of a goat. To help you keep your goat happy and healthy we have produced this fact sheet. If you should have any further questions, do not hesitate to give us a call at the farm.

## Accommodation

Your goat should be kept in a field with adequate grazing and shelter. The field should have secure fencing and ideally, a play area with platforms to jump up and down from. The shelter needs to give protection from extreme temperatures, the wind and rain. It should contain a thick layer of clean straw, which needs to be changed regularly, and the whole area disinfected.

## Feeding

Feed your goat on the specially prepared dry cereal available from any feed store. In the Winter, your goat will need additional feed and hay. Small treats of fresh fruit and vegetables will be popular. Clean, fresh water must always be available.

## General Care

Goats naturally live in large groups, so will need a companion. Two castrated males are good together. Goats are sociable animals so even if they have a companion, they will welcome a daily visit. Hoof trimming every four to six weeks will be a necessity as will worming.

Assuming they are well looked after, goats will live up to 14 years or more and will reward you with years of fun.

## Farm Shop

You can buy hay and straw from the Farm Shop - just click through from the farm's website address below.

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