NEW MEXICO 4-H PYGMY GOAT PROJECT

Objective: To teach the member about selection, breeding, nutrition, management, showmanship and the health requirements of a Pygmy goat. Members will also learn life skills such as record keeping, show ethics and animal welfare.

Materials included with this project
- Livestock Record Form 300.L-5
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop 400.P-10 (N-05)
- 4-H Pygmy Goat Project 100.B-8

What do I do with my 4-H Pygmy Goat Project Material?

Suggestions for completing the project
- Review the project materials including the record sheet
- Keep a log or diary of all activities that you do which relate to the project.
- Attend workshops and clinics on grooming, showmanship, feeding and management of goats.
- Participate in regional shows, county and state fairs. Enter an indoor exhibit on a subject you have learned about your goat.
- Submit a record book to your Extension Agent detailing your pygmy goat project for project completion.

Suggested Learning Activities
- Visit local pygmy goat producers.
- Visit local livestock auction.
- Conduct a clinic for less experienced members.
- Learn how to properly trim hooves, dehorn and groom goats, and share your knowledge.
- Talk to a veterinarian about health concerns for goats.
- Participate in livestock judging contests.
- Perform community service activities by presenting programs to local elementary students, after school functions, or assist with a local petting zoo.
- Give a demonstration or an illustrated talk on various components of the pygmy goat project.
Where do I go for additional information?

- County Extension Office
- Veterinarian
- Library
- Internet (www.npga-pygmy.com)
- Pygmy Goat Associations
- Local breeders

What additional projects that relate to the Pygmy Goat Project can be done?

- Citizenship: Teach others about your project
- Leadership: Organize a clinic or fun show
- Leather craft: Make a lead and collar for your goat
- Photography: Take pictures of your goats
- Plant & Soil Science: Learn about forages
- Public Speaking: Give a speech about your project
- Sewing: Make a grooming apron
- Welding: Make a grooming stanchion
- Wood working: Make a hay feeder or milk stanchion
- Veterinary Science: Learn about proper health care for goats

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