



# *Fainting Goat Guild*

## **Advanced Showmanship Answers**

- 1) Which state has the most meat goats? **Texas**
- 2) Which state sells the most goat meat? **Texas and Tennessee. Australia is the primary exporter of goat meat into the United States**
- 3) What is the current national market price of goat? **The answer varies with the current year. Search the current national market price of goat on the internet to get the "current" market price.**
- 4) When was your goat born? **Answer varies.**
- 5) Is your goat a doe or a wether? **Answer varies.**
- 6) How much does your goat weigh? **Answer varies.**
- 7) How old is your goat? **Answer varies.**
- 8) What kind of feed do you use? **Answer varies.**
- 9) How much feed do you use? **Answer varies.**
- 10) What type of exercise program is your goat on? **Answer varies.**
- 11) What is the fat percentage in your goat's feed? **Answer varies.**
- 12) What would you change about your goat? **Answer varies.**
- 13) What is the best feature of your goat? **Answer varies.**
- 14) Where is the loin on your goat?
- 15) What percentage of back fat do you think your goat has on it at this time? **Answer varies. See question 16 for the average.**
- 16) What is the average percentage of back fat on a lean goat? **The external fat thickness over the loin at the 13th rib should be between .08 to .12 inches or an average of .10 inch.**
- 17) What breed is your goat? **Answer varies.**
- 18) How many parts are there to the stomach? **Four**
- 19) What are the parts of the stomach? **Rumen, Reticulum, Omasum, Abomasum**
- 20) Name examples of meat breeds. **Boer, Kiko, Myotonic (Tennessee Fainting Goat), Savannah, Spanish**
- 21) How long is the gestation period for a doe? **145-155**
- 22) What is the carcass yield percentage? **The dressing percentage (carcass weight divided by live weight multiplied by 100) that is not directly related to yield grades or cut ability.**
- 23) How many pounds of feed must be fed for one pound of weight gained? **0.5-.75 pounds per day per pound of feed.**
- 24) What is a goat's normal body temperature? **102-103**
- 25) How do you tell if a goat still has milk teeth?



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### First year (kid)



All teeth are small and sharp. They will gradually be replaced by larger, permanent teeth, and this process is used to help determine the age of the goat.

### Second year (yearling)



The goat loses the two middle front teeth when it is around 12 months old, and they are replaced by larger, permanent teeth.

- 26) Where would you give your goat a shot? **If you are asked this question, please answer by asking what kind of a shot. More than likely they will want the answer for a subcutaneous (SQ) injection (under the skin), which should go anywhere there is loose skin on the goat, most likely in the neck, flank, or behind the front leg.**
- 27) What do you think is the best goat in the project and why? **Answer varies.**
- 28) Name some meat cuts of a goat. **Leg, loin chop, ribs, shoulder**
- 29) What vaccinations has your goat had? **Answer varies.**
- 30) What is the normal respiration rate of a goat? **Adult goat is 10 to 30 breaths per min, and a kid is 20 to 40 breaths per min.**
- 31) What is urinary calculi and how do you treat it? How can you prevent it? **It is a urinary tract disease where crystals "stones" form in the urinary tract. It is also called water belly. It can be prevented by nutrition and feed additives such as ammonium chloride.**
- 32) What is your goat's name? **Answer varies.**
- 33) How many sets of incisors (milk teeth) are goats born with? **8**
- 34) Can you name a goat by-product? **Milk, cheese, goat skins, meat**
- 35) What is the average weight of a market wether? **In the show ring today, ideal market weight ranges from 80-100 pounds. In the industry a 60-80 pound goat demands a top price.**
- 36) What do you worm with? **Answer varies.**
- 37) How often do you trim your goat's hooves? **Answer varies.**
- 38) What is the average amount of back fat on a goat? **The external fat thickness over the loin at the 13th rib should be between 0.08 to 0.12 inches or an average of 0.10 inch. Some fairs call for no more than 0.25 to grade for sale.**
- 39) Name an example of a dual-purpose breed. **Nubian is a dual-purpose breed, used for meat and milk.**



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- 40) What is the average daily rate of gain for a market goat? **Goats will gain approximately 2 to 2.5 pounds per week. Feed conversion with goats varies greatly, but it usually ranges from 4 to 8 pounds of grain for a pound of gain.**
- 41) Where did the Boer goat originate from? **South Africa**
- 42) What is an example of a dairy breed of goat? **Nubian, Saanen, Nigerian Dwarf, Lamancha, Alpine, Toggenberg, Oberhasli**
- 43) Who was your goat's breeder? **Answer varies.**
- 44) How often do you need to worm your goat? **Because the life cycle of most worms is 4 weeks, goats need to be wormed every 3-4 weeks to kill worms.**
- 45) What is the amount of crude protein in your feed? **Answer varies.**
- 46) What is crude protein? **Crude protein is the total amount of protein in a feed, expressed as a percentage of the feed. Crude protein is further subdivided into soluble, degradable, undegradable, bypass, and bound protein fractions.**
- 47) What is the most expensive cut of meat and what is its diameter? **Loin, 1.27cm average.**
- 48) How is the yield grade determined? **(Back fat x 10) + 0.4.**
- 49) What is the most important nutrient goats need? **Water**
- 50) What are the rations of feeds you feed your goat? **Answer varies.**
- 51) How much do you work your goat daily? **Answer varies.**
- 52) What is the average thickness of a goat's loin? **Loin Eye Area — The cross-section of the longissimus dorsi muscle between the 12th and 13th rib. The normal range is 1.5-3.5 square inches with an average of 2.3. The loin makes up approx 10-11% of the carcass yield.**
- 53) What is the purpose of scrapie tags? Where do you get them? **Scrapie tags are state issued tags to identify animals and are used to track the breeder in the case of an animal contracting the scrapie disease. You can get them from your local USDA office. Call 1-866-USDA-TAG.**
- 54) How would you get a belly off of a market goat? **The answer to this question is that it all depends on the reason the goat has a belly in the first place. Goats can have big bellies for a number of reasons. They could have worms, tanked up on water, feed, or hay, or they could just be genetically made to have a bigger belly. Worm your goat, restrict feed, hay, and water before entering the show ring, and choose a goat that didn't inherit that belly.**