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The boer goat is a popular breed for many people to raise.

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producing trees such as cherry, elderberry, and plum are also toxic to goats, specifically the wilted leaves from these trees. There are many other weeds, plants, and trees that can be poisonous to goats. Make sure to do your research and clear your goats' area of any of these plants and trees.

Feed and Equipment

Depending on the breed of goats, their stage of life, and their intended use, goats need grain, hay, and possibly other supplemental feed



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and minerals. Goats also need clean, fresh water every day. Equipment needed may include storage containers, water buckets, food bowls, hay manger, and a mineral feeder.

Goat breeds

There are several distinct breeds of goats. Although the dwarf or pygmy goat varieties are most commonly kept as pets, many other goat breeds such as the boer goat and the myotonic goat (fainting goat) are also popular. It's important to know what your farm goals may



If a barn is not available, a storage shed also serves as great shelter for goats.

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be in choosing a goat breed.

Behavior

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should never be kept alone. You must have at least a pair (or more)

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