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Goat Medications

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To make this listing easier to print for you and easier for me to keep track of, I am leaving off the very large index from this page. For an index of this page (and page one), please see [page one](#).

Rx = Vet prescription needed for this item.

The following information has been compiled for *general reference and educational purposes only*, and is *not* intended as a means of diagnosing and treating an animal. It is not intended, in any way to replace professional veterinary advice or care for your goats. The information presented here is not a comprehensive review these drugs and their uses. I am not a vet, do not pretend to be one, and do not consider myself an expert on goat medicine. The following information was originally compiled by me, for my own use, from various sources (on-line, books, anecdotally, and person experience) that reported the successful use of the following on goats, in the amounts listed. I am sharing it with you for general reference and educational purposes only. This information is presented without any guarantee, and I disclaim all liability in connection with the use of this information. The administration of all medications should be taken extremely seriously. Veterinary consultation is vital when diagnosing and treating sick animals. It is your, and your vet's, responsibility to make proper decisions concerning treatments and drug safety or effectiveness for a given situation. Never disregard veterinary advice, or delay in seeking it, as a result of information provided on this site. Please note that most of the doses given on this site are "extra label" (Extra label means that the dosage given for goats differs from that found on the bottle and/or the Food and Drug Administration has not cleared their use in goats). Extra-label use of any product in a food producing animal is illegal without a prescription from a veterinarian; that includes the milk withdrawal information.

Note on absence of meat withhold information: We are vegetarian, and not raise or sell goats for meat or meat related purposes. My site is for everyone, and I try to have it be thorough, but I do not gather information specific to killing goats, and so, I do not have it to share. The information on this page was originally compiled for my own use; I have no personal need for meat withhold times so I never collected it. The medications listed below probably do have meat withhold times; if you are looking for meat withdrawal information, you will have to research elsewhere.

Important Note on Medication Dosages for Goats: Goats metabolize medications differently than other animals; drugs clear their system faster. As a result, goats require higher doses of drugs for effective treatment. Most of the drugs available for use on livestock are not labeled for use in goats

and so are not labeled with the correct dose for goats. For a treatment to be effective, you need to use the correct dose. Please note that most of the doses given for goats on this site are "extra label" (Extra label means that the dosage given for goats differs from that found on the bottle and/or the Food and Drug Administration has not cleared their use in goats)

Misc. Injectables

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Drug Name:

Prostaglanin - 2mg/ml - Rx

Brand Names:

- Lutalyse
- Prostin F2 Alpha

- **Goat dose & treatment: IM Injection**
 - **Induce heat:** 1/2 to 1ml to bring an ovulating adult doe into standing heat. 65-75 hours after injection she will be ready to breed.
 - **To synchronize does:** 1ml day 4 of cycle & again in 11 days.
 - **As an abortive:** 2ml
 - **To Induce labor:** 1/2 to 2.0 ml to bring a doe into active labor, with delivery in 28-57 hours.
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - Pregnant women, asthmatics or other persons with bronchial disease should handle this product with extreme caution, do not get it on your skin.
 - Be aware that almost all shots can be given SQ, even if the bottle says to give it IM. But, there is an exception: hormones **must** be given IM to be effective. Prostaglanin is a hormone and must be given IM.

Drug Name:

Oxytocin- 20 USP units pre ml - Rx

- **For treatment of:**
 - Causes uterine contractions and milk let down.
- **Goat dose:** SQ Injection
 - For expelling retained afterbirth - 1 ml given within 24 hrs. after freshening
 - Can be used in small amounts to stimulate milk letdown - 1/10 to 3/10 ml
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - If used to induce uterine contractions during labor you must be absolutely certain that the doe is completely dilated and the kid is normally presented or else you can cause irreparable harm to the doe.

Drug Name:**Dexamethasone** - 2mg/ml - Rx**Brand Names:**

- Azium
- Voren

- **Goat dose & treatment:**

- Anti-inflammatory & pain reliever: Used for swelling and inflammation once infection is under control:
 - Dose: 1ml per 20 lbs. - **IM** Injection
- Used to induce labor in pregnant does when the slow introduction of labor over a 48-hour period is desired.

- **Milk withholding time:** 72 hours

- **Notes:**

- Use this drug only under the supervision of a vet.
- Can cause abortion; do not use on pregnant does.
- Dexamethasone is an adrenal corticosteroid, a member of the glucocorticoid class of hormones.
- If used for more than 24 hours it must be used with an antibiotic or immune stimulating herbs because it suppresses the body's natural immunity while being used, thus leaving the animal open to infection.

Vaccines

Please note that we choose not to vaccinate our animals and we have good reasons.
Please check out the following links to read more on this subject

- [Vaccinations: A Word of Caution for Our Animals – Part I](#) by Dr. Will Falconer, DVM (holistic)
- [Vaccinations: A Word of Caution for Our Animals – Part II](#) by Dr. Will Falconer, DVM (holistic)
- Web Link - [They Shoot Horses but Vaccinate Dogs](#) by Chrissie Mason B.R.C.P., Ph.D.
- Web Link - [Vaccination in Animals](#) - International Vaccination Newsletter
- Web Link - [Vaccinations...Needed or Not?](#)
- Web Link - [Vaccines - Are They Safe for Your Dog?](#) by Dee Blanco, DVM (holistic)
- Web Link - [Are Vaccinations Necessary?](#) by Dr. Charles Loops, DVM
- Web Link - [Shirley's Wellness Cafe: Vaccines](#)
- Books - [Vaccine Guide for Dogs and Cats, What Every Pet Lover Should Know](#) by Catherine J. M. Diodati
- Books - [The Nature of Animal Healing: The Definitive Holistic Medicine Guide to Caring for Your Dog and Cat](#) by Martin Goldstein D.V.M. (holistic)

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Drug Name:**Brand Names:**

Clostridium Perfringes C&D Bactern -Toxoid

- **C&D Bactern-Toxioid**
- **BAR-VAC CD/T** - also include tetanus toxoid.
- **Fermacon CD/T** - also include tetanus toxoid.

- **For treatment of:**
 - This is the immunization use to prevent Enterotoxemia.
- **Goat dose:** SQ Injection
 - 2ml (no matter what weight)- one or twice annually
 - Give to does one month before kidding.
 - Give to kids who's mother was vaccinated at 6 weeks and 21 days later.
 - Give to kids who's mother was not vaccinated at one month of age, a second does 21 days later and a third does 21 days after that.
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - Usually causes a knot at the injection site.

Drug Name:

Clostridium Perfringes C&D Bactern - Antitoxin

- **For treatment of:**
 - Enterotoxemia; severe diarrhea in very young kids; toxicity situations in which the goat is frothing at the mouth; sometimes administered to combat Floppy Kid Syndrome. This product provides short-term protection (just a few hours) but works quickly.
- **Goat dose:** SQ Injection
 - 5 ml to young kids for prevention of Enterotoxemia (gives 10-14 day passive immunity)
 - 3 ml up to three times a day to young kids for treatment of Enterotoxemia.
 - 10-15 ml to Adults for treatment of Enterotoxemia.
- **Milk withholding time:** none

Drug Name:

Tetanus - Toxoid

- **For treatment of:**
 - This is the immunization used to prevent Tetanus.
- **Goat dose:** SQ Injection
 - 1/2 ml repeated in 3-4 weeks, and again in 6 months, and then given yearly
- **Notes:**
 - Takes about 10-14 days for the body to begin producing an active immunity to provide protection.

Drug Name:

Tetanus - Antitoxin

- **For treatment of:**
 - For short-term protection against tetanus and tetanus-like infections.
 - Used after a wound or at the time of any surgical procedure i.e. disbudding, castration, tattooing, etc.
- **Goat dose & treatment:** SQ Injection
 - 1/2 ml for newborns
 - 1 ml for adults

Misc.

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Drug Name:

Antihistamine

Brand Names:

- **Benedryl** (Diphenhydramine HCl)

- **For treatment of:**
 - For treatment of mild allergic reactions such as bite/sting.
 - Nasal congestion and cough.
- **Goat dose:** Oral
 - 5 ml (teaspoon) for very young kids
 - 15-20 ml for adults

Drug Name:

Propylene Glycol

- **For treatment of:**
 - For the prevention and treatment of ketosis
 - For more info on Ketosis, [click here](#).
- **Goat dose:** Oral
 - 3-4 oz (90-120ml) 2 times a day, for 2 days, and then 1-2 oz (30ml-60) 2 times daily until animal is eating normally.
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - A must to have on hand.
 - In an emergency you can substitute Molasses or Karo Syrup.

Drug Name:

Calcium Gluconate

- **For treatment of:**
 - Milk Fever - For more info on Milk Fever, [click here](#).
 - May aid in dilating the cervix during a long labor.
- **Goat dose:**
 - **To treat Milk Fever:** Give Orally
 - 8 to 12 oz. given orally. Repeat 5-8 oz, three times a day until the doe is eating and symptoms are subsiding.
 - **To open cervix:** SQ Injection
 - 40 cc of Calcium Gluconate injected over the back. The injections should be broken down into 4 10 cc injections in 4 different sites. The injections should be given **slowly**
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - Calcium Gluconate is very inexpensive and should always be kept on hand.

Drug Name:

Probiotic Rumen inoculant

contains:

- Lacobacillus acidophilus
- Lactobacillus casei
- Lactobacillus plantarium
- Entrococcus faecium

Brand Names:

- **Probios**
- **Fast Track**

- **For treatment of:**
 - Contains specific, beneficial bacteria to keep the rumen working.
 - Use during and following antibiotic treatment or any time a goat seems "off".
 - Helps relieve stress.
 - We give to a goat any time they are transported.
 - We also give to 2-3 day old kids to help get their rumens going.
- **Goat dose:** Oral
 - 5 gms for kids
 - 10 gms adults
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - Yogurt containing active cultures with acidophilus can be used in an emergency, but is not really as good as products formulated especially for ruminants because yogurt dose not contain all of the beneficial bacteria that these specially formulated product do.

Brand Name:

Pepto-Bismol

- **For treatment of:**

- Diarrhea control
- **Goat dose:** Oral - As directed on label for humans
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - **Do not** use Immodium AD to control diarrhea in goats. It interferes with the peristaltic action of the gut and cause death.
 - When an animal has diarrhea, you should look for the cause and not just treat (suppress) the symptom.
 - I prefer to use the herb [Slippery Elm](#) as a diarrhea treatment.

Brand Name:

Milk of Magnesia

- **For treatment of:**
 - For constipation and toxicity reactions, including Floppy Kid Syndrome.
- **Goat dose:** Oral
 - 15 cc per 60 pounds for constipation & FKS.
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - I prefer to use the herb [Slippery Elm](#) as a constipation treatment.
 - When an animal is constipated, you should look for the cause and not just treat (suppress) the symptom.

Wormers

Please see the [Wormer Page](#) for info on wormers.

Control of External Parasites/Flies

[Also see the Natural Medicine page: Natural control of external parasites](#)

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Brand Name

CyLence- Pour-on

- **For treatment of:**

- Controls horn flies, face flies, biting and sucking lice.
- **Goat dose:** Pour-on - Drip this along the goat's spine.
 - 1cc per 25 pounds
 - For lice treatment, repeat in 3 weeks.
 - To control flies, use once a month throughout the summer.
- **Milk withholding time:** none
- **Notes:**
 - Contains cyfluthrin, a 4th generation pyrethroid.



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