

RAISING GOATS AS PETS

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Considering getting a goat as a pet? Goats are great companions for animals and humans alike. With unique and fun personalities they can bring great energy to your home.

Bottle Babies

A bottle baby, or goat kid removed from mom before weaning, will require more time and energy to raise.

Weaned Kid

A weaned kid will typically be 5-8 weeks old. These babies will no longer be needing milk and therefore are less time intensive to raise. This option is best for those families looking to form a strong bond with their pet early on.

Adult Goats

You may purchase adult goats if you are not interested in raising a baby. Adults can already be tame, have established good health, and are still an enjoyable animal to have.

Breeds

Any breed can be a pet, but here are some fan favorites:



Pygmy

Nigerian Dwarf



Myotonic (Fainting) Goats

Nubian



Things to Consider:

Pasture Fencing & Gates

You should consider where you will keep your goat. Pastures should have appropriate fencing and gates that don't allow goats to escape.

Housing

Goats will need some kind of cover or housing to escape adverse weather, or to provide shade in the summer.

Enrichment

Goats are very playful animals, incorporate some enrichment activities in their housing so they can have some fun!

Healthcare

Like any pet, you should establish a relationship with a veterinarian to help care for your pet goat!