



BASIC PHYSICAL EXAM

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR ANIMALS

PHYSICAL EXAM COMPONENTS



- A. Respiratory
- B. Sensory
- C. Digestive
- D. Skin
- E. Reproductive/Urinary
- F. Musculoskeletal

RESPIRATORY



- Respirations 10-30 per minute
- Temperature 102.5 – 103.5°F
- Nasal discharge
- Flaring nostrils
- Extending head to breathe
- Coughing (at rest or with excitement), frequency?



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SENSORY

- Eye discharge
- Conjunctiva color – parasite talk
- Squinting
- Blind – menace reflex
- Star-gazing
- Head tilt
- Droopy ear(s)
- Shaking head or scratching at ears



DIGESTIVE

- Eating and drinking
- Dropping or balling food
- Lumps on cheek or jaw
- Vomiting
- You can feel rumen contractions (1-2/min.)
- Straining
- Diarrhea – degree/blood +/-



SKIN



- Scratching or chewing
- Hair or fiber loss
- Inflammation (redness) of skin
- Crusts on nose, ears, legs
- Lumps and bumps
- External parasites
- Udder



REPRODUCTIVE/URINARY

- Is she pregnant? Exposed?
- Any progress on labor? 2 hours maximum
- Abnormal discharge
- Wethers – has he urinated
- What is color of urine?
- Straining



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MUSCULOSKELETAL



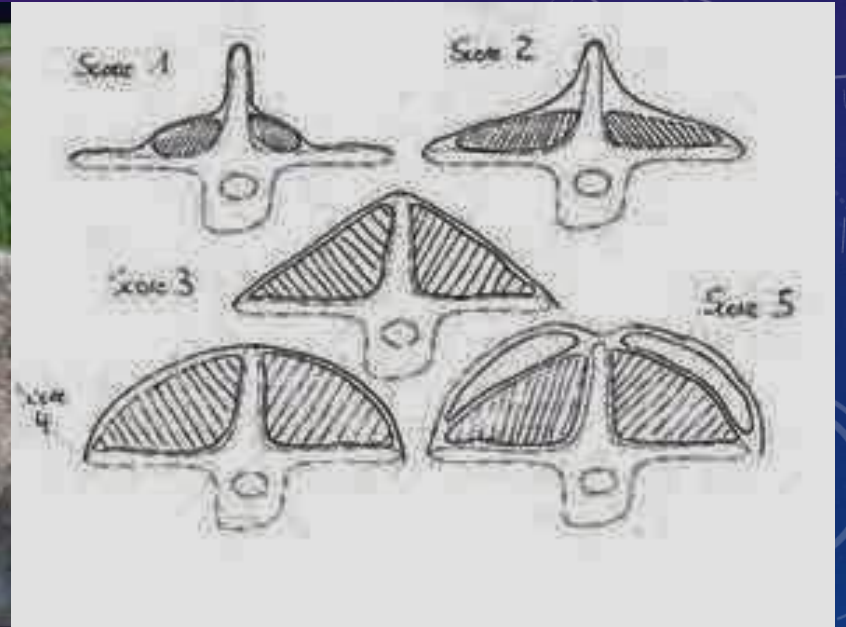
- Lameness: which leg(s)
- Lameness grade I – IV
- Grazing on knees
- Swelling – location
- Look at feet – hoof talk
- Difficulty getting up
- Body condition score



MUSCULOSKELETAL BODY CONDITION SCORE



- Needs to be hands on
- Grades 1 through 5
- Grade 1 – Skinny
- Grade 5 - Obese



MUSCULOSKELETAL – ESTIMATING WEIGHT



- Use a bathroom scale to hold goat and subtract your weight.
- Goat weight tape
- Use a sewing tape measure (inches)
 - Hearth girth (A)
 - Point of shoulder to pin bone (B)
 - $\text{Weight (lbs.)} = (A \times A \times B) / 300$
- Pregnant, thin and obese goats will vary from this formula and from weight tapes.



QUESTIONS

