

# WE HAVE COMPASSIONATE GOAT CARE GUIDES FOR YOU

## HOUSING + FEEDING

Accessible information on safe indoor and outdoor spaces for goat care, what they can and shouldn't eat, and a whole lot of hay talk!

## HEALTH & SAFETY

From their hooves to their horns, we cover a variety of goat healthcare topics, including guidance reviewed by veterinarians. How can you keep goats safe, and keep yourself safe in the process? What does "healthy" look like?

## SOCIAL DYNAMICS & ENRICHMENT

Goats are herd animals, and herds have their own dynamics to consider. Plus, what can you do to make a goat's life more interesting and fulfilling for them as an individual?

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OPEN SANCTUARY PROJECT

The Open Sanctuary Project is a freely accessible, always growing digital guide for any resources or information you need in order to responsibly create and successfully manage an animal sanctuary or to provide the best possible care to animals in order to help them live long, healthy, happy lives free of exploitation.

All of our resources are researched and responsibly crafted with the intention of promoting compassionate care standards and practices for animals in need of help and sanctuary, while identifying and discouraging practices that are exploitative or harmful to the individual.



“SO, YOU  
WANT TO  
RESCUE A  
GOAT?”

THERE'S A LOT TO CONSIDER!

A SHORT INTRO FROM  
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PROJECT





## WHEN A GOAT COMES HOME

## A GOAT IS NOT A LAWNMOWER!

While they might enjoy spending many days munching on greens, despite popular belief, providing lifelong responsible care to goats means so much more than letting them loose in a patch of tall grass! Goats are thoughtful, inquisitive individuals, some of whom can live for close to twenty years with your help! Caring for them requires compassionate commitment and a lot of knowledge!

A goat first entering your home or sanctuary may be facing challenges that need to be addressed for their well-being and safety, including:

- Health issues or emergencies
- Hoof health concerns
- Internal or external parasites
- Malnutrition or overfeeding symptoms
- Complex behavioral challenges
- Dental health challenges
- Concerning herd dynamics

## CARING FOR LIFE

Providing responsible lifelong care for individual goats has a lot of important elements, just like for any other companion animal. Goats need:

- Access to an experienced veterinarian
- A diet appropriate for each goat
- Planned, intentional supplementation
- An appropriate indoor and outdoor space
- Close daily observations of the herd
- Regular health evaluations from you
- Medical intervention when necessary
- Predator safety at home
- Protection from the elements
- An enriching environment and activities



Learning all you can about the compassionate care for goats **before** they come into your life may be critically important for their health and well-being!