



## **BASIC VACCINATIONS**

- CD/T (Clostridium perfringens type C & D - for Enterotoxemia w/ tetanus)
  - Every 6 months (as it does not seem to produce a long lasting immunity in most goats).
  - For kids from vaccinated does, begin at 3 weeks and repeat every 3 weeks for a total of 2-3 vaccines, depending on risk.
  - If an adult has an unknown vaccination status, 2 initial vaccinations 3 weeks apart are generally recommended.
  - A kid from an unvaccinated doe should begin receiving vaccinations shortly after birth, which should be repeated every 3-4 weeks (and tetanus antitoxin before any procedures such as castration or disbudding)
  - Many do not recommend multivalent clostridial vaccines (such as Covexin 8, which is often used by those who use a multivalent vaccine) in goats as some of the other Clostridials can elicit an undesirable reaction and are not a common problem in goats in most areas of the country. Intervet makes a vaccine labeled for goats: Vision CD-T with Spur (2 cc per subcutaneous – under the skin – dose), as does Colorado Serum Company. Expect lumps to develop at clostridial vaccine sites, so use sites not associated with CL (Caseous Lymphadenitis – Corynebacterium lymphadenitis), such as sites that are not near lymph nodes – behind the elbow is a commonly used vaccination site.
  
- RABIES –
  - Dr. Mary Smith, Cornell (author Goat Medicine w/ David Sherman) also recommends rabies vaccination with **Merial's Imrab 3**.
  - Initial vaccination with 2 doses, 1 month apart, then repeat annually.
  - Rabies vaccinations **MUST** be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
  - This will not help in a legal situation, but may reduce risk in the goats and those handling them. There have been multiple cases of rabies in goats in Texas, including youth project goats, over the past few years.
  
- **OTHER** vaccinations or preventive measures are recommended only when warranted by existing disease, farm location or feed/hay source, situations such as showing etc.
  - BoSe (which is not a vaccine, but a vitamin E/Selenium supplement)
  - "sore mouth"
  - autogenous CL
  - etc.

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