**Your Responsibilities as a Goat Owner in the AISD Ag Barn**

* Make sure YOUR pen in clean, Goat has **clean fresh water**, and is **fed twice a day**
* If you Clean your pen and use a wheelbarrow, **IMMEDIATELY** afterwards dump it in the dumpsters near the cattle wing
* If you use a **wheelbarrow** for any reason, make sure it is **EMPTY** when you are done
* If your goat poops anywhere, you are responsible for it, clean it up
* Sweeping- this includes isle ways, in in front of your Pen, Feed Bins, Wash Racks, Trimming Rack, etc
* **Instead of asking “Someone should do something about \_(that wheelbarrow being full or trash can full, etc\_\_\_\_\_”, be that someone and do it yourself!**

**COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

1. My goat is skinny, what should I do?
   1. Talk to Ms. Callaghan about fat supplement
   2. Make sure you are not over exercising your goat
   3. Feed 2% of your goats body weight a day
2. When and what should I deworm my goat?
   1. Here are the days we will all deworm that way the whole barn is on the same schedule **Sept 5th, Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Jan 9th, Feb 6th**
   2. The school is providing the wormer
   3. If you were to get your own dewormer, you MUST contact an ag teacher first before giving it to your goat
3. My goat is not eating, what do I do?
   1. Check how fresh his food is, has it been out a while? Offer fresh
   2. Still not eating, check temperature, poop, and watch if he pees
   3. Get a hold of an ag teacher if any of the above offers a red flag, we have medicine to help with almost everything
4. My goats poop is straight liquid, is he dying?
   1. You should always check your goats poop every day, if he has the runs, let an ag teacher know
   2. Give Probios, cut feed, and give full hay, and Pepto Bismol until poop firms up
5. How should I be exercising my goat?
   1. If your goat is skinny and needs more muscle/fat
      1. You can go for walks around the barn, no longer than 15 min
      2. Do NOT treadmill
      3. Do a lot of bracing for 20 seconds at a time
      4. Tying to a fence for 10 min
   2. If your goat is not skinny and not fat
      1. Go for walks around the barn, no longer than 30 minutes
      2. Can use a treadmill 2x a week, do maximum of 2 minutes as fast as your goat can go with his back feet going backwards
      3. Do lots of bracing, for 30 seconds intervals and working your way up to 1 min
      4. Tying to a fence for 10 min
   3. If your goat is super fat
      1. Go for long walk, up to an hour
      2. Lots of short sprints, max 100 ft long as fast as you goat can go
      3. Do lots of bracing, for 30 seconds intervals and working your way up to 1 min or longer
      4. Tying to a fence for 10 min
6. What should I be doing everyday at the barn with my goat?
   1. Vary your routine up! Goats will get used to the routine and will start to take advantage when they know they are about to be fed! You can even time him up somewhere while you clean his pen and get his pen ready so he learns patience and improves his posture.
      1. Walking your goat in a new place everyday
      2. Bracing in new places everyday
      3. Tying your goat up (very short lead and where his head is level as if he was in the show pen)
      4. Practicing your showmanship
      5. Cleaning and feeding your goat
7. My goat is panting, is it ok?
   1. If your goat is panting and breathing quickly, it’s usually after its run around pretty hard. Make sure you walk your goat for at least 20 min to make sure he cools down correctly
   2. If he did not just run around, contact and ag teacher
8. Other people have different supplements and make their own recipes to give their goats, should I do that too?
   1. Before you give anything new to your goat, ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS contact an ag teacher first.
   2. Just because someone said it works, doesn’t mean it will
   3. The ag teachers have years of experience and knows what works and what doesn’t. My advice, don’t waste your money until you ask one of us first.
9. When can I contact Ag Teachers?
   1. Both Ms. Callaghan and Mr. Smith can be contacted via cell phone from 7:30 AM- 8:00 PM Daily. Unless it is an emergency do not contact unless it is in between those hours.