

GOAT HEALTH EXAMINATION RECORD

This is one example of a goat health examination record. Many others exist. You may search the Internet for more, ask your veterinarian for other examples or create your own. On the second page are typical findings from both healthy and sick goats.

Item	Observation
Body condition	
Attitude, behavior and alertness	
Appetite	
Drinking	
Mucous membranes	
Temperature	
Heart rate (beats per minute)	
Breathing (sounds and rate)	
Teeth and mouth	
Eyes	
Nose	
Ears	
Gait	
Muscles	
Feet	
Legs and joints	
Hooves	
Skin and hair coat	
Manure	
Urine	
Udder	
Prepuce	
Scrotum and testicles	

Item	Signs of health	Signs of illness
Body condition	Good condition	Too fat or too thin
Attitude, behavior and alertness	Bright and alert, normal behavior	Dull, depressed, unresponsive, abnormal behavior
Appetite	Normal interest in food	Too much or too little interest in food
Drinking	Normal thirst	Increased or decreased thirst
Mucous membranes	Pink and moist	Pale, blue, yellow, red, dry
Temperature	101.5 to 104°F	Out of range
Heart rate (beats per minute)	70-80 beats per minute	Out of range
Breathing (sounds and rate)	15-30 breaths per minute; no abnormal sounds, no coughing	Rate out of range; abnormal sounds; coughing
Teeth and mouth	Teeth good; no problems with tongue or mouth; breath smells normal	Teeth broken or missing; sores in mouth; breath smells abnormal; tongue weak or swollen
Eyes	Clean, clear and bright; no discharge; can see	Dull, sunken, dry, discolored, tearing or other discharge; blind
Nose	No discharge or sneezing	Discharge, sneezing
Ears	Ears normal	Parasites, droopy ears, shaking head
Gait	Normal gait	Limping or not using a leg
Muscles	Normal muscling and strength	Swollen or shrunken muscle(s), weak
Legs and joints	Normal joints and legs	Lameness, swollen joints or legs, wounds
Hooves	Hooves normal	Hooves overgrown, split, foul-smelling, painful, hot
Skin and hair coat	Skin supple, coat smooth, no parasites	Coat dull, hair falling out, parasites, wounds, lumps, bruises
Manure	Normal pellets	Pellets too dry or too watery, mucus-covered, bloody
Urine	Normal amount and appearance	Increased or decreased amounts; bloody, cloudy or other abnormal appearance
Udder	Udder even and soft; milk normal in amount and appearance; teats normal	Udder hard, lumpy, discolored, painful; decreased amount of milk; milk bloody, gassy, watery or clumped; teats injured or abnormally swollen
Prepuce	Normal	Blood or crystals visible; dribbling urine; swollen, painful
Lymph nodes	Normal	Swollen, painful, discharging pus, lymph or blood
Scrotum and testicles	Normal size and shape; even	Swollen or shrunken; painful; abnormal shape; uneven