

# How To Take Care Of A Baby Goat The Right Way

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Do you have a baby goat at home? Then you should know the proper way of rearing him/her up. Older goats are generally more responsible and understanding but, if we talk about baby goats then they need to be taken care of properly. Giving proper nutrition, care and shelter to the baby will help him/her grow naturally and perceive things right. In this article, we will talk all about **how to take care of a baby goat** the right way.



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## Things which you should do after a baby goat's birth

Hurry up! The kid has come to the world now. First of all, you should be present at the spot, this will give a comfortable environment to the mother and will allow the baby to fall in safe hands. Next few steps have been listed here-

- **Nerve cord/Umbilical cord caring-** Trimming off the cord is not advisable, you should let it break naturally. Only if, due to some reason, it is not breaking in the right way, you can trim it with scissors sterilised properly. Immediately after trimming, you should dip the cord in iodine solution.
- **Let mother and baby interact-** The next step would be to leave the mother and baby together. This will help them interact and develop a bond. The mother goat will also lick the baby to clean him/her up.
- **Feeding the baby-** Though only the mother goat should feed her milk to the baby, if anyhow it is not happening then, you should give him/her colostrum milk. Remember, after all, **taking care of a baby goat** is your responsibility.

## Feeding the baby afterwards

Now that the afterbirth processing is over, the next step is to find out **what do baby goats eat**. Because he/she is a baby now, so he/she will rely on milk completely in the beginning. There can be two ways to feed him/her milk. The first one is to bottle feed him/her yourself or let the mother feed him/her. If you choose to bottle feed her then you will probably have some benefits because he/she will start enjoying the company of humans.

But even if you choose the first one, you should leave the baby with the mother for good 3-4 days after her birth. Though bottle-feeding seems to be easy, it is actually not because you have to track the baby's milk timing properly and it will additionally cost you good money. After all,, **goat care** is not so easy in the beginning. So, it would be easier if you justleave the baby with the mother.



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## Milk to solid food

Do you wonder **how many stomachs does a goat have?** The answer is, they have a four-chambered stomach and all of them have different needs. **Rumen**, one of the chambers needs a little more care to develop apart from others. **Taking care of a baby goat** can become easy if you follow the below-mentioned feeding guidelines.

- You can start to give your **baby pygmy goat** (or any other breed for that matter) small amounts of grain as soon as he/she turns one week old.
- Hay, freshwater and pasture can be fed after one month.
- A good amount of minerals and nutrients can be helpful for his/her muscle growth.

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## Building up the right environment

Providing the right environment to your goat is extremely important because it helps him/her to **develop in the right way**. **Goats as pets** are great but **taking care of a baby goat** can be a little difficult if you don't know how to make up the correct and productive environment for her.

**Dwarf baby goats** generally need 10 square feet of area to rest comfortably. His/her shelter should be properly ventilated and suffocation-free. As far as bedding is considered, it can be made with hay. If you have a herd of goats, then try to socialise them but separate them if they are aggressive. Babies should be fed separately from other older goats.

## Final words

**Taking care of a baby goat** is a crucial but, it may sometimes be difficult as they are just babies. Taking quick steps after baby's birth ensures his/her proper well-being and nourishment. After that, you can follow the above-mentioned steps for feeding the goat. All your precautions and care will help the goat rise in the right way.

