135C Companion – Pet (Pygmy) Goat

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. Read and complete neatly and accurately the 135 Goat Project and Record Book. **NO SECTIONS ARE OPTIONAL.**

2. Own and raise at least 1 pygmy goat.

3. Be able to identify the breed characteristics and measurements of a pygmy goat.

4. Be able to discuss what to look for when selecting a pygmy goat and the breed standards and structural traits found in the NPGA scorecard.

5. Have an understanding of training, fitting, showing techniques, and the pygmy goat showmanship scorecard.

6. Have an understanding of pygmy goat management and methods of housing.

7. Know the birth date and sex of your animal. This is information you will need for your Fair Entry.

8. Exhibit at county fair one or two pygmy goats. They must be in different classes.

**Beginners must know the following in addition to the items listed 1-8 above:**

1. Be able to identify 15 parts of a pygmy goat.
2. Be able to identify the goat breeds.
3. Have an understanding of pygmy goat nutrition and feeding systems, major nutrients, feeds, and feed tag information.
4. Have an understanding of goat health and diseases, and hoof trimming.
5. Have an understanding of the mammary gland and milking process of the dairy goat.
6. Know the mammary system if taking a doe.
7. Be able to define goat glossary terms.
8. Have a knowledge of poisonous plants and what the most common reason is for goats to eat poisonous plants.

**Intermediates must know the following in addition to the items listed 1-8 above:**

1. Be able to identify 25 parts of a pygmy goat.
2. Be able to identify the goat breeds.
3. Have an understanding of pygmy goat nutrition and feeding systems, type of digestive system, feeds, and classes of feedstuffs.
4. Have an understanding of goat health and diseases, dehorning, and identification.
5. Know the mammary gland and udder system if taking a doe.
6. Have an understanding of goat reproduction (wethers, too).
7. Be able to define goat glossary terms.
9. Have a knowledge of poisonous plants and what the most common reason is for goats to eat poisonous plants.
Advanced must know the following in addition to the items listed 1-8 above:

1. Be able to identify skeletal parts of a pygmy goat.
2. Be able to discuss your selection of your pygmy goat and the structure of a pygmy goat.
3. Have an understanding of pygmy goat nutrition and feeding systems, 4 compartments of digestive system, function of major nutrients, and feed additives.
4. Have an understanding of goat health and diseases, and vaccination schedule.
5. Have an understanding of pygmy goat reproduction and kidding.
6. Be able to define goat glossary terms.
7. Know the different group names of poisonous plants and how they might cause death.