

Ovine, Caprine, Camelid

Ohio Livestock Care Standards



Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Llamas

Care, Handling and Transportation

- All newborn lambs, kids and crias **must** be offered colostrum or a colostrum replacement within 24 hours of birth.
- An electric prod can only be used on llamas and alpacas as a diagnostic tool to determine whether an animal can rise on its own.
- All tack and/or harnesses used on goats, llamas and alpacas **must** fit properly and be well maintained so as to minimize the potential for injuries.
- Halters used on llamas or alpacas **must** be removed when the animal is not being handled for extended periods of time.
- When transporting, sheep and goats **must** be able to stand in their natural position without touching the top of the transport conveyance.
- Llamas and alpacas **must** be able to stand so that their backs do not touch the top of the transport conveyance and the load density **must** allow all animals to lie down at the same time.

Management and Housing

- When castrating llamas or alpacas, effective analgesia **must** be used and the animal's age **must** be taken into consideration.
- When dehorning goats after the horn has erupted, a pain management practice **must** be used.
- Sheep and goat breeds that do not naturally shed their hair/wool must be shorn regularly. Anyone raising sheep must minimize the risk of fly strike by shearing or crutching or employing some other acceptable method.
- Co-mingled adult male llamas and alpacas **must** have their fighting teeth conditioned.
- Llamas and alpacas **must** also receive toe nail care and, during hot weather, heat stressed **must** be minimized by shearing.
- Llamas and alpacas **must** also be provided with a clean, dry area for lying down and **must** be provided with the opportunity for socialization with a herding animal.

Euthanasia

- The only acceptable methods of euthanasia for sheep and goats weighing more than 12 pounds are the use of a penetrating captive bolt, a gunshot, the use of an inhaled carbon dioxide agent, or the use of injectable barbiturates.
- Non-penetrating captive bolt guns and blunt force may be used on young sheep and goats weighing less than 12 pounds.
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