



Nigerian Dwarf Feeding Instructions

Pure goat's milk the best, but if not available:

Bottle Babies' Milk Recipe:

1 cup Kid Milk Replacer powder (cup provided in bag)

3 cups water (warm water mixes with powder better)

2 cups whole milk

per batch

Feed 2 to 3 bottles a day. Starting from 2 to 3 ounces per bottle up to 8 ounces per bottle as kid gets older and bigger. Approximately week three kid can go to twice a day, 10 to 16 ounces per day. By this time they are usually eating some grain and hay as well.

Kids can be exposed to water, grain and hay right away.

Weaned Kids & Adults:

Clean water available all times

1 to 2 cups of grain once or twice a day depending on their size

Hay can be free choice or given with each meal. Best to be fed in a hay rack or something above the ground if possible. Peanut hay first choice, or T & A. Alfalfa good for lactating does. Alfalfa is not good for bucks or wethers (can cause urinary blockage in boys).

Grain can be pellets or sweet. A good brand - ADM, Noble Goat, Purina, etc. Some folks use the medicated feed to help prevent Coccidiosis, either medicated or not is ok. Best to treat kids once a month for Cocci using DiMethox Solution (Albon). 1 ml once a day for five days through weaning.

Free choice minerals - either goat or horse should be offered placed near drinking water. Billy Blocks (like salt blocks) are good to have free choice as well.

Each goat is different. So the main thing is to watch their weight. Too fat, cut back on grain. Not finishing feed or hay is a sign feeding too much. If looking thin, increase feed and/or hay.

Giving goats Copper Bolus once or twice a year boosts their copper.

Giving goats a BoSe injection once or twice a year boosts their selenium.