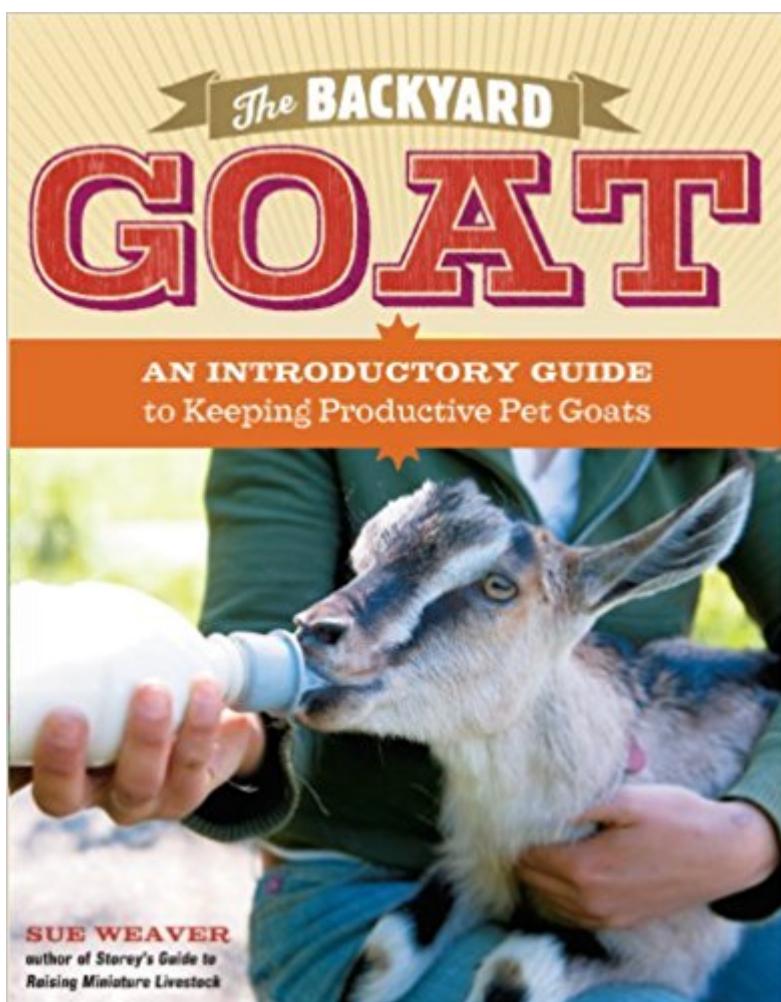


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# The Backyard Goat: An Introductory Guide To Keeping And Enjoying Pet Goats, From Feeding And Housing To Making Your Own Cheese



## Synopsis

Pulling carts around the farm or serving as loyal pack animals, goats are naturally hardworking and make for friendly companions. This straightforward guide teaches you how to choose, house, feed, train, and breed the best goats for your space and needs. Whether you want to churn out fresh dairy products, harvest soft cashmere for knitting, or keep goats as playful pets, *The Backyard Goat* makes it easy to enjoy the benefits of owning goats, with no experience necessary.

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## Customer Reviews

Sue Weaver has written hundreds of magazine articles and many books about livestock, horses, and chickens, including *The Backyard Cow*, *The Backyard Goat*, *The Backyard Sheep*, *Storey* and *The Donkey Companion*. Weaver and her husband share their ridgetop farmette in the southern Ozarks with an array of animal friends.

This was hard to rate because in some ways it's awful, in others it's very interesting. I'll start with the bad stuff: If you read this on your Kindle, be prepared for A MESS. This has clearly not been made with Kindle in mind, and the conversion to ebook format has gone very, very bad (I imagine/hope the physical version is not like this). Chapters and illustrations pop up where they make no sense. It is also, in some parts, not written very well. Sometimes information comes up that is completely irrelevant to the current chapter, so even if the layout and chapters hadn't been messed up, it would still be somewhat confusing. The first impression is not a good one. Other than that, it contains

a lot of useful information, including chapters on training pack and harness goats, which most books seem to skip completely. It even has a section about clicker training (which I wish was followed through when it comes to the cart training bit, but there for some reason a more traditional method is described).

I gave this book to my wife as a gift because for the last 5 years she has expressed a desire for a pet goat. This seemed like a good choice for someone trying to decide what type of goat to get. I made a great choice; she loves this book and has learned a great many important things. The information in this book will prevent her from making mistakes when it comes to selecting and caring for her goats. My other choice was "Goats for Dummies", but I just could not make myself give a gift to anyone, much less my wife, with the word dummy in the title.

I have gotten a lot of use out of this book and it is my favorite of all the goat books that I've seen. Thanks!

We are new goat owners and this helped us out a lot. We only have goats as pets so much of the book did not pertain to us at all. It does give solid advice and we still go back and read it when we need to check on something.

I have been wondering about the best way to get involved raising goats and this book us very detailed and informative. I had no idea there are so many different types of goats, but it figures! The angora goats look very soft. Including the information about how to milk a goat correctly and make your own cheese this book has alot of valuable information, I have loved the taste of goat cheese and wondered how exactly to make it and it's explained easily here. So much to learn about, how to clean and care for goats even teach how to pull a cart or float for a parade and teach how to dance. Very thorough and fascinating to read, a really good buy.

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