

UK Pygmy Goat Pre-Purchase Checklist

Use this checklist before buying pygmy goats to ensure you are legally prepared, properly set up, and ready to care for them responsibly.

Legal & Paperwork Essentials

- CPH (County Parish Holding) number obtained from the Rural Payments Agency
- Familiar with livestock movement reporting (ARAMS or paper records)
- Local council rules checked for keeping goats
- Breeder provides valid movement documentation

Housing & Land Preparation

- Secure, goat-proof fencing installed
- Dry, weatherproof shelter with good ventilation
- Adequate grazing space available
- Separate pen or area available for quarantine if needed

Feeding & Daily Care

- Clean, mould-free hay sourced
- Goat-specific mineral supplements available
- Fresh water supply arranged
- Safe browsing areas or enrichment planned

Health & Veterinary Planning

- Local farm or livestock vet identified
- Worming and vaccination records reviewed
- Basic health supplies ready (thermometer, hoof trimmers, disinfectant)
- Quarantine plan prepared for new arrivals

Breeder & Goat Evaluation

- Buying at least two goats (never a single goat)
- Breeder is knowledgeable and transparent
- Goats appear alert, active, and healthy
- Parents viewed where possible (especially for breeding stock)

Transport & Collection

- Safe transport arranged (crate or secure vehicle area)
- Straw or shavings prepared for bedding
- Collection planned during daylight hours
- In-person pickup arranged (avoid courier-only sales)

Long-Term Commitment Check

- ■ Time available for daily care and checks
- ■ Budget planned for feed, vet care, and maintenance
- ■ Backup care arranged for holidays or emergencies
- ■ Long-term commitment understood (10–15 year lifespan)