

# 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)