

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Section 22 of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 provides that the Minister may approve codes of practice relating to animal welfare.

The Code of Practice for the Welfare of the Goat was prepared by a joint working party of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee together with representatives of the Rural Lessees Association and Animal Liberation.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the Code of Practice for adoption in the ACT in April 1995.

The provisions of the Code are detailed in the Attachment.

The purpose of the Code is to provide guidelines for persons responsible for the welfare and husbandry of goats within the Australian Capital Territory.

The Code details the basic behavioural, anatomical and physiological needs of goats.

Section 2 details nutritional requirements of goats.

Section 3 specifies water requirements of goats.

Section 4 provides guidelines in case of drought.

Section 5 requires provision to be made for protection of goats from climatic extremes and predation.

Section 6 discusses housing and accommodation for intensive goat systems.

Section 7 details requirements in relation to goat handling facilities and procedures.

Section 8 deals with management practices, detailing specific requirements in relation to supervision, castration, disbudding, dehorning, horn trimming, milking, shearing and health.

Section 9 outlines appropriate identification methods.

Section 10 discusses mustering, driving, yarding and drafting goats.

Section 11 describes humane destruction of goats.