



BLOCKED MALE GOATS

Castrated male goats (wethers) are prone to developing urinary stones. Wethers are more likely to develop stones because of the smaller diameter of the urethra which seems to be more significant in animals that are castrated early. Diet and genetics also play a large role in the development of urinary stones. If your wether is blocked some of the signs you may see are straining, dribbling urine or no urine production, loss of appetite, lethargy. This is considered an emergency and your goat should be seen right away.

There are many things you can do to help prevent your wether from becoming blocked. We recommend waiting until 3-4 months of age for castration. Make sure your goat has access to clean, fresh water at all times. Do not feed a diet that has large amounts of grains or legumes because these things tend to increase the likelihood of stone formation.

If you have more questions, please contact our office.