

Common Problems

Disease	Symptoms	Treatment
Acidosis	Metabolic Disease, overeating/excess grain> Depressed, abdominal pain, diarrhea	Baking Soda, Kao pectate/Pepto-Bismol, hay, Probios NO GRAIN, Tylan 200, PCN
Anorexia	Decreased, absent eating, depression, lethargic	Nutridrench, Probios, D50 (PO), Dyne, honey, molasses, Karo syrup, beer
Bloat	Distention left side Frothy – lush grazing, wet pasture, grain too finely ground	Cooking oil, mineral oil, detergent without oxidizers (Tide) *Do Not give beer if bloat is causing anorexia until bloat
CAE (Caprine Arthritis and Encephalitis *GOATS)	Lameness, stiffness, reluctance to walk/rise, weight loss, swollen joints, walking on knees	Highly contagious. No cure.
CL (Caseous Lymphadenitis)	Abscesses behind the ears, beneath the jaw/neck, shoulders, flank, between hind legs, and chronic weight loss	Highly contagious. External abscess must be treated to prevent spread. Isolation until abscess is healed. Lance and drain abscess completely. Collect sample for testing. Wash with hydrogen peroxide, flush with iodine solution. Disinfect area where animal housed.
Cobalt deficiency	Lack of appetite, severe emaciation, weak, anemia, weeping eyes	B12

Coccidiosis	Usually in lambs, diarrhea (might contain blood/mucus), dehydration, fever, weight loss, anemia, wool breaking	Cocciostat, hydration, probiotics, Vit B complex day 3 of treatment; repeat treatment in 3-4 weeks
Copper Toxicity	Suddenly do not eat, weak, mucus membranes/white skin areas become yellow/brown, red/brown urine	Ammonium molybdate, sulfate compound
Diarrhea (Scours)	Stress, illness, environmental; coccidia, worms, acidosis	Rehydration, Kao pectate, Pepto-Bismol, Probios, probiotics, electrolytes
Foot Rot/Scald	Lameness in one or more feet, foul odor	Hoof trimming, Zinc Sulfate foot bath, Koppertox, Zactren (\$\$\$eradication), LA200, Nuflor, Draxxin, Naxcel
Johne's Disease	Diarrhea and weight loss with a normal appetite, wasting.	Highly contagious. False positives and false negatives possible with all testing. No cure.
Listeriosis (Circling Disease)	Depressed, disoriented, may walk in circles, head tilt, facial paralysis	High Dose antibiotics, generally not effective
Mastitis	Warm/swollen glands, reluctant to walk, may hold up rear foot, may not permit lambs to nurse	LA200, Nuflor, Dexamethasone
OPP (Ovine Progressive Pneumonia)	Most infected animals do not show signs until 2 year of age or older including loss of body condition, increased breathing effort, and unsteady gait.	Highly contagious. No cure.
Pink Eye	Foggy eye	Terramycin ophthalmic, LA 200, Draxxin

Pneumonia	Depressed, stop eating, temp >104, coarse lung sounds, rapid breathing	Nuflor, LA200, Draxxin, Naxcel
Polio	Blindness, stargazing; Vit B1 (thiamine) deficiency, can be caused by Corid treatment	Thiamine (Vit B1, Vit B Complex), maintain rumen as lamb will stop eating
Q Fever	Abortions, still births, or birth of weak offspring. Zoonotic, can pass to humans (causing flu-like symptoms often resolves in humans without treatment but in rare cases can become chronic and cause damage to vital organs or death).	Highly contagious. No cure.
Soremouth (Orf, Scabby Mouth, Contagious Ecthyma)	Highly contagious, viral infection. Zoonotic, can be passed to people ; scab on skin usually around the mouth, nostrils, eyes, mammary gland, and vulva; first appears as tiny, red nodules	WD-40 sprayed on scabs to try out (be sure to cover the nostrils before spraying to avoid inhalation); virus usually runs the course in 1-4 weeks
Urolithiasis	Crystal/stone formation in urethra (usually rams and wethers) from imbalance of calcium and phosphorous in diet related to grain> stop eating/drinking, depressed, stand with hind legs stretched out behind, walk stiffly/reluctantly, swelling around the sheath, strain to urinate, dribble urine for excess time, gritty crystals can be felt on the urine collecting on the hair of the prepuce	MUST BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY BY VET. This can be fatal very quickly.
Watery Mouth Disease (E. Coli)	Hypothermia, dull, anorexic, classically have long stings of	Supportive care, SQ rehydration milk/milk replacer, Amoxicillin with

	saliva drooling from mouth/wet muzzle, cold mouth	clavulanic acid, anti-inflammatory, warm externally
White Muscle Disease	Stiff hind legs, arched tucked back, selenium deficiency	BoSe