Treat Mange Now!

The New Way

Mange is a major killer of goats in dry areas such as Tharaka and mbeere Districts, but it can now be treated easily.

CAUSE AND SYMPTOMS

Small mites that burrow in the skin, causina:

* Severe itching
* Loss of hair
* Scabby skin
* Emaciation and death

You lose because

* You cannot sell skin from an infected goat.
* Infected meat is rarely eaten.
* The disease spreads fast and can wipe out the whole flock.

TREATMENTS

1. Usual mange drugs

* Injectable Ivomectin
* Tick control chemicals

2. New treatment method

Use crude castor seed oil (do not use refined castor oil) mixed with tamarind fruit solution, at 1 tin (2 kg) of castor seed oil to 112 tin (1 kg) of tamarind solution.
MIXTURE PREPARATION

a) Castor seeds

- Roast the castor seeds on a pan until they start popping up and turning dark
- Pound the roasted seeds in a mortar or use a grinding stone.
- Put them in a cooking pot.
- Add water to cover the pounded material.
- Heat the mixture over fire until oil shows on the surface
- Remove the mixture from the fire and leave it to cool.

b) Tamarind fruit

- Soak the fruit in water in a bucket
- Stir it to make a thick paste
- Remove the seed and residues from the paste

APPLYING

- Mix the castor oil with the tamarind paste
- Use a hand brush to scrub the mixture onto the animal's body
- Apply this once every week for 4 weeks.
BENEFITS

- Very effective
- You will save more than half the usual conventional cost
- Castor seeds and tamarind are available in Mbeere, Tharaka District and other ASAL districts.

The same goat after treatment

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