

Nigerian Dwarf Goat

Scientific Name: *Capra hircus*

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Bovidae



The parts of the body of the Nigerian Dwarf Goat are in balanced proportion. The nose is straight. The ears are upright. The coat is soft with short to medium hair. Any color or combination is acceptable, though silver agouti (roan) is considered a moderate fault. The main colors are black, chocolate and gold. Random white markings are common, as are spots and other color combinations such as red, white, gold and black..

Range

West Africa

Habitat

Nigerian Dwarf Goats need clean, dry shelters. They should have shade in the summer and protection from the winter winds. They also need an exercise yard, and they are mountain animals and enjoy obstacles on which to climb.

Gestation

5 months

Litter

3-4 kids

Behavior

The Nigerian dwarf goats are gentle and easily trainable. Their small size also makes them excellent “visitor” animals for nursing homes and hospitals.

Reproduction

Nigerian Dwarf Goats breed easily. Many breeders breed their does three times in two years. They reach sexual maturity at a young age. Males have been known to breed and be fertile as young as 7 weeks of age. Does can be bred at 7 to 8 months of age if they have reached a good size.

Wild Diet

Hay and greens from foraging