



Pack Goat Program Journal

The pack goat program is a bit different than most programs that occur at the Northwestern Michigan Fair. It is a continuing program in which you and your goat have the opportunity to work as a team. Each year builds both knowledge and skill. In keeping with this unrivalled tradition of this special relationship, it is only appropriate that a written legacy be special too.

Since most of us have already done a marketing report in the past, we should continue on to the next level. This is to present a written journal of your relationship with your goat to another reader.

Each person has encountered different experiences to get to where he/she is presently. As a writer of this journal, it is important to keep in mind that not everyone has owned a goat or knows anything about them. Illustrations and pictures are encouraged to help you to explain to the reader about different things. Just as you had to start out on learning, so does your reader. Try to share what you and your goat had to work on to be at your present level. Successes as well as failures or setbacks will give a true picture of what it is really like to raise and train a pack goat.

Outline for the journal:

Title page:

The title page shall be a cover to the journal. It should reflect what the journal is about and who was the writer of it. You may want to include your goat's name since this journal is about both of you and your special relationship.

These are some examples of a possible title for your journal:

- * My Pack Goat Journal.
- * The Story of My Pack Goat and Our Adventures.
- * <your name> Journal of Pack Goating

Suggestion: The addition of illustrations and/or photos to this page may help in dressing it up. This would aid a reader in visualizing what your journal is about. Remember not everyone works with goats.

Part 1

How did you get started with Pack Goats.

In this part describe to your reader how you got started. Where and what made you pick that goat. At what age was your goat when you got it? What made you decide to work with a pack goat? Did you read some books or go to clinics?

Suggestion: A picture of your goat after you first got it will give the reader a sense of size and a face to put with the goat.

Part 2

How you trained your goat to become a pack goat.

At what age did you start training your goat. Include training to walk on a collar and a lead if you had to teach this. How did the goat react to the training lesson? No training program is perfect. Sometimes there are things that your goat just won't do. Describe these set backs so you can give your reader a better sense as to the training challenges and how you over came them.

Part 3

Now that your goat is trained, what are you going to do with this pack goat?

List things that you and your pack goat have done, such as hikes, parades, clinics, and fairs. Describe what the event was and how you two did with it. A date would help to keep track of when the different events happened. This also would help the reader understand how you are progressing.

Suggestion: Add some of your favorite photos of you and your goat in action. This gives the reader an understanding as to what a pack goat is and that they really do work! You might need to get these photos from a friend since you should be in the pictures too.

Part 4

What I have learned and my goals are for the future.

What have you learned from pack goating? What do you want to do in the future with your pack goat?