How to Feed your Goat in an Urban Setting

You can provide proper nutrition to your goats even without ample space to graze. Here are some options for feeding and caring for your goats:

Tree Foliage

Utilize planted or naturally growing trees like avocado and moringa. These trees not only offer nourishment but also contribute to increased milk production in goats. Additionally, consider planting amaranth for supplementary nutrition.

Moringa and Mululuza Trees

Moringa trees are particularly valuable for dairy farmers. They thrive in various environments as long as they receive adequate watering. Mululuza trees are an excellent source of protein for goats.

Explore local markets for goat feeds such as carrots, banana peels, and potato vines. Ensure that these food items are dried before feeding them to your goats.

Tree Leaves and Fruits

Trees like mango, guava, musasa, and mutuba provide leaves and fruits that can be incorporated into your goats' diet. Rather than burning trimmed grasses like paspalum, collect and wilt them for one to two days before feeding them to your goats.

Introducing New Feeds

To introduce new feeds to your goats, mix some salt with water and sprinkle it on the feeds. This can encourage your goats to start consuming the new food. Some roadside areas may offer

brachalia and elephant grass that you can harvest and use as goat feed. However, avoid tethering your goats alongside roads to prevent accidents.

Market Waste

Market waste can often serve as suitable goat feed. Be resourceful in identifying food scraps and surplus items that can be safely fed to your goats. You can also feed your goats with leftover foods. Cooked leftovers with added salt can be enticing for goats. However, be cautious with raw foods like potato peels, as they may lead to bloating, diarrhea, or infections. To minimize risks, ensure these raw feeds are dried before offering them to your goats.

Proper Drying

When drying grasses, ensure they are thoroughly dried to prevent the growth of molds. Moldy feed can lead to goat infections. Store dried grasses in a dry environment inaccessible to rodents.

By following these practices, you can provide your goats with a diverse and nutritious diet while maintaining their well-being. Remember to prioritize the health and safety of your goats in every aspect of their care.