Prospective Goat Owners Need To Know:

Goats need good fencing, a dry barn or shelter, companionship, (2 or more goats together), feed, Worming and vaccinations. They are prone to overheating when not properly conditioned.

They have distinct personalities and owners need to enjoy their "capriciousness". Dogs and goats need to be carefully introduced to each other.

Any animal is a commitment of time, money and energy. Gather information from these and other resources first. Spend some time with goats and research goat care requirements BEFORE you buy.

RESOURCES:
North American Packgoat Association-
http://www.napga.org/
Your source for information about goatpacking and activities for goatpackers; working hard to serve the goatpacking community.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES:
GOAT TRACKS--A magazine dedicated to packing and harness information, management and land use issues, 503-637-3021,
carolyn@goattracksmagazine.com,
http://www.goattracksmagazine.com

GOAT magazine--General management & some packing information. HRC 2, Box 23, Nixon, TX 78140
"PRACTICAL GOATPACKING" by Carolyn Eddy--The "how-to" book about goatpacking. See the Goat Tracks webpage above
"THE PACK GOAT" by John Mionczinski--The original packgoat book. Available at camping and Packgoat supply stores.

PACKGOAT CLUBS:
Cascade--Oregon--Carolyn Eddy, 503-637-3021,
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Evergreen--Washington--Donna Semasko, 360-923-1451, edelweissacres@attbi.com

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Packgoat Email List--All Things Packgoat,
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/packgoat

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WHY PACK A GOAT?

* Relatively easy to train; when properly managed, easy on campsites and trails
* Goats are personable, efficient load haulers
* Where allowed, goats can travel without a lead, moving gear in an efficient manner over rough terrain
* Goats are excellent for use by hunters as they don't scare game
* Goats and their gear are much less expensive than horses and llamas and their gear
* Goats are ideal companions for seniors who can no longer carry a backpack and for families with small children
* Goats will haul in a trailer or a pickup with a canopy

THE GOAT (and the dog) are the two animals first domesticated by man. Goats have been used as beasts of burden in European and Asian countries for centuries, but have only recently joined the packstock scene in this country.

Goats, like dogs, bond with humans at a young age and will follow anywhere. Unlike dogs, they do not chase squirrels and deer, and may even put wildlife at ease, allowing you to approach closely.

Goats Eat Like Deer....

They forage and browse for a wide variety of food, so there is no need to pack much extra food for them. You may need to pack feed in areas where your goats must be kept tied. In areas not requiring tying, your goat will willingly follow along the trail, browse for his own food and sleep next to your tent or rainfly.

Goats Are Easy To Train.....

They can start with light loads as yearlings. When properly conditioned, you can expect your goat to carry 30-60 pounds (or 25% of his body weight) over 5-15 mountain miles per day.

Goats can be trained at an early age to cross streams. When hiking in areas that require a lead on your goat, they can be trained to tether or highline and lead.

The Family Goat.....

Goats are easily led by children and are easy to pack for all ages, as you need not lift your load very high. They are affectionate, playful, and no...they don't stink!

Where Can I Take My Goat?

Goats can utilize areas that are inaccessible to horses, relieving congestion on crowded trails. Goats can travel over a wide variety of terrain such as packed snow, downed logs and rock.

Goats are used in the National Forests and BLM lands on packstock designated trails and in remote trailless areas where allowed.

In some states goats are used by the Forest Service in support of trail maintenance. Many State Parks also allow packgoats but they must be on leads. Currently, goats are not allowed in National Parks.

Check regulations with your local land manager in the area you wish to go.
Packing Essentials:

- 1st Aid Kit (for humans & animals)
- Water!!!
- Map & Compass
- Waterproof Matches
- Whistle & Signal Mirror
- ID (on humans & animals)
- Knife
- Rope
- Rain and/or Snow Gear
- Space Blanket
- Emergency Food (human & animal)
- Spare Clothing
- Sunscreen & Bug Repellant