



## Entropion in Goat Kids

by Beth Johnson, DVM

Just like newborn lambs, goat kids can suffer from entropion as well. Newborn kids and lambs do not tear, so if you see a newborn with tearing from an eye there is a problem with the eye and it is crucial that the kid/lamb be examined and treatment instituted as soon as possible to prevent future blindness. Use a 1-1&1/2 inch straight hemostat to correct the entropions. Examine both lids on the newborn. Many times only one lid is affected. Place one edge of the hemostat parallel to the affected lid after it is rolled out in a normal position. Then with the other edge bring the hemostat together and pinch the skin up in the hemostat. Close the hemostat and leave it pinched for 10-15 seconds. This procedure can be repeated every 8-12 hours as needed to correct the entropion. If the cornea is damaged place an ophthalmic ointment within the eye prescribed by your veterinarian twice daily until the eye appears normal. If pinching does not correct the problem, corrective surgery may be needed. This should only be performed by a veterinarian. As stated, this is a genetic condition and the animal should not be kept as a replacement animal especially bucks!

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## Inverted Eye Lids in Sheep

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If lambs are found shortly after birth with watery eyes, are depressed and obviously in pain, then they likely have inverted eyelids. If not corrected it can cause permanent damage to the eye and negatively affect the health of the lamb. There is an easy fix - wound clips. They are placed horizontally causing the eye lid to revert away from the cornea. Later on these clips will fall out and the lamb will be normal. Once repaired, in just a couple of hours the lamb will be up and jumping around the jug. It is a heritable condition and sheep with this condition shouldn't be used for breeding.

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