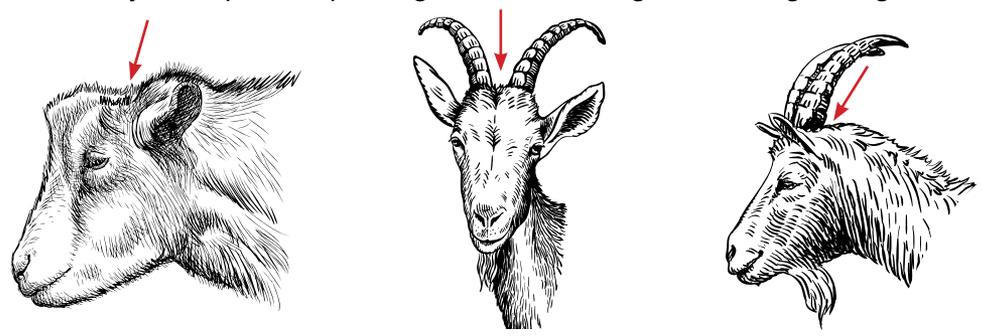


# Humane Euthanasia via Gunshot or Captive Bolt

Developing a euthanasia plan with your veterinarian ensures animal welfare in the worst situations. While some goat owners prefer other euthanasia methods, this sheet focuses strictly on the gunshot and captive bolt methods. Check your local laws to ensure all parts of this tutorial are legal within your area and decide if this is the best plan for your farm.

Equipment	Procedure
<p>You will need the following items:</p> <p>Restraint equipment including ropes/halters, squeezes/chutes, and/or sedatives</p> <p>Trained firearm operator</p> <p>Appropriate firearm and at least two bullets OR captive bolt device</p> <p>Method of verifying death, such as stethoscope</p>	<p>Restrain the animal as necessary to ensure they do not hurt you or further stress/injure themselves. Place the gun at least 30cm from the head, <b>never flush</b> against the head, for the safety of the person operating the firearm. Aim gun according to diagram.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Placement applies for either gunshot or captive bolt methods. Aim between the poll, with the shot directed at the base of the tongue.</p> <p>After shooting, check for signs of life. If the animal blinks when the eye is touched, vocalizes, attempts to move, or shows other signs of consciousness, shoot again. Lack of eye movement, lack of heartbeat, and lack of breathing for at least five minutes indicate death.</p> <p>For your safety, ensure animal is dead before attempting to move it. This may include waiting up to 30 minutes after euthanasia. Dispose according to local laws.</p>

GOAT	GUN CALIBRE	BULLET	NOTES
Kid	.22 rifle (minimum)	.22 long rifle hollow-nose	Move kid against a backstop such as a dirt mound or straw bale.
Adult Goat (hornless)	.22 rifle (minimum)	.22 long rifle hollow-nose .22 magnum	
	.22 magnum	.22 magnum	
	.410 shotgun	#4/#6 birdshot	
Mature Buck Horned Adult	.22 magnum (minimum)	.22 magnum	
	.410 shotgun	#4/#6 birdshot 1/8 oz. slug	
	20 gauge shotgun	5/8 oz. slug #4/#6 birdshot	

