

Right From the Start

Goats

Characteristics

- Sure-footed
- Good sense of hearing
- Wide field of vision
- No weapons
 - Flee or freeze rather than fight



Characteristics cont.

- Gregarious
- Heat butters
- Good jumpers
- Naturally curious
- Easily startled
- Establish hierarchy

Equipment

- Rope halter for training
- Grooming tools



Equipment cont.

- Neck chain with protective hand grip



Flight Zone

- Safety zone
- Varies among animals
- Increases when an animal is excited or approached from the front

Flight Zone

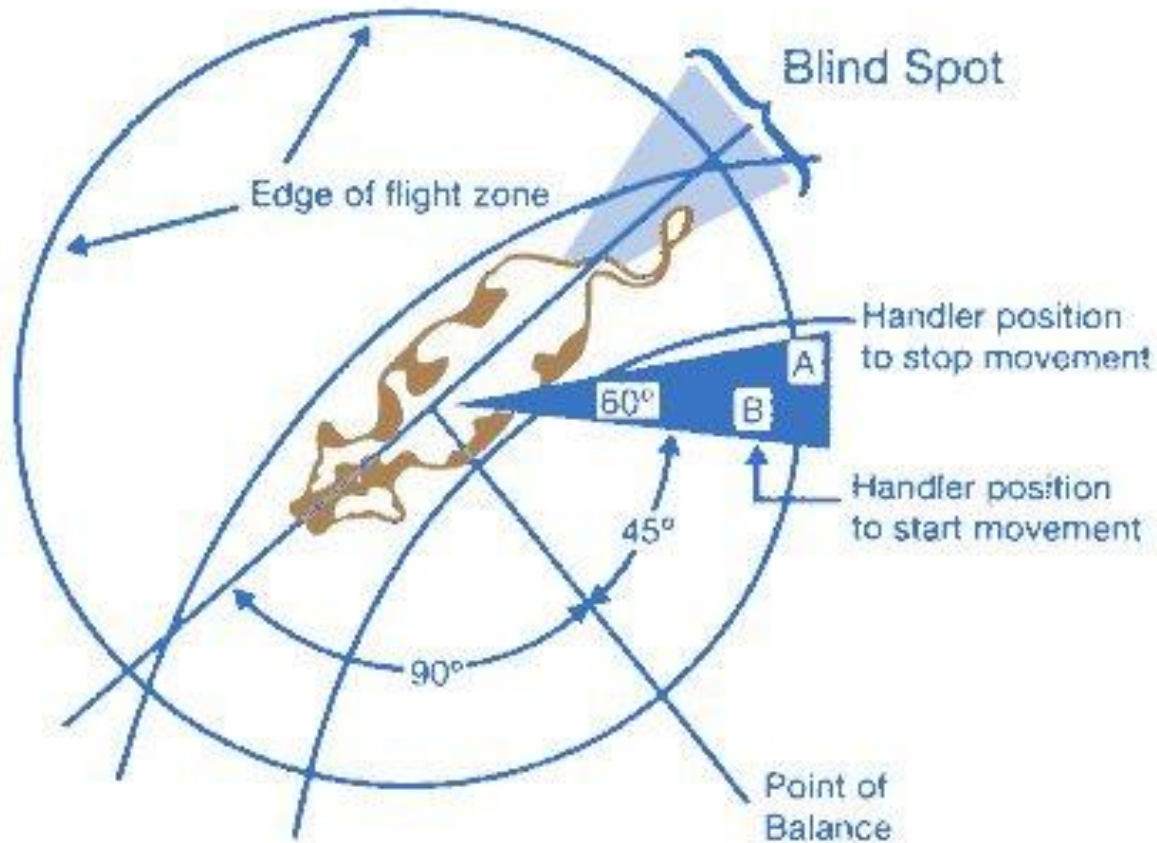


Diagram courtesy of Dr. Temple Grandin

Common Injuries

- Slips/falls
- Bruises, cuts, scrapes
- Muscle strain
- Back strain
- Blisters
- Burns

Injury Prevention

- Wear closed-toe shoes or boots with non-slip soles
- Wear gloves to protect your hands from rope burn, chain pinches, and grooming tools
- Keep the practice area clear of debris to reduce tripping/slipping hazards
- Work with your goat often to reduce their flight zone
- Handle goats quietly and calmly



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