

Backyard Goats – Animal Husbandry and Keeping Goats within City Limits

Where: 215 N Mason Street, Community Room

When: Monday, October 28, 1-3 p.m.

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Purpose: In July 2013, the City of Fort Collins adopted regulations to allow two, miniature goats to be raised on any lot within the City, provided that certain criteria are met.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss those regulations, what it takes to obtain a license within City limits, and best practices in raising goats in an urban environment.

Note: Light refreshments will be provided.

Presenters: Lindsay Ex is a Senior Environmental Planner with the City of Fort Collins. In this role, she has led the development of the urban agriculture regulations for the City. Lindsay is also assisting in the development of a Local Food Cluster and is actively identifying and removing barriers to local food production so our policies are better aligned with the urban goals outlined in City Plan, the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Bill Porter is the Director of Animal Protection and Control with the Larimer County Humane Society. As a Certified Animal Control Officer (CAACO) and a State Commissioned Animal Control officer with the State of Colorado, Bill utilizes his extensive knowledge of federal, state, and local laws and ordinances related to the control and welfare of animals to set the strategic direction for Larimer Humane Society's Animal Protection & Control and Pet Licensing departments.

Dr. Nancy Irlbeck is the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the College of Agriculture Sciences with Colorado State University. Prior to her administrative appointment, Nancy served in a predominantly teaching appointment for 15 years within the Department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University. She and her husband Steve live on the Colorado-Wyoming border where they raise six breeds of rare wool sheep.

Agenda:

1:00 – 1:10 Introductions and Background (Lindsay Ex)

Lindsay will provide background on the City's efforts to support local food production.

1:10 – 1:30 What do you need to get a license to raise goats within the City? (Bill Porter)

Bill will cover the regulations for keeping goats within the City and what is required prior to a license and ongoing requirements for raising goats in City limits.

1:30 – 2:30 Best Practices for Raising Goats in an Urban Environment (Dr. Nancy Irlbeck)

Dr. Irlbeck will discuss the requirements for humanely raising goats in an urban environment, including nutrition, shelter, time for play, and disease prevention and management.

2:30 - 3:00 Questions, Discussion (Lindsay Ex)

The remaining time will be open for Q&A with the participating audience.