

Correcting a vertical fold in kid ears

From time to time you will encounter kids with vertically folded ears (see photo 1). If corrected early after birth these can usually be corrected. I am not going to go into the right or wrong issues of correcting a fault but rather give you, as the producer an option for correcting the fault. While most registries do consider this to be a fault you will have to make the determination whether or not to keep this kid in your breeding program or culling it at weaning.



P 1

You will need:

- scissors
- cardboard (from a shoebox, cereal box or other mid-weight cardboard)
- livestock glue(see photo 2).

The livestock glue can be ordered or purchased locally at most any place that sells livestock products. I got my first livestock glue from our local salebarn. They gave me a piece of a tube that was almost used up.



P2

Cut the cardboard so that it will sit inside the ear without sticking out. Round the corners so that the kid will not be uncomfortable with sharp corners poking it (see photos 3 & 4).



P3



P4

Apply the livestock glue and spread to the edges of the cardboard (photo 5).



P5

Place the cardboard glue side against the goats inner ear and press firmly. Be sure to put the smaller width closer to the goats ear canal and the larger end of the cardboard furthest away from the ear canal (see photo 6)



P6

This should hold for a week or longer. Leave it in place until it falls out on its own. Should it fall off prematurely, and the ear is not corrected repeat the process again.

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