

Checking Tail Ligaments

One of the best indicators of imminent kidding is to watch for the loosening of the tail ligaments. As a doe's body prepares for kidding, her ligaments will loosen in order for the pelvic area to expand so the kids can be born. Her vulva will start loosening up several weeks before kidding and will almost appear puffy. As the babies drop to get into position to be born, the doe's flanks will appear sunken in. If you look at her belly, it will almost look as though it makes a "V". Once you can feel your fingers touch through the skin of the doe at the base of her tail, kidding will be very close.

