Rhododendron Poisoning - By Sandi Lauer

Recently I had an incident with Rhododendrons. My daughters Champion Miniature Dairy doe decided to escape and eat the Rhodies. I did not find her until a couple of hours after, when she was very sick and vomiting. I went back to the house and did some investigating online and came up with a couple of very good and easy to use antidotes. I found at GOAT WORLD.COM two antidotes.

The first is:

**Irene's Recipe for Rhododendron Poisoning**

**Ingredients:**

**15 mls Renco (Rennet)**

**15 mls Mylanta (Milk of Magnesia)**

**5 mls Brandy or Sherry**

**Mix all together.**

**This is the adult dose.**

**For kids under 4 months. Give this to each kid affected.**

**5 mls Renco (Rennet)**

**5 mls Mylanta ( Milk of Magnesia)**

**2 mls Brandy or Sherry**

**Mix the same as above and dose.**

**For kids over 4 months**

**10 mls Renco (Rennet)**

**10 mls Mylanta (Milk of Magnesia)**

**5 mls Brandy or Sherry**

You can find rennet at a lot of supermarkets. It is a cheese making product. It can be used for a lot of tummy roblems in goats. It helps to neutralize the toxins in the Rhodies. The Mylanta and/or Milk of Magnesia you probably have in your bathroom or kitchen. For those not so good tummy days. This does two things, it helps to put a lining back on the gut, and helps to get it back into a good rhythm. The Brandy works, but is a mystery why. It is important to keep the goat in a dry warm comfortable place. Give her plenty of water. This is the one I used because I did not have all of the supplies I needed in a hurry for the first one.

**Lorraine's Recipe for Rhododendron Poisoning**

**Quantities do not need to be exact.**

**Ingredients:**

**1/4 cup cooking oil**

**1/2 cup strong, strong cold tea ( 6 - 8 tea bags removed)**

**Black English Tea**

**1 teaspoon Ground Ginger**

**1 teaspoon baking soda**

**Mix all together and drench the goat with it all.**

This one works by the oil putting a lining on the gut, the tea is the antidote and the ginger relieves the pain and the baking soda helps with the gas. I used Lipton tea because it was all I could find in a hurry in my cupboard. I have since bought English tea. I dosed the doe over a 5 minute time frame and her vomiting slowed almost immediately. I gave her grass hay and water and went to the house. I came back out about an hour or two later and she was feeding her two week old kids and trying to eat hay. She drank some water and the next morning she was her old obnoxious self , trying to get back out and wanting grain as if nothing ever happened. I swear by this one. I hope it works for you too.

source:

http://www.goatworld.com/health/plants/antidotes.shtml