

# Goat Measuring Stick

Measuring Miniature Goats is difficult at the best of times. It requires at least two people to ensure accuracy and this is if the goat is used to being handled and is compliant. It is particularly difficult if the animal is feral or herd raised and doesn't like being handled.

The key requirement is a robust, accurate, easy to use tool. The Goat Measuring Stick has been developed by Just Kiddin Mini Goats to perform the job quickly and accurately.

## Features:

- ✓ It is long enough to be able to hold easily, firmly and well above the goat being measured
- ✓ Robust, long lasting
- ✓ It holds the sliding bracket in place when let go but still slides easily to get it into position
- ✓ Easy to make, most parts can be obtained from local suppliers
- ✓ Takes around an hour to make

## The Measuring Stick



- ✓ Steel ruler allows for measurement up to 24" / 60 cm
- ✓ The attached bulls eye spirit level ensures that it is straight in all directions to ensure accurate measurement
- ✓ The bracket is long enough to extend well across the goat

## **Making a Goat Measuring Stick**

### ***Materials***

- ✓ One shelf bracket as shown - preferably 30 cm long to provide good coverage across goat's shoulders.
- ✓ Around 1.5 metres of window sash from a sliding window (your local window manufacturer will have some) Bracket needs to slide neatly inside sash so take bracket with you to get a good fit
- ✓ Sliding window material (nylon or similar – fits between the bracket and sash to prevent metal rubbing on metal - also from window place) – this will provide easy movement for the bracket but hold it in place when not held
- ✓ Two metal pieces that fit inside the sliding section of the window sash and screw to bracket - (also from window manufacturer with screws & screw holes fitted)
- ✓ One bullseye spirit level bubble
- ✓ One 60 cm steel ruler
- ✓ Glue to attach ruler and level

Once made, a hole drilled in the side of the stick allows it to be hung on a wall out of the way.