

Daytime activity of goats kept in confinement

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The activity budget of 5 female goats, of improved white breed crossed with Boer was studied for 9 days in RZD Żelazna. During 96 hours of direct observation, the researcher continuously registered all noticeable signs of undertaking and giving up activity, as well as the frequency of comfort, affiliative, agonistic and excretory behaviour. It was proved that the goats spent most of the time on resting, especially at night and before noon. Their activity increased at dawn and depended also on the feeding time. The goats spent a lot of time on standing – consuming or searching for fodder and on comfort behaviour. They showed a bigger tendency to agonistic behaviour than to affiliation. Their daytime activity budget was distinguished by regularity and depended on the compromise between the optimal time of feeding, social and comfort behaviour.
