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T-Shirts for Animals



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Have you ever seen a Whitetail Deer wear a T-Shirt much less eat one? Me neither. Kinda of a funny topic, but actually not so funny. Where on earth is this going? I'll tell you, straight to the cotton field and then to a fancy bag claiming fascinating results.

I'm talking about feeding deer or making linted cotton seed available to Deer. This is not natural at all and can alter the health of the animal. I have never seen a deer in a cotton field picking (eating) cotton, at best their in the field eating a very young cotton plant but not likely and definitely not as the plant matures.

The cotton seed itself is a very high source of protein and when cleaned to no lint is an acceptable additive to feed. If deer don't forage in cotton fields then why do they eat this linted seed. During the manufacturing process of removing the seed the seed leaches cottonseed oil which gets on the lint therefore making it smell palatable. The problem is the lint is not digestible and difficult to get thru the system of a deer if at all. How do we know this other than never seeing a deer eating cotton in the crop field? We fed and made available linted cottonseed to a group of 10 doe's for 30 days. After 30 days, further research was done on one of the doe's and a ball of lint was found in the Rumen and traces of lint in the Reticulum. We did not find any traces of lint in multiple manure samples. Consult with your veterinarian for further information.

If you have a topic or a question you would like addressed in the next newsletter please email us. We always appreciate pictures of the funny things animals will do. God Bless and Keep Animals Happy and Healthy!

Did You Know?

- The world's oldest trees are 4,600 years old Bristlecone Pines in the USA.
- Fungai play a highly vital role in the environment.
- Ants weigh more than humans.
- Humans use only 1% of all the available water.

Funny Facts

- People who suffer from boanthropy believe they are a cow and will try to live their life as a cow.
- The nose knows. In fact, it can remember 50,000 different scents.
- Talk about making a splash! You'll produce enough saliva in your lifetime to fill two swimming pools.

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