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Reasons Why

People Love

Goat Milk Soaps





(especially
Surfing Goat Soaps)



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For many people goat's milk soap is the "cream of the crop," in natural soaps. Why? I admit I'm a little partial, but here's what I've seen through my years of making it.

1. Goat Milk Soap is a natural moisturizer

I've been making Surfing Goat Soaps goat milk soap for more than 20 years. At first I took it for granted. It was just a way to make my goat's help pay for themselves. But then, I went to get a donkey.

I rarely stay overnight away from the farm, because there's milking to be done. But we adopted a BLM burro from the US Government and I had to travel to Vermont to bring him home. This required staying overnight. In my excitement to get the burro, I forgot to pack my own soap.

When I took my morning shower using the commercial soap from the hotel, my face felt like it had been to the desert! I'd never felt so uncomfortable. Then I remembered – I make goat milk soap! It really did make a difference!

Because of the kind of goats that we have, and the ingredients that we use in Surfing Goat Soaps, my skin was used to feeling pampered. The natural fats and amino acids in goat's milk are easy for my skin to take in. They leave my skin feeling supple and clean, without having to apply any other lotion. Many people remark about my skin, despite my age. It's all due to the goat milk soap.

2. Clean Doesn't Have to Mean Dry

Goat milk soap lifts dirt off, without taking away the natural moisture you already have. It's amazing to me that it can be so gentle and so effective. One of my favorite stories is about our former UPS driver. His wife had purchased some of our Lavender, Oatmeal Honey, soap, but he wouldn't use it because it didn't feel "manly" enough for him. He was working on car one weekend and got some white lithium grease on his hands, that he could not remove. He tried all his usual chemical cleaners, but no luck. Finally, he grabbed the Surfing Goat Soap Lavender Oatmeal Honey, and it did the trick! It can also remove pine pitch, and even buck smell (for those who have goats,) and still leave your skin feeling soft and moisturized.

A well-crafted goat milk soap can provide effective cleansing while still feeling gentle enough for everyday use. Recently a visitor said she could no longer use our soap because she's pregnant, and we assured her that there's nothing in the soap that would harm her or her baby. She was so happy because in the past her face had loved our soap, but hormonal acne was proving to be a challenge for her.

Several years ago we participated in a holiday craft fair and brought some samples along for people to try. One woman took a sample with her to the rest room and when she returned she told us "I still feel like my skin is wet!" We were confused, and asked her if she used a towel and she explained that yes she had, but her hands didn't feel dried out like they usually did when she used a soap. She was delighted.

3. Goat Milk Creates a Luxuriously Creamy Lather

People ask us if the soap lathers, partly because they've had soap that didn't. I assure them that it does, but then I explain that I'd rather the strength of the soap be available for their skin, instead of going down the drain, so the lather isn't wasteful.

We had an elderly customer who loved to use our Lavender, Oatmeal Honey soap to shave with in the shower. But he had a hard time holding on to it, because it was so slippery. I was pleased that he trusted the lather for shaving, but I started making soap sacks so that he could hold onto the soap more easily, and keep him safe in the shower.

Whether you're shaving with it, soaking in a milk bath, or just cleaning up after a chore, goat milk soap is a simple way to pamper yourself, and help the planet at the same time.

4. A Simple Gift to the Planet

Commercial soaps are full of surfactants and other chemicals that are not easy on the environment. The need to use additional products to rehydrate, increases that impact. But using old fashioned, cold processed all natural goat milk soap, leaves no foot print on the Earth. For those who want to simplify their routines, lessen their environmental impact, and save money, goat milk soap is a great choice.

Surfing Goat Soaps uses all natural ingredients. No artificial colorants,

fragrances or abrasives. Our packaging is simple, with little to no plastic for the Earth to deal with. It is safe for city water systems and private septic tanks, and because we source much of ingredients from local farms, our customers are literally helping to support several small farms, and lessen their carbon footprint.

We make small batch soap, so we are not creating large amounts of waste. Some of our remainders, such as our end cuts, are made available for sale, or they are used in our laundry soap, or our rebatched products. Minimal waste is a solid concern for us here at Surfing Goat Soaps.

5. Handmade Soaps Offer Unique Scent Blends

When we make a scented goat milk soap we carefully blend the essential oils to be subtle and useful. Though many people purchase a soap just for the scent, Surfing Goat Soaps wants your soap ritual to be an experience that is more than clean skin.

Popular scents include:

- Lavender
- Mints, usually spearmint, but limited amounts of peppermint
- Eucalyptus
- Frankincense
- Herbal scents to help you relax

Many people appreciate the subtlety of our aromas, as increasingly people are feeling sensitive to chemical fragrances.

We are also aware of the needs of our customers who are chemically sensitive. Patients undergoing cancer treatment, those with past exposures to toxins, and those with respiratory issues all require unscented products. We honor them with our Saga products, our unscented soaps, lotions and other skin care products. These contain no essential oils, but may contain a touch of honey to assist with hydration, and to give people the sense of a quiet aroma, without feeling threatened.

6. Goat Milk Soap Makes a Thoughtful Gift

Handmade soap is a practical gift that almost everyone can use. Surfing Goat Soaps makes conventional bars, but we also make fanciful molded soaps as well.

Whether you're shopping for:

- Teachers
- Animal lovers
- Gardeners
- Moms
- Gift exchange recipients

or others in your life, a beautifully crafted goat milk soap can feel both personal and luxurious. Make it one of the molded soaps, and it becomes a piece of sustainable art!

We encourage people to enjoy their molded soaps with their eyes as long as they want, then let their skin enjoy the luscious soap, and when it's gone the Earth enjoys that it has gone to good use with nothing left behind.

7. Each Batch Has its Own Character

Because we make our soaps in small batches, using traditional practices, each batch is unique. The recipe doesn't change, but sometimes the time of year will effect the milk, making it a real treat. We keep our products simple, because we believe the value is in the soap, not the visual. That may not suit everyone, but that is also why we save the "beauty" aspect of our soaps for our Molded Menagerie.

8. It Encourages a Self-Care Ritual

Surfing Goat Soaps strives to give our customers a sense of peace. We call it Caprenity. The simple daily ritual of washing up can be accompanied by a reminder of the story behind each bar, or the storyland that we've created to accompany our soaps.

Something as small as choosing a favorite soap can transform an ordinary shower into a moment of comfort and relaxation.

9. Goat Milk Soap Connects You to the Land

One of the best parts of goat milk soap is that direct connection between the consumer and the producing farm. At Surfing Goat Soaps, every bar begins with a commitment to quality ingredients, careful craftsmanship, and a love of the animals that inspire our products. We value the peace that comes from cleanliness, as well nature, and craft our soaps to be a personal retreat for every user.

10. Surfing Goat Soaps believes that serenity should start from within, but is complemented by the knowledge of what goes into each bar. We've created our imaginary world of Caprenity to give people a creative way to step away from everyday worry, and just enjoy a simple story with a soap to match.

How to Choose a Quality Goat Milk Soap

When shopping for goat milk soap, look for:

- Real goat milk in the ingredient list. With us, it is the first item in our list, as we rarely use any additional water.
- High-quality oils and butters
- Small-batch craftsmanship. We put batch labels on each bar, so customers can ask specifically about a particular bar that they have used. We can look it up and see if there was anything unusual that happened in that batch of soap.
- Clear ingredient labeling
- Positive customer reviews

A well-made soap should feel luxurious, smell wonderful, and become a product you'll look forward to using every day.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can you use goat milk soap daily?

Yes, for many people it's the only soap they use.

What makes goat milk soap different from regular soap?

Surfing Goat Soaps use the strength of our goat's milk to your skin. Natural soaps are wonderful, too, but the uniqueness of goat's milk soap cannot be replicated by plants.

Conventional soaps from the grocery store are not really soap at all. They are "Syndets," synthetic detergents that were created to make a cheap option for producers.

** A little history here. Prior to the Depression, lard based soaps such as ours, were the norm. However, due to the Depression and the increase of urbanization, finding sufficient lard was difficult. Syndets were created using artificial chemicals so that people could maintain hygiene, without the necessity for lard. Because the process allowed for mass production, and higher profits, that practice has continued. An added benefit for companies was that syndets were more drying, which encouraged people to purchase lotions and skin creams to rehydrate – creating another income stream.

Ready to Try Some Goat Milk Soap?

Whether you're searching for a moisturizing daily cleanser, a thoughtful gift, or a small way to add more joy to your routine, handcrafted goat milk soap offers a delightful experience. Explore our collection of goat milk soaps and discover your new favorite soap today. Or build the perfect gift set by combining our products and our Fynniroo towels, totes and pillows, too. You can see them all at https://www.surfinggoatsoap.net