It's Enough To Get Your Goat



Some goats need a shove from behind to get them running. This picture was taken at the Falmouth Goat Race on October 7



All set for the celebrity goat race, this contestant walts impatiently during the Falmouth Goat Race's 10th anniversary held October 7 in Lancaster County.

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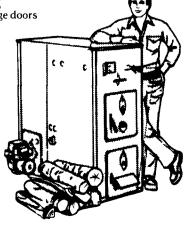
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Safe Lunches If You Follow Thèse Lessons

"Children with super-hero lunchboxes aren't the only ones carrying food away from home. College students are hauling food back to the dorm, and busy adults are trying to save time and money by taking their own 'executive lunchbags' to work," says Josephine Kotch, Extension Agent, Family Living, Luzerne County.

Here are some answers to foodin-transit questions:

Q. My roommates and I often store lunchmeat and milk on the ledge outside our dorm window. But I've heard this isn't a good idea. Why not? It gets cold out

A. Just how long could you count on the temperature staying cold, which for food safety purposes means 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below? Even if you had a

thermometer on the ledge it would't help, since you can't be there every minute to monitor the situation. Also, buildings radiate heat, making the sill warmer than the outside temperature.

Finally, if you use a metal box to protect food from birds, animals, and the folks in the dorm room next door, the box could also act as an oven in direct sunlight.

Q. There's a small refrigerator in my office. Many of my colleagues use it so it gets crowded, and it usually feels warm inside. How can I tell if the refrigerator is keeping my ham sandwiches cold enough to stay safe?

A. The colder the food is kept, the less chance bacteria has to grow. Therefore, to make sure your refrigerator is providing good protection against bacterial growth, check it with an appliance

thermometer. It should register 40 degrees or lower.

Q. I like to take a thermos of homemade chicken soup to wo for lunch. Is that safe -- or do have to eat my lunch by 9:45 a.m.?

A. A clean, well-functioning thermos can keep your hot food at a safe temperature for several hours. Check the seal around the stopper to make sure it fits tightly to retain the heat.

Then, right before filling the thermos, clean it with boiling water. And be sure to bring the soup to a boil before pouring it in. Obviously, this will keep the temperature as high as possible until you're ready to eat it.

If you keep your food above 140 degrees F -- hot to the touch -it should stay safe. And discard any leftovers.

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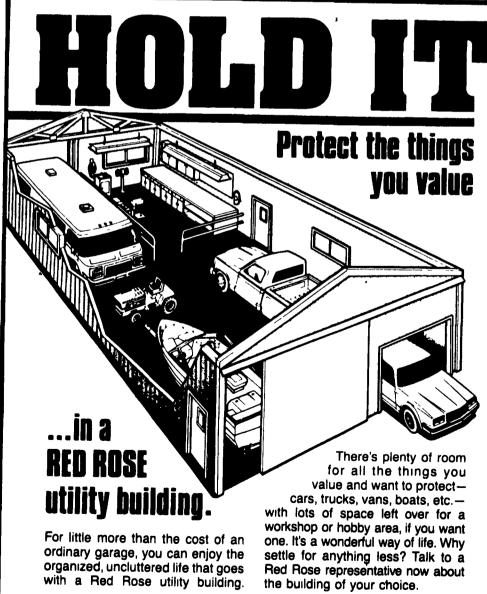
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