Cynodon dactylon

Common name:
Couch

Palatability to Livestock:
Moderate.

Toxicity to Goats:
Low risk.

Toxicity to Other Species:
Potentially toxic to sheep, cattle, horses and pigs.

Poisonous Principle:
Cyanogenetic glycosides, prussic acid, frequently after rain.

Effects:
Signs and symptoms;
. Fall down, and struggle to get up,
. Shiver and shake,
. Develop a rapid pulse,
. Difficulty in breathing.

Health and Production Problems;
. Death within hours, or recovery.

Treatment;
. Be aware of potential stock problems.
. Travelling stock are most at risk.

Integrated Control Strategy:
. Grazing.
. Herbicides. Try glyphosates.

Comments:
. Ruminants, such as the goat, can generally tolerate ingested cyanogenetic glycosides, provided they do not eat large amounts in a short period.
. A spreading, introduced, perennial grass with strong, creeping, fibrous roots, prostrate creeping stems that cover the ground surface.

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