

Escapegoat

Lexington rescuers bag a sheepish billy

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Gruff? Forget it.

The billy goat that was stuck Friday on a beam under a Lexington County bridge was plain scared.

"We don't know how the goat got out there," said Mike Drennon, emergency services coordinator for Lexington County. "All we know is he got out there and was afraid to come back."

Drennon, trained to make human rescues of all sorts, took on his first brown Nubian Friday, beginning his rappel from the Calks Ferry Road Bridge over Interstate 20 at about noon.

"He was afraid of me and went on down the I-beam a ways. A fella with animal control scared him back toward me. I tied him off and secured him to me and rappelled on down. He kicked and squalled."

But Drennon said the rescue wasn't all that

difficult.

"The whole thing was just really funny."

Col. Mel Seboe with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department gets credit for discovering the bewildered billy.

"He's building a house out there, and he kept hearing this noise," said Sharon Kelly, Lexington County spokeswoman.

"He thought it was a baby crying, so he went and looked and saw it was a goat."

Seboe called Lexington County Animal Control, which in turn enlisted Drennon.

No one was sure how long the goat had been on the bridge or who owned it, but by early Friday afternoon, it was a sure bet the Nubian was feeling better.

He was dining on sweet feed at the Lexington County animal shelter, which is where you should call — 359-8149 — if the billy belongs to you.