

Goats

Goats live all over the world. In many countries, they are domestic animals, but we can also find wild goats. There are many types of goats.



Goats do not look the same, but all goats have some similar traits. They have cloven hoofs. Cloven means that each hoof has two toes. Goats have hair, not fur. Their hair can be white, black, grey, brown or red. They have bushy tails. Both male and female goats can have horns.

Goats are mammals. After five months, the mother goat gives birth to a baby goat called a kid. The name for the female goat is a doe. The male goat is called a buck or a billy. The baby goat drinks milk from its mother's teats for 14-18 weeks. Goats are very social and live in herds.



In Norway, goats live on farms and graze in the mountains in the summer.

Goats can balance on high rocks and hop off them without getting hurt. They can even climb trees. Some goats can jump over 1.5 metres high. They are very intelligent and curious animals. If they see something unfamiliar, they want to explore. Goats do not like to get wet, so they will always seek shelter when it is raining.



Many people think goats eat everything, like tins, newspapers, or even clothes. However, goats mostly eat different types of plants like grass, trees, and clover. Goats choose the food that is good for them, so they will eat healthy clover or juicy grass before they eat a shirt!

Because goats eat plants, some people use them to cut the grass. However, goats are also used for producing milk. People can drink the healthy goat milk and use it to make different types of tasty cheese. From the goat's hair, people can make warm sweaters, and from the skin, we can make fine gloves, comfortable shoes, and nice bags.



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Emneord:

domestic animals– husdyr

similar traits – lignende egenskaper

cloven hoofs– kløvde, delte hover (dyrefot)

hair – hår

fur – pels

mammals – pattedyr

kid (goat)- geitekillling

doe – hunngeist

buck – hanngeist

billy – annet ord for hanngeist

teats – spener

herd – flokk

to graze – å beite

to balance – å balansere

intelligent – intelligent

curious – nysgjerrig

to explore – å utforske

to seek shelter – søke ly

grass - gress

clover – kløverblomst

cheese – ost

skin – skinn