

Why goats are amazing

Although once considered inferior to other livestock, the resilience of goats and their ability to thrive in a range of environments means that they are of particular value. They are one of the most versatile farm animals, providing meat, milk, fiber, skins, and various other products and services. They are the “masters” at controlling unwanted vegetation.



Goats are very active foragers. They are browsers that exhibit a high degree of selectivity. They can cover a wide area in search of scarce plant material. Their small mouths and split upper lips enable them to pick small leaves, flowers, fruits and other plant parts, thus choosing only the most nutritious available feed. While they don't eat tin cans, they'll probably lick anything left inside the can and eat the label.



Goats were one of the first animals to be domesticated, some 9000 years ago.



There are approximately one billion goats in the world. The global goat population has more than doubled in the last four decades, due to the demand for goat products.

Goats are good for the climate. Besides being efficient weed eaters, goats emit less methane than other domestic ruminants (on a per unit body weight). They are also more water efficient than large ruminants.



It is popular for racehorse owners to keep goats as companions for their thoroughbreds because goats have a calming effect on horses.



Goats discovered coffee, after being observed acting hyper after eating a foreign plant. The plant was experimented with and made into a drink.



Goats play a part in human cultures, religions, and mythologies.



Goats are emotional and social creatures. They are naturally curious and adventurous, which sometimes gets them into trouble. They'll nibble on just about everything.