



Nubian Goat

Capra aegagrus hircus



Jobie and Earl

Jobie was born April 6th, 2023 and Earl was born March 29th, 2023.

We live in the Barnyard Safari with our other goat and sheep friends! You can tell us apart from our friends Barley and Hops because we are a darker, chestnut brown with big white spots on our bodies. Jobie has a light pink nose, whereas Earl has a darker brown/black nose.

Barley and Hops

Barley was born March 31st, 2023 and Hops was born March 29th, 2023.

We live in the Barnyard Safari with our other goat and sheep friends! You can tell us apart from our friends Jobie and Earl because we are a lighter tan color.

Barley has white ears with tan speckles, and Hops has plain white ears.

Come visit us all in the goat yard during the summertime!



NUBIAN GOATS AT A GLANCE



- Goats are **ungulates** meaning they walk on their toes. Furthermore, are artiodactyls which means they walk on **two toes**.



- Nubians are highly adapted to live in extreme weather conditions. Their **long ears** help them to cool down when it's hot, and they can handle cooler temperatures.



- They come in several color combinations. Most common are black, brown, and tan. Some have mottled patterns or patches of others colors on their body.



Female:
22 in. tall
50-80 lbs

Male:
2 ft tall
50-80 lbs

Avg. life expectancy:
15-20 years

WHERE ARE NUBIAN GOAT HABITATS LOCATED?



Anglo-Nubian goats are a domesticated breed of goats that has become the most popular dairy breed in the United States. They originated in the nineteenth century from the cross-breeding between native British goats and a mixed population of large lop-eared goats imported from India, the Middle East and North Africa.

Nubian Goat Behaviors

CALLING

They have a repertoire of different sounds, from soft bleats to frequent “maa-ing,” which they use to communicate with each other and their human caretakers.

You can often hear us calling from the goat yard!



EATING

Anglo-Nubian goats and goats in general are often inquisitive eaters, meaning they will eat anything and may choke.

It's very important you throw your garbage away at the zoo; it could end up in an animal habitat!



RUBBING

Goats rub their head on you for 4 different reasons such as to communicate, to show affection, to establish dominance, and to rub their scent on you.

We love head scratches, so we may come and gently rub on you to scratch our heads.



CLIMBING

Nubian goats love to climb and explore!

At the zoo, there are a variety of structures for our goats to explore and play on!



- They are a popular dairy livestock around the world. Their milk has an unusually high amount of butter fat (5%), and is often used to make cheese.
- They create a group hierarchy by engaging in rearing and head-butting to establish dominance.
- Also named Anglo-Nubian Goats. They were developed in England in the 19th century when British Goats were crossed with males of African and Indian origin.

Nubian Goat Conservation

This is a domesticated species and doesn't face any threats in the wild.

They are in stable numbers and populations that face no severe threats. They are listed as **Not Evaluated** by the **IUCN Red List**. However, as livestock use more pastures, they compete with wildlife making it difficult for wild animals to find food and suitable habitats.



How can we help?

Just like other animals these goats have special requirements that needs to be met like access to specialized food, water, shelter, and enough space to roam and activities to do.

We can help wildlife that share pastures with livestock by reducing our demand of meat or dairy. We can do meatless meal days or find alternative sources of nutrition in legumes, nuts, or other foods.