

# Learn about the Animals on our Farm!



At Gorman Heritage Farm , we have several different breeds of **chickens** in our henhouse. **Chickens** lay different colored eggs, depending on the breed. Although all of these are real egg colors, which cannot be found in our chicken house?

WHITE OR LIGHT PINK \_\_\_\_\_  
LIGHT BLUE OR GREEN \_\_\_\_\_

VERY DARK BROWN \_\_\_\_\_  
TAN/LIGHT BROWN \_\_\_\_\_

Zoe is a dwarf **rabbit**, and a member of our family of adopted rabbits that live here at the Farm. Sit and watch the rabbits for a few minutes, and write down what you see them do:

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**Goats** are browsers rather than grazers. This means that they like to take food from shrubs and low-hanging branches rather than eat grass from the field. Our goats sometimes browse in wooded areas on the hillside and stretch up on their hind legs to reach the leaves. Can you guess how high the goats can reach?

1-2 feet \_\_\_\_\_ 5-6 feet \_\_\_\_\_ 8-10 feet \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't he handsome? This is a Holstein steer, one the two head of **cattle** living on the Farm. Cattle eat grass and are "ruminants", which means they:

TALK TOO MUCH \_\_\_\_\_ WANDER FAR FROM HOME \_\_\_\_\_

DIGEST THEIR FOOD MANY TIMES \_\_\_\_\_



The nose knows! And this one belongs to one of our friendly (and portly) animals! In addition to sniffing out her next meal, our nosy friend also uses his snout for rooting in the soil. This helps turn our compost piles and loosen our pastures for re-seeding. Who is the proud owner of this magnificent snout?

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Stormy, our **miniature donkey**, has ears that stand straight up. Other animals have ears that hang down. Besides hearing, animals use their ears for other things. Which is NOT a use for animal ears?

- FIGHTING \_\_\_\_\_      SENSING DANGER \_\_\_\_\_  
 SENSING DIRECTION \_\_\_\_\_      SHOOING FLIES \_\_\_\_\_

**Ducks'** bodies are designed like boats, they are flat and wide on the bottom to help them float. Their feet propel them through the back like little motors, and their feathers are water resistant. What kind of ducks do we have at the farm?



- PEKING \_\_\_\_\_      MUSCOVY \_\_\_\_\_      DONALD \_\_\_\_\_



In our culture, **eyelashes** are a symbol of beauty. In the animal world, they are more functional: they protect the eyes from dust and other things that may irritate it. Most animals also have three eyelids to protect their eyes. These beautiful equine eyes belong to:

- SHORTY \_\_\_\_\_      HUCKLEBERRY \_\_\_\_\_      STORMY \_\_\_\_\_

Farm animals are **domesticated**, which means that their behavior or physiology has been altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. Do you know why some animals, like cattle, dogs and sheep are more easily domesticated than others, like snakes and turtles?



*Answer: Because they naturally live in packs or groups with a dominant leader.*



**Top:**  
Single Hoof



**Bottom:**  
Cloven Hoof

**Animals' feet** have evolved to suit the type of lives they lead. Some feet, like the one on the bottom left have **cloven hooves**, which are used for walking on steep or uneven terrain. Hooves, like horns, are made of **keratin**, and protect the animal's feet while they also help support its weight. Can you find:

Two animals with cloven hooves \_\_\_\_\_

Two animals with single hooves \_\_\_\_\_

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