

## Domestic Goat

Scientific name: *Capra aegagrus hircus*



### Facts:

Height	Up to 36"
Weight	44 - 310 lbs (depending on breed)
Lifestyle	Social, Diurnal (active during daylight)
Lifespan	15 - 18 years



### Diet: *Herbivore*

Goats are browsers, and prefer the tips of woody shrubs and trees, as well as the occasional broad-leaved plant.

### Behavior:

Goats are naturally curious. They have the ability to climb and balance and are the only ruminant to regularly climb trees. Goats explore anything new in their environment by using their prehensile upperlip and tongue. Goats will chew on and taste just about anything, however, goats will not actually eat inedible material.

### Did you know?

Goats have horizontal rectangular pupils. This allows them to see as wide as possible to spot predators and to see in dim and very bright light.

### Feeding Habits:

Goats are ruminants. The digestive tract includes the mouth, oesophagus, four stomach areas, and the small and large intestines. Goats have no upper teeth and depend on the dental pad in front of the hard palate, lower incisor teeth, lips and tongue to take food into their mouths.

