

# SCREAMING GOATS

A POCKET GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

Dare we assume how you ended up with this goat kit in your hands? Either you are in awe of the screaming goats phenomenon that has swept over this great nation, popularized by the good people of the Internet, or you are a serious goat-loving aficionado. In case of the latter, I suggest you take a second to Google “screaming goats.” (\*Waits\*) Now please accept my apology on behalf of the world.

Whatever brought you here, let us all rejoice in this moment of shining goat glory. You are now an official owner of a goat figurine that . . . screams. Thank yourself or the crazy individual who thought they were being so funny by buying this for you. The power that you now hold to annoy and entertain friends and family is endless.

## **WHY YOU SHOULD PUSH THE BUTTON**

We're really sorry if you thought this box contained a real live screaming goat—all you will find in it is a very cute plastic goat standing on a stump. But the real fun begins when you give the goat a little push. Yes, that's all you have to do—push that button!

Here are ten reasons to push the button:

- 1. It's too quiet.**
- 2. Your cat won't get off your computer.**
- 3. Your mom won't get off your case.**
- 4. No food in the fridge.**
- 5. Traffic.**
- 6. Long lines.**
- 7. It's Monday.**
- 8. This is the closest you'll ever come to owning a goat.**
- 9. Work is annoying you. School is annoying you. Your friends are annoying you. Everyone is annoying you.**
- 10. You just really want to scream!**

# GOAT QUIZ

Now that you have an excuse to use your screaming goat, let's test your knowledge about your new furry friend.





**#1**

**WHY DO GOATS SCREAM?**

- A. They're hungry**
- B. They miss their mom**
- C. They're in distress**
- D. All of the above**

## ANSWER

**D. ALL OF THE ABOVE**

## WHY GOATS SCREAM

Like sheep (and babies, too!), some goats emit a high-pitched wale (or bleat) when something simply isn't right. Not all goats are born with this type of voice. In fact, each kid is very unique vocally. It's one of the common traits used by their mother to identify them when they're born.



**#2**

**WHAT SHAPE ARE GOATS' EYES?**

- A. Round**
- B. Diamond**
- C. Rectangular**
- D. Square**

## ANSWER

**C. RECTANGULAR**

## THE EYE OF THE GOAT

In the animal kingdom, goats aren't exactly no. 1 in the food chain. There are lots of hungry animals that prey on them. But one of the great built-in survival mechanisms a goat has is its keen night vision, great depth, and peripheral vision, which is all thanks to its rectangular pupils. They can scout their surroundings from 320 to 340 degrees in one glance. Humans? Only 160 to 210 degrees.



**#3**

**HOW HIGH CAN A GOAT  
JUMP?**

**A. 10 feet**

**B. 5 feet**

**C. 15 feet**

**D. 12 feet**

## ANSWER

**B. 5 FEET**

## GOAT JUMPING

Not all goats are the same—there are many different breeds that are able to clear different heights. But many owners of goats build their fences to about 5 feet tall to keep them from leaping onto other lands. Since they are mountain animals, they have stellar coordination that enables them to reach outrageous feats involving heights—they've even been known to climb trees!



**# 4**

**LEGEND HAS IT, GOATS  
DISCOVERED WHAT BERRY?**

- A. Blueberry**
- B. Coffee berry**
- C. Blackberry**
- D. None of the above**

## ANSWER

**B. COFFEE BERRY**

## GOATS & COFFEE HISTORY

It's called a legend for a reason—no one really knows the true story behind the origin of coffee. But one of the greatest stories told is that a goat herder from Ethiopia named Kaldi discovered his goats awake and full of energy one night when they should have been sleeping. They had eaten berries from a coffee shrub. When Kaldi experimented in eating the berries, as well, he had similar invigorating reactions. Why? You guessed it—caffeine!



**#5**

**HOW MANY STOMACHS  
DOES A GOAT HAVE?**

**A. 4**

**B. 1**

**C. 2**

**D. 3**

## ANSWER



A. 4

## THE GOAT DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Just like cattle, goats eat plant-based food and need four stomachs to be able to break it down—they're ruminants. The stomachs are called the rumen, reticulum, omasum, and abomasum. Humans only have one stomach, but, like humans, goats also burp! Because of the gas-creating activity that happens in the rumen, goats have a lot to burp about in the barn.



**#6**

**WHAT IS A LARGE GROUP OF  
GOATS CALLED?**

- A. A team**
- B. A horde**
- C. A pack**
- D. A herd**

## ANSWER

**D. A HERD**

## THE GOAT & THEIR HERD

Goats have been tamed by humans for ages—they've been herd animals for about 10,000 years, originating in Southwest Asia. Goats like to surround themselves with goats of the same breed. And if you ever want to try herding goats with your dog, think again—they're not sheep!

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