

# Meet The Animals

## Introducing Nikkita the Cheeky Saanen goat



Nikkita came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in 2018 as a 6-month-old doe. She came from a goats milk & cheese farm in Boyanup. She was no good for milking because she had what was called a fish teat. That is, one of her teats had a smaller second teat on the side. This meant she was no good for milking on a modern-day milking machine. But she was perfect for us. She's incredibly friendly and really likes her food. She is also a really good jumper and jumps the fences all the time. She never wants to stay in her own paddock because the grass is always greener in the next paddock. She also likes being around people, mainly because people have food. If she gets into the cottage paddock, and you leave the door of your cottage open she will even come inside.

### Did you know?

- Saanen (pronounced Sarnen) goats are named after the Valley in Switzerland where they first came from- The Saanen Valley.
- They are a very good dairy goat as they produce a lot of milk.
- A male goat is called a buck. A female goat is called a doe. A baby goat is called a kid.
- Goats will eat just about anything, and Nikkita is no exception, but they do have some favourites like bananas, pears and watermelon.

If Nikkita can get a nice big piece of watermelon all to herself, she will devour it in seconds but this makes her lips turn pink and she looks like he's wearing lipstick!  
Although Nikkita doesn't need sheering she does need to have his hooves trimmed regularly.

### **Our Secret**

Nikkita will do just about anything for food. If you want to pat her, take some food with you. She will even head but other goats or any sheep that she thinks might take away her food.