

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing: Nugget the Jersey Bull



Nugget came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in 2007, as a 4 day old calf. You won't see many bulls like our Nugget, or cows like Bambi, in this area because Nugget's family originally came from New Zealand. Nugget is a breed of bull called a Jersey. Jersey's are normally used as milking cows because they produce good quality, creamy milk. But we can't milk Nugget because he hasn't got an udder.

Nugget is the father of all of the calves born here on the farm. Usually we have one calf a year but some years we've had two cows so we get two calves. We usually keep Nugget, and any other cows we have, in the blue gum paddock which is up near Bluegum Cottage. This gives them plenty of room to roam and trees to hide amongst. Because there is not a lot of grass in this paddock we make sure they get a bale of hay regularly.

Nugget can be very playful sometimes and he will often push the hay ring, with a hay bale in it, all around the paddock. Sometimes he pushes it so far that we have to go looking for the hay bale!

Did you know?

- Even though our Nugget is very friendly he is still a bull and bulls are known for being unpredictable. This is why we always take precautions when we are around Nugget
- Bulls are usually big animals and weigh a lot. Even though Nugget is only a $\frac{3}{4}$ size bull he still weighs approximately 600kg
- Cows can only see in black and white: so the colour red doesn't mean anything to them at all. When a bull fighter is in the ring waving his red cape it is the movement of the cape that the bulls are aiming for not the colour red.

Our secret

Nugget is mostly blind in one eye so he likes to be face on to people. If you keep your movements slow and steady, with a little bit of patience you can even pat him

on the nose. But make sure you watch his horns. Bulls like to toss their head about and even if he doesn't mean to he may knock you with his horns.