

# MEET OUR ANIMALS

## Introducing: Uther the Saanen Buck



Uther came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in 2014 as a 1 year old buck arriving in the back of a station wagon. He had his own collar and would happily follow you on a lead just like a pet dog. Uther, unlike our other goats that are Angoras, has short hair that never requires any shearing.

Uther has one big horn and one little one that curls around because he keeps knocking the end of one off when he head butts the other goats. So we call him our Unigoat- like a Unicorn but he's a goat. The reason he likes to head but the other goats is because he is a buck and that means he likes to be the boss and get all the best food.

### Did you know?

- Saanen (pronounced Saynen) 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
- When it's breeding season, even though we have no does, Uther will give off a very pungent smell
- Billy goats, or bucks, will grow a beard as they get older. Uther has already started to grow a beard
- Goats will eat just about anything and Uther is no exception but they do have some favourites like bananas, pears and watermelon.

If Uther can get a nice big piece of watermelon all to himself he will devour it in seconds but this makes his lips turn pink and he looks like he's wearing lipstick!

Although Uther doesn't need sheering he does need to have his hooves trimmed regularly. Unlike our other goats, Uther's toenails grow really fast and if we let them get too long he has trouble walking.

### Our Secret

Uther will do just about anything for a slice of bread. If you want to pat him hand feed him a slice of bread and he will come right up to the fence. Just don't touch his horns as I think he's a little embarrassed about only having one big one!

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