



All about goat kids!

Here's our top ten list of fun facts about goat kids.

1. For centuries, the young of a goat have been called kids. It wasn't until the 1800's that the word kid was extended to children.
2. Kids most commonly arrive as twins. Sometimes just a single, but often triplets are born. Quadruplets, occur occasionally, and a few times quintuplets!
3. Goat kids learn to stand within minutes of being born and Kids can be born with or without horns.
4. Kids begin climbing and jumping off tree stumps and bales of hay when they're just a week old. At two weeks old, kids are fearlessly agile, running and leaping for fun.
5. Like human kids, goat kids like to snuggle. The "kid pile" is a common sight in the barn nursery, as they curl up with each other for companionship and warmth.
6. When bottle-raised, kids will bond with their carers.





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7. The vocal sound a goat makes is called a bleat. Mother and kid goats recognise each other's calls soon after the mothers give birth. Goat kids also bleat when they're excited to see their carers at feeding time.



8. Some goat kids are born with "wattles", the fleshy, dangly things on their neck.

Wattles are sometimes called "bells" or "skin tags". They serve no purpose and are believed to be a genetic trait left over from evolution.

9. Kids use their lips to learn about the world around them. Intelligent and curious, they love nibbling (not eating!) just about anything around them.

10. Siblings know each other. A twin may return to the farm after being gone for nearly two years, she will quickly find her twin sister, and the two are best friends in the barn—browsing and resting together every day.

