

# DID YOU KNOW ....

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Abraham Lincoln's sons had two goats that lived in the White House with them.



In earlier centuries, goats were often used to nurse babies.



China has the most goats, at more than 170 million. Also, more people around the world drink goat milk than cow milk.



According to Roman history, on February 15th, young men would run around wearing only the skins of goats they sacrificed earlier and hit women with strips of goat skin, known as februa, to promote fertility. It is from these purification instruments that the month of February gets its name.



Goat milk is naturally homogenized and digests very easily. The fat globules are smaller and don't clump in masses like cow milk. Goat milk is digested in less than twenty minutes. Cow milk can take almost a day to be digested.



The Pharaoh Cephraenes thought so much of his goats that he had 2,234 buried with him.



Goats were the first animal to be domesticated, according to many historians.

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