



The Goat Games 2022 FAQ Sheet

What are The Goat Games?

The Goat Games is a virtual event that challenges participants to choose an activity, gather their friends and walk, hike, bike, swim or whatever they choose to raise money for rescued farmed animals! The Goat Games brings 14 farmed animal sanctuaries across the nation together and are designed to inspire friendly competition, raise critical funds and instill hope in people who support animal welfare. The Goat Games proceeds will support the life-saving mission of each participating animal sanctuary.

When are The Goat Games?

August 12 – August 15, 2022

Where are The Goat Games?

The Goat Games are a virtual competition. Participants can join in on the fun from any location.

Who can participate?

Anyone, anywhere of any age and any ability can participate.

What are the 14 sanctuary teams?

The participating sanctuaries in the 2022 Goat Games include:

- Catskill Animal Sanctuary - the hosting Sanctuary (Saugerties, NY)
- Alaqua Animal Refuge (Freeport, FL)
- Farm Sanctuary (Watkins Glen, NY & Acton, CA)
- Farmaste Animal Sanctuary (Lindstrom, MN)
- Heartwood Haven (Wauna, WA)
- Indraloka Animal Sanctuary (Mehoopany, PA)
- Iowa Farm Sanctuary (Oxford, IA)
- Kindred Spirits Sanctuary (Citra, FL)
- Little Bear Sanctuary (Punta Gorda, FL)
- Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge (Pittsboro, NC)
- River's Wish Animal Sanctuary (Spokane, WA),
- Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue (Clinton, NJ)
- Wildwood Farm Sanctuary & Preserve (Newberg, OR)
- Yesahcan Sanctuary, Inc. (Arcadia, FL)

Do the goats actually compete?

While the goats don't actually compete, human athletes can sign up for the sanctuary team of their choice.

How do The Goat Games benefit the participating sanctuaries?

Proceeds acquired through individual donations and sponsorships go directly to one of the 14 participating sanctuaries to support rescued goats and other deserving farmed animals. Each participant chooses the sanctuary they want their donations to benefit.

Why Goats? What do we need to know about animal rescue?

Goats represent areas of the competition because goats are highly energetic animals that are full of life. They see life as an adventure and spend their days climbing, jumping and exploring.

Goats, like other farm animals, are a part of at-risk populations that are prone to exploitation and suffering. They are exploited around the world for their flesh and milk. Support of The Goat Games enables opportunities to advocate for and rescue these animals, as well as to provide them with a quality life.

How do I make a donation to The Goat Games?

To make a donation, please visit thegoatgames.org

How do I to register for a team?

To register for a team, please visit thegoatgames.org

Where can I learn more information?

For more information, please visit thegoatgames.org

When was the inception of The Goat Games?

In 2020, Catskill Animal Sanctuary created The Goat Games as a response to their urgent fundraising needs during COVID — and to give folks a taste of fun and athleticism in the wake of the canceled Olympics! For a week in August, they rallied participants to hike, bike, kayak, swim or do any activity of their choice — *wherever they live, work and play* — and to ask their friends and family to donate for the animals. Catskill Animal Sanctuary raised over \$42,000 and realized that they were onto something!

In 2021, CAS decided it was time for the Goat Games team to grow. They co-hosted the event with Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and invited nine other GFAS-certified farmed animal sanctuaries across the country to join as a way to build camaraderie, raise money, and increase national awareness of their life-saving work. For this super friendly “competition,” each sanctuary was its own team, and their supporters were their “athletes/fundraisers.” Sanctuary teams were “captained” by a rescued animal (from rescued goats to an adorable pig doing aquatherapy!) While most participants chose a sport like kayaking, running, or hiking, some went outside the box with Netflix marathons and litter pickup. The consortium of 10 GFAS certified sanctuaries collectively raised over \$217,000 to help rescued farmed animals!

This is the third year Catskill Animal Sanctuary will host The Goat Games. Now, CAS is joined by 13 additional farm animal sanctuaries.

Who is the key spokesperson for Catskill Animal Sanctuary and what is their contact info?

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