
Anglo-Nubian Goat

Capra hircus

Class: *Mammalia*

Order: *Artiodactyla*

Family: *Bovidae*

Characteristics:

There are many variants of the Anglo-Nubian (Nubian for short in the U.S.) goat. The first artificial creation of these goats was achieved by cross breeding English goats with African and Indian goats. At first, the coat colors and patterns were either solid or parti-colored, but now any color or pattern is acceptable. The most distinguishing features of the Anglo-Nubian goat are its long, droopy ears and the long yet blunt nuzzle. They were first bred and maintained to have high meat content, tough hide and high, rich milk production ([University of Ohio, Iowa Dairy Goats](#)).

Behavior:

Anglo-Nubian goats and goats in general are often inquisitive eaters, meaning they will eat anything and may choke ([The Encyclopedia of Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare](#)).

Reproduction:

Females go into heat every 3 weeks, thus mating occurs year round. Gestation lasts approximately 141 to 145 days ([The Encyclopedia of Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare](#)).

Diet:

Wild: A variety of grasses, hay and grains.

Zoo: Hay, straw, grains & goat pellets.

Conservation: None. Domesticated.

FYI:

- Birthing of baby goats is called kidding.
- Nubian goats produce up to 1500 gallons per year, that's a little more than 4 gallons a day!
- Their milk is popular in the production of goat cheese since its fat content is higher than most other goat species.
- Its name fits the goat's origin. Anglo= England or of English origin, Nubian= An ancient nation from Northeast Africa in what is now known as southern Egypt and Sudan.



Range & Habitat:

Found across the world on farms, can stand some cold, but need warm structures with hay as bedding.

Lifespan: up to 15 years in captivity, 12 years in the wild.

Special Adaptations: Bred for meat, hides and milk.

IUCN Conservation Status:

Not Evaluated

