

13 Farm Animals / Prep for Field Trip to Sammamish Animal Sanctuary

Supplies: printed pictures – cut apart, “sheep wool” vs. “goat hair” (fake fur samples or other items that show similar textures), feathers, plastic farm animals as fidgets to hold on to for those who need them

Sheep: *Hold up picture of white sheep 1* – what’s this? [Sheep / oveja] What does a sheep say? [Baa] *Hold up pic of brown sheep 2* – what’s this? did you know this is also a sheep? Not all sheep are white. How big is a sheep? *Hold up illustrations of sheep 3 and standing child 4* – a sheep is about as tall as you are.

Goats: *Hold up pics of brown goat 5 and white goat 6.* What are these? [goat / cabra] What does a goat say [Maa] Do you see this goat’s horns? Not all goats have horns, but many do. How big is a goat? *Illo of goat 7.* About the same size as a sheep. How do you tell them apart? *Show Wool vs. Hair*

Pigs: *Hold up pics of pigs 8, 9.* What’s this? [pig / cerdo] What does a pig say? [Oink / snort] Pigs are also about the same size as sheep and goats, so almost as tall as you. *Illo of pig 10.* How many legs do pigs have? [4] What about sheep? [4] What about goats? [4]

Ducks: *Hold up pics of ducks 11 -13.* What’s this? [ducks / patos] What does a duck say? [quack] How many legs does a duck have? [2] Huh... that’s different! All the others are mammals that have 4 legs. A duck is a bird, and birds have two legs and two wings. A duck is smaller than those other animals. *Illo of duck, 14.* It’s about as big as you are when you’re sitting down. *Illo of child sitting 15.*

Chickens: *Hold up chicken pics, 16, 17.* What’s this? [Chicken, hen and rooster / pollo, gallina and gallo] What does a chicken say [cluck]. What does a rooster say? [cock-a-doodle-doo] *show feathers* Chickens and ducks have feathers. Do sheep, cows and goats have feathers? [No] Nope – mammals have hair, birds have feathers. A rooster might be *almost* as tall as you sitting down, but chickens are smaller. *Illo of rooster 18*

Cows: *Hold up pictures of cows 19, 20.* What’s this? [Cow, bull; vaca, toro] What does a cow say? [Moo] Male cattle are called bull, and they have horns. Cows are bigger than you, but not as tall as your parents. *Illo of cow 21 and adult 22.*

Llama: *Hold up pic of llama 23.* What’s this? [Llama] Look, it’s almost as tall as your parents. *Illo of llama. 24 Hold up pic of alpaca 25.* What’s this? [Alpaca] **Alpaca** are a lot like llamas, but they are smaller. *Illo of alpaca 26.* Llamas faces are longer and their ears are bigger than alpacas.

Equines: *Hold up pictures of horse 27, mini horse 28 and mini donkey 29.* What are these? [caballo, caballo en miniatuure, burro] What does a horse say [neigh] what does a donkey say [heehaw] Horses are very big – as tall as your parent or taller. *Illo of horse 30-31.* Donkeys are about the size of a cow. But there are also miniature horses and miniature donkeys that are about the same size as a goat or sheep. *Illo of mini horse 32 and mini donkey 33*

Rabbits: *Hold up pictures of rabbits 34, 35 with raised ears.* What are these? [Rabbits, conejos] Rabbits are smaller than you are... a rabbit would fit in your lap. *Illo rabbit 36.* Do all rabbit ears stand up tall? Nope – some flop over like this. *Picture of lop-ear 37.* This is called a lop-eared rabbit.

Guinea Pigs: *Hold up guinea pig pix 38, 39.* What’s this? [guinea pig / cobayo] They are very small. You could hold one in two hands. *Illo of guinea pig 40.* How many legs do guinea pigs and rabbits have? [4] Do they have feathers or hair? [hair] Are they birds or mammals? [mammals]

Then have kids:

- Put illustrations in order by size
- Sort pictures into birds and mammals.
- Find the matches (both cows, both goats, etc.)

Then read a farm book, like Farmer Duck, and sing some farm songs, like Old McDonald.

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Objectives:

- identify animals and the sounds they make,
- learn characteristics of birds vs. mammals
- describe relative sizes of farm animals

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*Hold up pics of brown **goat 5** and white goat 6. What are these? [goat / cabra] What does a goat say [Maa] Do you see this goat’s horns? Not all goats have horns, but many do. How big is a goat? Illo of goat 7. About the same size as a sheep. How do you tell them apart? Show Wool vs. Hair*

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*Hold up pictures of **horse 22, 23** What are these? [caballo] What does a horse say [neigh] Horses are very big – as tall as your parent or taller. Illo of horse 24,25.*

*Hold up pictures of **rabbit 26** with raised ears. What are these? [Rabbits, conejos] Rabbits are smaller than you are... a rabbit would fit in your lap. Illo rabbit 27. Do all rabbit ears stand up tall? Nope – some flop over like this. Picture of lop-ear 28. This is called a lop-eared rabbit. How many legs do rabbits have? [4] Do they have feathers or hair? [hair] Are they birds or mammals? [mammals]*

Then have kids do any of these activities

- Put illustrations in order by size
- Sort animal photos by “bigger than me”, “same size as me” and “smaller than me”
- Sort pictures into birds and mammals.
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