

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: AFRICAN PYGMY GOATS
Also known as CAMEROON DWARF

Names / Sex / Age:
(5) females – range in ages but most are at least eight years old

Previous Home: Acquired years ago by the founders of Black Pine for the enjoyment of children visiting primarily on field trips.

Native to: Domestic in North America.

Weight: 20-40 pounds.

Life Expectancy: 15 to 20 years.

Diet: Grasses, fruits, vegetables, bread. At Black Pine, grass hay and horse feed, and occasionally fresh produce treats.

Facts:

- Domestic breed, originally from West Africa
- Imported into the U.S. in the 1950's
- Popular in 4-H because they are friendly, small, and easy to handle for children
- One of the smallest breeds of goat
- Both males and females have horns (Black Pine's females were de-horned for safety)
- Bulb plants are poisonous to these goats (onions, oleander, rhododendron, etc.)
- They can experience a painful death if allowed to eat too much grain

Personal History:

The goats residing at Black Pine are the offspring of goats purchased many years ago by the park's founders. Over time, males were neutered and eventually as they passed away they were not replaced to ensure population control. Today only females remain and they are now middle-aged to elderly.