



# WHAT ANIMALS & BIRDS CAN BE FOUND AT WILLOWS?



## RABBITS

**Male:** buck

**Female:** doe

**Offspring:** kitten

Rabbits live in groups in underground burrows. A group of burrows is called a warren.

Rabbits have large powerful hind legs.

The front paws have 5 toes, one is called the dew claw. The back legs have four toes. Their ears can be 10cm long.

Babies are born blind and bald until 3 weeks old.



## GUINEA PIGS

**Male:** boar

**Female:** sow

**Offspring:** pup

Guinea pigs don't sleep for long periods of time, they just take lots of short naps.

Guinea pigs are very sociable animals and are happiest living in a group.

Guinea pigs need lots of space. They love to run around and explore, especially if they have lots of tunnels and safe places to hide away too.

Guinea pigs are herbivores.

Guinea pigs make lots of noises. The most well known is the 'wheek'! This is a sound they only make for their humans, usually to remind them to bring some food.



## SHEEP

**Male:** ram

**Female:** ewe

**Offspring:** lamb

Sheep are raised on farms for their wool, meat and milk.

They are happiest when they live together in a group called a flock.

A sheep's wool is called a fleece. The wool is used to make things like blankets, jumpers and socks.

Sheep are herbivores.

Sheep are very gentle animals.





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## PIGS

**Male:** boar

**Female:** sow

**Young Female:** gilt

**Offspring:** piglet

Pigs produce bacon, pork and sausages.

They live in a pen called a pigsty.

Pigs like to roll and lay in mud because it helps them to stay cool and act as a sunscreen.

Even though pigs live in the mud, they are actually very clean animals.

Pigs are thought to be smarter than most dogs.

Mother pigs sing to their babies.



## GOATS

**Male:** billy or buck

**Female:** nanny or doe

**Offspring:** kid

Humans farm goats for their meat and their milk. Goat's milk makes cheese and yoghurt. These products are often eaten as an alternative to cow's milk products.

Goats are known as mountain animals and can live on mountains and hilltops.

Goats can even climb trees.

Goats are the oldest domesticated animal.



## DUCKS

**Male:** drake

**Female:** hen or duck

**Offspring:** duckling

Ducks are expert swimmers and divers.

Ducks can see well underwater.

They are social and live in groups called rafts or teams.

Ducks fly in a "V" shape which makes flying easier.





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## DONKEYS

**Male:** jack

**Female:** jenny

**Offspring:** foal

People use donkeys for transportation and other work such as pulling a cart or ploughing a field.

Donkeys are strong and intelligent.

Donkeys are related to horses and zebras.

They make a loud braying noise.

Donkeys can live up to 40 years if they are well cared for.



## COWS

**Male:** bull

**Female:** heifer when  
young/cow

**Offspring:** calf

Cows produce milk and to do this they must have first had a calf. Milk is used to make dairy products like cheese, ice cream, butter and yoghurt.

Cows are herbivores and they like to eat grass.

Cows can drink a whole bathtub of water in one day. They have a strong sense of smell and can see all colours, except for the colour red.

Cows can sleep standing up.



## ALPACAS

**Male:** macho

**Female:** hembra

**Offspring:** cria

Alpacas are bred for their wool which can be made into clothing.

There are only two different breeds of alpacas.

They belong to the family of camelids which also includes camels and llamas.

Alpacas can live for a long time. If they are taken care of well, they can live for up to 20 years.

They spit if they get angry.

There are about 52 different colour variations for alpaca fur.

They eat grass.