



CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ANIMALS

Alfie

Alfie the Pig was born in Manhattan, Kansas. He was a wee runt, so he went to a home in Overland Park where he learned tricks and games and was a member of the family until he grew too HUNGRY to live in a house. Yes, he started to eat the furniture!

So he came to live on the farm. His first night was hard, he was lonely and cold; so Roy gave him a heat lamp and a radio to listen to all night for company.

Alfie's first adoptive family still comes to visit him. They bring him a birthday cupcake which he eats with great joy!

Alfie has grown and grown and grown. He is not a fat pig, but he is LARGE. He is a cross between a Yorkshire and a Hampshire pig. He is called a Blue Butt because his rear end is dark.

Alfie's favorite activities are lying in his wallow, rooting about with his nose in his wallow and EATING. Keep your fingers away; they may be mistaken for food.

Mr Bill Emerson

Mr. Bill Emerson the goat is probably a cross between a Boer (a meat goat) and a Nubian (a dairy goat).

He is very friendly. We suspect he was someone's pet once. He appeared on the road and the neighbor called to see if we were missing a goat, so Roy went down in the truck and the goat ran right over and jumped right in. Now the goat has a new home.

Lily & Gertrude

Lily and Gertrude are Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs. They are sisters. These girls are about 12 years old, this is old for a pig. Sometimes you will hear them argue, as sisters do, about who gets to lie in the softest spot or eat the tastiest bit of food. One of their all time favorite foods is strawberries.

Nancy

Nancy is an Emu, native to Australia. Nancy's feathers are unique; the feather starts out as one and ends as two. Her soft inner feathers insulate her from the cold and the heat. On hot days she pants and enjoys a cooling shower from the hose, after which she plops down in the puddle. Nancy makes a loud booming sound in her neck which can be heard across long distances.

Sheep & Alpaca

Katahdin hair sheep are new to the farm. Buddy the boy has a hairy chest, while the girl sheep have short hair all over their bodies. Their hair gets thicker in winter and when spring comes they shed their winter coat by rubbing on trees and posts. When Buddy was younger, he would come out of the barn and nibble on the nearby shrubs – just for fun...

The alpaca came from Ad Astra Alpaca Farm. Russ is creamy white and A.C. is brown. Cisco and Annie are Alpaca/Llama crosses, they are both dark brown.

ROSCO & RUDY

Rosco and Rudy are Percherons. They are strong draft horses. Before they came to the farm they lived in the Flint Hills and pulled wagons of hay out to the cattle in winter. Rudy is tall and proud. Rosco is shorter, broader and enjoys eating a little too much.

Now Rosco and Rudy pull a wagon loaded with people up the hill and around the farm on special occasions here at the farm.

Molly

Molly is a registered Quarter horse. She is lovely to look at but she tends to be cranky.

Blossom & Sophie

Blossom is a miniature donkey. Sophie is her daughter. Sophie has a Mohawk haircut. They enjoy eating grass, carrots and apples. Sophie is a much pickier eater than Blossom.

Friendly Fowl

The chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys all live together here in this pen. The turkeys are a heritage breed called Bourbon Red, the ducks are Rouens, and the geese are mostly Chinese.

Some of the geese here were purchased as weeder geese! Roy was thinking we could use some help in the gardens with the weeding. He thought we could relax and drink lemonade by the water garden while the geese did the work! Oh well, it WAS a good idea.