

Why you should own chickens

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I think you should own chickens. Chickens are great pets and they are very useful. They are also great at showing kids great responsibility. My main reasons are that they are great at teaching kids to have great responsibility, and so that you don't have to worry about egg prices soaring, and lastly you don't have to worry about them getting a disease if they are free ranged chickens. Which is how you would want to raise them if you don't want them to get a disease.

My first reason is because you don't have to worry about egg prices. You don't have to worry because they lay eggs at your house or your farm. So you get free eggs from your chicken that you can get. You can also get chicken feed for between \$15 and \$30 for a 50-pound bag only. That is so cheap, money wise.

My next reason why you should own chickens is because they teach kids great responsibility. It teaches them how to properly care for an animal. It also teaches them how soon you need to

feed them (which is every day). They also teach the kids (or kid) to be gentle with little things. It also teaches them to water the chickens every day (if they need more water). So if you are worried about your kids or kid having a pet you should start with a chicken.

My last and final reason why you should own chickens is because you don't have to worry about them getting a disease. If you look to see if your chicken has salmonella if you look for these signs such as lethargy, decreased egg production, diarrhea (often yellow-green), weight loss, and ruffled feathers. If the chicken has these signs then it has a disease. It is very unlikely that a free range chicken has salmonella.

These reasons are why I think you should own chickens. To sum up this passage of why you should own chickens this is why. Because they are great at teaching kids to have great responsibility. So that you don't have to worry about the egg prices soaring. You don't have to worry about them getting a disease if they are free ranged chickens. This is why I think you should own chickens.

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What is a Vaquita?
Vaquitas are Marine animals but their scientific name is Phocoena sinus. Vaquitas only live in the Northern Gulf Of California. Though they are usually discovered around the Gulf's shallow waters. There are only 10 Vaquitas left in the world! Vaquitas are extremely endangered there, almost extinct. Vaquitas are also one of the rarest animals.

What do Vaquitas look like?
The vaquita body shades from dark gray to light gray to white. It has a dark

ring around each eye. Vaquitas weigh up to 120 pounds, and they can grow up to 5 feet.

How Vaquitas act!
Vaquitas are both predator and prey; primarily they are carnivores. Vaquitas are also diurnal, which means they are out during the day, and asleep during the night. Vaquitas maintain solitary, which means they are alone, or they don't travel in herds or packs.

Fun facts!
1. Vaquitas were not discovered as a new species until 1958!
2. In Spanish Vaquita means "little cow!"

3. In 2017, to keep Vaquitas safe, scientists aimed to keep Vaquitas in a sea pen!

4. Scientist have collected and stabilized Vaquita cells
Help Vaquitas!
How can you help Vaquitas? Well there's 3 things you can do....
1. Tell all your friends! Spread the word! Let your voice be heard!
2. Buy sustainable seafood! The fishing nets are driving this species to extinction!
3. Donate! Every little bit helps!
So with that I must tell you SAVE THE VAQUITAS!

Skates In Motion

crossovers both ways, and T-stops

- Gamma- Right/Left forward outside 3-turns, forward mohawks, and a hockey stop

- Delta-Right/left inside 3-Turns, forward outside/inside edges, bunny hops, shoot-the-duck, and forward edges.

There is also freestyle 1-10. There are many extra moves for people to learn at these levels.

How to Take Care of You and Your Skates

It may seem like you just bring skates then you skate on them, but it's much more than that! When you bring skates to skate somewhere you need things for you and your skates. Bring gloves, a hat, a scarf, a sweatshirt and anything else you need to keep warm. If you are afraid of getting hurt, you are welcome to wear a helmet and protection pads if needed. Before you skate you will

obviously have your skates on. Some people have these things called "skate guards" that go on the blades of your skate. These help protect the blade and people around you who could possibly get cut. They also help you walk on floors you might slip on. For example tile floors. When you are done skating there are also these things called "soakers" that also go on the blade of your skate. These help prevent rust growth on your blade so you can continue skating without having to sharpen them every time you get rust on them. The inside of the soakers have this towel like texture to collect the melted ice that would cause rust growth. It is good to sharpen your skates after 10-20 hours on the ice.

To conclude, there are many parts of figure skating that may not be too obvious. Next time you skate make sure you bring the equipment needed!

Holiday World is one of the best

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Always been to the same boring summer vacation? Well then come to... HOLIDAY WORLD! Holiday world is one of the best water parks in Indiana it is also one of the cleanest water park in the world. Holiday World is located in Santa Clause Indiana. Holiday World is also family friendly, it has a section where little kids can have fun in the sun too, and where parents can chill out too. But if you're looking for excitement then you got it Holiday World has many roller coasters some are small some are big but they are all fun. Well there you have it folks every thing about Holiday World so come visit but do it in the summer that is when they are open.

Aye-Ayes and What They Are

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Have you heard of a creature called an Aye-Aye? I didn't think so. Aye-Aye's are fascinating creatures that you're about to learn about, so keep reading if you want to find out their mysteries and secrets.

Diet
First and foremost an Aye-ayes diet consists mostly of mangoes, coconuts, seeds, nuts, wood-boring larvae, and nectar. An aye-aye taps wood with its large middle finger up to 8 times per second while listening very closely for hollow chambers containing larvae. If they find larvae they tend to hook it out with their hook of a middle finger. They even use their middle finger to scoop the insides of a coconut out.

Middle Finger Uses

The Aye-ayes middle finger has many peculiar uses such as scooping the insides of fruit, larvae hunting in the trees, taking the larvae out of the tree, grooming, and the weirdest use of all... nose-picking. The finger on its own is very flexible and seems to welcome a large variation of movements. In malagasy folklore it is said that Aye-ayes are evil and are doom bringers supposedly if they point their middle finger at you you're cursed to die, because of this folklore and superstition aye-ayes have faced much persecution and habitat loss.

Appearance
An Aye-aye has huge batlike ears, can grow up to 1.3 feet with a 2 foot tail and can weigh up to 6.2lbs. It has huge orange eyes which can glow in the dark. They have continually growing rodent-like

incisors which they gnaw the wood with. Finally this astonishing creature has a shockingly skeletal figure, short snout and a large pink nose, shaggy fur with white tips, and a bushy tail that can be longer than the actual body length.

Fun Facts
Last but not least we have some fun facts. Along with being endangered animals they're very solitary creatures too. They're native to Madagascar and they can live basically anywhere in Madagascar but mostly rainforests. They're nocturnal so in the daytime they sleep in spherical nests made up of leaves and twigs. They can live up to 20 years in captivity and 24 years in the wild. Now you can leave here with more information than you came with, especially about this fascinating and strange creature.


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