

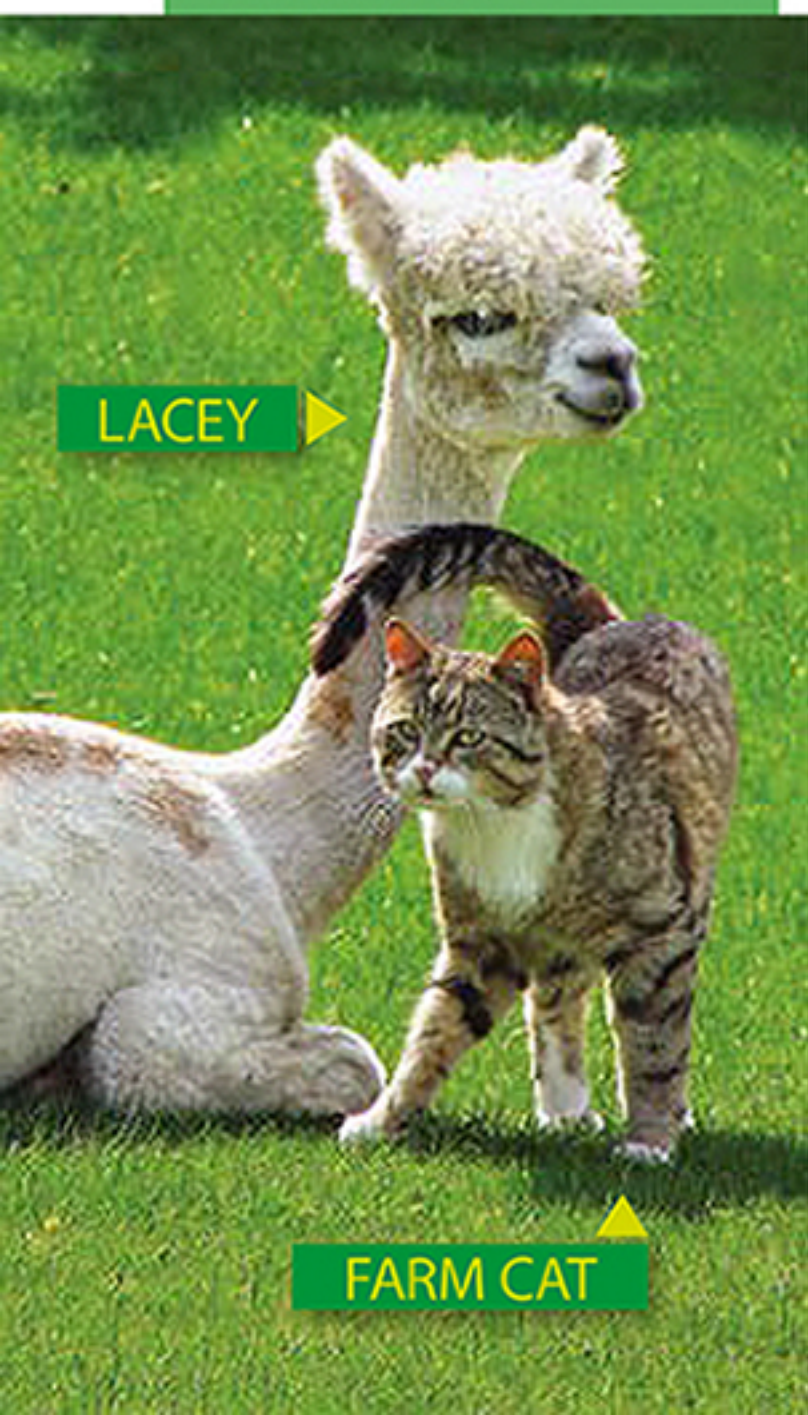
ALPACA IS CRAZY FOR CATS

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ALBERTA, CANADA

When Lacey the alpaca was born at A to Z Alpacas, her mother couldn't feed her. So the farm's owner, Leslie Unruh, stepped in and began bottle-feeding the newborn animal. Lacey wasn't always the tidiest eater during her meal times, but the cats on the farm didn't complain! They began to hang around during Lacey's feeding times, hoping to lap up any milk that dripped to the floor from the bottles.

But soon the cats began spending time with Lacey even when she wasn't eating. At night the cats snuggled up with the alpaca to keep warm. During the day they'd follow her around the farm, playfully chasing her before napping together on the front porch. What began as some stolen slurps of milk blossomed into a full-blown friendship!



LACEY

FARM CAT

8 FAWN BEFRIENDS RESCUED RABBIT

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, USA

When Leandra Scherer, a wildlife rescuer, got a call one late autumn that a fawn needed help, she thought it was a mistake – baby deer are typically born between May and August in her region. But sure enough, Leandra found an orphaned one-day-old fawn

in desperate need of care. Leandra named the fawn Pumpkin and brought her home. She wanted Pumpkin to have an animal companion to interact with, but all of the other fawns at the farm were much older than Pumpkin and were ready to be released back into the wild. That's when Leandra adopted Chunk, a laid-back rabbit. "I wasn't sure if it would work," she says. But when she introduced the two, Chunk immediately hopped over to the fawn for a snuggle. And that's all it took – soon they were the best of friends.

"If you see a picture of Pumpkin and you can't see Chunk, look again... he's there, he's just burrowed beneath her!" Leandra says.



PUMPKIN

CHUNK



PRINCESS

JACK

I NOSE
YOU ALWAYS
HAVE MY
BACK!

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DOG FOSTERS CHIMPS

LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

Princess the dog was so wild, no one ever thought she'd be adopted. But after a few months of kindness and training with Jenny and Jimmy Desmond, she became a part of their family.

And so when the Desmonds moved to Liberia, a country in West Africa, to rescue and rehabilitate chimpanzees, Princess went too. Now she loves spending her time wrestling and playing tag with the chimps, including Jack (left). She even acts as

their protector, barking at other animals that get a little too close to Jack and his friends.

Jack's fellow chimp, Portea, was in bad shape when she got to the Desmonds. At her previous home she had been treated badly and was skinny and depressed. The Desmonds gave Portea around-the-clock care, but Jenny says it was Princess that helped her the most. "Portea transformed from shy and sad to happy and energetic," she says. Portea lives with the other chimps now, but she always has time to play with Princess. Aww!



LAMMIE

GERTJIE

I THINK
I'LL STICK
WITH YOU

10 RHINO LOVES LAMB

KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA

Gertjie the rescued rhino was in need of a companion. His caretakers at the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre had tried to pair him with other animals, but they couldn't find a match.

Enter Lammie. The three-week-old lamb hadn't bonded with

humans, which increased the likelihood of her making friends with Gertjie. When the staff put the two animals together, Lammie immediately took to Gertjie, cuddling up to him right away. Lammie started following the rhino everywhere, and now the two are great friends. Gertjie even imitates Lammie's hopping movements – but with much heavier hooves!