

# Houston Zoo at Home

## GOAT SOCIAL HOUR

For these activities watch the video of our goat social hour with Natalie and Dan from our Children's Zoo team. [Click here to watch!](#)

### Goat Craft

Age: 5-10

Can you remember how many goats we have at the Houston Zoo? It is your time to make your own goat herd at home. Did you notice the climbing structures and shade structures for our goats at the Houston Zoo. What can you find at home to create your own goat social hour?

Items you could use to create goats could be from egg cartons or cotton balls. Using markers for the eyes and use glue to attach paper ears and horns. The climbing structures could be made from toilet paper tubes or food boxes.

Don't forget to share a picture of your goat social hour with the Houston Zoo!

### Goat Training

Age: 12-16

In the Facebook live, our goat keepers talked about goat training and demonstrated some training behaviors with Primrose and Alvin. The most important part of training is building trust and positive reinforcement. Each animal may have a different favorite positive reinforcement. Most of our goats like food as a positive reinforcement. This may be the same if you have a pet at home. Try training your pet at home a new trick by using positive reinforcement!

Considerations:

- Keep the training session to no more than 15 minutes. It may take several sessions.
- Break the behavior down into steps. (For example, "shake" starts with coming to you, then sitting, then offering a paw).
- Reward even small steps that are part of you want the pet to do. If you want them to turn around and they start turning, reward.
- Be patient and stay positive. Training should be fun for both you and your pet!

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