



# Famous Goats

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## **Amalthea**

Who nursed the Greek gods Zeus and Aegipan (a goat-god said to be an early version of Pan) in a cave on Mount Ida on Crete. Zeus created his thunder-shield (aegis) from her hide and the horn of plenty (cornucopia) from one of her horns

## **Baerli (little bear), Schwanli (little swan), Türk and Meckerli**

Goats in Johanna Spyri's *Heidi* (1880)

## **Batisse**

White goat mascot of the Canadian Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment

**Bill**

The U.S. Naval Academy football team's beautiful white Angora mascot goat

**Bill Grogan's goat**

Who coughed up red shirts and flagged a train in the camp song of the same name

**Billy (Lance Corporal William Windsor)**

Goat mascot of the 1st Battalion, Royal Welch regiment

**Billy Whiskers**

Much-loved hero of more than a dozen children's books written by Frances Trego Montgomery beginning with *Billy Whiskers: The Autobiography of a Goat* (1903)

**Black Meg**

One of Miss Tick's goats that apprentice witch, Tiffany Aching, milks in Terry Pratchett's *A Hat Full of Sky*

**Chompy the Goat**

Of the Nickelodeon cartoon series, *The Fairly Odd Parents*

**Clay Henry III**

Beer drinking goat who is mayor of Lajitas, Texas

**David White**

Cashmere goat mascot at Fort Henry in Kingston, Ontario, in memory of the goat mascot of the 23rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

**Djali**

Esmerelda's goat in Disney's cartoon feature *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1996)

### **Dr. Dillamond**

A professor at Shiz University with the ability to speak and interact with humans. From Gregory Mcguire's novel, *Wicked; the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* as well as its Broadway adaption, *Wicked*

### **Dr. Goat**

Protagonist of the rare and pricey children's book of the same name authored by Georgiana (she of no last name) in 1950

### **Dungtse Rama Gyelmo**

Goat that filled a lake with earth so that the Jokhang temple at Lhasa in Tibet could be built on that site

### **Fido the Liberator Goat**

From the one-and-only Pogo comic strip circa 1958, reprinted in *Instant Pogo* by Walt Kelley (1962)

### **Florecita**

Ornery mama goat, mother of **Sombrita**, goat friend of American Girl doll Josefina Montoya

### **Franny**

Wisecracking white Saanen doe in *Racing Stripes* (2005), voiced by Whoopi Goldberg

### **Gunther Goat**

Star (with Pluto) of a Disney cartoon short called *The Army Mascot* (1942)

### **Gabby Goat**

Porky Pig's sidekick in three Looney Tunes cartoon shorts aired at movie theaters in 1937

### **Heidrun**

Norse she-goat who nibbles the leaves of Yggdrasil, the World Tree, and from whose udder flows an unending supply of mead for the heroes of Valhalla

### **Hennes**

Mascot of the FC Cologne rugby team in Cologne, Germany

### **Jeb**

Tin can-collecting goat in Disney's *Home on the Range* (2004)

### **Japeth**

Singing railway goat with detachable horns in the animated feature *Hoodwinked!* (2006)

### **Jenny**

Who turns into a fairy woman in the Welsh folktale of *Cadwaladr's Goat*

### **Jimmy**

Who ate a box of dynamite in an Andy Griffith Show episode ("The Loaded Goat") aired in 1963

### **Koziołek Matołek (Matołek the Buck-Goat)**

Star of four classic Polish comic books by Kornel Makuszyński and Marian Walentynowicz, the first written in 1923, in which Matołek searches the world for the city of Pacanów where he believes he can buy goatshoes. Many of the series' phrases have become part of the Polish language, such as 'w Pacanowie kozy kują' (In Pacanów, they shoe goats).

## **Mei**

The little white goat who has a wolf named Gabu for a friend in the Japanese books and movie, *Arashi no Yoru Ni*. Other goats in the movie include **Tap** (Mei's older brother) and **Mii** (Mei's friend)

## **Mephistopheles**

Gregory's wonderful goat in Terry Pratchett's final Discworld novel, *The Shepherd's Crown*

## **Mona**

Sacred village goat in the South African comedy *Max & Mona* (2004)

## **Murphy** (called **Sinovia** in some sources)

Who, because he and his owner (who owned the nearby Billy Goat Tavern) were ejected from a game of the 1945 World Series, is the cause of the famed "Curse of the Billy Goat" that supposedly prevents the Cubs from winning the World Series

## **Nan**

Mascot of the Canadian 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion CEF, who traveled from Canada to France during World War II and back again, earning the 1914/1915 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for her valor at the front

## **Nanny and Nanko**

Tad Lincoln's goats that lived at (and sometimes in) the White House while his father, Abraham Lincoln, was President

## **Old Whiskers**

Russell Harrison's pet goat who lived at the White House when Russell's father, Benjamin Harrison, was President

### **Oorial Boost**

Royal Indian Air Force mascot during World War II



### **Paddy McGinty's Goat**

Of folksong fame: "Mister Patrick McGuinty, an Irishman of note, came into a fortune and bought himself a goat. Said he, 'Sure of goat milk, I aim to have my fill.' But when he got his nanny home, he found it was a Bill"

### **Private Gwylim Jenkins (a.k.a. Shenkin and Taffy)**

White goat with gilded horns, mascot of the Royal Regiment of Wales

### **Rose Tombe**

Legally married to a man in Juba, Southern Sudan

### **Sergeant Bill**

Mascot of the Canadian 5<sup>th</sup> Western Cavalry Expeditionary Force during World War I who traveled with them from Canada to France and back again, 1914/1915 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his 4 1/2 years' of wartime service

### **Seven little goats**

Of the Grimm Brothers fairytale *The Wolf and the Seven Little Goats*

### **Sombrita**

Black-and-white goat pal of the American Girls doll, Josefina Montoya; her name means "little shadow"

### **Taffy**

Mascot of the Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)

### **Taffski**

The look-alike goat who subbed for Taffy while the Royal Regiment of Wales was stationed in Bosnia

### **Tanngrisnir (Gap Tooth) and Tanngnjóstr (Tooth Grinder)**

Who pull the chariot of Norse thunder god, Thor

### **The Nettlefields**

Sylvaian Families collectable goat figurines: **Ramsey Nettlefield** and his wife **Caprina** with their twin babies **William** and **Nannette**

### **Three billy goats gruff**

Of Norwegian folklore fame

### **Ukko**

Straw julbock ridden by the Finnish version of Santa Claus

### **Vincent van Goat**

Blue puppet goat of *Baby Einstein* television programming fame

### **William de Goat DSO DFC**

British Toggenburg mascot of the British 609 West Riding Squadron during World War II who retired in 1945 with the lofty rank of Air Commodore

### **Yagi**

The Lone Goat Assassin in the Japanese comic book series, *Usagi Yojimbo*. Yagi (whose name means "goat" in Japanese) is an honorable warrior and highly-skilled assassin; his baby son **Gorogoro** accompanies him in a cart.

### **Zlateh**

The lovely old doe in Issac Bashevis Singer's *Zlateh the Goat* (1966)



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