Domestication of animals to adapt them to farming is a millennia-old concept, but species still retain many of their natural behaviours. The ability to exhibit these behaviours is often eroded as production systems intensify, leading to compromised welfare. To develop systems that satisfy behavioural needs in the dairy goat industry, we must provide opportunities for the natural behaviours that are most important to goats and consumers alike. As an informed group of stakeholders, we would like to hear your views.

What do YOU think is most important?

Climbing surfaces and cover

Browsing and diet variability

Preferential feeding posture

Group size and social dynamics

Doe and kid contact

Stimulating environment

Outdoor access

Intact horns

Please help inform our research programme about what best exemplifies ‘naturalness’ in goats.

Place a ranking sticker below the top 3 behavioural opportunities that you believe to be most important for dairy goats.