

Camera Work

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"She's speedy like a jet airplane," says Trey Emrich, of Stewartville, of Tango, his Paint Thoroughbred Clydesdale. "She's a star. And beautiful and kind." And apparently a good listener.



"She's just a chicken," says Gunnar Tiegan, of Salem Corners, when pressed to describe Clucky, his Buff Orpington. "It's just a farm animal. It's not like a pet." Tiegan said the fresh eggs produced by Clucky, who likes people, taste better than normal eggs.

Olmsted County 4-H Farm animals with flair

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"Sometimes she gets kind of mad and head butts you," says Payton Rossman, of Oronoco, of his Simmental Heifer, Patricia. And licking? Apparently she likes that, too.



"Spunky. Diva. Playful," is how Hannah Kuisle, of Rochester, describes her Nubian Dairy Goat, Fancy Nancy. "She's pretty awesome. I just love goats. And I just like how they all have different personalities." Vanilla Wafers are Fancy Nancy's favorite treat. And apparently she knows her own name.



Oreo— who is black on top and bottom and white in the middle, according to owner Clayton Boone, of Racine — is one of about 30 Rex Chinchilla Rabbits Boone owns. "I think she's a nice rabbit," he said, noting her soft and unique texture.



"He has an overbite and sometimes gives a sassy look," says Katy Bagniewski, of Marion Township, of her Crossbred Market Lamb, Little Dee. Depending on the day, however, they sometimes call him Foster. The lamb gives hugs, sucks Bagniewski's thumb and sometimes "chews on my pants a bit."



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If I could have any farm animal, it would be a goat. They humor me with their antics and the curious sounds they make. And they have such unusual eyes. Plus, my husband says he'd be happy to have a permanent lawn mower. My residential neighbors, however, probably wouldn't find my pet goat as entertaining as I do so it's unlikely my animal collection soon will extend beyond three fluffy house cats.

Photographer's tip: Some farm animals are easy to photograph. Others — including an oinker I met last year — are a bit more challenging. But I enjoy animals and found that all my human subjects were willing to be photographed with their furry — and sometimes feathered — friends.

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