

THE BORMAN FAMILY'S *Ducks*



precious pets

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Hello and happy holidays, *In The Loop* readers! With all our social distancing, it sure is nice to have animals we do not have to be distant with. I know we all are so grateful for our precious pets, now more than ever.

This month, I am introducing you to 6 sweet, friendly, adorable ducks. These ducks are a part of the Borman family farm on Corral de Tierra road. The Bormans have had the six since they were just little duckling puffballs, and now they are over 7 months old and all grown up. Their breed is Metzer Hybrid 300, and each one can lay three-four eggs a week! The eggs vary in size, but they are usually a little larger than chicken eggs and taste very similar.

These entertaining ducks enjoy eating worms that the Bormans cultivate especially for them and swimming around in their tub. When they were just babies, they spent most of their time in the water, and they still love it to this day. Ducks are known to be very social creatures, and they enjoy seeing people. They don't like to be left alone and travel together in flocks. The Borman ducks are no exception to this fact. Their owner Tallula says, "They always follow us around, all grouped together." I have had the privilege of meeting the six, and they definitely live up to their reputation. Did you know that a flock of ducks in the water is called a raft or a paddling?

Ducks make fantastic pets since they are so social, entertaining to watch, and give you breakfast! On the other hand, they are not the quietest animals on the farm...in the mornings if they are not let out of their pen, they will quack and quack and make a fuss until they are let out to explore. These six ducks definitely have unique personalities, and the Borman family shares many hours of laughter tending to their precious flock.



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