

Fun and interesting Facts (Yak's characteristics)

1. Yak belongs to Bovidae family.

A huge furry-haired and long-horned animal that belongs to the [bovid](#) group and is native to the [Himalayas](#), is known as a [yak](#). In this region, it plays an important role in the ecology and the earthly culture.

2. Did you know that the yak is herbivorous?

Yaks eat only plants and grass. So it comes under the [herbivorous group of animals](#).

3. Is it a pet?

People of this region use them to carry loads. It is also used as a pet. Besides that, it is used for meat and wool. These can be an alternative to cows as [domestic animals](#). They are becoming more popular in the world as an alternative to cows.

4. How many types of yaks are there?

There exist two varieties of yak all over the world: [wild yak and domestic yak](#).

The distinguishing feature between two varieties of yak is their size. The wild yak is somewhat larger than domestic yak. Males in both species have more weight than females. Around 300-500 kg is the weight of a domestic male yak; that of a female is about 180 kg. Around 900 kg is the weight of a wild male yak. The wild yak is part of the [Bos mutus](#) species, whereas the domestic yak is part of the [Bos grunniens](#) species.

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