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Three Dairy Maids Love All Animals And The Farm

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SPRINGS (Somerset Co.) — Carrie and her twin sisters Wendy and Jenny Miller love cats. Not only that, but they don't mind rats, mice, snakes or any other kind of animal, bird or insect they might see. They believe one critter is as good as another. So they just love 'em all.

In fact, Glenn, their dad, found a young black snake and gave it to 10-year old Carrie for her birthday. For a very short time Carrie had it in the house.

Boy! Did her mom, Tammy, ever put her foot down about having a snake in the house.

She said to Carrie, "It's either me or the snake, Carrie, but one of us has got to go!" Of course, it was the snake that went, but Carrie's mom said she was really relieved when Carrie chose to keep her instead of the snake.

The Miller's have a wonderful big old house that has a bedroom for each girl. Imagine that, no sharing. They rent a farm across the road with a barn for all their cows that's down a long country lane. That's where they spend hours riding their bikes in the summertime.

Wendy says, "I like living on a farm because there's kitties."

But Jenny says, "Because there's calvers."

Carrie says there are so many cats in the barn, you can't count them all. But they have at least 18 different meow-ers there.

Whatever their dad finds in the animal or insect kingdom, he gives it to his daughters (there are no other children in the family). Some creatures they have had were an opossum, a screech owl, a praying mantis, salamander, and wild baby bunnies. Once they saw a deer that accidentally got caught in the barn.

The girls said that catching frogs is one of their favorite pastimes. And they can catch butterflies with their hands. Wendy said she does not think rats are ugly at all. They have a dog named Sloan.

What they really want is a horse. But for some reason their dad isn't interested in getting a horse.

Carrie knows why. "Daddy says they slobber," she said.

The sisters love the cows and are happy when they can see a calf being born. In fact, a bull calf was born the day of this interview with the girls.

Their parents think that farming is a very good family life.

Carrie, Wendy and Jenny have lots of things to do for fun besides helping in the barn by sweeping the walks, feeding the cats, and unloading newspapers for bedding.

Their mother has taught them to embroider. They own oodles of Barbie dolls. A favorite hobby is that of fusing beads to make bright and pretty refrigerator magnets.

The latest project with the fuse beads is to make lots of tree ornaments for next Christmas. Once a year, in June, the sisters put on their finest clothes so they can be Dairy Maids at the Somerset Co. Dairy Princess Contest. This year will be the last time for Carrie who says the best thing about being a dairy maid is, "Getting the ice cream, after."

"After Carrie isn't in it, I'm not either," said Jenny. Going across a stage is less scary with a big sister nearby.

Once, the master of ceremonies called both of the twins by the same name although they came on-stage separately at the contest.

They didn't tell the man about his mistake.

The sisters attend the Salisbury-Elk Lick Elementary School.



Sitting on the stacks of newspapers kept at the barn for bedding, and holding their many cats, are the Miller sisters, Jenny at the top, Wendy to the left and Carrie.



Fuse beads for the Miller sisters are kept in plastic ice cream tubs. They like to work on the living room coffee table to make refrigerator magnets and Christmas tree ornaments. Left is twin Jenny. Right is twin Wendy and Carrie.



The Miller sisters always have something fun to do whether they are inside or outside. Here they are doing their embroidery at the kitchen divider, relaxing with their bare feet sticking out. Left is twin Jenny. Opposite her is Carrie, 10, and twin Wendy, 8.



You can pretend lots of things with all the Barbie and Ken dolls that belong to the Miller sisters. From left, Carrie, twins Wendy and Jenny.

