

A pig is shown from a high angle, digging its snout into a muddy bank. The pig's body is light-colored, and its snout is buried in the dark brown mud. The background is a mix of mud and some sparse green grass. The word "OBSERVE" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the upper half of the image.

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What if some of
the most valuable observations
were still waiting to be made?

Much of what we know about farm animals comes from environments shaped by production.

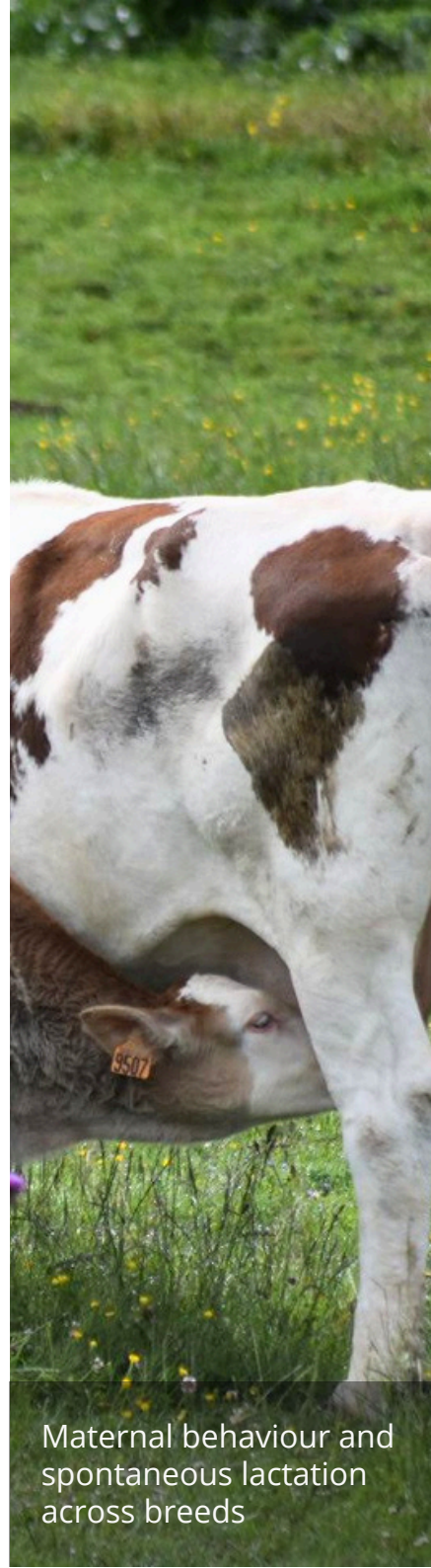
Yet many questions remain.

How do animals behave when productivity no longer determines their daily lives? What social relationships emerge? What individual differences become visible?

What can we learn when animals are finally free to express a wider range of natural behaviours?

At Sanctuaire La Garie, observation encounters a different reality. One rarely accessible within conventional livestock systems.

La Garie offers a rare opportunity to contribute to scientific understanding.



Maternal behaviour and spontaneous lactation across breeds



A place for observation, discovery and dialogue

Understanding farm animals more deeply and beyond conventional livestock management is not only relevant to ethology. It also contributes to broader discussions about animal welfare, farming systems, public health, and the environment.

Sanctuaire La Garie, situated near Toulouse (France) manages 55 hectares of forests, meadows and facilities dedicated to the lifelong care of more than 100 farm animals: pigs, cows, buffaloes, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, horses, donkeys...

What makes La Garie unique?

Most observations of farm animals take place in environments shaped by production constraints. Sanctuaire La Garie offers access to a different reality. Animals who are no longer expected to produce are free to develop different behaviours in terms of:

- 👉 social relationships
- 👉 emotions and personalities
- 👉 learning and adaptation
- 👉 interspecies interactions
- 👉 human-animal relationships
- 👉 long-term behavioural development



Join the conversation

Sanctuaire La Garie does not seek to replace universities or research institutions. Our ambition is to contribute to them. By offering a place where animals can be observed differently. And where new questions may emerge.

Particularly relevant for:

- ethology students
- researchers
- veterinarians
- animal behaviour specialists
- interdisciplinary projects

👉 Explore our Note of Intention :

***Farm animals beyond livestock behaviour:
A new opportunity for observation***

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👉 **Let's explore these questions together.**

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