

The Lone-Bone Ranch



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Moe is the boss of an old ranch. He does a lot of work on the ranch. He is getting old and goes slow. Moe has worked on the ranch for more than forty (40) years. The ranch is his home. He has lots of goats, a foal, and a colt. Moe loves to watch the foal as it grows.



Moe calls his ranch the Lone-Bone Ranch.

Why does he call it Lone-Bone Ranch?

Well, Moe lives a-**lone** with his dog. His dog likes to stow old dog bones by his bowl. So Moe chose the name **Bone** for his dog. He chose the name Lone-Bone for his ranch.



On this ranch there is a lot to do. Moe hopes he can find some one to help him.

Rose wants to help Moe. She spoke with her mom and dad. They said, “Yes, Rose. That is a noble plan. You can help Moe on his ranch!”



Rose's home is close to Moe's. She can walk the stone road to get to the Lone-Bone Ranch. Moe will show Rose all over his land. Moe's goal is to coach Rose so that she knows most of the jobs on the ranch.



Rose will feed the goats, the foal, and the colt. She will have to find a rope to catch the foal.

The oats grow in a long row close to the road. The foal likes to run in the oats. When the foal runs to the oats, cars can get too close.



All of the goats love Rose. She pulls a big load of oats to the spot where they go to roam. She fills the goats' whole bowl with oats.

Rose is strong and works hard. She does not moan or groan.



The work is long and slow, but Rose won't quit this job. She knows what to do on Moe's ranch. She knows how to get all the chores done so that Moe has less to do.

Moe hopes that Rose knows she is the most help he has ever had.



Rose has a goal for when she is a grown up. Her goal is to own a ranch just like Moe. She wants to grow oats and have goats and a foal just like Moe. She will work to help Moe as he gets old.

Rose loves the Lone-Bone Ranch.

Fun Ranch Facts!

- A **ranch** is a large area of land used for raising cows, horses, sheep, and other animals.
- **Foals** are young female horses. A **colt** is a young male horse.
- A **farm** is different than a ranch. A farm *mostly* grows and sells plants and other food.
- Food from plants that is grown to sell or used to feed animals is called a **crop**.
- A ranch may grow some crops to feed the **livestock** but a ranch *mostly* focuses on raising animals.
- The word *ranch* comes from the Spanish word *rancho*, which means camp or place where herders live.

Long O words

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| Moe | goal | more |
| Rose | own | colt |
| home | old | moan |
| lone | groan | grow |
| bone | slow | stow |
| goat | foal | bowl |
| show | row | hope |
| rope | chose | noble |
| spoke | go | stone |
| oats | roam | whole |
| grown | own | most |
| load | knows | |

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