

bison /girl

00:13:41	Hi there, my name's Mira. I live in the Ardennes with my parents and my brother, Bruno.
00:13:47	There's something I'd like to show you....
00:13:51	Do you see that herd grazing over there? Well, they're not cows! ...
00:13:54	They're American bison! You know, the ones from those cowboy and Indian stories.
00:14:00	The mothers and fathers of these bison were flown over to Belgium ten years ago. Now we've got more than 200 bison on our breeding farm.
00:14:11	Although bison are closely related to cows they look completely different. They're also much bigger and can run much faster. They look a lot wilder too, which they are. You can't tame a bison.
00:14:25	Bison cows have their calves in the spring.
00:14:30	Let's go and have a look whether any calves were born last night. ...
00:14:34	OOO ...-.....ooobrother's at it!
00:14:50	Yes, lookthere's one!!...
00:14:58and there's another one.
00:15:01	A bison calf can stand on its feet from the moment it's born. Strange, isn't it, that it takes <u>us</u> a year before we can walk.
00:15:08	We note down the date of birth and the sex. That way we know exactly how many animals we have. You can recognise the young male calves by their large head and wide ears.
00:15:20	We don't milk bison cows. People don't like the taste of their milk.
00:15:24	But the calves do!
00:15:29	Full grown bison only eat grass. That's why they need a lot of space to graze: they're always looking for lush grass.
00:15:39	Of course they also have to drink!
00:15:43	We always make sure that they have enough drinking water .
00:15:47	Bruno and I are allowed to lend a hand!

00:15:57	The water has to be clean, of course!
00:16:02	I think bison are very special animals: they're so natural and independent...they never go inside, not even in the winter!
00:16:15	It's so nicethe animalsmother nature.....! I really never want to leave!!!!!!