



While moose do not herd *per se*, some are very sociable, especially in their younger years. The adolescent bull Amigo was more gregarious than most, often found aggressively seeking companionship with other youngsters, particularly a young cow we named Nubbie. Once while we observed them quietly feeding together, they suddenly became very boisterous and playful. Both were rearing and kicking, without any obvious intention to harm each other. Amigo then started prancing around Nubbie like a horse, playing and showing off. It culminated with Amigo pseudo-mounting her. We have seen this pseudo-sexual behavior in every possible circumstance of age and sex. It is not unusual to see a female calf pseudo-mount her male twin. Play does indeed seem to be a mixture of exuberance as well as practice of the skills needed in life. But play involves many other forms of interaction...

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