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Velvet, Ryoku, and Friends (ベルベット、リョク、そして友人たち) is a Japanese-American based animated series made by Toei Animation, and produced by TV Asahi and TV Tokyo in Japan, but produced by Disney XD in the USA and other countries. The animated series was released in 2018, but before it became an animated series, it was originally a video-game made by Flash called “Velvet and Friends”, released in 2014. The show had 25 seasons and had 20 episodes in each Season. Velvet, Ryoku, and Friends, was inspired by YooHoo and Friends, a South Korean children’s show from 2009, made by Aurora World.

Plot

The plot follows a red and white fox, named Velvet, going on adventures with her animal friends, whilst wearing a light blue robotic bow named Ryoku. While making more friends along their way and exploring their own world, ImagineLand, they solve problems and help others on their way. However, their adventures would go wrong when three ferrets, Cherie,

Chaos, and Ceres, would cause trouble for them each episode. This 25 minute kids anime follows cute animals and their silly but fun antics and teaches children life lessons and morals from the episode. The show is targeted for all ages, mostly for young kids.

Characters



Velvet/ベルベット

Species: Red and White Fox
Gender: Female (♀)
Personality: Brave, adventurous, kind, smart, optimistic, energetic, and silly
Voice actor(s): Stephanie Sheh (English), Kae Araki (Japanese)
Pronouns: She/her
Info: Velvet is the main protagonist in her show. She loves to help all her friends in need and knows how to communicate very well. Despite being young, Velvet is an expert in robotics

and loves to build robots, especially Ryoku. She believes in her friends and thinks they are the bestest in the world.



Ryoku/リョク

Species: Robotic Bow, Robot-Fox hybrid (animal form)
Gender: Nonbinary
Personality: Smart, educated, and adventurous
Voice actors: Alex Hirsch (English), Kenta Matsumoto (Japanese)
Pronouns: He/they
Info: Ryoku is the second main protagonist in Velvet, Ryoku and Friends. He was built by Velvet ever since she became lonely and didn't have many friends at the time. Ryoku can solve their friends' problems and can help them whenever they're in trouble. Ryoku loves going on adventures and exploring new things!



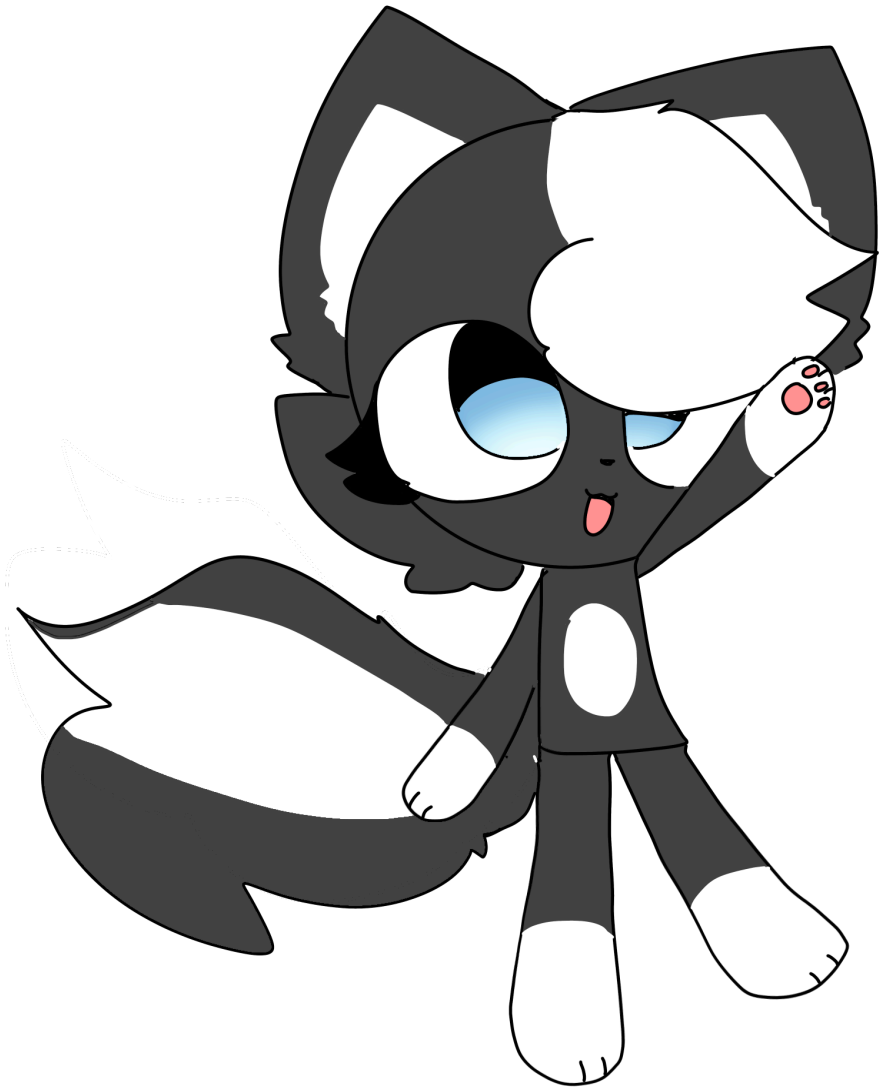
Whisper/ささやく

Species: Tuxedo Cat
Gender: Male (♂)
Personality: Open-minded, elegant, superstitious, charismatic, and curious
Voice actors: Ke Huy Quan (English), Kusao Takeshi (Japanese)
Pronouns: He/him
Info: Desperately searching for love, Whisper is very charismatic and knows a thing or two about love. That's when he finds Ichigo, a Pine marten, and he has a crush on her. He imagined being in a romantic relationship for a long time as he had never been in one before. Aside from his romantic nature, Whisper cares deeply about his friends and usually looks up to them, especially Velvet and Melody.



Ichigo/イチゴ

Species: Pine Marten
Gender: Female (♀)
Personality: Curious, timid, calm, kind, and helping
Voice actors: Kira Buckin (English), Tanezaki Atsumi (Japanese)
Pronouns: She/her
Info: Ichigo is a curious but helping marten. She loves to help her friends no matter what and tries to be supportive of her job. After finding out Whisper has a crush on her, Ichigo seems to support him and cheer him on while also having a crush on him too. She also loves strawberries so much, hence why she has the name Ichigo, which is Japanese for strawberry.



Melody/旋律

Species: Striped Skunk
Gender: Female (♀)
Personality: Motivated, sweet, creative, energetic, and productive
Voice actors: Emily Neves (English), Rika Nagae (Japanese)
Pronouns: She/her
Despite being a skunk, Melody never wants to spray anyone, especially her friends, and is instead very sweet and energetic. As she also loves to have fun with her friends and play along well. Melody only sprays her stink at her enemies as a defensive method, just like an actual skunk. At the end of her day, she loves to come up with creative ideas and loves listening to other people's ideas. She is Velvet, Baxley, and Ichigo’s best friend.



Baxley/バックスリー

Species: Purple and Blue Bat
Gender: Male (♂)
Personality: Playful, friendly, and child-like
Voice actors: Finnley Gregoire (English), Tomoko Kaneda (Japanese)
Pronouns: He/him
Info: Baxley is the smallest bat in his friend group. He loves to play with his best friends, especially Melody and Tampi, and is very dimwitted. He likes making friends and having fun.



Tampi/タンピ

Species: Tanuki/Japanese Raccoon-Dog
Gender: Female (♀)
Personality: Laid-back, chill, calm, openminded, chaotic
Voice actors: Alexandra Levitch (English), Chiwa Saito (Japanese)
Pronouns: She/her
Info: Tampi came from a forest in ImagineLand. She didn't have any friends until she came across Velvet, so she immediately wanted to become friends with her. She usually sleeps over her friends' ideas sometimes and doesn't know it, but she still is a very good best friend to others, especially Melody and Baxley.



Melon/メロン

Species: Light green squirrel
Gender: Male (♂)
Personality: Optimistic, aspiring, foolish, friendly, supportive
Voice actors: Christopher Schaaf (English), Tomoko Kawakami (Japanese)
Pronouns: He/him
Info: Melon has Autism, which often makes him not understand social cues and has a difficulty interacting sometimes. Aside from his disorder, he is a very great friend, often sharing his food and always asking nicely. Melon has a special interest in robotics, which makes Velvet a perfect fit for him (side note: they are best friends).



Cherie, (Pink bandana) Chaos (Blue bandana) , and Ceres (Purple bandana) /シェリー、カオス、そしてセレス

Species: Ferrets
Gender: Female (♀)
Personality: Evil, naughty, inconsiderate, rude, unkind, mean
Voice actors: Andrea Kwan *Cherie*, Alexis Tipton *Chaos*, and Terri Oliver *Ceres* (English), Etsuko Kozakura *Cherie*, Minori Fujidera *Chaos*, Ryo Hirohashi *Ceres* (Japanese)
Info: Cherie, Chaos, and Ceres are the main antagonists of Velvet, Ryoku, and Friends. They love to cause trouble for Velvet and her friends and don't regret it before they get confronted by Velvet and her friends. The ferrets are triplets, which is why they don't want to be separated from each other (meaning they are sisters and they do what each other does).