CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for breeding a virtual pet, performed by a terminal, the terminal being provided with virtual pets, and at least one pet image of each of the virtual pets being generated based on a genetic rule, the method comprising:

displaying a mating market interface, the mating market interface comprising virtual pets in a mating state;

selecting a paternal virtual pet from the virtual pets in the mating state via the mating market interface according to a first operation;

displaying a pet breeding interface, the pet breeding interface comprising a paternal pet field and a maternal pet field, the paternal virtual pet being displayed in the paternal pet field, the paternal virtual pet being a virtual pet provided by a first user account on a mating market, and the paternal virtual pet having a first pet image;

adding a maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field according to a second operation, the maternal virtual pet being a virtual pet owned by a second user account logging in to the terminal, and the maternal virtual pet having a second pet image; and

displaying a breeding result interface comprising a filial virtual pet when breeding succeeds by:

displaying a collection interface of the filial virtual pet if a breeding duration exceeds a pregnancy duration of the maternal virtual pet;

receiving a collection signal triggered on the collection interface; and

displaying the breeding result interface according to the collection signal, a third pet image of the filial virtual pet being displayed on the breeding result interface,

where the filial virtual pet having a third pet image generated based on a genetic inheritance rule according to the first pet image and the second pet image.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein selecting the paternal virtual pet comprises:

receiving the first operation on the mating market interface;

determining a candidate virtual pet from the virtual pets in the mating state according to the first operation;

displaying a pet display interface of the candidate virtual pet, the pet display interface comprising a mating button;

receiving a triggering operation of activating the mating button; and

determining the candidate virtual pet as the paternal virtual pet according to the triggering operation.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein adding a maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field according to the second operation comprises:

receiving the second operation of activating the maternal pet field;

displaying a pet selection interface comprising at least one virtual pet owned by the second user account;

receiving a selection operation on the pet selection interface;

determining the maternal virtual pet from the at least one virtual pet according to the selection operation; and

adding the maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field.

4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

displaying, when the second user account does not own a breeding house prop, a purchase interface used for purchasing the breeding house prop, the breeding house prop being a prop used for providing a breeding place to the paternal virtual pet and the maternal virtual pet;

receiving a purchase signal triggered on the purchase interface; and

purchasing the breeding house prop from a server according to the purchase signal.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the genetic inheritance rule comprises at least one of: a heredity rule, a mutation rule or a loss rule; and

wherein:

the heredity rule comprises that all or part of image materials of the third pet image of the filial virtual pet are replicated from the first pet image and/or the second pet image;

the mutation rule comprises that the third pet image of the filial virtual pet comprises image materials obtained through mutation, and the image materials obtained through mutation are image materials that neither the first pet image nor the second pet image has; and

the loss rule comprises that when the first pet image or the second pet image has an image material with a global feature, the third pet image does not have the image material with the global feature, and the image material with the global feature is an image material covering a body model of a virtual pet representing the virtual pet as a whole and has a highest display priority.

6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting a breeding request to a server, the breeding request comprising information about the paternal virtual pet and the maternal virtual pet; and

receiving a breeding response from the server, the breeding response comprising information about the filial virtual pet.

7. The method according to claim 6, the breeding response comprising an image parameter of the filial virtual pet, wherein the image parameter comprises at least one of:

a 3D body model;

an ear model;

a skin material;

an eye material;

a nose material;

a mouth material;

a beard material;

a body speckle material; or

a chest and abdomen pattern material.

8. An apparatus for breeding a virtual pet, the apparatus being provided with virtual pets, and at least one pet image of each of the virtual pets being generated based on a genetic inheritance rule, the apparatus further comprising a memory for storing computer instructions and a processor in communication with the memory, wherein, when the processor executes

the instructions, the processor is configured to cause the apparatus to:

display a mating market interface, the mating market interface comprising virtual pets in a mating state;

select a paternal virtual pet from the virtual pets in the mating state via the mating market interface according to a first operation;

display a pet breeding interface, the pet breeding interface comprising a paternal pet field and a maternal pet field, the paternal virtual pet being displayed in the paternal pet field, the paternal virtual pet being a virtual pet provided by a first user account on a mating market, and the paternal virtual pet having a first pet image;

add a maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field according to a second operation, the maternal virtual pet being a virtual pet owned by a second user account logging in to the apparatus, and the maternal virtual pet having a second pet image; and

display a breeding result interface comprising a filial virtual pet when breeding succeeds by:

display a collection interface of the filial virtual pet if a breeding duration exceeds a pregnancy duration of the maternal virtual pet;

receive a collection signal triggered on the collection interface; and

display the breeding result interface according to the collection signal, a third pet image of the filial virtual pet being displayed on the breeding result interface,

wherein the filial virtual pet having a third pet image generated based on the genetic inheritance rule according to the first pet image and the second pet image.

9. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein, when the processor is configured to cause the apparatus to select the paternal virtual pet, the processor is configured to cause the apparatus to:

receive the first operation on the mating market interface;

determine a candidate virtual pet from the virtual pets in the mating state according to the first operation;

display a pet display interface of the candidate virtual pet, the pet display interface comprising a mating button;

receive a triggering operation of activating the mating button; and

determine the candidate virtual pet as the paternal virtual pet according to the triggering operation.

10. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein, when the processor is configured to cause the apparatus to add a maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field according to the second operation, the processor is configured to cause the apparatus to:

receive the second operation of activating the maternal pet field;

display a pet selection interface comprising at least one virtual pet owned by the second user account;

receive a selection operation on the pet selection interface;

determine the maternal virtual pet from the at least one virtual pet according to the selection operation; and

add the maternal virtual pet to the maternal pet field.

11. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein, when the processor executes the instructions, the processor is configured to further cause the apparatus to:

display, when the second user account does not own a breeding house prop, a purchase interface used for purchasing the breeding house prop, the breeding house prop being a prop used for providing a breeding place to the paternal virtual pet and the maternal virtual pet;

receive a purchase signal triggered on the purchase interface; and

purchase the breeding house prop from a server according to the purchase signal.

12. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the genetic inheritance rule comprises at least one of: a heredity rule, a mutation rule, or a loss rule; and

wherein:

the heredity rule comprises that all or part of image materials of the third pet image of the filial virtual pet are replicated from the first pet image and/or the second pet image;

the mutation rule comprises that the third pet image of the filial virtual pet comprises image materials obtained through mutation, and the image materials obtained through mutation are image materials that neither the first pet image nor the second pet image has; and

the loss rule comprises that when the first pet image or the second pet image has an image material with a global feature, the third pet image does not have the image material with the global feature, and the image material with the global feature is an image material covering a body model of a virtual pet representing the virtual pet as a whole and has a highest display priority.

13. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein, when the processor executes the instructions, the processor is configured to further cause the apparatus to:

transmit a breeding request to a server, the breeding request comprising information about the paternal virtual pet and the maternal virtual pet; and

receive a breeding response from the server, the breeding response comprising information about the filial virtual pet.

14. The apparatus according to claim 13, the breeding response comprising an image parameter of the filial virtual pet, wherein the image parameter comprises at least one of:

a 3D body model;

an ear model;

a skin material;

an eye material;

a nose material;

a mouth material;

a beard material;

a body speckle material; or

a chest and abdomen pattern material.