

A Cow's Tale - Chapter 12

Fair Time "Please"

Where can you find hundreds of dairy cows, sheep, and chickens under one roof? Or climb on a pumpkin as big as a cow? At an agricultural fair! Kids from dairy farms around the province pick the best of their herd to enter in the livestock competitions and to share what they know about raising calves.

Please has been training to get ready for the fair. She's learned to wear a halter, be led with a rope, and stand calmly in one spot. Daily brushing has made her coat smooth and shiny.

They'll get to the fair bright and early on show day so that *Please* can relax and get used to things. There are lots of people, machines, cows, and other animals – what a racket they make!

The animals are put together in groups based on their breed type and age. *Please* is in the group of Holstein summer yearlings. Her group is led into the ring and paraded in front of the judges. *Please* is calm in the ring and loves the attention. She's a natural contestant and puts on a good show!



"Our show outfits are black and white, just like our Holstein calves!"



Judges Scoring Card - Score 1 to 5
 Contestant: *Please* Breed: Holstein, yearling

- Good qualities of her breed
- Straight and strong back
- Nice skin and shiny coat
- Straight, sturdy legs
- Smooth, even walk
- Good size and height for her age
- Strong, healthy feet

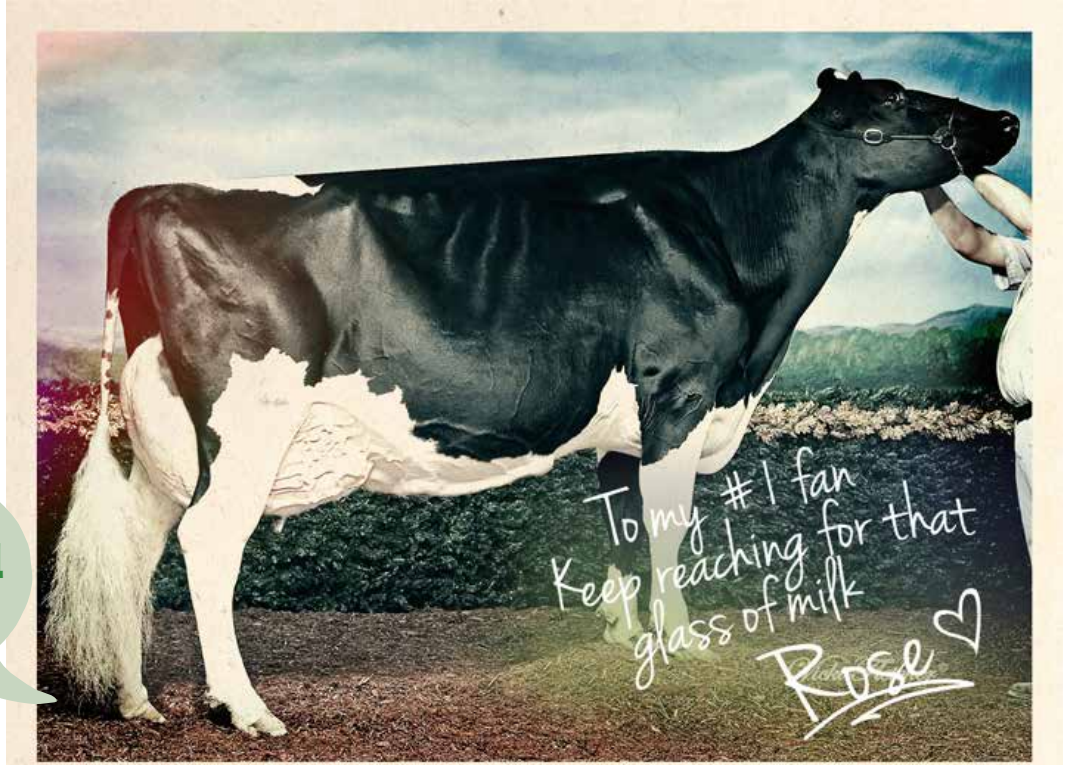
Do you think "*Please*" should win a blue ribbon?

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What Makes a Beauty Queen Dairy Cow? Meet Rose...

Rose is a Holstein from Quebec. She's been named the world's most beautiful cow. Her shiny, black coat and beautiful white spots have helped her win a total of 37 prizes. Rose has been named Grand Champion twice. Judges all agree that Rose has the perfect udder for producing milk.

Rose has her tail clipped and brushed before each show.



Drink up and Reuse It

Magic Number Cups: Milk provides essential vitamins and minerals for our bodies and our brains. Now that we've had our drink of milk, let's use our empty cups to play some fun counting and math games...

Materials: Empty, clean milk cups and a marker. To start, write one number on each cup starting with '1' up to the number of cups available.

1. **Put the numbers in order:** Each child gets one cup, then they work together to put the cups all in a row in number order. Children can also put the cups into even and odd rows

2. **Missing Number:** Once the numbers are all in order, all the children close their eyes while the teacher takes away one of the cups. See who can guess the missing number.

3. **Hidden Treasure:** Children close their eyes again while the teacher hides 'prize beans' under five or so of the cups. Using simple math problems and clues given by the teacher, the children figure out the correct number where to find each bean. The game can be switched up with the children hiding the beans and making up clues for the teacher to solve.

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