

British White calf born June 1 2016.



This gorgeous white calf is a British White. A pure white coat with black extremities characterizes the breed. The black tips include feet, tail, ears, muzzle, and eyes. The calf was only one day old when the recumbent photo was taken. For the first two days, many newborn calves hide by lying perfectly still. I was able to approach and touch the calf without alarming it. After two or three days, the behavior of the calf switches quickly to avoidance and running flight. I assume that behavior pattern matches the animal's physiological capabilities as it quickly matures. When first born it needs several days to adapt and strengthen. Soon after it has the ability to run which is no doubt a better survival tactic than simply hiding motionless.

The Black Angus calf in the article that I posted on May 16 behaved identically.

The breed descended from white cattle developed in England and Ireland. They were noted as far back as the 17th century. The beautiful white animals were generally prized by nobles as "park" animals. By the early 20th century, the breed had almost died out.

The breed is now a modestly popular beef type. They are naturally "polled" (hornless).

Good populations exist in Britain, the US and Australia.

Cow and calf are doing well and will have a good summer. Tom

