

Newborn Calf, hiding per Mom's orders.



This beautiful Black Angus heifer is fully awake. Its eyes are wide open, but it is silent and still.

It is hiding.

It was born only a few hours before this photo was taken.

As bovines normally do, the cow ordered the calf to hide. It will stay motionless for hours until the cow returns from grazing.

This shiny new calf in short grass is easy to see, but it does not know that. As far as the calf knows, it is invisible.

I touched it and checked it over. It remained hiding even after we walked away.

Cattle, bison, hogs, and many other animals have an impressive range of vocalizations. Animals communicate among their species much more than most people imagine.

When the cow returns, she will most likely calm the calf and tell it to come to her. But she could tell it to continue hiding, or even tell it to run from danger.

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