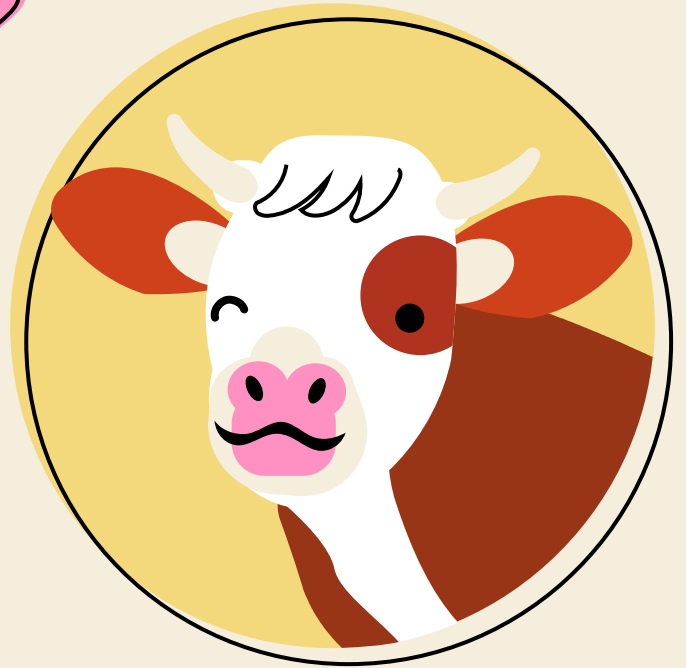


How To pick a Calf

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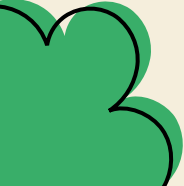
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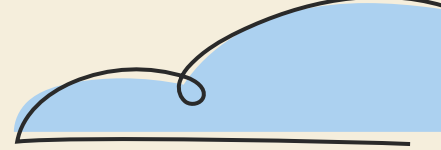
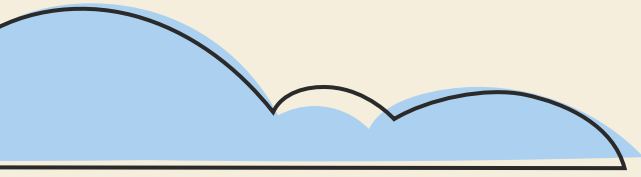




First things to look for

Back	You want a strong and straight back with the vertebrae well defined
Rump	You want wide hips, slightly higher than the pins with balanced pins and thurls. You want the tail head to be slightly higher up then the pins creating a level backline.
Hooves and legs	You want to look for strong and straight evenly placed legs.
Neck	You want a feminine lean and long neck with minimal fat.
Withers	You want well defined withers and to be able to see a defined triangle in front of their hips.
Femininity	You want an overall feminine looking cow who carries herself well and gracefully.





Ideal Attributes

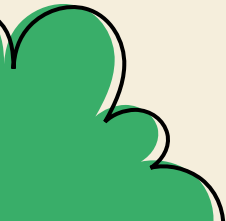
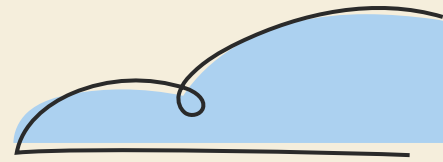
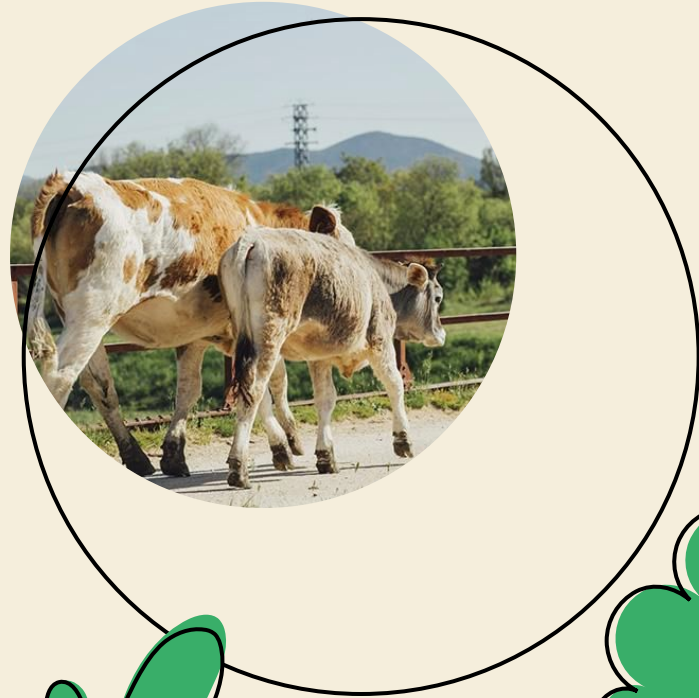
“Attractive individuality indicating vigour, strength, size and stature with harmonious blending and proportional balance of parts; head indicating femininity with adequate strength, mid-section relatively large providing ample capacity” - A Very Smart Person

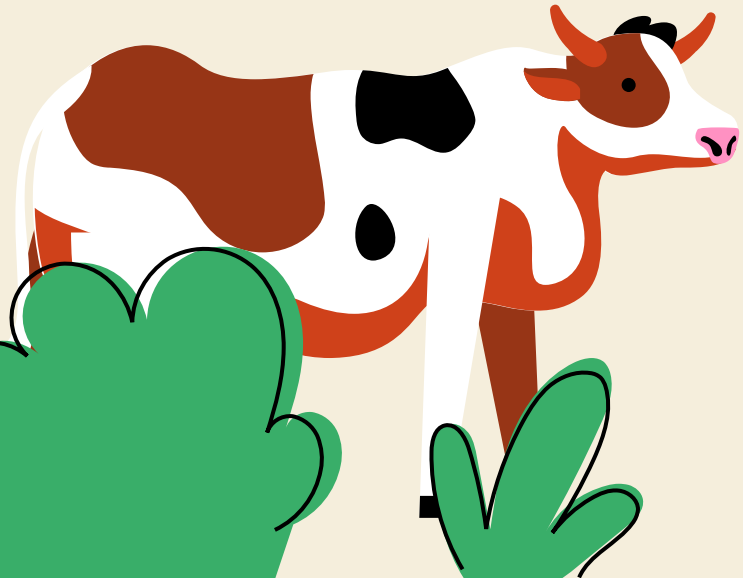
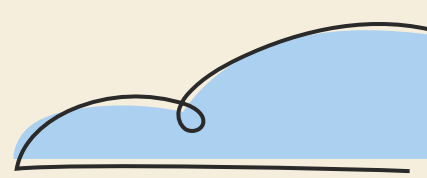
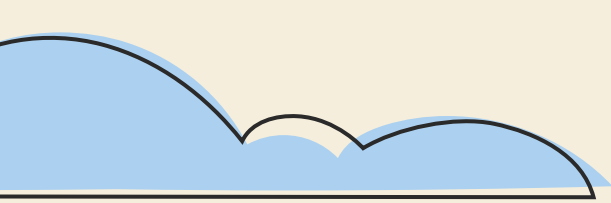




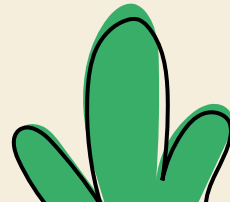
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When looking at calves it can be harder to identify these traits because they are still growing and developing. That being said the main things to look for our hooves that are not turned in or out. You want their hooves to be even with their back legs when looking from the front and side. You also want to make sure their back is straight and they have a feminine build. You do not want a fatty neck or meaty body. For first year members it is easier to pick a calf who is also more friendly. This will make training easier and enjoyable.





Your score card will be split
into 5 categories all
measuring up to different
percentages.





Score card



Frame	15%
Dairy character	20%
Body capacity	10%
Feet and legs	15%
Udder (Cows Only)	40%

*This is varies for calves or bred heifer





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