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“Stunt Farmer” Goes Up & Over 39-Ft. Arch

Daring Austrian farmer Rupert Ebner recently wowed a European TV audience with a dangerous stunt that appeared to defy gravity.

Ebner walked a tractor up and over a 39-ft. tall metal archway that went straight up on either side. When he got to the top, he turned the tractor around and drove down the other side.

While at the top of the arch, Ebner climbed out of the tractor and did a hand stand on the

hood of the tractor.

The trick to Ebner's stunt was that his MF 4245 tractor had a metal plate on its 3-pt. hitch which ran on rollers underneath the track. With the weight of the tractor hanging on the plate, the wheels were forced against the track, giving them enough traction to climb.

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How To Tell The Age Of A Horse

*To tell the age of any horse,
Inspect the lower jaw of course,
The six front teeth the truth will tell,
Now learn this lesson very well.*

*The middle nippers you behold,
Before the colt is two weeks old.
Before eight weeks two more will come,
Eight months the corners cut the gum.*

*The dark like cups will disappear,
From middle two in just one year.
In two years from the second pair,
In three the corners too are bare.*

*At two middle nippers drop,
At three the second pair can't stop*

*When four years old the third pair goes,
At five a full new set he shows.*

*The deep black spots will pass from view,
At six years from the middle two,
The second pair at seven years,
At eight the spot each corner clears.*

*From middle nippers upper jaw,
At nine the black spots will withdraw,
The second pair at ten are white,
Eleven finds the corners bright.*

*As time goes on the horsemen know,
The oval teeth three sided grow.
The old horse has more Whoa than get,
We only keep him for a pet.*

Anonymous

Rare British White Cattle Are Calm, Easy to Handle

After years in the cattle business raising full-sized beef breeds, Texas rancher Morris Halliburton discovered British Whites. “I guess you could say I fell in love with them,” he says. “They’re calm and easy to handle. Their number one trait is gentleness.”

They’re also productive meat animals. Halliburton says it’s not uncommon for a pen of British White steers to grade higher than 92 percent choice or prime.

British Whites are one of the oldest cattle breeds in the world. They are white with black ears, black muzzles, black pigment around their eyes, and a black splash of hair up each leg above their black hooves.

British Whites in North America resemble a couple of other breeds called American White Parks and Ancient White Parks, both with their origins in Great Britain. Ancient White Parks have longer hair and long horns, while British Whites have a medium length hair coat and are naturally polled.

American White Parks and British Whites have similar markings but American White Parks are slightly smaller and may or may not have horns. Before a parting of the ways a few years ago, British Whites and American White Parks were part of the same herd registry. DNA testing shows the three breeds are genetically distinct, however.

Halliburton says most British White bulls would have a frame score of 6-7 and cows would score 5-6. An average mature bull weighs around 1,800 to 2,300 lbs., while mature cows average around 1,000 to 1,500 lbs.

After discovering the breed, Halliburton was so enthused about British Whites that he joined the fledgling breed association in the U.S. and now serves as executive secretary.

Halliburton sold about 50 head of registered stock last September, for an average price of about \$1,230 per head. His top yearling bull sold for \$2,700. A cow with a bull calf by her side sold for \$2,625. An open heifer fetched \$1,825.

At the present time, there are only about 85 active dues-paying breeders in the British White Cattle Association. Registered herds are scattered all across the country. Halliburton says he had interested buyers from 12 states at his sale.

Some breeders have used British Whites in crossbreeding programs, but most are producing purebreds. Many of the breeders import semen from Britain so they can use the best bulls available. British White cows calve easily, are good mothers, and good milk producers.

Halliburton's herd numbers about 35 cows and heifers of breeding age (after his sale). In total, there are only about 1,200 cows and heifers of breeding age in the U.S.

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Roger Foster's wife knows that, for him, the only tractors that really count are Minneapolis-Molines. So she had a special sign made to post outside his farm shop on their farm near Tower Hill, Ill.