

SITS DOWN ON CUE

Look — A Real Live Sitting Bull!

Louie Thurman has taught his Brahman bull "J.R." to sit on command, a feat which may make "J.R." the first ever real live sitting bull!

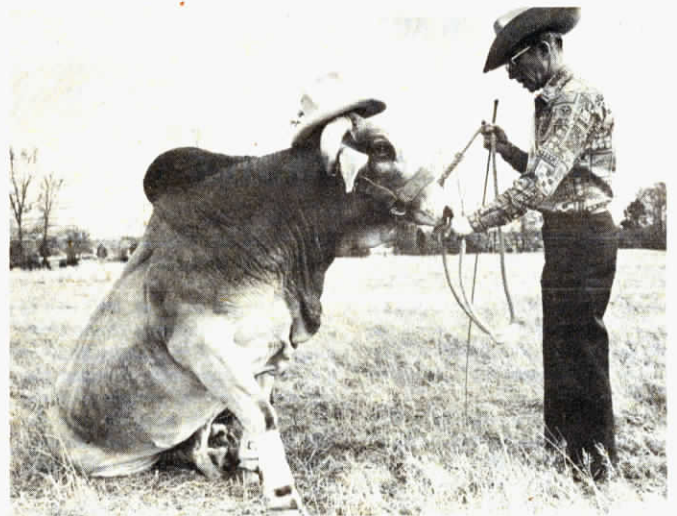
Thurman, of Granbury, Texas, has also taught his 925 lb. Brahman to respond to voice commands, such as "come here" and "whoa." The big animal will also climb up onto a small stool — much like an elephant at a circus.

Since J.R. is still only 5 years old, Thurman figures his acrobatic bull still has plenty of time to learn even more tricks to amaze friends and neighbors.

Thurman, a rural insurance agent, has also worked through the years as a rodeo clown. He says that in all his years in the rodeo, he has never heard of a sitting bull.

"Bulls are difficult to train because they don't remember anything very long. Also, Brahmans are just plain ornery and don't generally like anybody at all," says Thurman.

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J.R., a 925-lb. Brahman, can also balance on top of a small stool.

FILLS RESEARCH DEMAND FOR MOUSE MILK

Here's A Milking Machine For Mice

Building a milking machine for mice is a task that took a lot of patience and a strong microscope.

According to a report in the New Zealand Farmer, scientists at West Germany's University of Ulm need mouse milk for research on a regular basis. Since there is no reliable supply available, they had to find their own source. Their research involves making comparisons of mouse milk with human breast milk.

Dr. Guenther Sawatzki, biology graduate student Franz Hoffmann and engineer Herbert Schmitt of the University designed and built the mouse-milking machine.

A small vacuum pump does the milking via miniature tubes and equally small cups, using the same principles as a conventional dairy milking machine. Milk is collected in a plexiglass cylinder 1/3 in. in dia. and 1/4 in. long.

The mice are milked once a day and each mouse produces about 1.5 ml during the 15 min. the cups are on. The mice are anesthetized and lie flat on their backs during milking.

The mouse milking machine has also been used successfully with rats and may be used with other small mammals in the future.

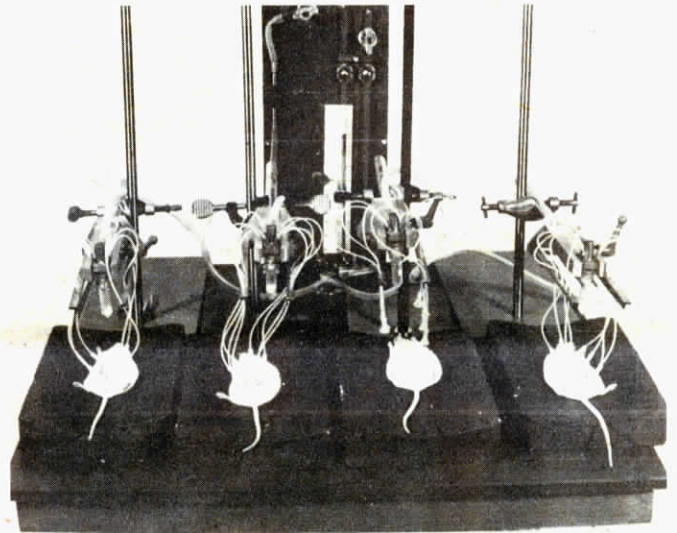


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A vacuum pump milks the mice via a miniature pipeline and tiny teat cups.

CHEAPER THAN PAINT JOB

Carpet Keeps Old Car Looking Great

Strangers love to stop Dick Triggs and ask him about his car. Most people, he says, have never seen a car completely covered with carpet.

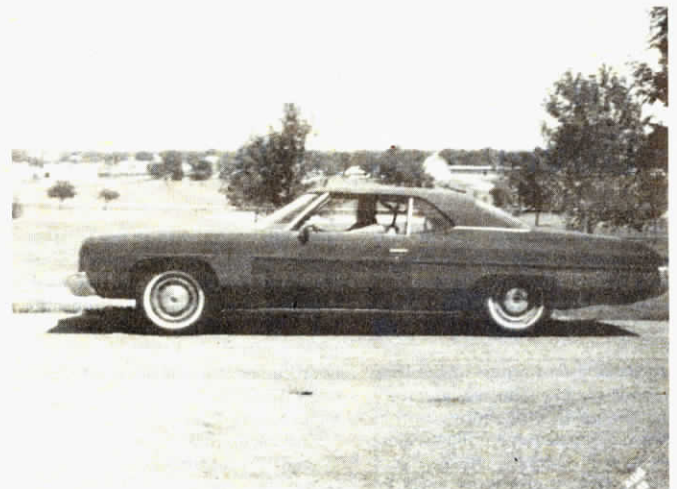
Triggs got the idea to carpet his 1973 Chevrolet four years ago when the exterior of the car was ruined at his daughter's wedding by enthusiastic friends who covered it with painted-on messages. It also had a couple leaks in the roof and a considerable amount of rust. When he took it to the local body shop and was told a complete paint job would cost \$900, he decided to find another way.

Triggs bought \$75 worth of green indoor-outdoor carpeting and \$15 worth of carpet glue and set to work in his garage. After about a month of

cutting and fitting, covering all painted surfaces and the vinyl top, he had a carpeted, all-green car. He cut the carpet to fit around some of the chrome strips and in other places went right over it.

"I thought it looked strange at first but now I think it looks great. It's easier to keep clean than paint and, after four years, it hasn't faded a bit," says Triggs' wife Bonnie.

Triggs notes that the carpet not only permanently solved the problem of the deteriorating car body but it also stopped the leaks in the roof. To keep it clean he simply hoses it down occasionally. If any piece comes loose he slaps on a little additional glue.



Triggs rust-proofed his 1973 Chevrolet with \$90 worth of carpet and glue.

"We like it so much we may cover our motor home with carpet," Bonnie told FARM SHOW.

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