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A MIRACLE AT THE GENTLE BARN

Lucy the Cow Offers Newly Adopted Calf Love and Milk

SANTA CLARITA, CA (April 2018) – The Gentle Barn Foundation, the world renowned, national non-profit sanctuary who rescued a young calf named, Ferdinand, has witnessed yet one more expression of love in nature that should be an example to us all. Soon after arriving at The Gentle Barn, Ferdinand was befriended and mothered by one of the matriarchs of the sanctuary, Lucy. Cows are very communal and protective of the young, but the bond that formed between Ferdinand and Lucy caught the attention of The Gentle Barn Founder, Ellie Laks.

“This was by far the most miraculous thing we have ever seen!” says Ellie. “When I first saw Ferdinand nursing with Lucy, I thought he was just playin around down there, but as I watched Ferdinand continued to nurse for an entire fifteen minutes. Lucy patiently held still and quiet for him, every now and then letting out one of her soft moos meant just for him. Lucy has officially become his foster mom in every sense of the word!”

Ellie set out to research this phenomenon and found that this actually happens with people all the time. Lactation consultant, Christie Rosenthal of The Land of Milk and Mommy explains, “I had also heard of women lactating for adopted babies. So I did a little research and found that this actually happens with people all the time. If the woman has had a baby before she’ll usually lactate easier and produce more milk. I obviously don’t work with cows, but I have to assume as mammals we’re all pretty similar.”

During the last nineteen years of The Gentle Barn has always tried to rescue more than one orphaned calf at a time, so they can keep each other company as well as be cared for by our staff and volunteers. Lucy and Ferdinand are proof that there is a natural connection between all living beings and an inspiring example for everyone.
ABOUT THE GENTLE BARN | www.gentlebarn.org
The Gentle Barn is a world renown, national nonprofit organization, founded in 1999 as a sanctuary and place of recovery for severely abused animals and children. The Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the personal experiences of inner city, at-risk and special needs children who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with The Gentle Barn’s approximate one hundred and fifty animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, those who participate in the programs at The Gentle Barn learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. The Gentle Barn is supported by Celebrities such as Ellen Degeneres, Portia de Rossi, Hillary Swank, Tiffani Thiessen, Sierra McCormick, Emma Fuhrmann, Amanda Crew, Beth Behrs, David Backes, Denise Richards, Michael Pena, Daisy Fuentes, Richard Marx, Jenna Dewan-Tatum, Channing Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rockett, Pamela Anderson, and Victoria Justice.

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