

# Dairy Judging Basics



# What To Look For:

- Size:
  - Tall
  - Lengthy
  - Large body capacity
  - Good spring of ribs
  - Wide at pin bones



# What To Look For:

- Dairy Character
  - Walking upwards
  - Trim and feminine head and neck
  - Angular over hips, withers, pins
  - Carrying minimal extra fat
  - Level from hips to pins



# What To Look For:

- Udder:
  - Smooth fore udder attachment
  - High and wide rear udder attachment
  - Evenly divided udder quarters
  - Desirable sized and shaped teats
  - Carried above hocks



# Dairy Judging Class 1

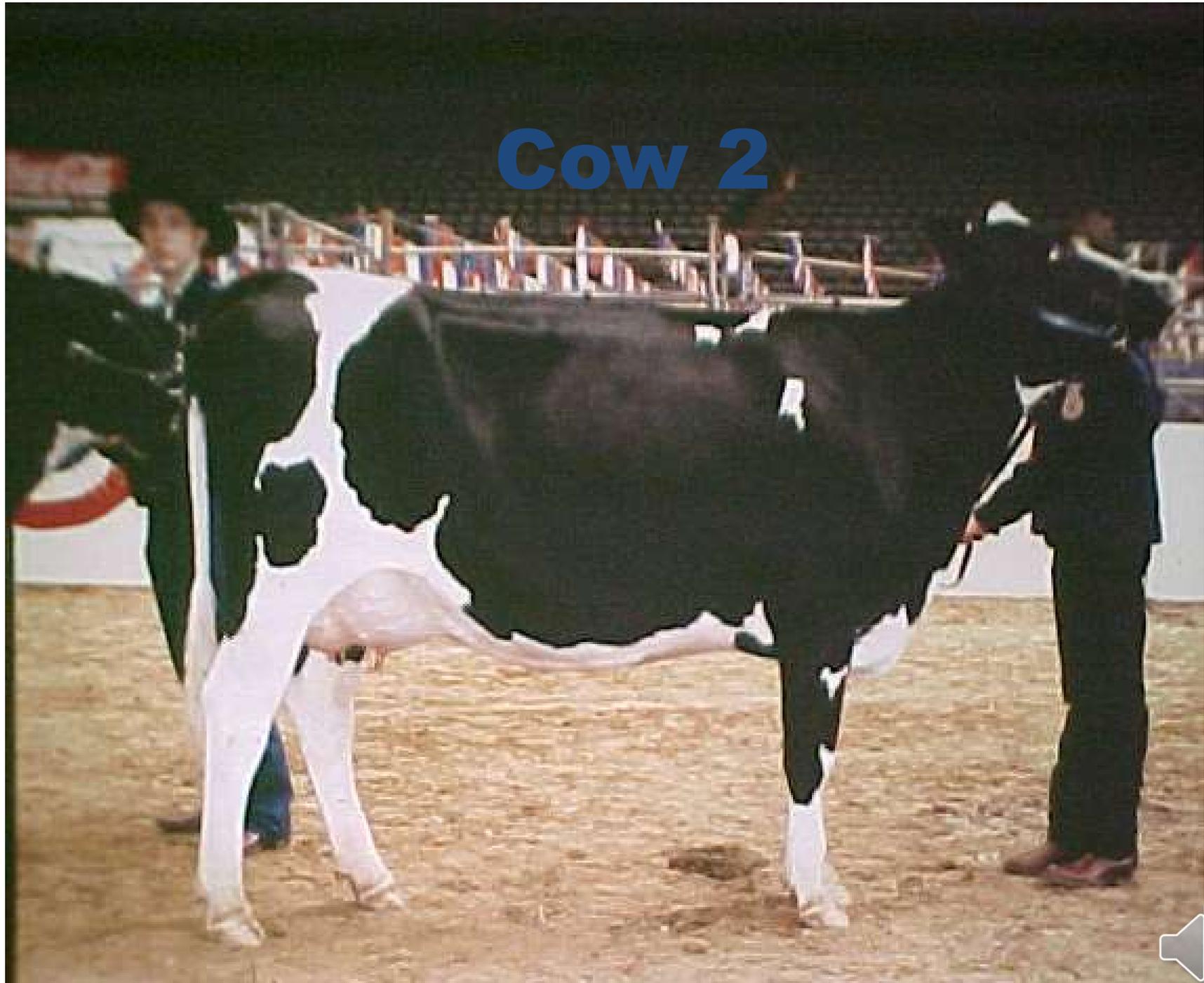
2 year old Holstein Cows



# Cow 1



# Cow 2



# Cow 3



# Cow 4



**Cow 1**



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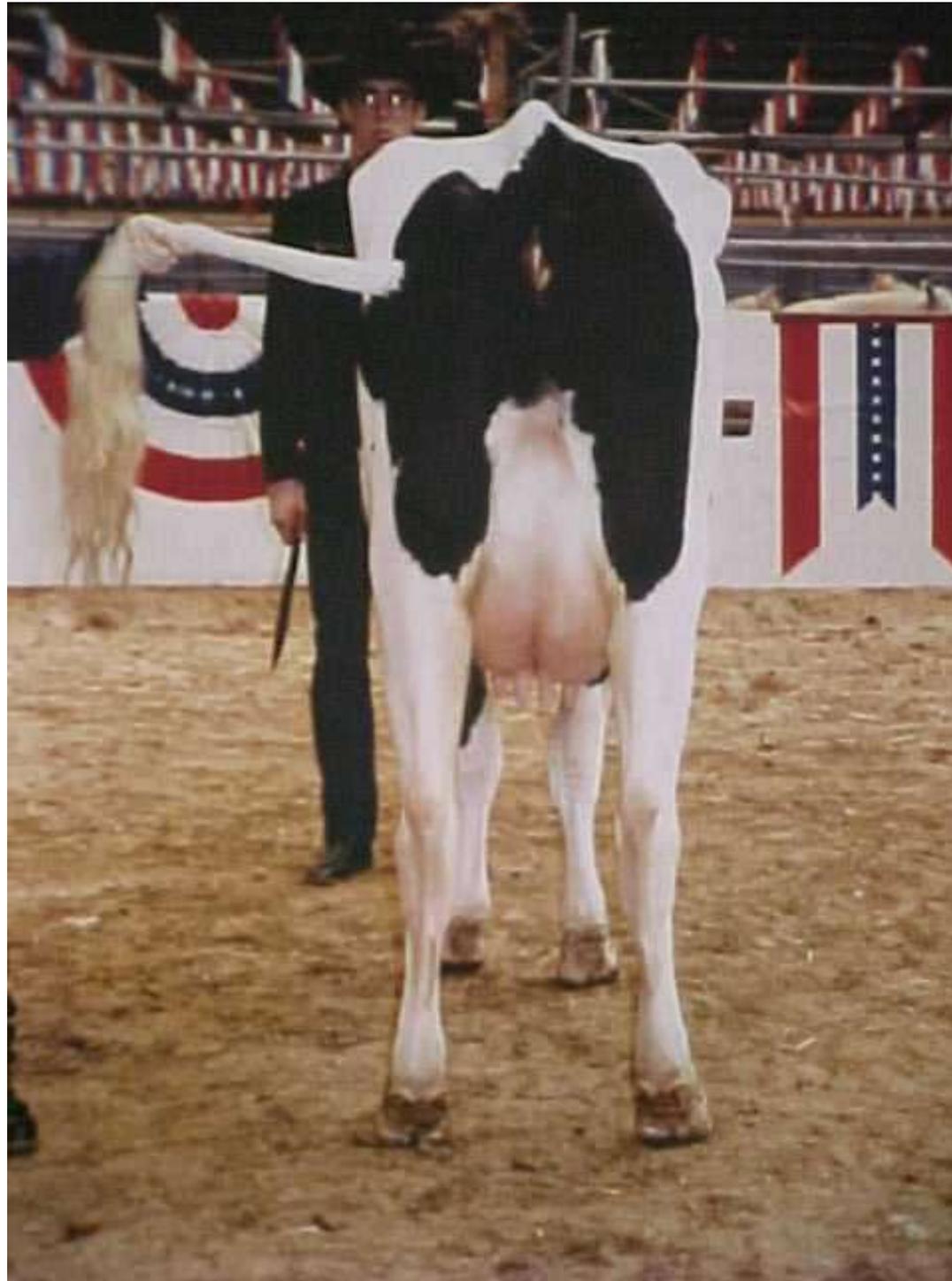
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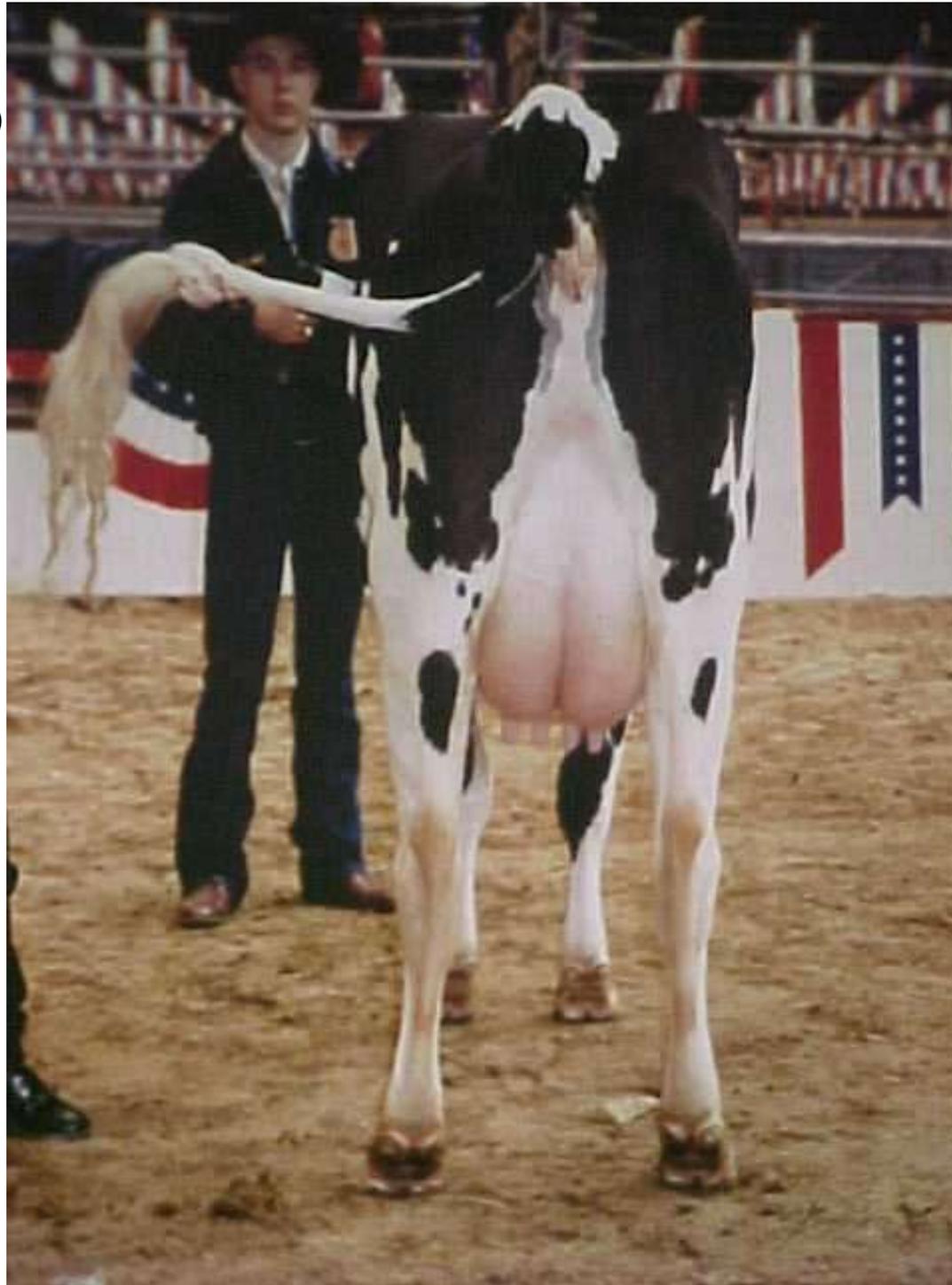
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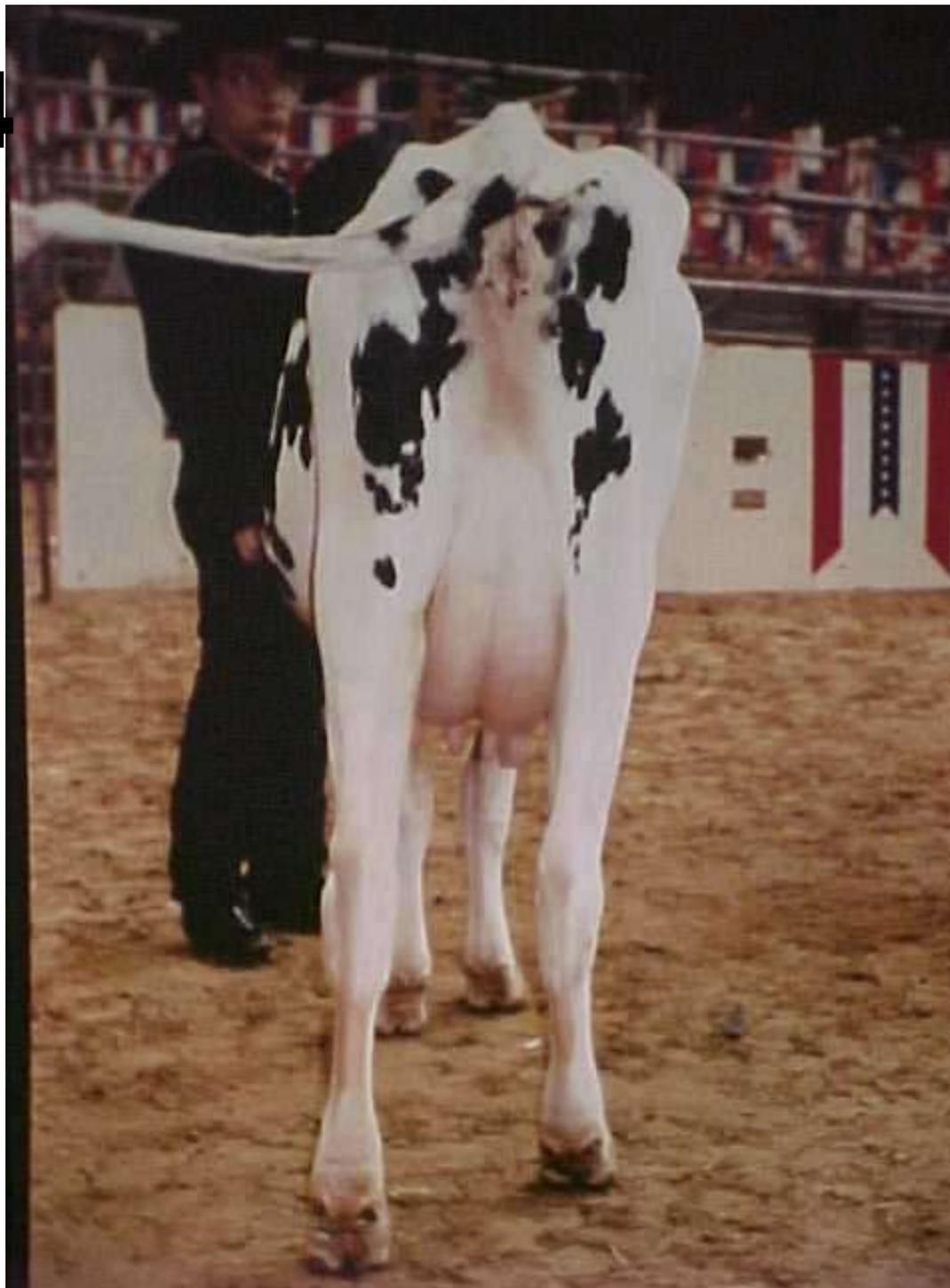
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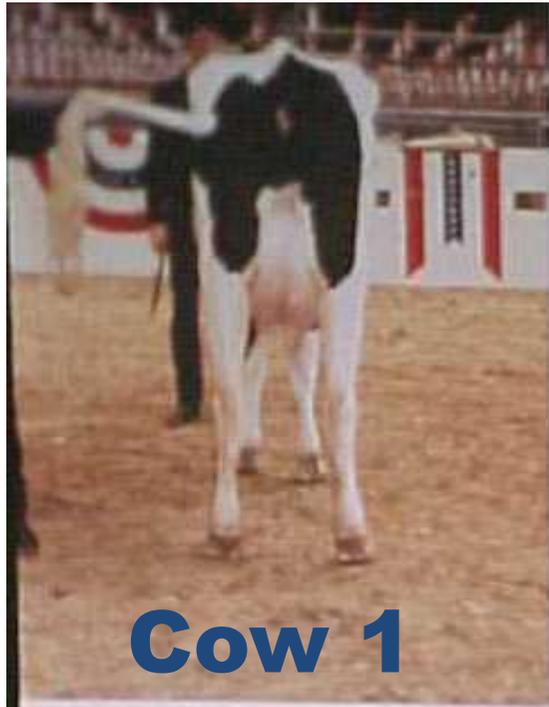


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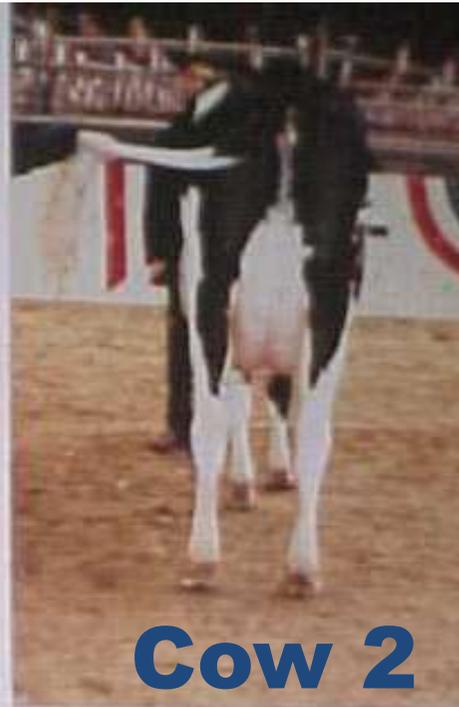


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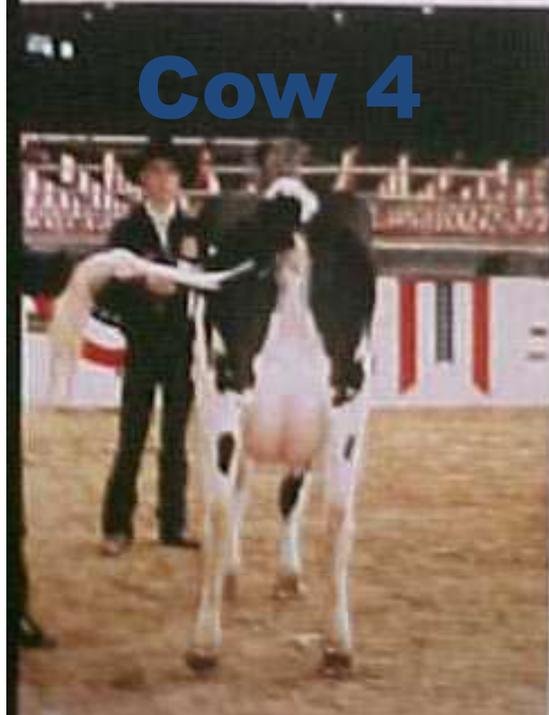




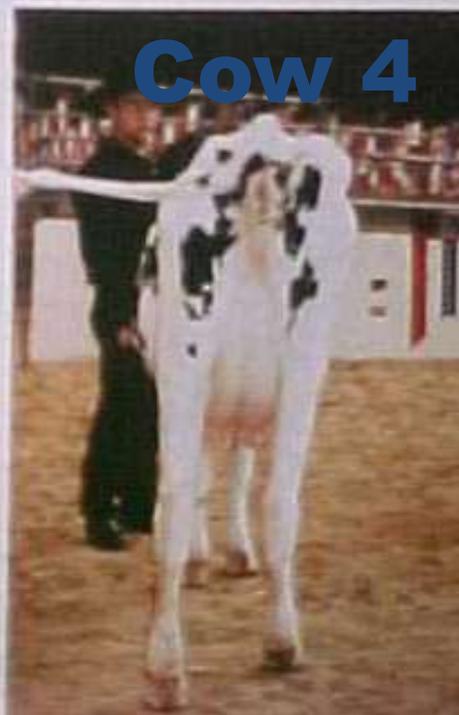
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**Cow 2**



**Cow 4**



**Cow 4**



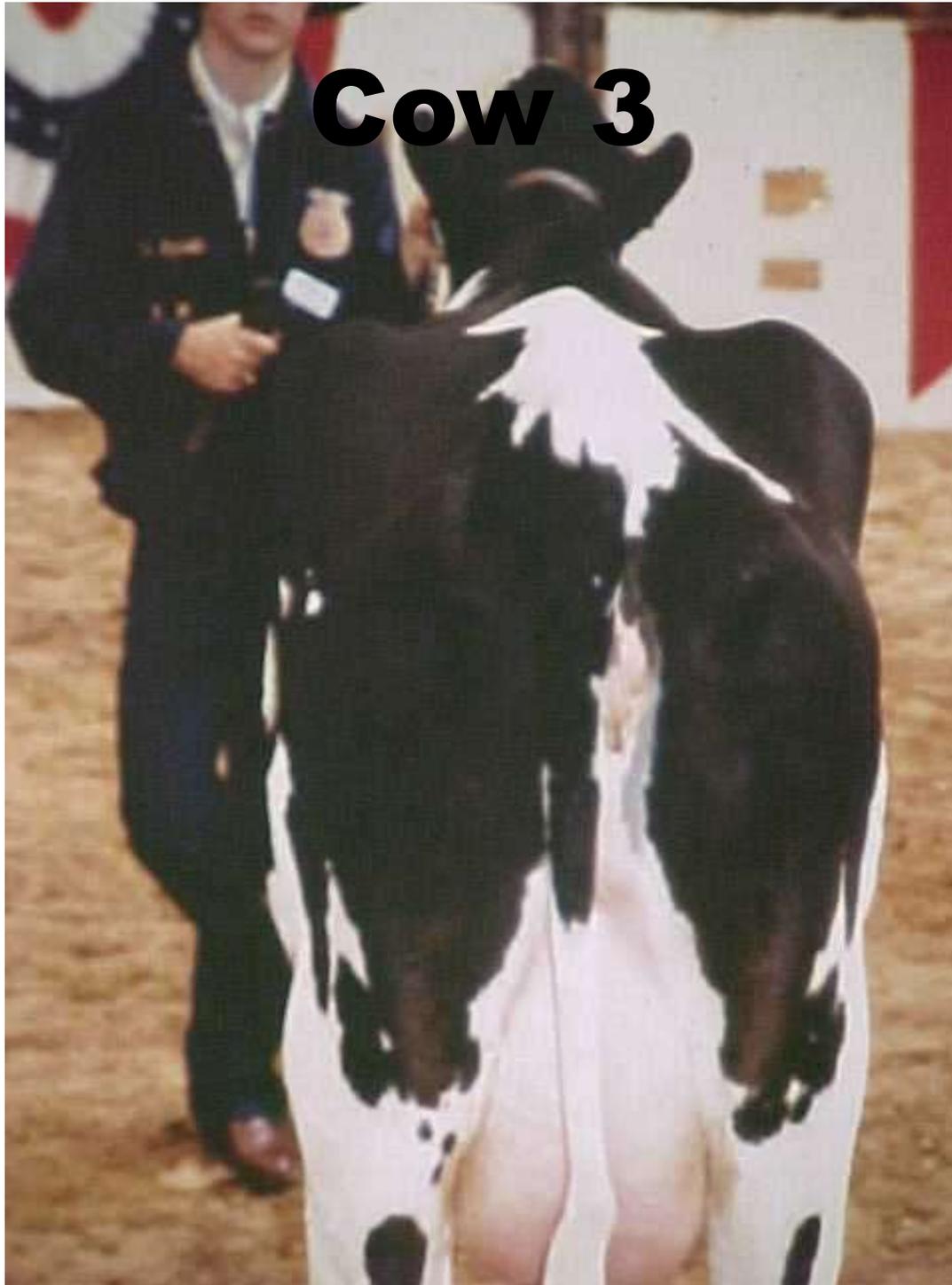
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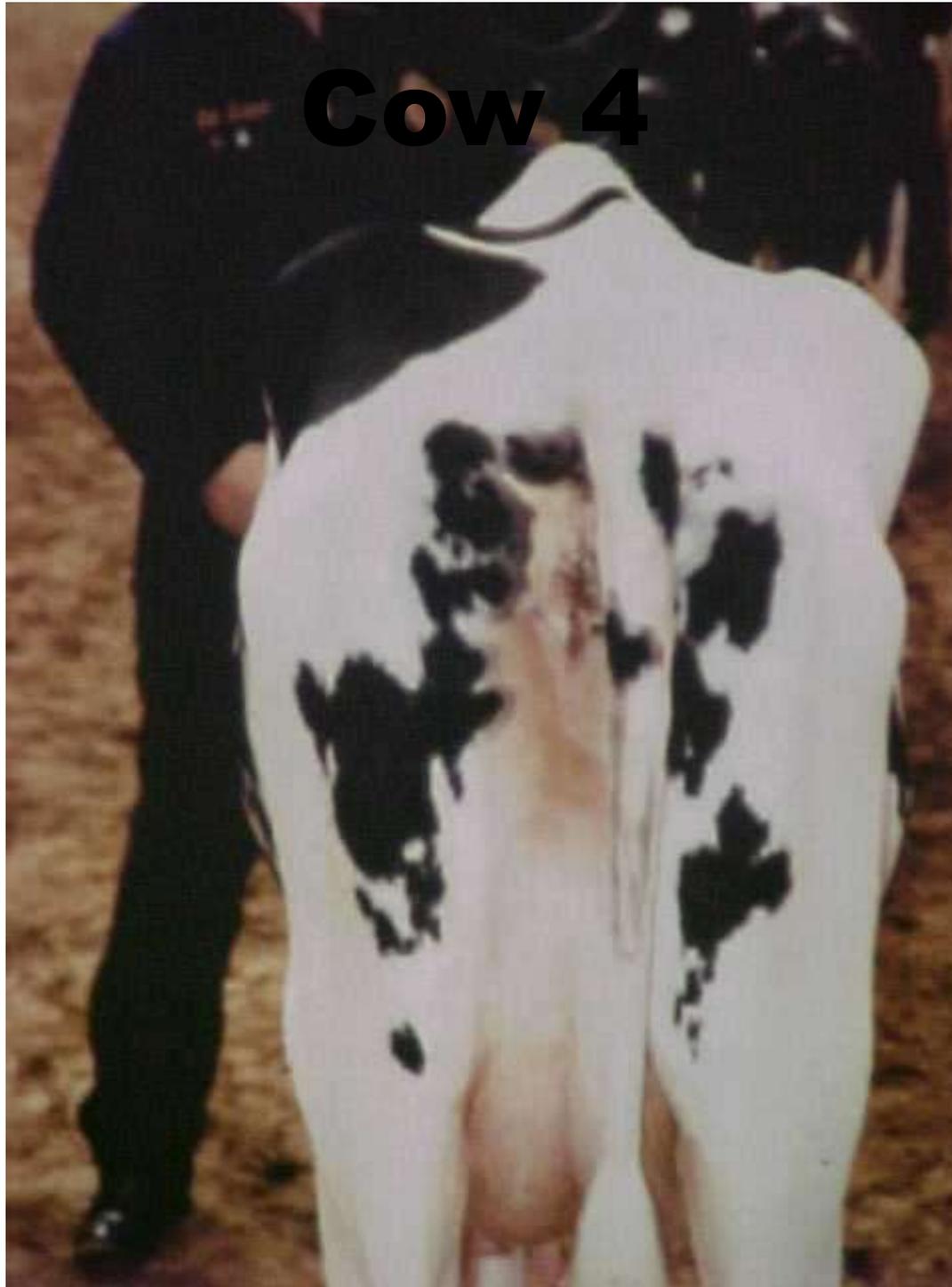
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# Cow 3



# Cow 4



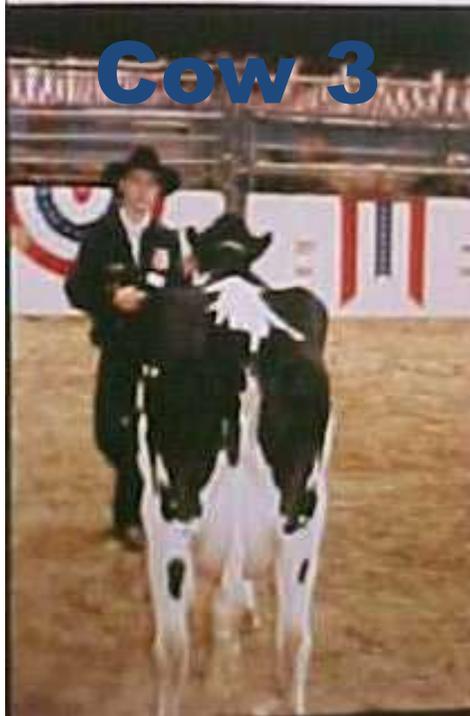
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**Cow 2**



**Cow 3**



**Cow 4**



# Class 1 Placing

2-3-4-1

Cuts of 3-5-2



# Class 2

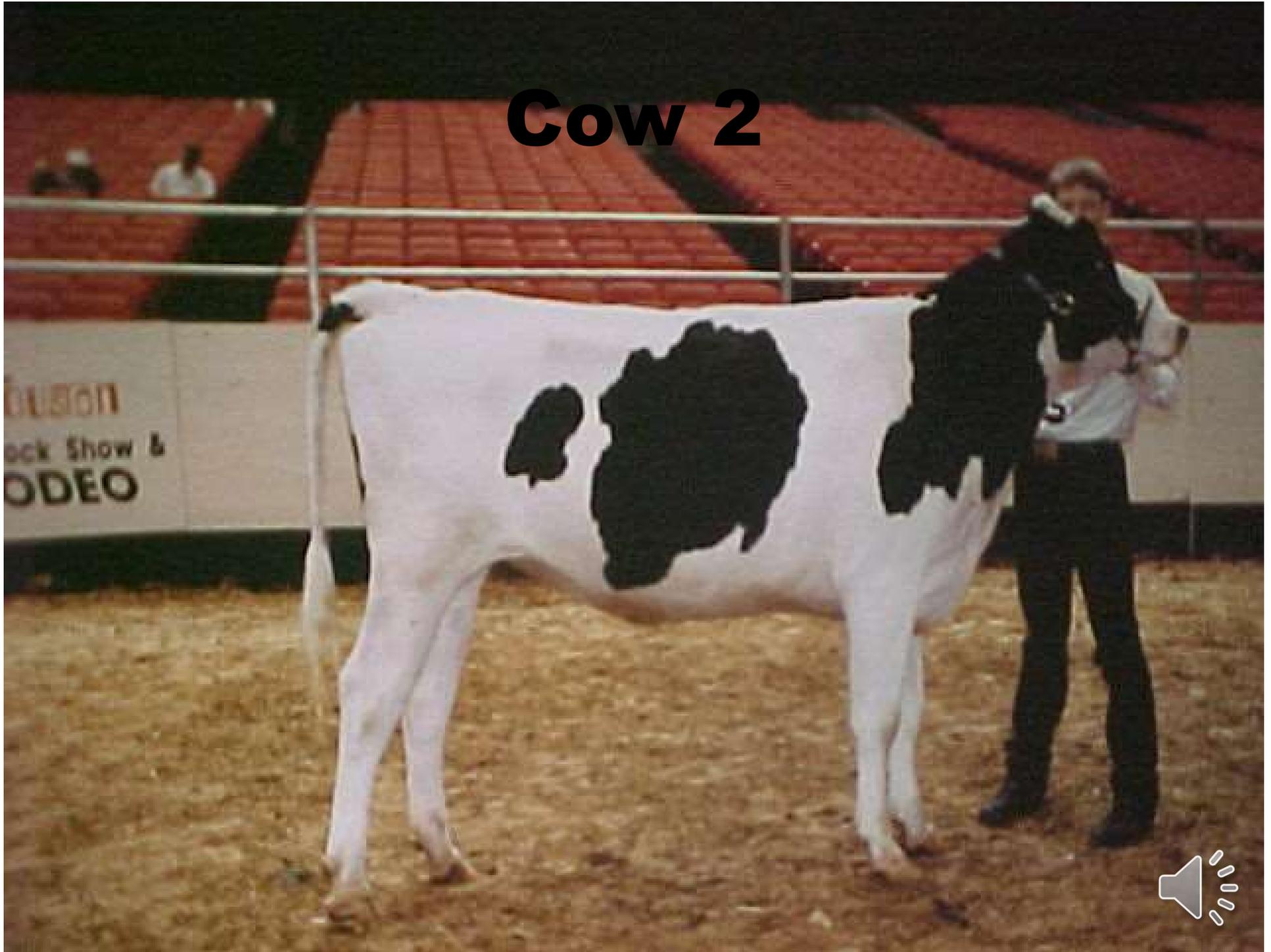
## Holstein Senior Heifers



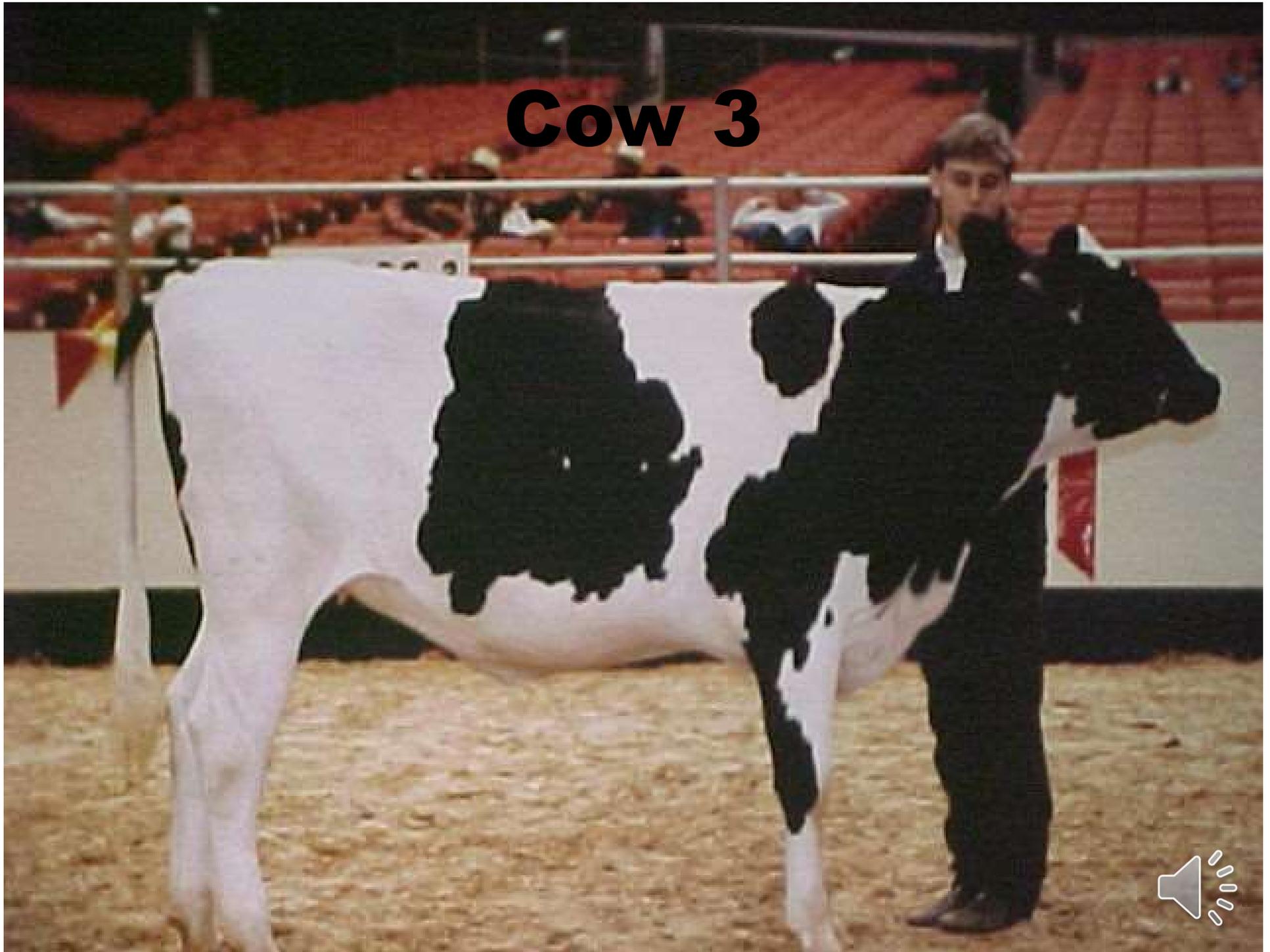
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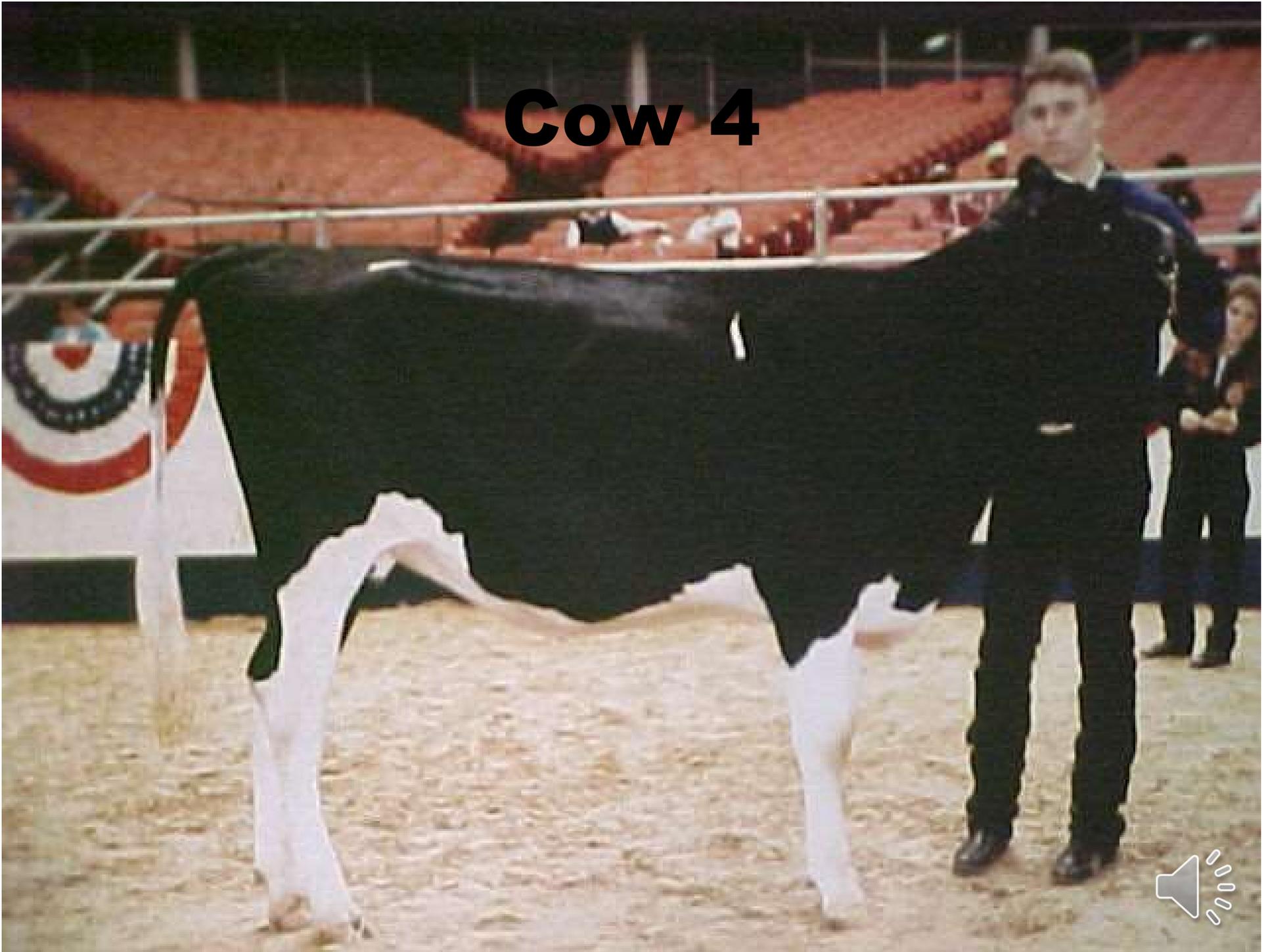
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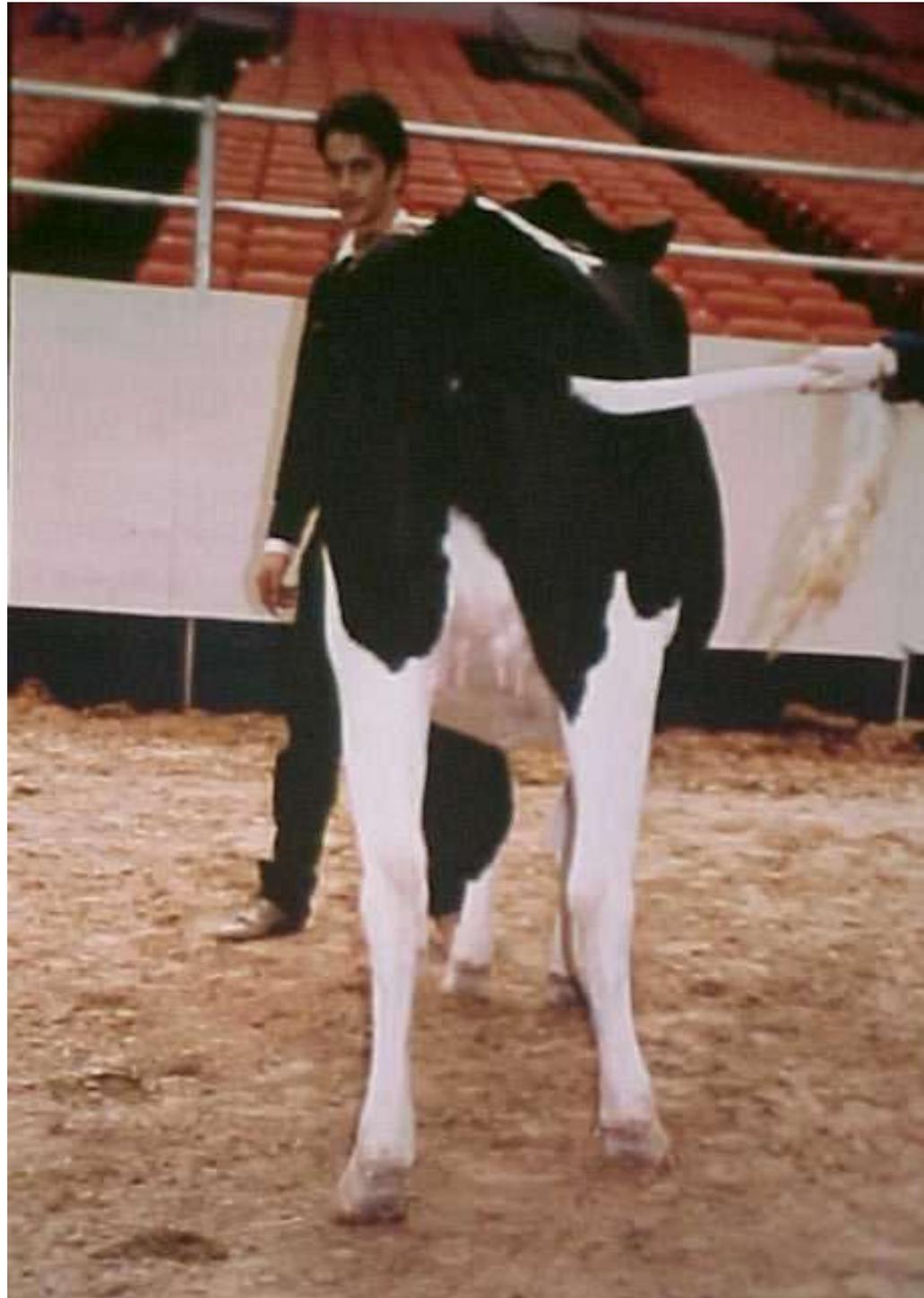
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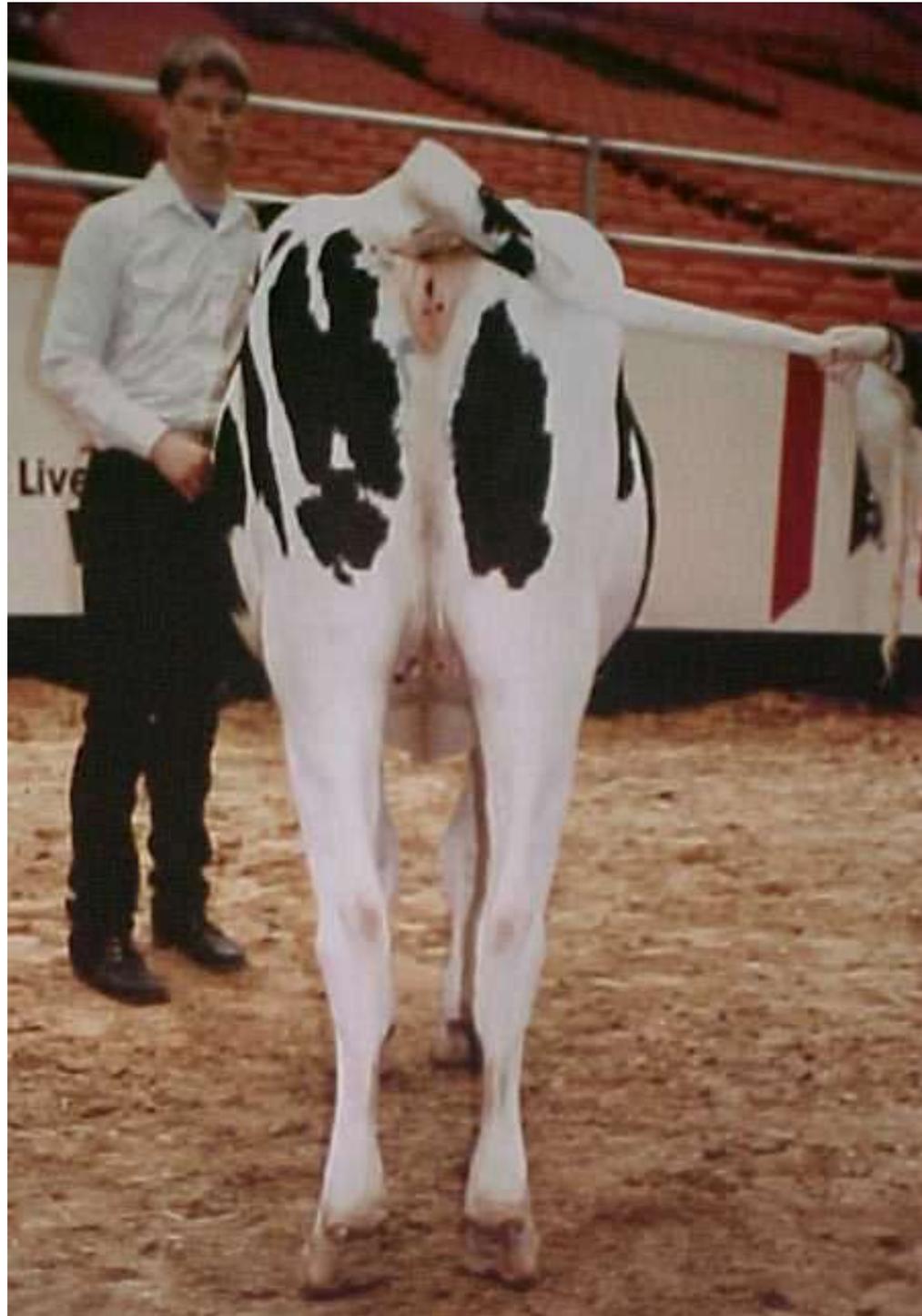
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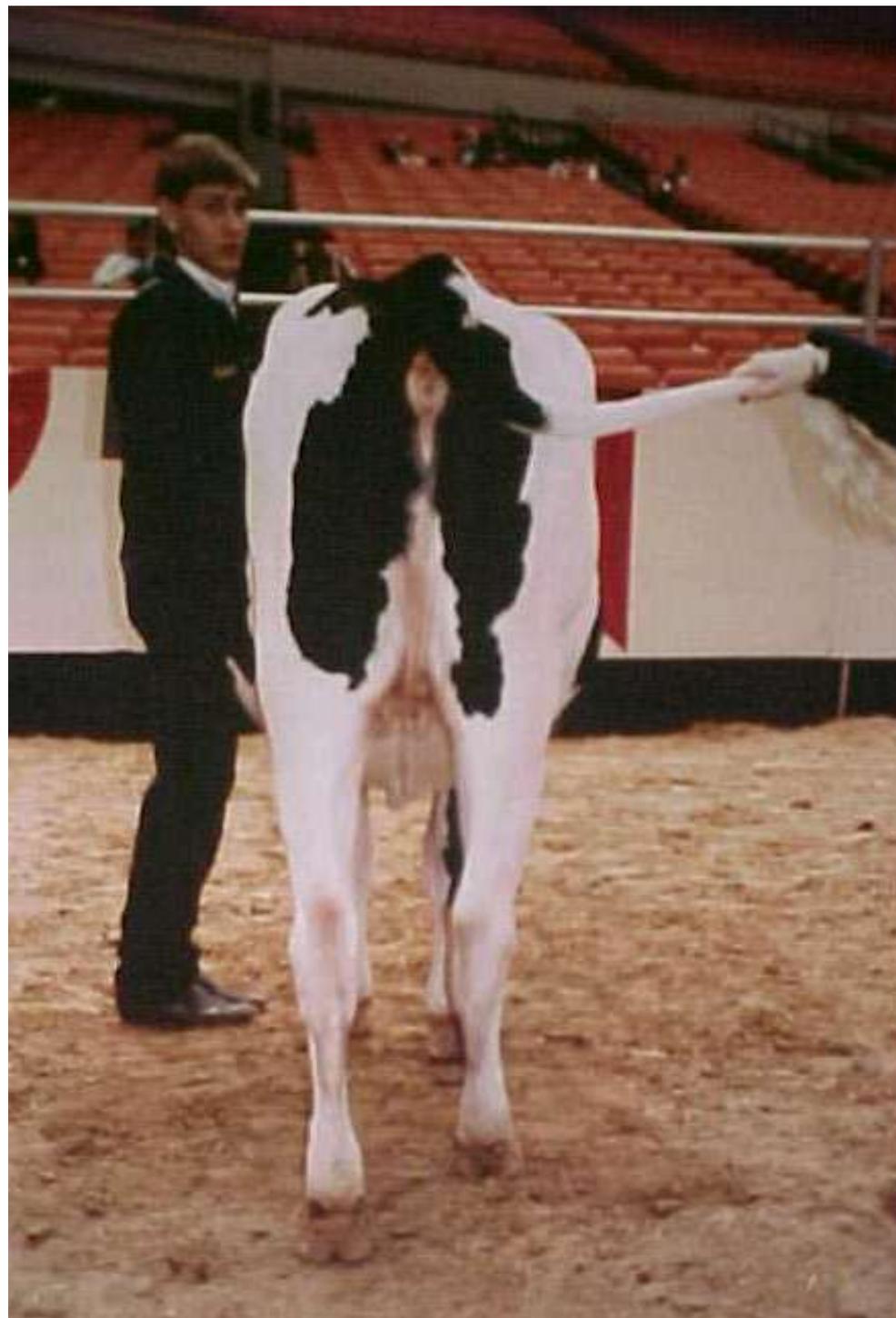
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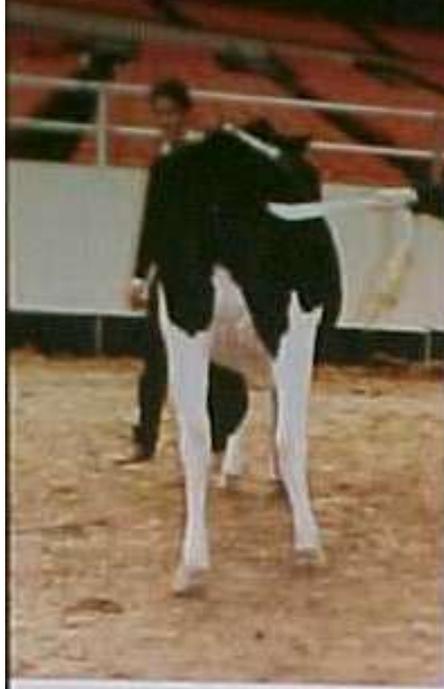
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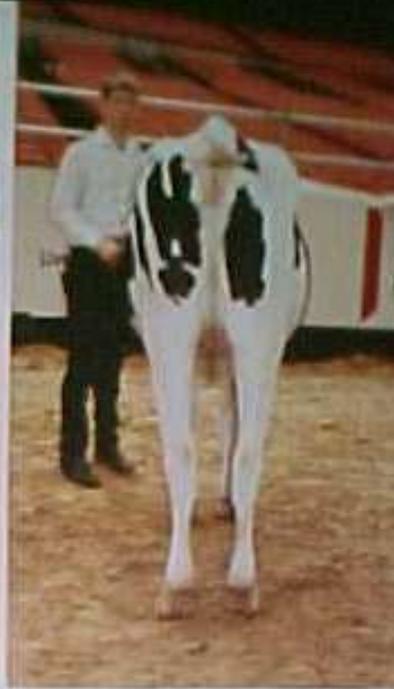
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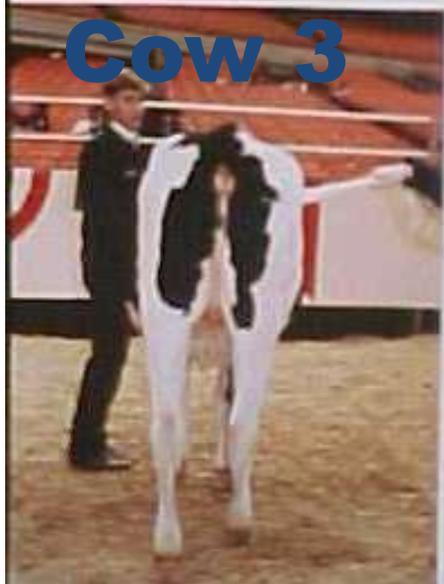
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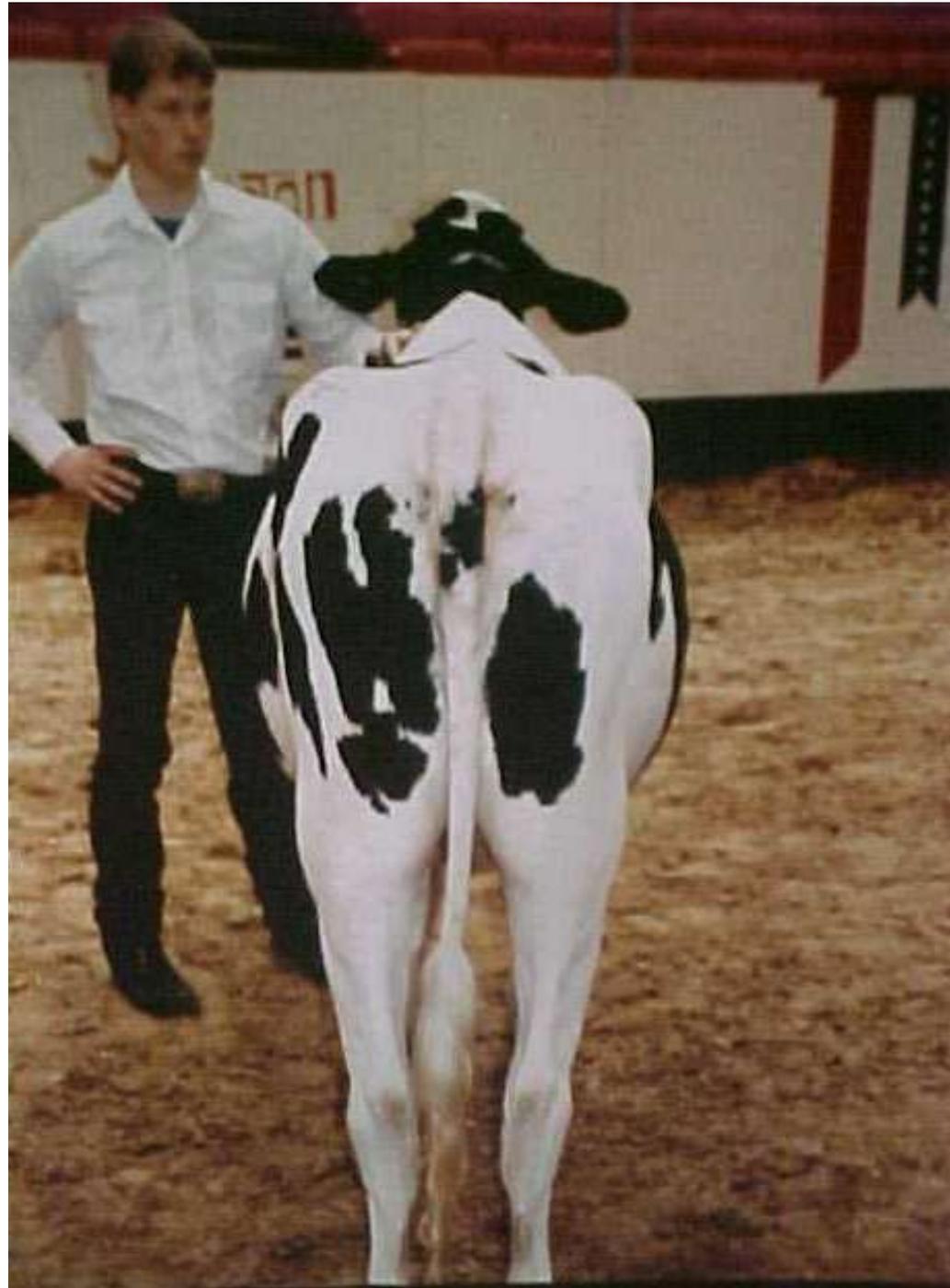
**Cow 4**



# Cow 1



# Cow 2



# Cow 3



# Cow 4



**Cow 1**

**Cow 2**

**Cow 3**

**Cow 4**



# Class 2 Placing

1-4-2-3

Cuts of 3-3-2



Class 3  
3 and 4 Year Old Holsteins



# Cow 1



# Cow 2



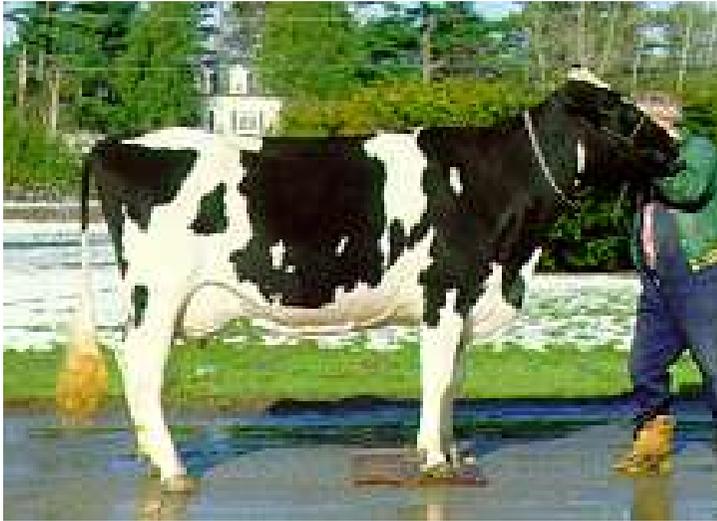
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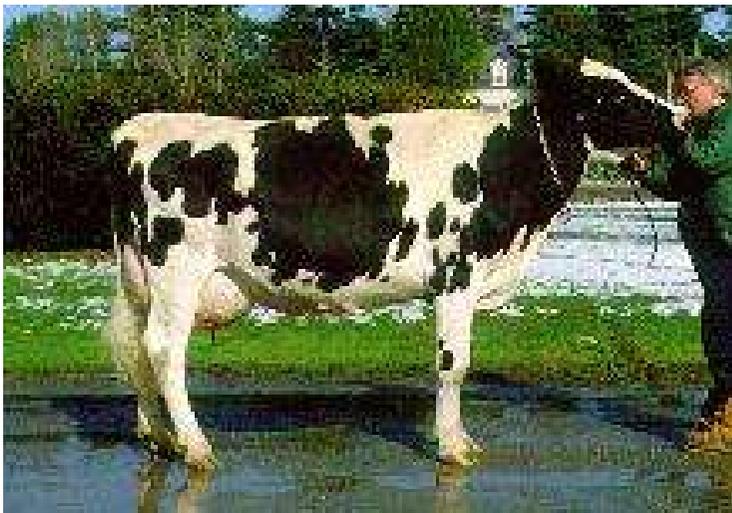
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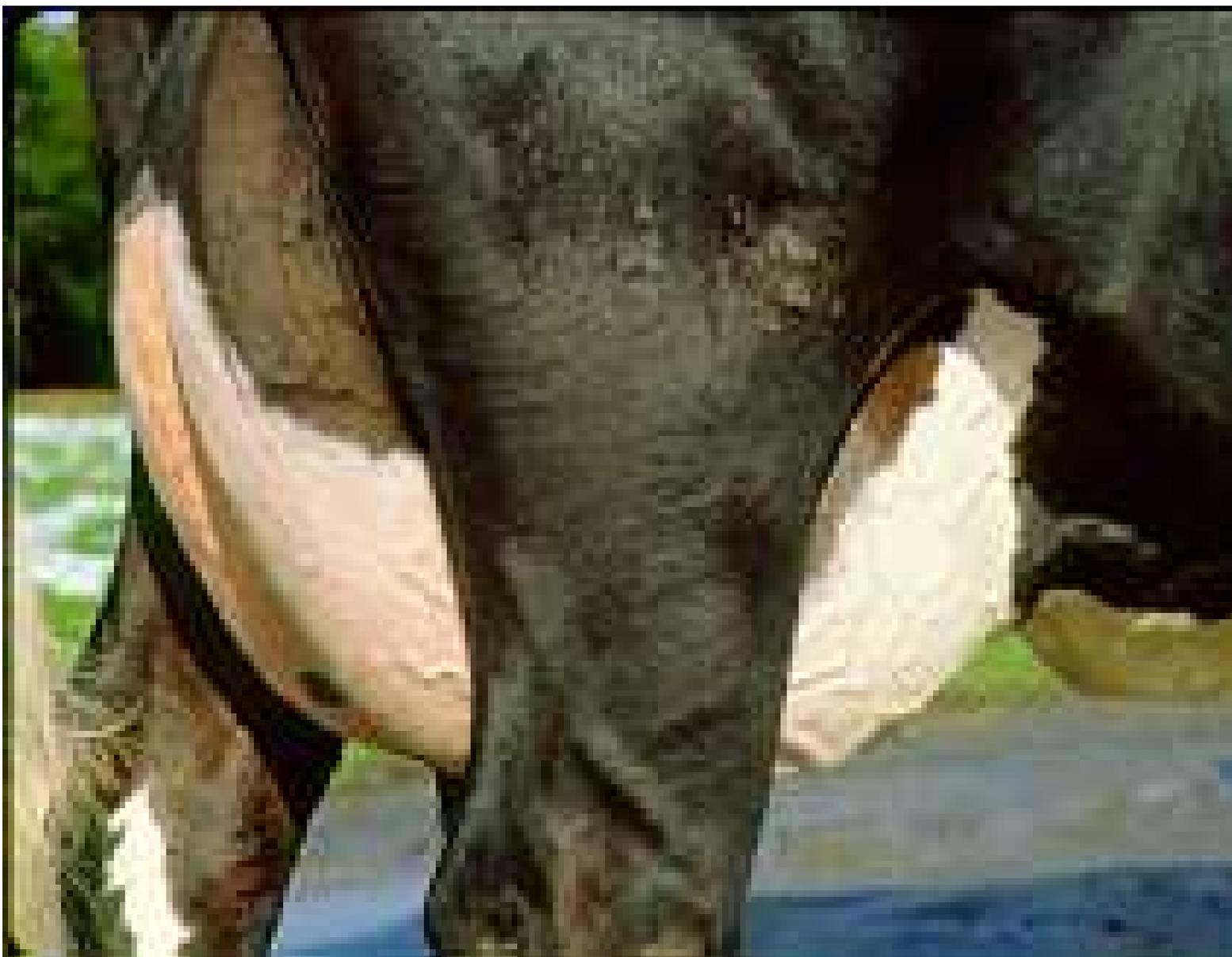
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**Cow 1**



**Cow 2**



**Cow 3**



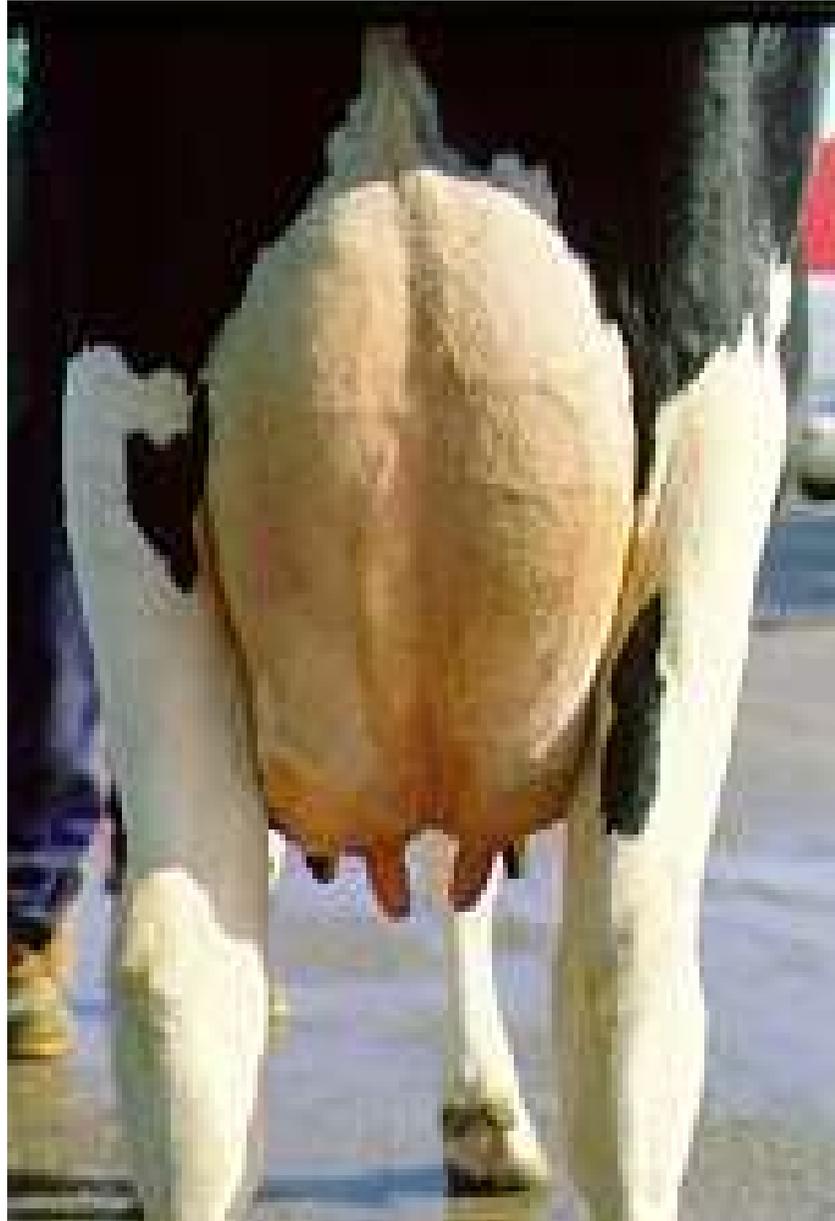
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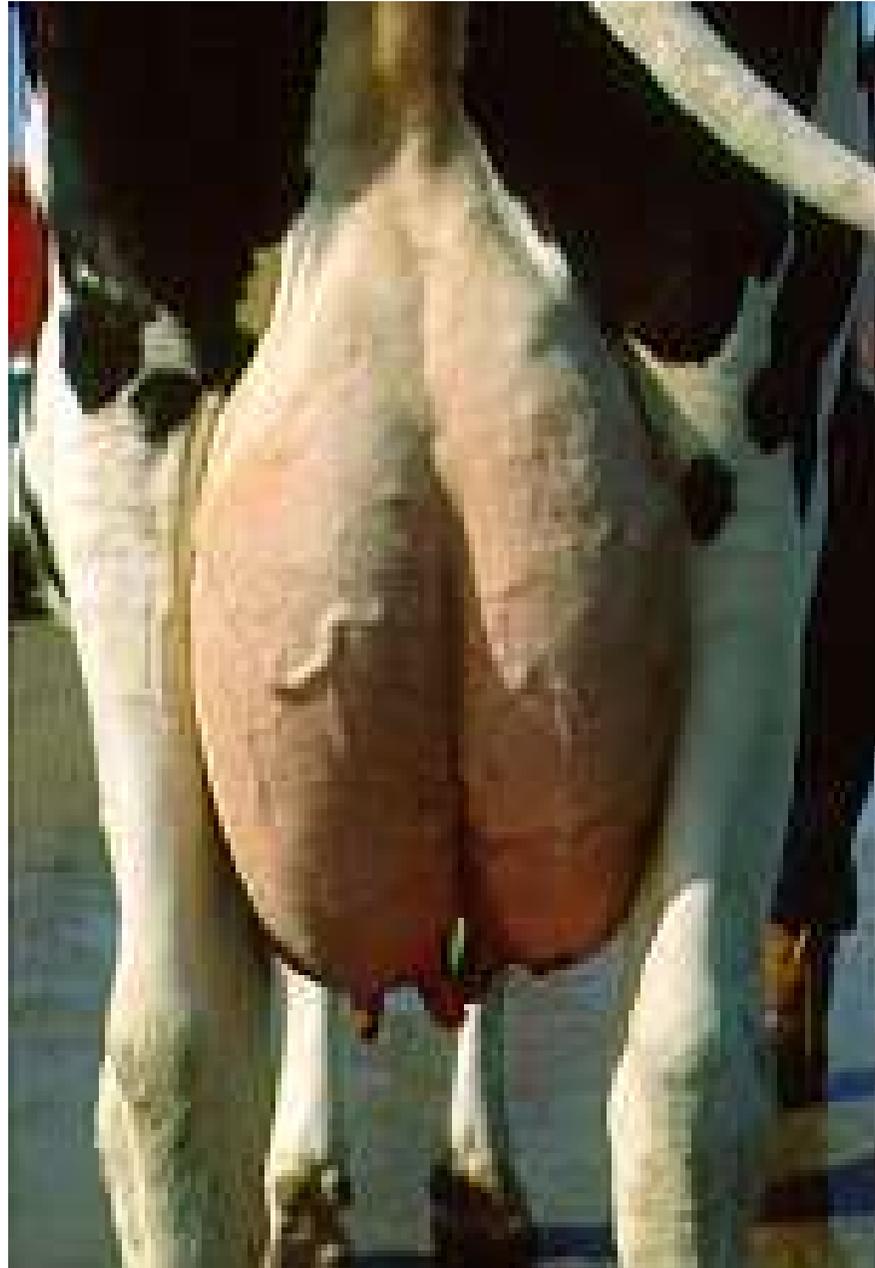
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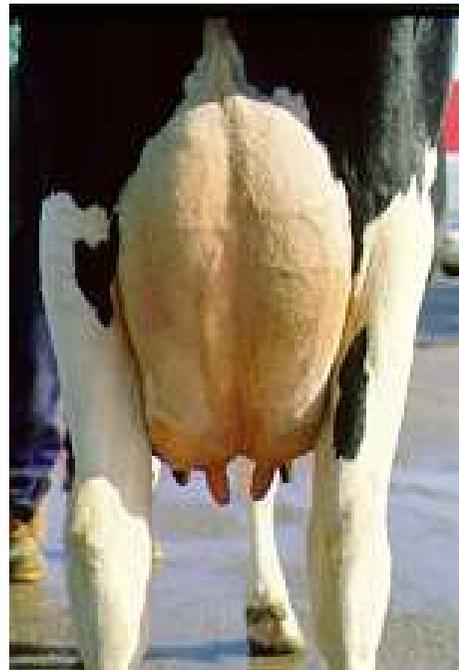
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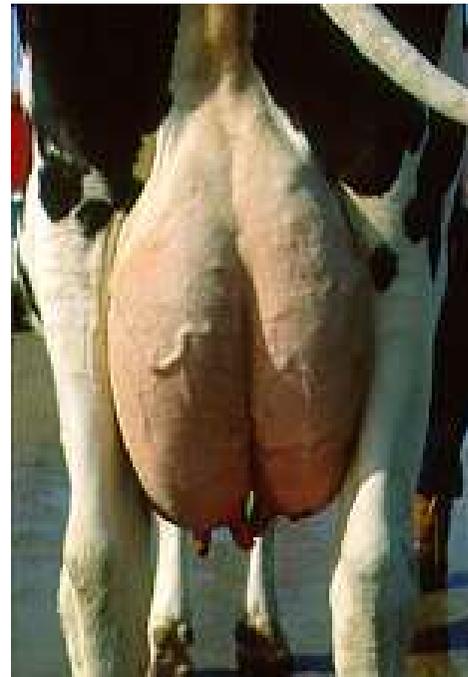
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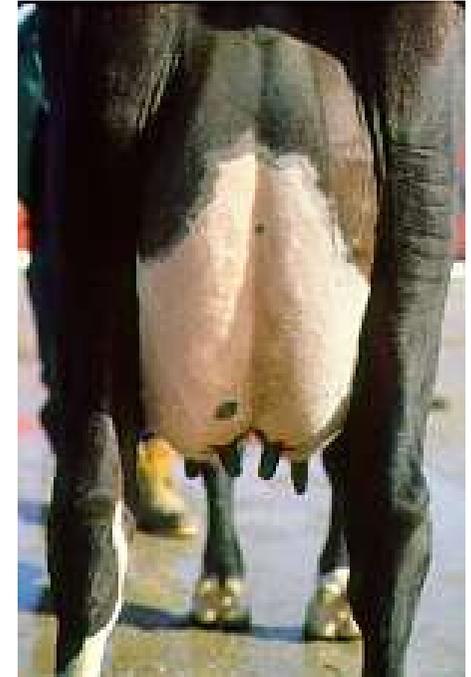
**Cow 2**



**Cow 3**



**Cow 4**



# Cow 1



# Cow 2



# Cow 3



# Cow 4



**Cow 1**



**Cow 2**



**Cow 3**



**Cow 4**



# Class 3 Placing

2-4-1-3

Cuts of

2-5-3



# How to Give Reasons:

- Taking Notes-
  - Divide page into four sections
  - Write down all distinguishing characteristics
  - Take notes as you judge class
  - Take note of good and bad things for each cow



# Example of Notes:

Cow 1-

Straight top line

Large body capacity

Best udder

Cow 2-

High/wide rear udder attachment

Shorter than 1

Level from hips to pins

Cow 3-

One horn

Good spring of rib

Weak fore udder attachment

Poor dairy character

Cow 4-

Smallest cow

Weak pasterns

Good dairy character

Has brown halter



# LETS PRACTICE!

HERE IS A PRACTICE CLASS OF BROWN SWISS COWS...

- ❖ LOOK AT EACH COW
- ❖ WRITE DOWN SEVERAL THINGS THAT YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE ABOUT THAT COW.
- ❖ PLACE THE CLASS



Class #1

# BROWN SWISS COW # 1



Class #1

# BROWN SWISS COW #2



Class #1

# BROWN SWISS COW #3



Class #1

# BROWN SWISS COW #4



# CLASS # 1: BROWN SWISS COWS



# TIME FOR DECISIONS...

- MAMMARY SYSTEM:

-BEST A

-WORST B

- DAIRY CHARACTER:

-BEST C

-WORST B



# WHAT DO *YOU* THINK?

- FRAME:

-BEST A

-WORST D

- FEET & LEGS:

-BEST C

-WORST B

- BODY CAPACITY:

- -BEST A

-WORST B



# CLASS # 1 : BROWN SWISS COWS OFFICIAL PLACING

**1 3 4 2**

TO READ WHAT THE JUDGE HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS CLASS OF COWS GO TO:  
[HOARD'S DAIRYMAN - THE NATIONAL DAIRY FARM MAGAZINE](#)



**CLASS #2**  
**HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS**



## Class #2



1



## Class #2



2



## Class #2



## Class #2



## Class #2



4



## Class #2



# Class #2



# OFFICIAL PLACING

1 - 2 - 4 - 3



# FFA APPLICATION: DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING



- JUDGE CLASSES OF DAIRY CATTLE
- GIVE ORAL REASONS

