

# Milking the limelight

THIS six-legged cow (*pic*) is milking her moment in the spotlight after defying a vet's prediction that she wouldn't live much past birth.

Now seven weeks old, thriving Lilli has become a minor celebrity in her native Switzerland after surviving against the odds.

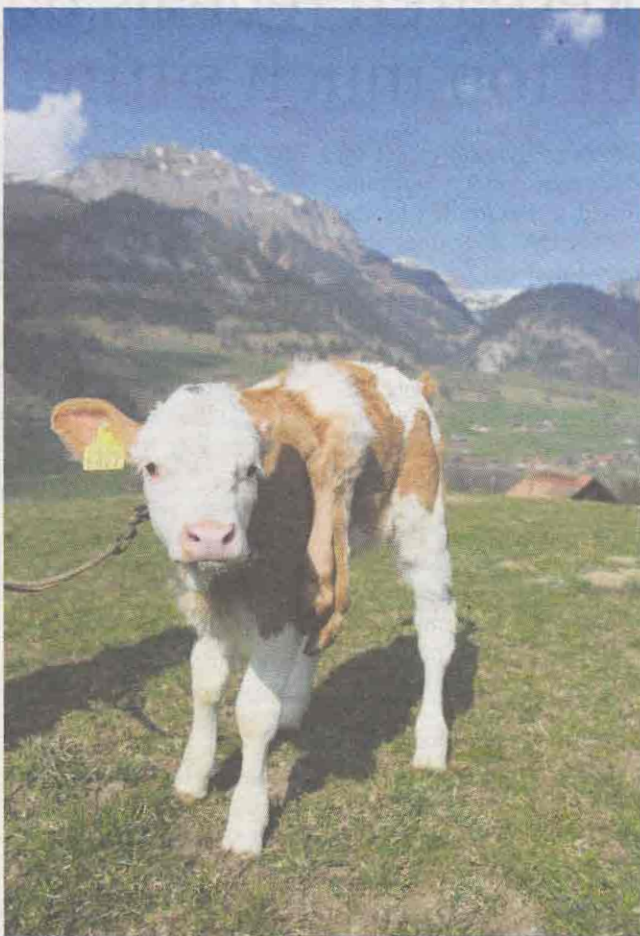
The cute calf has melted the hearts of the Swiss after pictures of her frolicking across a sunny field were splashed across the media.

Farmer Andreas Knutti from Weissenburg, which is 19 miles (30km) south of the capital Bern, says he couldn't bring himself to euthanise the animal because she was "so full of life".

He told Swiss daily *Blick* that a curve in her spine means Lilli may never become a normal milk cow.

Speaking about Lilli's birth, Knutti reportedly said: "The baby was in breech position so we had to send for the vet."

They were stunned when the calf was born, feet first, with two extra legs attached to her back.



The vet explained that the mutation is a result of twin embryos growing into one animal, with the extra legs the only evidence of the second.

Farmer Knutti, 46, says if the calf stays healthy she'll still be allowed to join the

others when they head for their Alpine pastures this summer.

And Lilli is not alone, as a six-legged calf, Lissy, was born four years ago in Bavaria and now lives happily in a sanctuary in Austria. — The Daily Mirror