Rachel is a Poll Hereford cow which means she was bred to have no horns. Hereford cattle are bred for meat. Rachel came to the RSPCA in 2005 as a 2 month-old calf. She and nine of her friends were not cared for correctly and were suffering from bacteria poisoning (salmonella) and malnutrition.

Unfortunately, Rachel’s friends did not survive. The RSPCA decided to keep Rachel as a companion for Jenny (the Jersey cow) and when they were first introduced, Jenny ‘adopted’ Rachel and allowed her to suckle, even though Jenny was not producing milk. Suckling made Rachel feel safe and secure. Although Rachel is fully grown, she is smaller than average due to the poor care she received early in her life.