

Rescued calf gets new high-tech prosthetics

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A 600-pound calf that lost its back hooves and part of its legs to frostbite in Virginia more than a year ago has been fitted in Texas with a new pair of prosthetic hind legs.

The English Charolais (SHAR'-lay) calf known as Hero received the high-tech devices on Wednesday in Houston. The animal may be the only double-amputee calf in the U.S. with [prosthetics](#).

Technicians who made the replacements for the hooves and legs and a Texas A&M University surgeon who treated the animal earlier this year say they're not aware of another head of cattle with [prosthetic legs](#).

The calf has been adopted by an animal rescuer, Kitty Martin, who says the roughly \$40,000 she's invested in Hero is worth it. The new devices replace others Hero had outgrown.

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