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Key Vocabulary

slaughterhouse	place where animals are killed for food
activist	person who works to make the world better
sanctuary	place where animals are safe and cared for

Freddie on the Run

Freddie the cow became famous after he ran away while being unloaded from a truck at a **slaughterhouse** in New York City. Police caught up with him in less than an hour and took him back to the slaughterhouse. But by then, videos of Freddie running through the busy city streets had quickly spread online, and people were asking for him to be rescued.

An **activist** shared Freddie's story with PETA workers, who contacted nearby **sanctuaries** to see if any of them could give the brave cow a safe new home. Mike Stura from Skylands Animal Sanctuary & Rescue drove his truck and trailer all the way from New Jersey to rescue Freddie. But when he arrived at the slaughterhouse, everyone had already left for the day.

Mike was determined to save Freddie, so he spent the night in front of the slaughterhouse in his truck. The next day, after talking with the slaughterhouse owner, he loaded Freddie into his trailer and took him straight to the vet to make sure he was healthy.

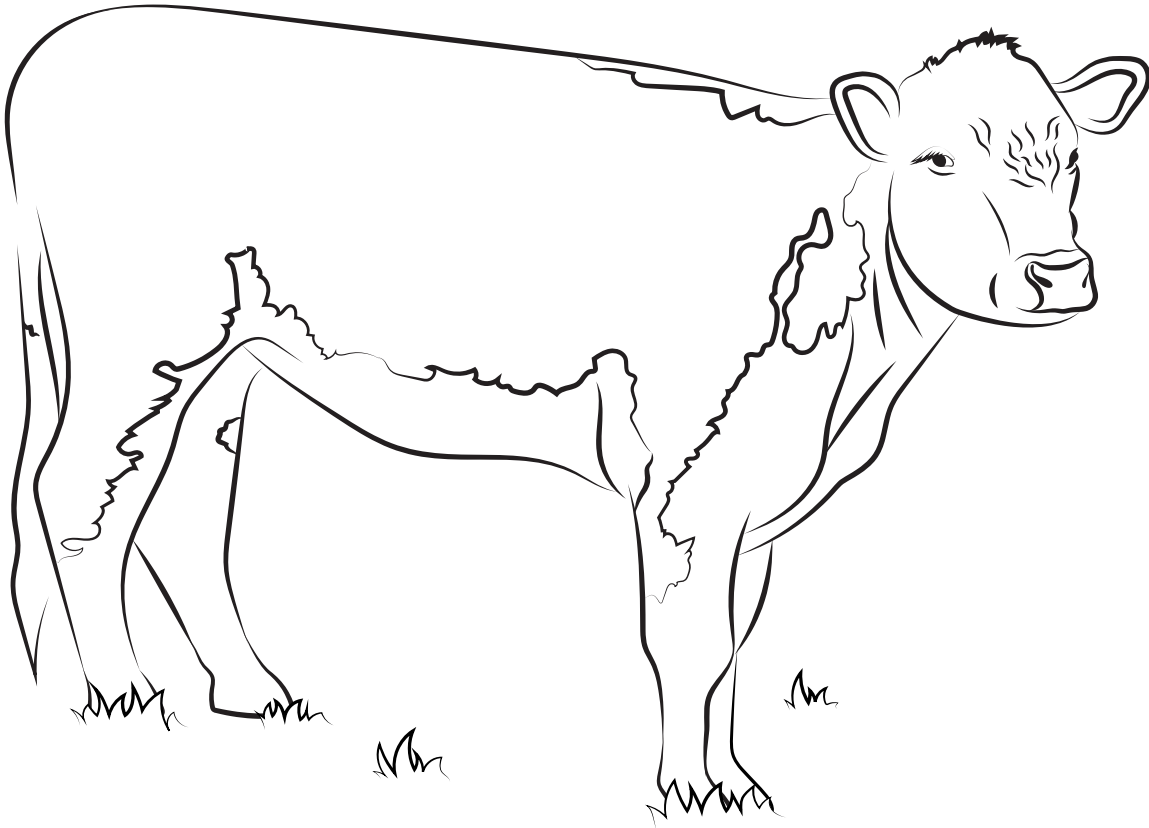
Freddie now lives at Mike's sanctuary with other rescued animals, like pigs, turkeys, and sheep. There, he's safe and free to roam and do as he pleases. He won't have to run away from anything for the rest of his life.

In nature, cows spend their lives with their families, but Freddie was probably taken away from his mother when he was just 1 or 2 days old so that her milk could be sold in stores instead of given to him. Cows produce milk to feed their babies, not humans.

Like all animals, cows can feel happy, sad, and scared and they want to live. They will do amazing things to save their own lives, just as we would.

You can be kind to cows while still eating your favorite foods—there are loads of healthy, delicious options that don't contain meat or dairy. Learn more about helping cows like Freddie at **PETAkids.com**.

Visit **SkylandsSanctuary.org** to read more about Freddie and his friends!



Comprehension Questions: Freddie on the Run

1. How did Freddie become famous?

2. Why do you think Mike helped Freddie?

3. How do you think Freddie felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

4. What can you do to help cows like Freddie?

Answer Sheet: Freddie on the Run

1. How did Freddie become famous?

Answer: Freddie escaped from a slaughterhouse in New York City. Videos of him running through the busy streets quickly spread online. (Literal)

2. Why do you think Mike helped Freddie?

Possible answer: He cares about animals and thought that he could persuade the slaughterhouse owner to let Freddie go with him to his sanctuary. (Evaluative)

3. How do you think Freddie felt before being rescued and then afterward? What makes you think so?

Possible answer: Before being rescued, Freddie was probably afraid. He ran away from the slaughterhouse and through the busy, noisy streets of New York City. After being rescued, he probably felt safe and calm because he was no longer in danger. (Evaluative)

4. What can you do to help cows like Freddie?

Answer: You can choose to eat dairy- and meat-free versions of your favorite foods. (Literal)