

Jane's Adventure

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One day there was a girl called Jane Evans, who lived in Thornbury on a farm. She loved helping on the farm, she even had her own pony called Cookie (she was a sandy coloured Palomino). She was her favourite thing on the farm. It was calving time and all the cows were enormous. One cow was going to calve the next day.

The next morning, Jane rode Cookie up through the damp, dewy fields and through the shady wood. As she rode Cookie through the wood, she noticed a new trail – all of the brambles had been flattened like an animal had been through there! Jane thought to herself and said, "I wasn't to go through there," so she did. Cookie carefully picked her hooves up and walked neatly through.

Once she got through, she heard a noise, it sounded like a deer. Jane kicked Cookie in to get a bit closer and then she saw it, it was a thorn deer! It was so tiny, Jane thought its mother must have died. Jane knew it was a baby thorn deer from her wildlife book she got for her eighth birthday. The deer looked very hungry and thirsty. Luckily enough, Jane had two mini milk cartons in her light blue, bulked rucksack, in case she got thirsty. Jane approached the deer slowly with the carton – she put the stripy straw into the deer's mouth. The deer drank the milk all up. Jane wanted to look after the baby deer, so she pulled out Cookie's head collar and lead rope and put it around the baby deer. Then Jane attached the lead rope to the snaffle bit in Cookie's mouth. The head collar was a bit too big but at least the nose part went around the deer's neck – loosely.

Jane wanted to name the baby deer, and she had just the name – Bambie. It was a great name considering the deer looked exactly like Bambie. Soon Jane came to a nice shady part of the wood and a good place to tie Cookie to. Jane jumped off Cookie and tied her to a spiky branch that stick off a barky tree. Cookie nibbled on the dewy grass. Jane went slowly up to Bambie and gave her some of her bread from her sandwich. Bambie nibbled on the sandwich. Jane tied Bambie to the other side of the tree so she could get to know Cookie a bit more whilst Jane ate her lunch. Bambie thought Cookie was her mother so she tried to feed off her, but Cookie kept kicking her away.

It was getting late so Jane decided to head back to the farm, but she wondered what to do with Bambie. Jane couldn't leave her there so she had to bring her with Jane. When she got to the farm, she met her parents calving the cow that was going to calf the next day. Jane unpacked Cookie and led Bambie to her parents and pleaded them to let her keep Bambie. Whilst her parents were deciding, Jane made a pen up for Bambie in the warm, cosy hay barn, with everything she needed. Jane went back up to her parents to see what they had decided. The answer was a maybe because the cow that was going to calf had calved and the calf had died so the cow had loads of creamy milk left. So they decided to try putting Bambie with the cow to see if it would take to her. The cow took to Bambie so they put them together.

Bambie and the cow became two new members of the beef cow herd and her parents promised Jane they would never ever sell Bambie and she could stay forever.