



**THIS COW HAS BECOME THE HERO THAT  
EVERY VOTER THINKS THAT THEY ARE**

# Cow escapes on way to slaughterhouse, smashes through metal fence, breaks arm of man trying to catch her then swims to safety on island in lake

Local politician reportedly agrees to let animal live after its ordeal captures public attention



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The cow appears to have won its right to live after a campaign by politician Pawel Kukiz *Facebook/Pawel Kukiz*

A cow has been living alone on an island, attacking anyone who comes near, after staging a miraculous escape on its way to a [slaughterhouse](#).

The animal made its bid for safety last month after it refused to get into a lorry taking it to be killed for meat. Instead it rammed a metal fence before making a dash for the nearby Lake Nysa, south [Poland](#).

After the cow's owner, known only as Mr Lukasz, attempted to get it back to the farm, the cow broke one of his worker's arms, according to Polish news show *Wiadomosci*.

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It then entered the water and swam to one of the islands in the middle of the lake. Mr Lukasz said he even saw it dive underwater on its way.

After a week of trying and failing to get the cow back, Mr Lukasz gave up and began making sure it was fed enough food to stay alive instead.

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When firefighters used a boat to get to the island, the cow swam about 50 metres to a neighbouring peninsula. Pawel Gotowski, deputy commander of the fire brigade in Nysa, said the animal was frightened but healthy.