



Hand-reared: owner John Lovick takes Johnny Hereford for a spin. Picture: TREVOR PINDER

No bull, milk tames the beast

IT'S every woman's dream — a man that likes nothing more than a drink of milk and a nice cuddle.

Hand-reared by John Lovick after he was orphaned as a calf, Johnny Hereford now weighs in at a healthy 900kg and still comes looking for his bottle of milk every now and then.

"He still wanders up for a pat and a cuddle in the paddock," Mr Lovick said.

"He genuinely enjoys our company. He'll wander in from the herd by himself for a banana or a bottle of milk and be on his way."

But Johnny Hereford is no pushover, having just led mobs of rebel cattlemen through the Alpine National Park in their protest against grazing bans.

Mountain cattlemen risked fines of \$1000 a head of cattle last week as they drove a mob of

about 20 cattle through the national park, still angry about losing their grazing licences eight months ago.

Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria president Doug Treasure last week vowed the drive would become an annual protest until they were allowed back in the park.

— Sarah Wotherspoon