



Strong maternal protection instincts are common throughout the animal world. Moose mothers are no exception. While you would expect a cow to attack anything seen as a threat to her offspring, it was surprising to see Fray confronting Ma're. Ma're's calf Marie approached Fray's calf as if to make friends. Fray took exception to this advance and moved in to chase little Marie away. Ma're came quickly to her rescue and the two mothers then engaged in an aggressive but harmless kicking match. Both reared up and struck out with their front legs but were clearly posturing more than attempting injury. Fray appeared to be the victor and Ma're retreated with young Marie in tow. The moms are impressive by their size here, but they don't start like that way of course...

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