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ANNUAL MEETING PLANS PROGRESS - TO INCLUDE A. I. SESSION

Plans for the annual meeting of the Dexter Association are being finalized. This meeting, as stated in an earlier release, will be held on July 17 and 18, 1976, at the Sheraton Airport Inn, Pittsburgh, PA.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be a session on Artificial Insemination, conducted by Mr. Willis C. Ritchey, Member Service Manager, Atlantic Breeders' Cooperative, Lancaster, PA. Mr. Willis indicated that he will give a brief formal presentation, followed by a question-and-answer period. For those who are interested in exploring the aspect of A. I., this session is a must.

It was hoped that Dr. Frederick B. Hutt, Emeritus Professor of Animal Genetics, Cornell University, would be able to speak on the genetics of Dexters. Dr. Hutt has worked with Dexters; no doubt his findings would be very helpful to all breeders. Unfortunately, because of other commitments, Dr. Hutt will be unable to attend.

If any of the readers are geneticists and have conducted research on Dexters, we would welcome your expertise and would be glad to include you in the program. If this applies to you, please send your name, address, and brief biographical sketch to: Mark L. Davis, II, 208 S. Walnut Street, Milford, DE 19963.

FUN FOR THE YOUNG

Mr. Al Pugliano, Catering Manager, Sheraton Airport Inn, is making plans for entertainment for the younger set. When the Dexter set is meeting, the younger set may choose to either use the pool facilities at the Airport Inn, or the Aquarama, at one of the sister Inns. Courtesy cars will transport the interested parties to the Aquarama.

If there are tennis enthusiasts, Mr. Pugliano will arrange for courts. Transportation to and from the courts will be the responsibility of the participants.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS?

If you have not sent your advance registration form to Bud Callen, do so immediately! Mr. Pugliano is reserving a block of rooms to keep the group together. If we don't send our completed forms to Dr. Callen immediately, Mr. Pugliano may not be able to keep us together as a group.

REGISTER TODAY RATHER THAN PUTTING IT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW!!

PROGRAM - ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, July 16, 1976 - Check In - Sheraton Airport Inn

9:45 p.m. - 10:15 p.m. Get-acquainted time

Saturday, July 17, 1976

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Registration (Sheraton Inn)
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Dexter Farm Visitation
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch (Sheraton Inn)
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	A. I. and Genetics Program
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Banquet
9:00 p.m. - ?	Off-Broadway Production, Socializing, etc.

Sunday, July 18, 1976

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast - Directors' Meeting
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	General Session
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Wrap Up

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA-NEW JERSEY REGIONAL MEETING

by Pat Piehota

The Eastern Pennsylvania-New Jersey Regional Meeting held on May 23, 1976, was quite a lively session which spilled over with enthusiasm and some very good ideas.

Don Piehota gave us a rundown on the very few survey forms received, accounting for seventy-nine Dexters. He also read a letter from Rodale Press advising that they have purchased all of Bob Bechtel's Dexters for the experimental farm, so we should be getting continued interest in Dexters from future articles in OGF.

We discussed a few problems such as breeding with A. I., the limited choice of semen available, crossbreeding, the discouragement some face regarding prices of stock, and a brief discussion on feeding with a rather startling idea for a feed mix. We were promised more on this topic in a future Bulletin.

In our discussion of A. I. breeding problems, it was suggested that a group of breeders purchase stock in a bull to make his semen available for themselves and to sell to other members.

In the discussion of prices, it was found that the range of prices being asked for Dexters varies dramatically. A general complaint was the feeling that prices on available stock may make Dexter breeding a hobby only the well-to-do can afford. It seemed to be the opinion of the group that prices should be kept "reasonable", so as to promote the breed and not discourage future breeders. It was noted that the sporadic crossbreeding going on may eventually give Dexter breeders enough competition to solve the problem of skyrocketing prices.

Thanks to Mark and Marge Davis for joining our group and offering their years of invaluable experience and knowledge. Thanks also to the regional members attending, who were Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Pressons, Ms. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen, Duane Hess and assorted children and dogs.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS ON EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA-NEW JERSEY MEETING

It was a beautiful, sunny Sunday afternoon in Don and Pat Piehota's back pasture. All participants in the program stand still for picture-taking, except for the Dexters. When the photographer tried with a telephoto lense, the Dexters moved further away. The meeting shifted from the observation stage of the pasture to the "down to brass tacks" portion in Don and Pat's house, with much discussion that was interesting and informative to all present. The grand finale was the covered dish meal that was enjoyed by all. It is hoped that there will be more of these meetings in the future. The editor does wish to apologize to Don and Pat Piehota for not having gotten the announcement of the meeting out prior to the meeting. This was due to a logistical problem, i.e., the computer was being used to do scheduling and determining end-of-the-year grades. Both Don and Pat are to be commended for the fine meeting and turnout.

REPORT ON DEXTER CATTLE SURVEY

by Don Piehota

Our survey is off to a very slow start with only fourteen breeders and owners of Irish Dexters reporting the existence of seventy-nine head of breeding stock. Those of us responsible for the survey apologize to the membership for this, since we failed to set a time limit and thereby unwittingly gave the impression that the survey would continue indefinitely. Realizing our error, we have set a deadline of August 30, 1976. Only in this fashion can we present members with a herd book and information on the status of the breed. Please don't delay any longer. New calves can be included in an appendix at a later date.

VETS CORNER

We are certain that Dr. Brennan has been swamped delivering Dexter calves, since he has not replied to the questions in the earlier edition of The Bulletin. As soon as we hear from Dr. Brennan, we will include his replies in the very next copy of The Bulletin. If you have any questions, direct them to the editor.

MARKET PLACE

Bulls

Belonging to:

Harlan Ashley, P. O. Box 83, Rittman, Ohio 44270

No. 1763, Born October 17, 1975

Mark L. Davis, II, Milford, Delaware 19947, Phone 302-422-9361

No. 1576, Colorado Duke, Born February 9, 1972 \$500.00

No. 1575, Colorado Silvanus, Born May 9, 1972 \$500.00

James M. Horton, Eagle Rock Farm, R.F.D. #2, Wallkill, New York 12589

No. 1595, Big John

Don Piehota, Portland, Pennsylvania

No. 1609, Brady's Run Navigator (will trade for heifer)

Cows/Heifers

Harlan Ashley, Rittman, Ohio 44270

No. 1516, Born March 16, 1971

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Thanks for The Bulletin by American Dexter Cattle Association, Inc. Please keep me informed as to the available stock for sale. I'd very much like to own a Dexter and become a breeder.

Marguerite Benson
Eureka, MO 63025

Dear Mrs. Benson:

Thanks for your letter expressing appreciation for having received The Bulletin. We will keep you posted on all stock available for sale and trust that you will soon be joining our ranks as a Dexter breeder.

The Editor

Dear Editor,

I read the last Bulletin and was interested in making a contribution to the next one.

After reading The Old Farmer's Almanac by Robert B. Thomas (1976 edition, page 136), it is interesting to note that Edward E. Dewey predicted a nine-year cyclic peak in 1976 for the number of milk cows to be kept in the United States.

Had your members of the American Dexter Cattle Association known this two or three years ago, they could have built a supply of stock that could have met the present demand. Maybe nine years from now, the herds will be built up to meet the cyclic demand.

Ed Bradford
Wartrace, TN 37183

Dear Ed,

Thanks for your letter concerning the cyclical aspect of cattle. Several of us felt that there would be a demand for our animals several years ago, however, for some reason or other, we didn't do our homework. Maybe your letter will help to do what we tried to do. Thanks again!

The Editor

The editor received a very nice letter from Mrs. B. W. Rutherford, Bunksland Farm, West Anstey, South Molton, N. Devon, England. Mrs. Rutherford's letter is too long to include in toto. The main thought behind her letter was that of developing a herd of milking cows comparable to those that were in Ireland in the nineteenth century. Mrs. Rutherford indicated that we should do everything to keep the breed pure and not allow it to be crossed. We will have more about Mrs. Rutherford and her herd in future issues of The Bulletin.

SWIMMING DEXTER

by Kathy Wright

Perhaps many of you remember the story of the young girl who asked her mother if she could go out to swim. Mother replied that she could hang her clothes on a hickory limb but she was not to go near the water. This was not the case with Bob and Kathy Wright's Dexter-----The first year with our Dexters proved to be very humorous to say the least. One episode my husband Robert and I like best is as follows: One evening as usual, we went out to feed our animals and to call the cows up. Well, two came up, but we were missing Jet (whom we call Mama). We went to investigate. At first we couldn't find her and were afraid she may have broken out. We looked high and low.

Needless to say, we found her in a very comfortable position. She was in our pond swimming. All you could see was her head sticking out of the water. She looked quite content. We called her to come out and she did. She also did the doggie paddle all the way. We really didn't believe what we were seeing, but enjoyed her swim as much as she seemed to.

DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVING TO THE SHERATON

I-60 to Parkway (Beaver Valley Expressway), turn right on Beer's School Road if headed west; left if headed east. Turn right at second light (Beaver Grade Road), then right on Thorn Road Extension. Look for Sheraton signs.

FLYING DEXTERS

by Pat Piehota

At a recent Dexter Association regional meeting, the problems of acquiring stock were discussed at length. One particular problem is the occasional necessity to drive a long distance to pick up a new animal. Being essentially lazy, it is my feeling that when small stock must be transported 1,000 miles or more, there must be a better method than spending a long weekend on the highways. A check with air freight services at United Airlines in Philadelphia provided some interesting information. (The following specifications are related only to United Airlines. While prices and requirements are generally similar, if another line is to be used it would be advisable to check for explicit instructions.)

This airline has cargo liner service to, and between, major cities such as Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Detroit, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. They would like two day's notice before shipment.

The fare depends on total weight and distance. A coast-to-coast shipment of 200 lbs. would cost approximately \$96.00 and would take about twelve hours including ground time. Half the distance would be half the cost. A transfer shipment to a southern point such as Texas might take up to fifteen hours. A transfer using another airline would be handled by the originating airline.

United Airlines specifies that the shipping crate must have a solid bottom with a 3" lip to contain waste matter and a 4" clearance at the bottom supported by three or four 2X4's to enable the crate to be forklifted. It must be of sufficient strength to contain the animal, high enough to allow the animal to stand, and constructed to provide adequate ventilation.

Air freight could solve the problem of acquiring stock from a distant breeder, and the calves would have a more comfortable, healthy journey. Since the Association is receiving inquiries from such remote areas as Alaska and Hawaii, air cargo may be the Dexter pipeline of the future.

END OF THE TRAIL

It is with deepest regrets that the Association announces the death of Chester Malach, a Dexter breeder of many years, recently appointed Director of the Western New York region. One of Chester's Dexters was the mascot for the University of Buffalo. This animal was highly photographed. Some of the places that it was photographed included on the steps at the University of Buffalo, at West Point, and in Florida when Buffalo appeared in one of the Bowl games.

Chester can be remembered for his keen interest in Artificial Insemination. Chester was highly successful with A. I., and was constantly hoping for a bull calf that could bring new blood to the Dexters in America. Needless to say, we will all miss him.

DIRECTIONS FOR RETURNING TO THE STATION

1-Go to Parkway (Beaver Valley Expressway), turn right on Deer's School Road. It is a paved road; left it headed east. Turn right at second light (Beaver Creek Road). Then right on Third Road Extension. Look for station signs.

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by Pat Nichols

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United Airlines specifies that the shipping crate must have a solid bottom with a 1" clearance at the bottom supported by three 1" x 1" x 1" blocks. It is also recommended that the animal be secured to the crate with a lead or chain. High enough to allow the animal to stand, and fastened to

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Chester was highly respected for his keen interest in livestock transportation. Chester was highly respected with A. I., and was constantly helping for a bull. Chester was highly respected with A. I., and was constantly helping for a bull.

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