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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTMeeting Post-ponement

In her recent letter to us, Kay Baker announced the post-ponement of the 1982 ADCA General Meeting which was to have been held in Decorah, Iowa on June 18-20. Kay's mother, Daisy Moore, ADCA Secretary, has been hospitalized with pneumonia and was released only this week on the 17th. She is in Rochester, Minn. now with Kay. A Fall Meeting Date will be announced at a later time.

Kay also states that all transfers, registrations, memberships, dues, etc. will be handled by herself while Daisy is convalescing. She reminds us, too, that 1982 dues are now due and payable - \$25.00 1st year and \$15.00 annual renewal.

Standards Committee Report

As promised, for your perusal and study we include the Committee's:

PROPOSED DESCRIPTION and STANDARDS for the DEXTER BULL

The following standards for the Dexter bull are meant as a guide to Dexter enthusiasts and breeders, and represent ADCA consensus as to desired characteristics. These standards are not used to determine the registration of animals which is solely a matter of pedigree.

1. The Dexter is both a milk-producing and a beef-making breed.
2. Color - Whole Black, Red or Dun, the three colors being of equal merit.
3. Head - broad forehead, tapering gracefully toward the muzzle which should be broad, with wide distended nostrils. Strong lower jaw with jaws meeting properly. Eyes should be bright and prominent.
4. Neck - Well set into the shoulders which, when viewed in front, should be wide.
5. Horns - These should be moderately thick, springing well from the head, with an inward and slightly upward curve. Removal of the horns is allowed without penalization.
6. Body - Well-proportioned regarding height to length; shoulders of medium thickness, full and well filled in behind, which, when viewed from the front show thickness through the heart, the breast coming well forward, the chest with a wide floor resulting in ample width between the legs. Hips wide; quarters thick and deep and well sprung, wide across the loins. Legs short to moderate but not excessively long, and well placed under the body; forelegs straight, wide apart and squarely placed; hindlegs nearly perpendicular from hock to pastern from the side, and straight and wide apart from the rear; feet short, well rounded with deep heel, level sold and toes properly spaced. Tail well set and level with the back.
7. Skin - Skin should be soft and mellow, and handle well; hair fine, plentiful and silky.
8. Weight - Bulls at three years old and over should not exceed 1,000 lbs. live weight.
9. Height - Bulls should not exceed more than 44 inches in height nor stand less than 38 inches in height at the shoulder.

The committee, made up of Don Piehota, chairman, Mid-South Region, Wilmer Schmill, Northern New England Region, Eric Lawlor, Canada, Sandi Thomas, Pacific Region and Dean Fleharty, North Plains Region also recommends that:

SELECT SIRE be a special certificate awarded to bulls 3 years of age or older who meet ADCA standards for conformation and have sired progeny, none of which have been a bulldog calf. This certificate would be in addition to the registration certificate and could be removed should any of the criteria for the select sire designation be failed at any point in the life of the animal. The Association would accept the report of a licensed veterinarian that a bull has met the physical standards; however any Association member could put forth evidence that a bull sires bulldog calves. In the absence of such evidence, a bull shall have benefit of the doubt.

ALSO, that the standards and description of the Dexter bull be reviewed every five years by a committee of the ADCA.

Letter From The President - continued

Countryside Magazine

The May 1982 issue of Countryside carried, as part of a special "Rare Breeds" edition, a nice 2-page article on Dexter cattle, specifically those owned by Kenn and Helene Williams of Hawleyville, Ct. An excellent history of the Dexter was written along with some little anecdotes about their behaviour - the things Dexter owners grow to love about their animals. They all have individual personalities. Nice pictures of Kenn and Helene with their herd, also.

We appreciate the printing of this article by Countryside's editor. It is the type of publicity which will help to promote the ancient breed - - to maintain and further its rightful and still necessary place in our modern American society.

Incidentally, it was through Countryside's article of some 6 or 7 years ago by Don Piehota, now of Byars, Okla., that we were able to locate our own first Dexter cows! I am sure that many more people now have, through this article, a contact whereby they can locate breeding stock for themselves. All inquiries are referred to the Director for that particular Region and are provided with a list of breeders located nearest to them.

Apologies to Missouri and Alaska!

In the process of changing the format of our first page, those two states were inadvertently omitted from their respective Regions. And we heard from both of them! Thanks for calling it to our attention.

Bulletin Deadline

The tentative month for the post-poned general meeting will be September, 1982. Therefore, we will have the Bulletin out by mid-July in order for you to re-schedule your time and reservations. July 1st, then will be the deadline for new material.

REPORT FROM NORTH PLAINS REGION

Letter from Kathleen De Lane¹, De La View Stockfarm, Fair Grove, Mo.:

Here is a little information on milking Dexters that you might like to print.

Milking your Dexter cows can be enjoyable and economical. Your cows can produce enough milk for your family and neighbors. This milk is of such high quality you will never want to go back to store milk in cartons. Here are a few pointers on getting started with your cows.

Select a place to milk your cows, a shed or barn of some sort is best because the cow wouldn't be happy in the rain, wind or snow and you wouldn't be happy trying to keep the water dripping off of her out of your milk pail. Your shed should have a place to tie your cow and a tub for range cubes or grain (cow candy). If you want to go fancy, a stanchion and a manger is convenient and nice.

About a month before you expect your cow to have her calf, bring her to your milking shed once a day. Give her a small amount of high quality hay or a few pieces of range cubes - not much or she will be too fat to calve easily. At this time brush her a little and begin handling her udder, just passing your hand over it.

When your cow has her calf, bring them both into your barn. This is best done with two people, one for the calf and one for the cow. Don't get between the cow and the calf, also let her see it at all times. It is wise to have a stout stick with you in case the cow decides you are about to dine on her calf and does her best to keep you from it. Leave the calf with the cow for the first twelve hours, then milk out the remaining colostrum. This is very good calf medicine, so freeze it for later use. From now on milk your cow twice a day, giving the calf about 10% of its weight in milk every day, about two pints per feeding.

In about three days you will have milk that is good to drink. Keep your calf in a dry, well ventillated pen with shelter. Dairymen's calf hutches are ideal. You are now ready to enjoy Dexter milk for the next 305 days. We milk our Dexters and any of you breeders passing through Missouri are welcome to visit us and see our milking facilities.

REPORT FROM SOUTHEAST REGION

More apologies - this time to Georgia. John Lee of Waycross, Ga. called us to say that the Dexter population there had considerably more than doubled. (We thought that Joe Dillon's heifer and bull were the only two in Georgia). John bought a bull and 5 females from Dr. Speas in Kingston, Tenn. Misfortune befell the little herd almost immediately - one of the cows had a calf (a bulldog) and then died of lockjaw. But the Lees were still looking forward to two more calves.

REPORT FROM PACIFIC REGION

Those Oregon Breeders are at it again! A pot-luck dinner is planned for June 5th, 1982. It is to be held at the Goshen Grange Hall south of Eugene, Oregon. Please contact:

Gary Prichard
85627 Dilley Lane
Eugene, Or. 97405

From Alaska: HEY GANG, Don't forget me. I'm clear up here in the great north country, Alaska. Yes, thanks to John Howard I was able to get two Dexter calves into Alaska last year and they are doing just fine. Rocky Brae Jamey (bull) and Rocky Brae Katy (heifer) weather the thirty below temperatures just fine. All the local farmers have been commenting on how sound and healthy they have looked from the very beginning. Presently, they are located 100 miles north of Anchorage on 5 acres on Montana Creek. They roam free grazing (when the snow is gone) and watering directly out of the creek. There seem to be a lot of people in Alaska interested in Dexters, and I would like to promote them as homesteaders' cows, for single cow families. If any of you have a chance or would like to take a chance to visit Alaska please let me know. I would be glad to help you in any way just for the opportunity to talk to Dexter people.

Looking forward to meeting you someday,

Paula Apger
Whitehawk Irish Dexters
Box 133
Trapper Creek, Ak. 99688

Oregon again. This from Bettie Coe whose ad appears in the For Sale section: Also a note of interest: We were given a "runt" hereford heifer, who was too small to breed to a standard beef bull. Last year she produced a beautiful little black white-face bull calf with absolutely no problems. The calf was small and very chunky and has continued to grow that way. He was banded and will be raised for meat. The cow is now due again, from a Dexter bull, and that calf will also be used for meat. The point is that I know many beef cattle raisers have problems with first-calf heifers as the calf is usually too big or has too big a head for the cow. With the Dexter bull, this would not be a problem and would almost insure a safe delivery with the first calf. Dexters have again proved their worth in more ways than one.

REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION

In response to the Dexter Inventory questionnaire, we got a nice little letter from Annie T. Wickson of Gales Ferry, Ct.:

"I am sorry to say the first of the year I sold my last 2 animals. My original Hilltop's Carleae #978 age 21 yrs and her daughter Dinato Mavro Lois #1492. ---- Have been advised to lighten my work load. Hope when my Grandsons get older we'll have them again. I did my share in helping to distribute animals around the country. - - - I can't say enough for these animals. Had people from abroad visiting here and somehow they found me. - - - We ate the meat. - - - There is just myself now. - - Tanned a hide - - I had a neighbor who loved to give them grass clippings. The old cow was smart - she could tell this fellow's lawnmower when it started up and she came running. Took calves to the local fairs - the children wouldn't leave them. Had one religious one - took it to church to be in a play. It was a big hit. - - -"

FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE ***

One Dexter Bull calf, Black, good
conformation and very nice and
gentle disposition. \$200.00

De La View Stock Farm
Rt. 1 Box 268
Fair Grove, Mo. 65648
(417) 759-2917

FOR SALE * * * * * FOR SALE * * * * * FOR SALE * * * * * FOR SALE * * * * *

COLORADO

Owner wishes to sell her Registered cow, April Lark of Columbine and her '81 bull calf (not reg. yet, but can be).

Contact: Maria Hueroff
Box 174
Indian Hills, Colo. 80454

IDAHO

Four-year old cow with heifer calf born 4/20/82. Will sell both for \$1200 or trade for a red heifer.

Call or write: Speas Mini - Ranch
Shirley & Gene Speas
Rt. 6 Box 243
Blackfoot, Idaho 83221
(208) 785-0612

MARYLAND

Herd for sale: 2 4-yr. old cows, 2 2-yr old bulls and 1 heifer calf. All nice animals - I just don't have the time for them. Make an offer.

Contact: Maurice J. Murphy
13619 Layhill Rd.
Silver Spring, Md. 20906

MICHIGAN

Cow and calf for sale.

Contact: Jack Wicke
9467 Hemlock Rd.
St. Charles, Mich. 48655

NORTH CAROLINA

Calves and yearlings for sale starting at \$400.

Contact: H. J. Ashley
Rt. #1 Box 192
Hot Springs, N. C. 28743
(704) 622-7291

NORTH DAKOTA

Bulls for sale:

- 1) Cotton Sunlines, 3-yr. old, medium to tall in height.
- 2) Captain Sunlines and Black Sunlines , both yearlings. One real nice and short, the other short to medium. Still won't be very tall.

Will have heifer calves to sell if we get heifer calves instead of bulls this spring!

Contact: Melvin Pierce
Rt. 2 Box 27
Scranton, N.D. 58653

OHIO

Semen for sale from Jamie O'Callen, #1949. Call or write for details.

With this year's crop of heifer calves (all by Jamie, incidentally), we are now able to offer several cows and heifer yearlings for sale from \$600 to \$1500 depending on age, quality, bred, etc. Young bulls starting at \$400.

Contact: James G. Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd.
Richfield, Ohio 44286
(216) 659-4861

OKLAHOMA

We'll have several heifer calves available in August at \$800 per head. Bull calves at \$400 and \$500.

Contact: Don & Pat Piehota
Rt. 1, Box 118
Byars, Ok. 74831
(405) 759-3593

OREGON

Two animals for sale, or will trade for heifer calf or new bull:

- 1) Talisman Ulysses, #2041, born June 12, 1978
Sire: Peerless Cojak #1822 out of Peerless Captain Echo #1455
and Peerless Sadie #1533
Dam: Talisman Glinda the Good #1811 out of Tam Peerless Fortune #1657
and Peerless Fancy #1449
- 2) Bull Calf, not yet named, born March 30, 1982
Sire: Talisman Ulysses #2041 out of Peerless Cojak #1872 and
Talisman Glinda the Good #1811
Dam: Talisman Tiffany #1898 out of Tam Peerless Fortune #1657
and Talisman Martha #1748

Contact: Bettie Coe
1141 Curry Rd.
Roseburg, Or. 97470
(503) 673-6819

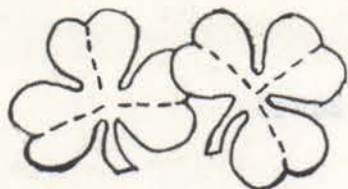
PENNSYLVANIA

Mature Bull, 4 yrs. old, short legs. Sired five heifer calves.

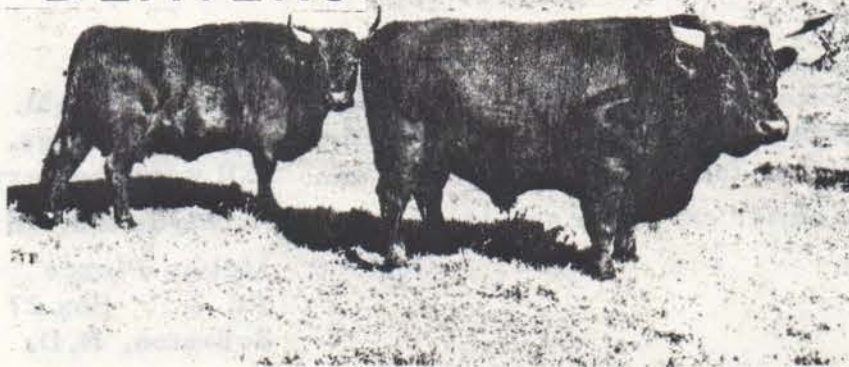
Contact: Tom O'Neil
Rt. #2, Box 252
Nottingham, Pa. 19362

Dexters for Sale!

Contact: Ron Kerr & Sons
Rt. #2
Titusville, Pa. 16354



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