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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Registration Blanks

There is an insert page with your bulletin this mailing containing blanks for membership registration, both new and renewal, subscription orders for the Bulletin only, and 1983 General Meeting registration. If your membership dues are not paid up, we request that you bring them up to date as soon as possible. Dues are on a calendar year basis. However, new memberships received after October 1st will be considered paid for the following full year.

The 1983 Meeting Registrations are to be mailed to Gary Prichard, but he requests that the motel reservations be mailed directly to the Black Angus Inn. Addresses appear on both.

### 1983 ADCA Conference Update from Gary Prichard

Plans for the 1983 ADCA conference in Eugene, OR, July 15, 16 & 17 are on schedule with a busy agenda, a good time and a hearty Pacific Wester welcome for everyone. We have arranged three presentations on health care and maintenance for cattle including recognition and treatment of parasite problems. These presentations have been well received by Northwest cattlemen groups and will certainly be helpful to us all by bringing us up-to-date on methods of treatment, etc.

One of the areas that we would like to discuss is MILKING. So we are putting out the call for your milking records and experiences. Please bring them to the meeting or send them if you are not attending. Hopefully, then, we can compile some records and know more about our cattle and be better able to answer those questions that are so often asked of us.

We also plan to set up a panel to tell us of their experiences and concerns on the subject of Artificial Insemination. This panel will also entertain questions from the floor. It is to be hoped that a set of regulations covering AI can be developed from this effort.

Registration fees will be as follows:

\$25 per person for Friday, 15th, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th.  
\$15 per person for Friday and Saturday only.

These figures include hospitality fixings on Friday evening,  
Brunch and Barbecue on Saturday and Brunch on Sunday.

Please send your Milking Data, A. I. Questions or Input and Meeting Registrations to:

Gary L Prichard  
85627 Dilley Lane  
Eugene, Oregon 97405

We might add that there is a good deal of enthusiasm for the Oregon meeting location this year. We have heard from several people out that way who are planning to attend if at all possible: Maxine Morrell now of Deming, NM, the Winegardners of Rathdrum, ID & the Youngs of Livermore, CA. These are all NEW members who have expressed their appreciation of a chance to attend an ADCA meeting. We are looking forward to meeting you!

### Inventory Results

There was more response to our "Census" of Dexters in the United States than there has ever been to any mailing. The forms have all been sent on to Kay Baker for her records and statistics, but a quick count showed a total of 485 Dexters. This figure must have increased by now. We will do this again soon and see what our rate of growth has been.



Letter from the President, continued

The Standards Committee presents us with the following Standards for the Dexter Cow and Scale of points for both the bull and the cow:

## DESCRIPTION AND STANDARDS FOR THE DEXTER COW

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. A small amount of white on the udder and underline is permissible but not forward of the umbilicus. A few white hairs in the tassel of the tail is permissible.
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, not too thick or too short.
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. A straight underline with udder firmly attached front and rear with strong center support. Udder and teats should be of moderate size with teats of equal size squarely placed on an udder with clearly defined halving. 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 when viewed from the side, and straight and wide apart when viewed from the rear; feet short, well rounded with deep heel, level sole 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 - Cows at three years old and over should not exceed 750 lbs. live weight.
9. Height - Mature cows should not exceed 42 inches in height nor stand less than 36 inches in height at the shoulder.

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## SCALE OF POINTS FOR DEXTER COWS

The Dexter cow can weigh up to 750 lbs. and stand between 36" and 42" at the shoulder.

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| 1. Head - Feminine in character, finely cut, not too short, horns well set on without coarseness at base, forehead broad, eyes large and prominent, nostrils wide and expansive. | 10 | — |
| 2. Neck - neither thick nor short.   | 4  | — |
| 3. Withers - not too wide.   | 4  | — |
| 4. Shoulders - medium thickness.   | 4  | — |
| 5. Chest - broad and deep.   | 4  | — |
| 6. Barrel - hooped, well ribbed up and of good depth.  | 10 | — |

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Scale of Points for Dexter Cows - - - continued

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| 7. Back - broad over the loins, the top line being straight from withers to tail.   | 8  | ___ |
| 8. Hips - wide apart but not too prominent.   | 4  | ___ |
| 9. Rump - long, broad and level, with tail fine and neatly set in.  | 10 | ___ |
| 10. Hind Quarters - wide, the legs when viewed from behind being straight and without nearness when walking.  | 8  | ___ |
| 11. Udder - well carried, thin skinned with pronounced milk veins, large in capacity (not fleshy or split up between the quarters) extending high up at the back, hanging almost perpendicularly, and running well forward in line with the belly, teats of good and even size, squarely placed and wide apart, milk veins about the abdomen tortuous and highly developed. | 15 | ___ |
| 12. Skin - mellow, flexible to the touch, skin medium with a good coat of hair. White permitted on belly, switch and udder.   | 4  | ___ |
| 13. Flesh - level with an entire absence of unevenness or cushions.   | 8  | ___ |
| 14. Carriage and action in walking - gay and agile.   | 3  | ___ |
| 14. General appearance - symmetrical.   | 4  | ___ |

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## SCALE OF POINTS FOR DEXTER BULLS

The Dexter bull can weigh up to 1,000 lbs. and stand between 38" and 44" at the shoulder.

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| 1. Head - masculine in character, finely cut, not too short, horns well set on without coarseness at base, forehead broad, eyes prominent and lively, nostrils wide and expansive. | 10 | ___ |
| 2. Neck - long, arched, muscular, heavy.   | 4  | ___ |
| 3. Withers - strong but not too wide.  | 4  | ___ |
| 4. Shoulders - flat and sloping, indicating style and liberty.   | 4  | ___ |
| 5. Chest - broad and deep.   | 6  | ___ |
| 6. Barrel - hooped, well ribbed up, and of good length.  | 10 | ___ |
| 7. Back - broad over the loins, the top line being straight from withers to tail.  | 10 | ___ |
| 8. Hips - wide apart, but not too prominent.   | 4  | ___ |
| 9. Rump - long, broad and level, with tail neatly set in.  | 10 | ___ |
| 10. Hind Quarters - wide, the legs when viewed from behind being straight and without nearness when walking.   | 10 | ___ |
| 11. Rudimentary Teats - well-developed, set horizontally, wide apart and away from the scrotum.  | 4  | ___ |
| 12. Skin - mellow, flexible to the touch, fairly thin, carrying a good coat of hair. White permitted on belly, scrotum and switch.   | 6  | ___ |

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Scale of Points for Dexter Bulls - - continued

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| 13. Flesh - level, with an entire absence of unevenness or cushions. | 10 | ___ |
| 14. Carriage and action in walking - gay and vigorous.               | 4  | ___ |
| 15. General appearance - symmetrical.                                | 4  | ___ |

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REPORT FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

INCLUDING A CALL FOR HELP! from John Hays, Director

I have inherited the responsibility for getting out a book on Dexters in America, in connection with which I particularly need input from the membership in the areas of (1) milk production (quantity, content, degree of homogenization, cow-cooperation, etc.) and (2) meat production (quality, percentage of dress-out, etc.) We all know Dexters are dual purpose animals. The data I have on their proficiency in these two directions is mostly from earlier publications and generally outmoded. What I need, and seriously request, is up-to-date information, based on personal experience of American Dexter owners as to what is happening today. Even a paragraph or two will be most helpful. Here is a chance to share authorship in the publication while performing a good service for others. Write up what you can and send it to me, please.

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Welcome new breeders in California. Stephen and Carol Ellen of Garberville have just acquired a yearling bull (Talisman Gary) and a yearling heifer, (Talisman Muriel) and entertain great expectations. This raises the count of known Dexter owners in California to 7.

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May I repeat the invitation to all those attending the Eugene meeting July 15-17 who can do so to pay us a visit at Talisman Farm. As earlier indicated, it is somewhat isolated from the more traveled north/south routes but we would love to see you and have you see our Dexters. Phone ahead (707) 937-0301.

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Along with his subscription order, Dan Borchers of Live Oak, California sends us this tidy bit of calculation: "With the information I received from Mr. Hays, I figured out that one cow's production for her lifetime is somewhere close to \$10,000 above feed cost." !!!!!

REPORT FROM NORTH CENTRAL APPALACHIAN REGION

Marcia Read of Claysville, PA writes: "Last year saw lots of our calves going to new homes and, hopefully, new members. Pat Freeman of Dutton, Ontario took two lovely heifers; our little Erin and Donegal joined the Cass family in Ohio; Poppy went to the Wagner family in Milroy, PA; and Duncan (son of our grand Ginger Belle - 16 and still going great!) joined the already established herd of the Morris's in LA.

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Yuma, AZ 85364 0540

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Bull calves for sale

Ralph Petrone  
R D 1  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 762-9676

Oklahoma

For lease - 4 yr old Irish Dexter  
bull. Black, short legged, out of  
Peerless Colorado sire line. Ref:  
Don Piehota, Byars, OK.

Juanita Davis  
100 Park Ave  
Waynoka, Ok 73860

New York

Sept '82 bull calf for sale or will trade  
for bull calf unrelated to my herd -  
mostly Peerless.

Roger Beving  
R D 1, Box 45  
Theresa, NY 13691  
(315) 628-5809

Washington

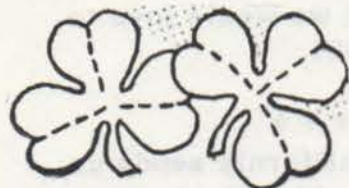
Females: Talisman Charm #2040,  
Little Volcano #2195, Irish Thistle-  
mate #2294 & Minnie Fencer, #2448.  
Reasonable offer considered.

Alan Gerling  
Rt 1 Box 151  
Amboy, WA 98601  
(206) 269-4597

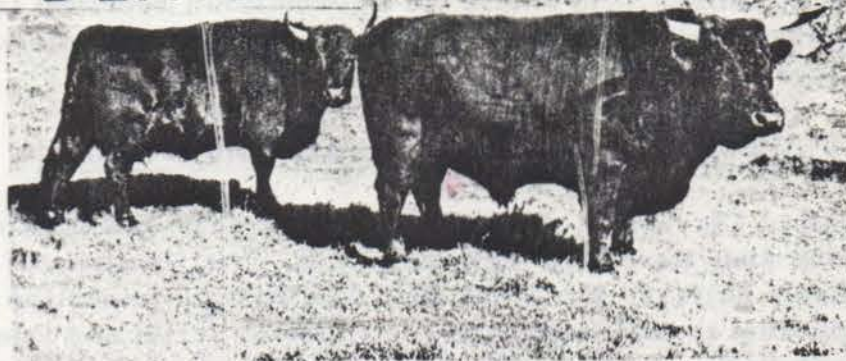
Wisconsin

Bull calves available - offspring of  
Rockwood Red Squirrel & Peerless  
cross.

Julie Jones or  
Bob Bright  
Rt 2 Box 81  
Spring Green, WI 53588  
(608) 588-7347



# Irish DEXTERS



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number of people  
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