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DEXTER CATTLE

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After publication of the President's letter last issue, Marcia Read called me (editor) to clarify a couple of items. While air travelers will be using the Pittsburg airport, the meeting is actually to be held in Washington, PA, which Marcia says is a large hub of interstate routes, and has every imaginable type of motel accomodation available. There will be no particular motel designated as a "meeting site". This will be made clearer to you in reading the letter which Marcia sent for inclusion in this issue of the Bulletin:

Southwestern Pennsylvania is happy to be hosting the 1989 ADCA Convention at Washington, PA on July 21st thru 23rd. This year's event will be hosted by Marcia G Read of Claysville, PA and assisted by Suzanne Sell, Georgetown, PA, and Debbie Ralston Arbuckle of Graysville, PA.

Friday evening will feature a Dexter cook-out at Old Orchard at Stockdale - the Reads' farm which is home to the largest private collection of minor breeds (ten breeds of live-stock) in the U S.

We hope to offer - besides lots of hospitality and a great time - a helpful demonstration on fitting and showmanship.

The annual meeting will take place at the Washington County Fairgrounds, followed by a Dexter show.

Saturday evening, we will have a banquet with a speaker.
(Location to be announced.)

We hope to have lots of fun, but also offer education and new ideas.
We will happily consider all suggestions.

Marcia Read
Meeting Host

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A nice letter from Goliad, Texas:

Dear Lois,

. . . . Then on June 25th we had a Dexter seminar in Victoria. Would like to thank the members who came. Especially Lillian Howard of Rozanky who gave a nice talk on Dexter cattle: Rudy Gilster who came all the way from Rio Hondo: and Mr & Mrs Harry Julian (District Director) from Wills Point. We appreciate these busy people taking the time to come and enjoyed meeting them. Sorry we didn't have a better local turn-out.

A local woman, Barbara Carter, won the bull calf donated by Mr & Mrs K C Howard of Rozanky. She has now bought a 3-yr old heifer from Karol Lowery of Seguin and plans to become a member.

. . . . The cow we had at the seminar, Desert Dolly #1888 presented us with our first Dexter baby born on our place, a beautiful little bull calf by Don Piehota's imported bull, Cranworth Toby #3041. He was born July 7th and we hope to make him our future herd sire.

We have been owners for just over a year now, but we really love them and look forward to seeing more little calves in September.

George & Pearl Branson
Rt 2, Box 158
Goliad, Texas 77963

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL!

This letter from Stan Cass came last January, but the Bulletin went out so much after the holidays that I was afraid no one would be in the proper spirit to receive this little news item:

GREETINGS FROM HOLMES COUNTY!

. . . Our Dexters are wintering well. The enclosed snapshot shows Abraham, the dun Dexter, alias the "actor", playing his part in the live nativity scene at the Church of Christ, Nashville, Ohio. "Abe" supported the other characters for four consecutive nights prior to Christmas, 1987.

"Praise Him Farm" was blessed to share with many passers-by the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of the Christ-child.

May the Lord bless your New Year!



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A I I N T E R E S T

Dear Dexter Cattle Association,

We are glad to see that George Walker is starting a file on Sire Performance. This will be great for the future of the breed. We are concerned however, that no mention is made of milking characteristics. Are there others out there who are milking Dexters? We have milked two now and will be milking two others in the spring of '89, and would like to see the ADCA Sire Performance files contain whatever milking info is available. For instance, a few things which are shown on Jersey bull files which might be considered:

- 1) No. of daughters (% of Offspring)
- 2) Udder Conformation (Size, Uniformity of Teats, Ease of Milking)
- 3) Milking Info (Lbs or Gallons/day, Days Lactating, Fat if possible)

If there is any other interest in this information, we would like to see it included with George's other Performance Information, even informally. By the way, Eric Lawlor asked members using semen from Aldebaran Priapus to let him know the results of the breedings - has any info been put together on this? This might be of use to George.

Sincerely,

Whetstone Ledges Farm
Dan and Gail MacArthur
Box 30, Marlboro, Yt. 05344



Dexter Cattle

Philip R Martz, Sr. is the newly elected Director for the North Central Appalachian Region #7. His wife, Drucilla, sent me a little biography, and the picture is one of the few taken at the general meeting that did come out. (Nobody had any luck with pictures - especially those taken in the barns.)

Phil is a self-employed electrician and plumber, but he also manages a beef cattle and horse farm.

Phil has two teenage children, and his wife, Drucilla, is secretary for his business and farm, helping with the animals also.

Philip, Jr will be attending Pennsylvania State U this fall, and Rebecca will be a senior in high school.

Philip, Jr showed one of their Dexter cows at a county fair where he took 1st place in his category.

Philip Sr has been raising cattle since he was 10 years old. Currently, he and his family raise Charolais and Dexter cattle, donkeys and Tennessee Walking horses.



The Martzs gained interest in Dexter cattle after reading an article in the January 1976 issue of Organic Farm & Garden. Their first cow was purchased from Robert Hermann of Marion Center, PA. Later on they purchased three more cows from Mr Hermann, and a red bull from the Hirths in Indiana.

They have collected semen from their red bull this year which is available to purchase. They decided to collect the bull because he is a nice, quiet bull with a gentle temperament.

FROM THE MISSOURI DEXTER BREEDERS ASSOCIATION :

Would all members of the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association send pictures or slides of their IRISH DEXTERS to Betty Waller. She needs them by February 1st, 1989 for the U M C, Farming Choices in February 1989.

Vinyl Bumper Stickers available: "ASK ME ABOUT MY DEXTERS", black on white with black Dexter head. \$3.75 each, post-paid.

Also Rubber Stamps available. A black Dexter head or a small horned cow. These are \$5.75 each post-paid.



Contact: Betty Waller, Sec
General Delivery
Valles Mines, MO 63087

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've received several letters from members about the BY-LAWS and the "Exclusion of the Canadians".

I did not approve of the U S residency clause either! I don't know if it was an effort to eliminate the Canadians or not, but it would not have affected only the Canadians. We have had a member in Australia for some time, and we have members selling to Mexico and, I've heard, to Japan.

I don't think we should exclude anyone interested in being a part of our organization. We have too few active members now to start excluding people!

I had several phone calls from members before I received my copy of the BY-LAWS, and was not aware of their content until that time.

As you know by now, the BY-LAWS didn't pass. Other than the "Residency" thing, I think they were a good working tool. Now we can review and revamp. And I hope all will vote!

Regions 1,2,3 and 11 are all voting for Regional Director this year. Ballots were due by December 16,1988. I hope all took the few minutes to return their ballots. Sophia Stillerman, Regional Director for Region 9, is acting as our "Elections Chairman" for this year. Ballots will be sent to her, and she will tally all the votes. Next year, Regions 4,5 and 6 will be up for election of their Regional Directors.

I would like to take a minute to wish you all a joyous holiday season, and a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Sandi Thomas, President

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Dear Editor:

We recently have been asked to vote on new by-laws for the ADCA. For the most part, these by-laws were well done by the committee assigned to this task. There was one serious problem, however, and that was the section removing or expelling Canadians from membership in ADCA.

I don't know how this idea originated since it was not discussed at the 1987 ADCA annual meeting. In any event, the involuntary removal of members or a member from ADCA is governed by a "just cause" requirement as stated in Article IV, Expulsion, of the existing by-laws. We cannot merely vote to expel Canadians: we must prove, as Article IV states, that the member has failed to comply with articles or by-laws or such code of ethics as may be adopted (by ADCA).

Would you please print this so that we may have the input of any attorneys in the organization. If we have a vote on a document which contained a section which was not "legal" or correct, I feel the voting should be suspended and the new by-laws revised and re-submitted for approval at a later date.

Don Piehota
Rt 1, Box 118
Byars, OK 74831

This letter was forwarded to me for publication in the Bulletin along with the others already received regarding the residency clause in the proposed By-Laws:

Dear Rosemary and Dean: (Fleharty)

Please find enclosed our ballot rejecting the revised By-Laws. As you might expect, we reject the proposed By-Laws on the basis of the residency requirements for full membership. We are quite aware of the same sort of provision within the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association, but being aware of it and approving of it are two different things. Merely because I am a Canadian does not imply that I agree with anything and everything the Canadian Association does.

To limit full membership to residents of the USA restricts the cross-fertilization of ideas which can be vital to the furtherment of the breed. If all one wants is a social club, then residency requirements might make sense, but in an association which is dedicated to the furtherment of the breed, the broader the base of the membership the better.

Considering the dating of the By-Laws Committee's report, it is somewhat strange that the proposed By-Laws were not raised for discussion at the Annual Meeting in Portland.

While we do not expect the By-Laws to be rejected, since the majority of members will not care if residency requirements are passed, we feel that the proposed By-Laws do a disservice to the Association.

Yours truly,
Paul & Judy Taylor
Site S.W., C-70, R R #4
Nanaimo, B C
Canada V9R 5X9
October 4, 1988

From Rudy Gilster:

Recommendations for Changes in the BY_LAWS as presented in August, 1988:

- 1 I suggest that the BY-LAWS be voted on and ratified at the next annual meeting of the ADCA. Most of those who would send in their ballots will be at the meeting anyway.
- 2 I suggest that one section at a time be ratified. If one section needs work, we can at least get on with the rest.
- 3 The residency clause, in my opinion, is totally unacceptable. It seems to me that someone is trying to get even with the Canadians. It should be quite obvious, that since the Canadian unit is chartered by the government, the members had nothing to say about the residency requirement in their charter. Furthermore, it would certainly inhibit any chance of those of us on the border doing business with the Mexicans. They may well become District 12 someday.
- 4 I find it inconceivable that 5 or 6 Directors can dictate matters of importance for a membership estimated at around 250. I suggest the following to insure more representation:
 - a If a Director cannot attend the annual meeting, he may appoint an alternate.

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- b If no alternate is appointed, the members of that district present at the meeting pick an alternate.
- c If the district is not represented, an alternate may be appointed from the membership at large, present at such meeting.
- d Thus, with two additional alternates, the president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, we would have a panel of sixteen to decide important issues. Is this not the democratic way?

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Editor
ADCA Bulletin

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Dear Lois:

Don Piehota sent me (presumably as Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws) an undated letter to you (copy attached) to be published in the Bulletin and in a note at the bottom suggested that I "clarify matters with a comment to the Bulletin." Referring to Piehota's letter I "comment" as follows:

- 1) "Expulsion" is not involved. The proposed By-Law provisions in question (Article I (1) (a) and (b) read in pertinent part as follows:

- "(a) Any person, . . . resident in the United States who has paid the prescribed annual Full Membership fee shall be a full member as long as an owner of one or more registered Dexters.
- (b) Associate Members shall be those persons, . . . resident either outside or inside the United States, who pay the prescribed annual Associate Membership fee, or have paid the Full Membership fee for the year in question but no longer own a registered Dexter."

These provisions merely define two of the proposed three classes of membership which would exist (the third being Honorary Life Membership). A dues paying non-resident is no more "expelled" than a dues paying full member who happens to become a non-Dexter-owner during a given year. On payment of appropriate dues non-residents and non-owning residents are both, by definition, Associate Members.

(2) As explained in the Committee's letter to the President submitting the proposed Revision, the By-Laws of the Canadian Dexter Association received, quite appropriately, "preeminent consideration." Section 3.1 of the Canadian by-laws provides:

- " (b) Annual Members: Shall be those persons . . . resident in Canada . . .
- (d) Associate Members: Shall be individuals resident outside of Canada. They may become members on approval of the Board of Directors, but shall not hold office and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting."

It is hard to believe any of our Canadian friends would take amiss an adoption of their own membership scheme.

Very truly yours,

John Hays, Dir. 11/30/88

AMERICAN MINOR BREEDS CONSERVANCY

RARE BREEDS SEMEN BANK

OPERATION OF THE SEMEN BANK

Semen entering the bank will become the property of AMBC. The bank will be divided into two parts. The long-term store will contain 30 to 50 straws of semen from a minimum of 10 unrelated bulls of each of the minor breeds. Duplicate collections will be maintained in two locations for safekeeping. AMBC will make the long-term store available in the event of a disastrous decline in the breed population. A portion of it will also be available to breeders when the semen from particular bulls in the working store is used up. A contract will require that any bulls resulting from the use of this semen will be drawn to include in the long-term store.

The working store will contain 200-300 straws of semen from at least 10 unrelated bulls for each breed. It will be held at a single A I Company. AMBC will sell this semen to breed association members - the A I Company will handle distribution. The working store is not intended to compete with breeders who are selling semen from their own bulls. These might very well be included in the 10 bulls represented in the working store. AMBC will prepare a catalog that will include pedigree information needed for a breeding program as well as semen available through private contract.

BREEDS TO BE COLLECTED

In the first phase of this project, AMBC will focus on five breeds: Milking Devon, Dutch Belt, Red Poll, Florida Native and Dexter.

The Dexter breed was chosen as a classified minor breed, even though registration numbers are climbing and the breed has an active association which will help to ensure its future. The association is interested in promoting A I and has been helpful to AMBC in initiating the semen bank. As the association is in the process of developing a breed standard, it appears to be a particularly good time to be banking semen for the maintenance of genetic diversity. Herdbooks have been sent to AMBC for analysis and recommendations for collection should soon be available.

Any questions, suggestions, semen donations etc should be directed to Don Bixby, DVM, AMBC, Box 577, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Editor's Note: The above is taken from a newsletter published by Dr Bixby. We want to thank Dr Bixby and the AMBC for their interest in our Dexter breed and for taking time to forward to us the many inquiries they receive.

We might also make note that both Doris Crowe of Portland, Ontario and James Johnson of Richfield, Ohio have donated semen to AMBC for the long-term store.

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Another nice note, this one from Sixes, Oregon:

. . . . Wanted to let you know that we finally got us a bull. Got him from John Hays, and he is really a beautiful animal . . . we are now going to join the ADCA and become full-fledged members.

Thanks for writing Mary!

Mary & Charlie Roberts
93445 Crystal Creek Rd
Sixes, Oregon 97476

DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE

COLORADO

Dexters of all ages available.

Hans Walther
Box 56A, Rt #1
Rush, CO 80833
(303) 541-2661

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MISSOURI

Two bull calves for sale.

Paul Hays
Route 4, Box 6600
Holden, MO 64040

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MISSOURI

Cows and heifers for sale.
Nice selection of Dexters.

Emerald Valley Farm
Rt 1, Box 67
Pilot Grove, MO 65276
(816) 834-3656

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MISSOURI

Dexters for Sale! Two black heifers
6/10/88 and 11/6/88.

Rob & Betty Waller
Rt 2, Box 895
Bonne Terre, MO 63628
(314) 358-3260

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Black heifer, 11/5/88, \$400.00
Sire #3058, Dam #2349

Black bull, 11/20/88 \$350.00
Sire #3058, Dam #3057

Carl L Christiansen
R F D Box 257
Bradford, NH 03221
(603) 938-2303

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NEW YORK

Dexters for sale, males & females.

Herd Sires:

Meri-Mac Glengary (88-89)
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The McEnroes
Meri-Mac Farm
R R 1, Box 282
Sharon Sta. Rd.
Amenia, NY 12501
(914) 373-8411

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OHIO

2 cows to sell - best offer.
#2247, 8 yrs old and 4-yr old
dtr, not registered.

Bonita Bayless
1387 Anderson Rd
Wilmington, OH 45177
(513) 382-1291

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OHIO

Have left a few excellent prospects
for herd sires - have body length
thru Jamie O'Callen #1949 and short
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o' Briar Hill, #3061.

James G Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd
Richfield, OH 44286
(216) 659-4861

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Thomas' Dexters
Al & Sandi
P O Box 135
Antelope, OR 97001
(503) 489-3385

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE

PENNSYLVANIA

Must Sell - Will be traveling for a year:

3 Dexter cows, 1 bred, 2 open
1 1989 heifer, 7 mos old
1 1989 bull, 5 mos old
1 1989 steer, 6 mos old
(all by Jamie O'Callen)

Annette Hermetz
R D 2, Box 2236
Mercer, PA 16137

leave message - (412) 475-2269

PENNSYLVANIA

2 Black bulls ready for breeding.

Philip R Martz
R D 4, Box 162
Berlin, PA 15530
(814) 267-5052

WASHINGTON

For Sale - 2 bull calves, dropped 3/12/88
and 3/18/88. Sired by Haile Selassie of
Pisgah. \$300.00 each.

Mrs Richard Lipcot
Route 4, Box 930
Vashon, WA 98070
(206) 463-3201

WISCONSIN

Bull calf for sale.

Rev L C Reisch
5595 Highway Z
West Bend, WI 53095

Am a little later than I intended with
this issue of the Bulletin - - had to
take some time out for Radiation treat-
ments. All is well now, however.

But lets make that next Due Date 1/31/89

CANADA

1988 Black bull calf out of Direct
Imports from England:

Sire #3182 - Lucifer of Knotting
Dam #3181 - Ladydale 2nd of "

1988 Black bull calf

Sire #3298 - Lane End Lucifer's
Wink
Dam #3344 - Cranworth Vanessa
(dun)

Jack & June Goose
Glencara Farms
5257 Ross Road
Mount Lehman, BC
Canada VOX 1VO
(604) 856-8654

WANTED TO PURCHASE * * *

Am interested in locating a young

RED bull for purchase this year.

(Not Dun). Please send pedigree
with photo if possible.

Thomas' Dexters
Al & Sandi Thomas
PO Box 135
Antelope, OR 97001
(503) 489-3385

VERMONT

Bull calves for sale, all sired by
#2908, Murphy of Farmbrook:

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1, 3 mos, Dam #2907
1, 9 mos, Dam #3003

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Bridgewater Corners, VT
05035
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D L DeLane'
Rt 1, Box 268
Fair Grove, MO 65648

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Anton of Mt Carmel #2871
(40" tall, red, 975 lbs.)

Philip J Martz
R D 4, Box 162
Berlin, PA 15530
(814) 267-5052

Collected From:

Jamie O'Callen #1949

James G Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd
Richfield, OH 44286
(216) 659-4861

Collected From:

#1804 Mar Nell's Black Magic
(bl, 41½", has sired 10 red calves)

B.C. A.I. Centre
Box 40
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Canada VOX 1T0

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