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DEXTER CATTLE

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Note: Division of states is indicated by first 3 digits of zip code.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Slides Needed! We have had numerous requests from other Minor Breed groups, universities, magazines, etc for slides of our Dexter cattle. What I would like is to have you all send slides of your animals, a side, rear and head shot of each animal you wish to send to be shown during the general meeting. Members present will be asked to select those to be used in preparing a good slide presentation for our Association. I feel this is important to us, and ask your wholehearted cooperation. I would like to have them at least one week prior to the meeting.

Buy, Sell or Trade! If any of the animals you are bringing to the show are for sale or trade, please send me all details on the animal on a 3 x 5 card before the meeting. Please give sex, color, height, age, etc. We can then indicate those animals which will be for sale so that you may observe them both before and during the show.

The present Committees are as follows:

1) By-Laws	John Hays
2) A. I.	George Walker
3) Breed Improvement	Carol Davidson
4) Advertising/Show	Marcia Read
5) Standards	Don Piehota
6) Brochures	James Brown

Committee chairmen will all be asked to give a 20-minute report on the progress of their committee during the meeting.

Also, I found two interesting items in the English Dexter Society Bulletin which I would like, with their permission, to share with you:

----" On another subject, please do not use semen from my ruby red Wantsley Rob Roy on dun cattle. It is the very antithesis of what I bred him for and can lead to the production of chocolate coloured calves. Please, he is for real reds with pink tongues, or for blacks carrying the real red recessive."

Elizabeth Seymour.

---- " With reference to Roebuck, I see some people have recorded "red" calves sired by my dun bulls. For the benefit of anyone anxious to breed red , can it be pointed out that a dun bull will only sire dun or black. I know some members confuse the two colours and mis-register a dun as red. A dun bull mated to a red cow will produce a black calf, to a dun cow a dun calf, and to a black cow either a dun or black depending on whether the cow carries and passes on the dun recessive."

Beryl Rutherford

Write me for entry blanks for your fair entries!!!!

Sandi Thomas

FROM THE SECRETARY:

The new Herd Book was almost ready to go to the printers around the first of May. Should be ready for the July 1988 General Meeting!

Tattoo Information : The tattoo letter for 1988 is "X". Most breeders use this in the following manner - The letter of their farm, the number of the calf born for that year and then the Association letter. An example would be (for the Sho-Me Farm) S 3 X . The "S" would be the farm letter, the "3" would be the third calf born in 1988 and "X" would be the Association letter.

Farm or Herd Name : Please let me know your particular herd or farm name so that there will not be a duplication of a name already being used by someone else.

Advertising/Sale of Animals: Please be sure to advertise your animals for sale in the "Bulletin". Please send this information directly to Lois Johnson, the Editor. Each person who writes in for information receives a copy of the current "Bulletin" as well as a list of the members and owners in their region. Our sales of animals are up. We have completed 215 transfers so far this year and registered 259 animals. This is the largest amount ever for the Association. In addition, we have added 63 new members since January 1st. (This information for the 1st quarter 1988).

Registrations and Transfer Fees as of January 1, 1988:

Cows up to 1 year old	\$10.00
Bulls up to 2 years old	10.00
Regular Transfers	10.00
Inner-herd Transfers	5.00
Cows over 1 year old	20.00
Bulls over 2 years old	20.00
Registrations and transfers for Non-Members	50.00

Membership Fees have been raised to \$30 for new memberships and \$20 for annual dues renewal. Annual membership fees are due by January 1st. If you became a member after October 1st of any particular year, your dues are paid for 15 months, or until January 1st a year later.

TO: Rosemary Fleharty, Secretary
American Dexter Cattle Association
Route 1, Box 378
Concordia, MO 64020

- ☐ Attached is my check for \$30 for a new membership in the ADCA.
☐ Attached is my check for \$20 for annual membership renewal in ADCA.
☐ Please send me _____ Application forms for Registration & Transfer.



Name

Street Address or Rural Route

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Farm or Herd Name

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

1988 ANNUAL MEETING

July 29, 30, 31

MEETING LOCATION:

DELTA INN
9930 N Whitaker Rd
PORTLAND, OR. 97217

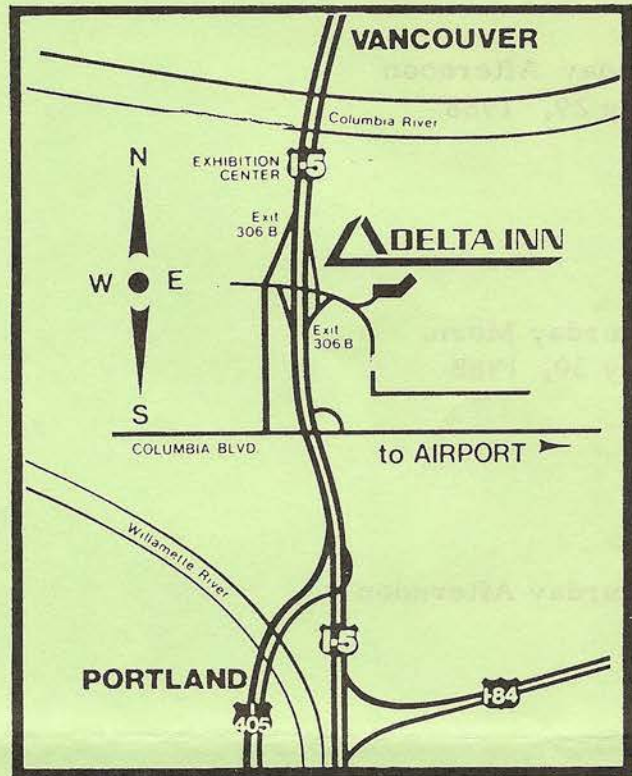
(I-5 Exit 306B North & South)

Phone: 1-800-833-1800

Exhibition Center = Fair Site

Delta Inn = Lodging Site

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE WITH
YOU TO THE MEETING FOR
HANDY REFERENCE GUIDE.



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REGISTRATION FEE

\$15.00 per person (includes
Saturday Night Banquet and
admission to fair.)

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Send check to:
Sandi Thomas
P O Box 135
Antelope, OR 97001
(503) 489-3385

LATE REGISTRATION

Saturday 8 - 8:30 a.m.

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On your own. Mention ADCA for
our Group Rate. \$33.00 + tax
single, \$37.00 + tax double and
\$43.00 + tax kitchenette.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

1988 ADCA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday Afternoon
July 29, 1988

Multnomah County Fair 2:00 p.m.
Open Class Dexter Show

Hospitality Room, Delta Inn 7:00 p.m.
(Conference Room)
Deli-trays, coffee.

Saturday Morn.
July 30, 1988

General Meeting 9:00 a.m.
(Conference Room)
coffee & donuts

Break for Lunch 12:00 p.m.
(on your own)

Saturday Afternoon

Exhibitors will be preparing their
animals for the show at this time.
Observers will be welcome !!!!!

First ADCA Sanctioned 2:00 p.m.
All Dexter Show

Saturday Evening

Banquet 6:00 p.m.
Continued General Meeting
We hope to have an AMBC
representative as speaker
during dinner/meeting.

Sunday Morning
July 31, 1988

Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon

Carol Davidson, Breed Improvement
Committee chairman, has been to
England (and is, in fact there on a
2nd trip now) and has some interesting
information to share with us, pictures,
breeding practices, etc. We cannot
at this time confirm, but feel sure she
will stay on Sunday and talk with any or
all of us who can stay over an extra day.

A DEXTER COW IS



SHOW AND TELL

The tulips are gone and so are the daffodils. It won't be long until the smell of lilacs will be replaced by the smell of new mown hay. When the hay is "put up" then it is time for the fair and the smell of corn dogs and and cotton candy.

For those of us in the Pacific Region, there will be a new opportunity to show Dexters. That of course, will be the Dexter Show and Sale at the Multnomah County Fair. At that fair, we hope to assemble more Dexters at one place than have ever been assembled before! This will be the first time some of us will have taken cattle to a fair, let alone where we will be able to compete with other Dexters. For Dexters in the West, this will be a premier event. If the DEXTER breed is to progress and assume its rightful place among other breeds more of us need to get the word out. At fairs, we can meet hundreds of people, if not thousands, that we can tell about DEXTERS. For Westerners, this will be an excellent fair to get your feet wet showing DEXTERS. Since time is the reason many people do not show, we can certainly cooperate on the care of each others cattle so that everyone does not have to be with their cattle full time. That would mean that we could take care of the exhibits in shifts--and some who would have trouble being with their cattle during working hours or nights could display, or show their cattle without too many problems.

THE VALUE OF SHOWING

All of own DEXTERS for various reasons, but high on the list of reasons, would be that we feel that DEXTERS fit our needs more perfectly than other breeds and that we could possibly make more income from our smaller farms by raising smaller cattle. But more often than not, we can't afford to advertise and even if we did advertise, the majority of those who saw or heard would not know or care about small, unique cattle. By showing our DEXTERS at fairs, we can gain some real advantages. #1 When you show you get awards! Everyone knows that the best cattle are taken to the fair. And when you show your cattle you almost always win ribbons and awards which you can then display with your cattle. And by the way, at almost every fair, you will be the only exhibitor and as a consequence you will be the first place in every class, all the grand champions, etc. That has a tendency to be very impressive to the public and the premiums should offset your expenses. #2 Your neighbors and your community will find out what those "cute little cattle" really are. At the Lane County Fair, I meet a minimum of 500 people and at the Western Washington Fair, I meet a minimum of 2,000---that's folks I personally talk to. Yes, I kept track of it one year! At fairs, you get to talk, answer questions and hand these individuals literature, business cards, etc. In addition, you can make a list of folks who express and interest in your cattle and you can contact them when you have animals for sale. Let's face it, operating from your home, or relying on our breeders association to give your name to 2000 people just won't happen soon---and our breeders assn. is wonderful about giving interested people the names of breeders. #3 Showing pays big dividends. First, it gets you really conversant about DEXTERS.. A number of people will challenge you and ask you detailed questions---What percentage of butter fat can I expect or What percentage will an animal dress out at one year of age? Second, you will develop even more pride in your herd and in DEXTERS. That pride will be communicated to your potential customers and you will get even better prices for your animals. Third, you will develop some valuable leads which means you have folks calling you to ask you if you have DEXTERS for sale. It's great to know that your animals are in demand that that you don't have to cut your price to sell.

One last comment, FRIENDS, FRIENDS, FRIENDS. After you have been to a fair, you develop a new set of friends and associates. Call it networking or call it what you want to but when you go back next year it will be like meeting long lost friends. Your fellow exhibitors will be just great and some fair patrons will come back to see you year after year---and that makes showing a lot of fun.

AN UDDER DELIGHT

A DEXTER COW IS

GETTING STARTED

One of the first things you will need to do is to decide which animals you want to show. Check the fair premium book to determine how your animals fit the various classes. After you have decided upon classes and animals and have made your entry official it is time to teach your future prize winners the social skills that will make them winners. Teach them to lead and not kick—the two most important social skills, and not to hook with their horns. The easiest way to teach them to lead is to put halters on them and tie them within hearing distance of a faucet. When the time comes to give them a drink, turn the water on and attempt to lead them to water. When they get thirsty enough they will lead to water and you will have a good beginning. To get beyond the kicking stage, start a regular regimen of brushing and touching. It is not long until they learn to like the attention and you will have an animal that rates high in social skills. If you are in a hurry a tractor can put some muscle into the lead rope. A riding lawn mower is great for teaching calves to lead. It is important to be gentle and make it as pleasant for the animal as possible. Rewarding is always better than discipline. Remember your goal should be to be able to lead your animals and to be able to touch them without being kicked, etc. One of my first experiences at showing, one of our heifers kicked the judge when he touched her—I was embarrassed but she still got first place!

It is important that you be able to brush your animals and able to give them a bath or two. If you have never given your cows a bath you are in for a real treat. I'm serious, a DEXTER that has just been bathed is a thing of beauty!

Another point to remember, is that by our own standards, DEXTERS do not need to be clipped, have their tails ratted into fluffy balls, etc. We decided as an association to leave the animals in a natural state.

At the Multnomah fair, we will be inside a building that has a concrete floor and you will have your choice of tying or putting your animals in pens. I've never had animals on concrete before, and it should be okay, except we will need to make an effort to keep the bedding dry and to keep odors down. I would also suggest that we might not want to pen older animals with horns together so that we can avoid obvious hooking problems.

CHECK LIST OF THINGS FOR THE FAIR

Cows (Dexter, of course)

Buckets

Feed pans

pitchforks

something to serve as a tack box

push broom

dumplin fork

halters

lead ropes

ropes to tie animals

brushes

shampoo

other grooming needs

Hose/hoses

Hose nozel

Hoof polish

Signs: one with the names of each
animal and its birth date

One with your herd name

Literature and information about Dexters

chairs for relaxing

Wheelbarrow

Knife

pliers

screw driver

Hammer & selection of nails



AN UDDER DELIGHT

LETTER FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank all the breeders who have sent measurements on their cattle. Here is what we have found out about mature cows. Please do not take any of these figures as judgmental, but rather as informational.

Mature Cows (3 Years & Older)	
<u>Inches Tall</u>	<u>No. of Cows</u>
36"	1
37"	1
38"	0
39"	8
40"	10
41"	4
42"	3
43"	4
44"	2
45"	4
46"	1

Eight herds sent in information on their mature cows. The herds ranged from 13 mature cows to two cows. The largest herd had a range from 37-43", so no one herd seemed to be especially biased. This study involves 38 cows.

Here are some percentages to look at (if my math is correct):

48% of the cows are 39 or 40 inches tall.

52% of the cows are 40 inches or less and

48% of the cows are 41 inches and greater.

29% of the cows are over our standards of 36-42 inches for mature cows.

16% of the cows are 45-46 inches tall.

34% of the cows are between 41 and 44 inches tall
(of these 13 cows 3 are short-legged).

All of this information is interesting, but is based only on a limited number of animals. How much more reliable would it be if it were based on 200 or more animals?

Anyone who is interested in participating in this measuring program, just send your measurements to the Secretary (she'll see I get them). All measurements should be made at the highest point on the shoulders and if you wish we will keep your measurements private.

Once again, thanks to all of you who participated.

Dean Fleharty



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

First of all, I must apologize to John Hays for a mis-placed ")". In reporting on the By-Laws Committee last edition, it should read that there are 4 members of the committee - not 4 issues or critical points being discussed. Sorry, John.

Next, a bit too late for publication in the last issue, I received from the O. F. S. Dexter Club in Bloemfontein, South Africa notice of their 1988 Show & Sale which was held in March. The next one will be in 1991 - every three years.

Also, we have a letter from Mrs Elizabeth Williams in Victoria, Australia:

"I have the pleasure in announcing the formation of the Australasian Dexter Association which has been formed in Australia to benefit people interested in Dexter cattle in Australia and New Zealand.

The address is:

Secretary: L. Curnick
Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria
Epsom Road, Ascot Vale
Victoria, Australia, 3032
ph (03) 3763733

We would be very pleased to welcome any fellow Dexter breeders from the U. S. if they happen to visit Australia.

We now have the grand total of 25 members, (double that of 6 months ago). Every state of Australia has at least one representative although the Dexters themselves are still rare. Some purebred have just arrived in North Queensland from England and several breeders (ourselves included) will have up-graded to purebred by next year."

Mrs Elizabeth Williams
Publicity Officer, ADXA

Thank you both for writing. We are delighted to hear what is happening with our beloved little Dexters elsewhere in the world!

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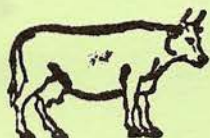
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Also, rubber stamps, shown below, \$5.75 ea. post-paid.

The Missouri Dexter Breeders held their Spring meeting on April 16th, 1988. The Fall meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Bethel, MO. They welcome one and all who can to attend.

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* Please be sure to let me know if you
* wish to have your ad continued. Also,
* if you want to change it in any way.

* Thanks,
* Lois Johnson, Ed.

SPECIAL ITEM RELATING TO MEETING:

George Walker, chairman of the A. I. Committee writes:

"Those who are interested in bringing semen to the annual meeting in Portland to sell, please do so. Those wishing to purchase semen must remember that you need a special nitrogen tank to transport the straws home. "

If anyone plans to bring semen to the meeting, or if anyone wishes to purchase semen, you should contact both the owner of the semen and George Walker so that the proper arrangements can be made. Proper handling of the frozen semen is important, and George is qualified to do this.

George Walker, Cloverleaf Ranch, Rt 3, Box 1310, Hoquiam, WA 98550.

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