For the present and the future,
A breed from the past,

DEXTER CATTLE

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RICHFIELD, OH 44286

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

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Route 4, Box 21
Newton, KS 67114

BULLETIN - WINTER 1988-89
# American Dexter Cattle Association

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## Regional Directors

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<td>Rhode Island, Conn, New York (090-139).</td>
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<td>R D 4, Box 308 Middletown, NY 10940</td>
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<td>Canadian</td>
<td>All Provinces of Canada</td>
<td>Russ Berry, R R #1, Portland, Ontario, Canada KOC IVO</td>
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Note: Division of states is indicated by first 3 digits of zip code.
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HELLO FROM SNOWY OREGON!

The tally of the votes for Regional Directors has been received from Sophia Stillerman, Election Chairman. The results are:

Region #1 North Plains
Jim Mitchell 15
Dean Fleharty 14
Jim Donovan 1

41 Ballots sent out, 30 returned.

Region #2 Rocky Mountain
Jack Goodman 13

19 Ballots sent out, 13 returned.

Region #3 Pacific
Bonnie Boudreau 21
Gary Prichard 17

61 Ballots sent out, 38 returned.

Region #11 Canada
Paul Taylor 4
Carol Davidson 2
Abstained 1

21 Ballots sent out, 7 returned.

I want to welcome our three new Regional Directors – Paul Taylor, Canada; Bonnie Boudreau, Pacific; and Jim Mitchell, North Plains. They are all eager to serve you for the next 3 years.

We would appreciate some input from the membership as to your expectations from a Regional Director. I have asked them to have at least one Regional Meeting in their areas during the year, to be a contact person for the membership for determining those interested in having people come to actually "see" Dexters, and to compile a list of owners with stock for sale. They should also submit Information to the Editor for a report on their Region for each Bulletin.

It's easier to do a job if you know what's expected of you, so please let me know if you feel we've missed something.

I have initiated an advertising campaign for the ADCA. All responses to inquiries will include the name and address of the Regional Director as resource person. These will include parties interested in purchasing Dexters.

If you have stock for sale, I suggest you notify your Regional Director as well as placing your ad in the Bulletin. A copy of the Bulletin's Sale List is included in the Information Packet.

I would like to thank John Hays, Rosemary Fleharty and Russ Berry for the years they have donated as Regional Directors. They all made positive contributions to the Association, and have been very much appreciated.

Thanks to Sophia Stillerman, too, for acting as Election Chairman for our Regional Elections.

I hope you have marked the July 21-23 Meeting on your calendar, and plan to attend. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Sandi Thomas, President
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION**  
**January 1 - December 31, 1988**  

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**Cash on hand January 1, 1989**                   | $5,802.95|

**Total Loss '88**                                | -1,031.06|

**NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY**

Membership dues were due on January 1 for 1989. Membership renewal is $20.00.

HERD listings for all members and owners will be going out shortly for the new Herd Book. Please update your list and return it to the secretary.

**ALL LISTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY IF THEY ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW HERD BOOK.**

On lists that are not returned to the secretary, no animals will be shown for members -- on owners, no listing will be shown.

An interesting item I found in the 1984 Director's Meeting Minutes -- "It is the seller's responsibility to get animals transferred to new owners. Helps to keep from losing track of Dexters." How many of our members are doing this?

When sending in white applications for registration, please fill in all the information needed. It is especially helpful if you include your name and address. It saves the secretary time in having to look up your address when typing the registration form.
MORE COMMENTS ON THE BY-LAWS REVISION

FROM SHEP SPRINGER, FT COLLINS, CO:

"A few words, as a member of the By-Laws Revision Committee, but speaking only for myself. We are the American Dexter Association, and I do not feel we have excluded anyone from membership in the organization. To be a voting member and hold office, one must be a resident of the USA. Anyone residing outside the USA is eligible to be an associate member. Granted, this is a change from the old By-Laws. But again, this is the American Dexter Association. I see no reason for concern on the part of any of our membership."

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FROM RUSS BERRY, PORTLAND, ONTARIO:

"First, regarding the proposed residency By-Law provision. John Hays seems to find it 'hard to believe any of our Canadian Friends would take amiss an adoption of their own membership scheme.' I would like to take this opportunity to very strongly disabuse him of that notion. It is looked upon by everyone I have talked with as "tit for tat", and it would appear that many of our American friends hold the same view.

Rudy Gilster is quite correct when he notes that the CDCA is bound by the Canadian government, more specifically the "Animal Pedigree Act" 35-36-37 Elizabeth 2nd Chapter 13 - An Act Respecting Animal Pedigree Associations. In short, we had no choice in the matter.

I would like to point out at that at this time close to 90% of the Dexters in Canada are bulldog-free, and new stock is being imported from the UK on an ongoing basis. The ADCA can only benefit from the CDCA.

The second letter I would like to reply to was from Paul and Judy Taylor. I also think it out of order for the By-Law committee to remain silent at the AGM considering the date of their report. The first portion of their letter, however, is mis-leading - "Merely because I am a Canadian does not imply that I agree with anything and everything the Canadian Association does." It is not a matter of agreement or not with the CDCA - it is a matter of obeying the law of the Land."

"*

Russ gives us some additional information on paragraph 2 of his letter above:

Any inquiries regarding the "Animal Pedigree Act" - it is 35 pages long - could be directed to:

Lee Begin
Animal Products Division
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0C8

Any inquiries regarding the registration of Dexter cattle in Canada can be directed either to:

Ron Black
Canadian Livestock Records Corp.
2417 Holly Lane
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada K1M 0V7

or:

Russ Berry
CDCA's Representative with same
R R #1
Portland, Ontario
Canada KOG 1VO
SPECIAL NOTE

To All Region XI members:

For those of you who may have voted for me, thank you. However, I was not made aware that the Directorship was open, nor was I consulted about whether or not I would stand for election as Regional Director. I have no interest in the power/politics of the Association, and notified Sandi Thomas before the Dec 16th deadline that I wished my name removed from the list.

Paul Taylor is in full possession of whatever information I have acquired, plus he has been doing research into genetics. I have every faith in his ability to direct the affairs of the Canadian Region with informed leadership and integrity.

Sincerely,
Carol Davidson
Box 179,
Brentwood Bay, BC

REGARDING 1989 GENERAL MEETING

We are looking forward to hosting the 1989 convention and we will try to meet the needs of all those attending. We recommend that people stay at the Washington, PA Red Roof Inn. Their prices are excellent, and the location is central to all our activities. They do recommend very early reservations as they are normally booked every weekend all summer. Phone: (412) 228-5750, or (800) 848-7878 for nationwide reservations. Please tell them you are with the ADCA convention when you make your reservations.

The packets for the convention and/or show entries will be available at a later date in a bulletin, or please feel free to contact me by early March and I will be happy to get one off to you.

Again, if you have any special needs or questions, please get in touch with me.

Sincerely,
Marcia G Read
RD 2, Box 232
Claysville, PA 15323
(412) 663-5832

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PRINTER WITH CREDIT AND THANKS TO CAROL DAVIDSON, B.C., CANADA

Today's definition of a Dexter is based on the original and unchanged 1892 English Breed Standards. They specify (Sect 4, Para 3) legs short, (especially from the knee to the fetlock)....

Animals with this characteristic have been identified as having a genetic condition known as achondroplasia - one of the causes of dwarfism (in humans, as well). It is this acknowledged defect which produces both the stocky little classic dwarf Dexter and its side effect: bulldog calves (so called because of the head shape of the aborted fetus).

Unfortunately for the breed, achondroplasia is not a stable condition. When bred together, dwarf Dexters will never be capable of consistently generating offspring which always resemble both parents. Statistically half will be dwarf like the parents, a quarter will abort a deformed fetus and a quarter will be tall.

Dwarf Dexters average 36 - 40" and are chunky, mature-looking animals, even as calves.

There is another Dexter, known as the Kerry-type. These animals when bred together always breed true. That is, their offspring consistently resemble both parents 100% of the time. Kerry-type Dexters average 39 - 43" and resemble a small, proportionate Shorthorn.

Keep in mind that in 1892 genetics was an unknown field. It was considered just a matter of time before the Kerry-type would be bred out, and dwarf Dexters would be stabilized. Yet in the intervening 100 years, the statistics on offspring have not changed.

In these historical photos, compare height and body shape between Kerrys and Kerry-type Dexters. Know also that for 150 years, serious Dexter breeders have been throwing out the Kerry-type, and keeping the dwarf (real) Dexter.
To have herd improvement, we must first have a membership interested in the quality of animal they are breeding, then reach some sort of consensus with regards to achondroplastic dwarfs versus genetically normal animals (without the wild accusations which seem to punctuate these proceedings) and finally, define and act on the general attributes we need to improve in our animals.

Based on the non-response of the 24 major breeders contacted by Rudy Gilster and on the negative response I received at the AGM (when I offered to show members how to avoid bulldogs by either of two methods) I conclude the Association is not interested in herd improvement at this time.

If there are individual members who are concerned with the bulldog issue, quality, and informed ownership, write to me, and we can re-establish an operating committee.

Carol Davidson, Chairman
Box 179
Brentwood Bay, B.C.
Canada V0S 1AO
LETTER FROM PAUL & JUDY TAYLOR, B.C., CANADA:

Dear Lois,

We bought Lucifer of Knotting last spring, and have just had his semen drawn for A.I. We thought the Association members might be interested to know a little about Lucifer.

His mother and all four grandparents qualified for the English Register of Merit. (To qualify, a cow must produce or a bull must sire 4 cows who produced not less than 3,960 lbs. of milk in the 1st lactation, 5,500 lbs. of milk in the 2nd lactation, and 6,490 lbs. of milk in the 3rd lactation.

We have been spending a lot of time with him and have found he was not used to being handled and that he really missed human company. Since he has been with us he has become a most manageable animal.

We shall be sending a small flyer to all Association members detailing size, conformation and background on Lucifer and, in conjunction with Carol Davidson, on his uncle, Saturn of Knotting. This is so that the members can make an informed decision regarding the benefits the Knotting line can bring to their herds.

Yours truly,

Paul & Judy Taylor

P.S. A word of mention - if you are planning on collecting your bull - DON'T VACCINATE WITH TRIANGLE 3 as it will show positive for I.B.R. and they will no longer accept I.B.R. positive bulls for collection in Canada. I don't know about the States!!

MISSOURI DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION
Spring meeting will be on April 15, 1989, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Rob & Betty Waller, R#2, Box 895, Bonne Terre, MO 63628. Phone, (314) 358-3260. Everyone welcome!

Vinyl bumper stickers for sale, black on white, "ASK ME ABOUT MY DEXTERS", $3.75 pp. Rubber stamps, shown below, $5.75 pp.

EDITOR'S CORNER
Deadline for next Bulletin -

April 15, 1989

Had a nice letter from the Springers of Ft Collins, CO. They are planning to attend the ADCA meeting in July, but feel it is a little too far for them to bring animals to show. Understandable! Sure will be nice to see them again.

Also, Kristi Rose of Belleville, OH plans to attend with her husband Larry and their little heifer calf, Cauline, which they purchased from us last year. Larry plans to walk Cauline around the show ring, but from what we hear, I wonder if "roll" isn't more the case?

Sure is nice receiving letters from our members - I ended up with more than I could put in this issue, but it will appear later.
SOME COMMENTS ON OUR A.I. SYSTEM

"When I got my first Dexters, I just assumed that the Association used selection criteria as other breed associations have done to improve their herds. Only the best bulls were on A.I. . . . Perhaps a disclaimer is in order. To be listed in every issue of the Bulletin and located in the 'semen available' section: The semen listed below is from bulls selected by their owners and the Association has not evaluated the bulls in any way.

A quote from one of the Association's flyers: "For those unable to keep their own bull the Dexter Association has an A.I. plan". To the ignorant such as me this means the Association has approved certain bulls that have the desired characteristics, a guarantee."

Frederick D Chesterly, 4502 Loomis Trail, Blaine, WA 98230

"While I would like to commend each Dexter breeder that collects a bull and makes it available to other breeders, I would like to suggest that the bull be collected not just 'because he is a nice, quiet bull with a gentle temperament'. While I may agree with this reasoning to a small degree I think a bull should be selected on so much more - one should consider sire and dam, perhaps even grand sire and grand dam, and certainly adult daughters should be seen to judge udder quality along with many other traits. For our breed to flourish we need to start to become more critical of our bull selection. I urge all breeders to consider these thoughts before they collect a bull or breed to such a selected A.I. bull.

Marcia G Read, RD 2, Box 232, Claysville, PA 15323

DEXTER SEMEN AVAILABLE FOR A.I.

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<td>4092 Broadview Rd</td>
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Order From: Paul & Judy Taylor

S W C-70 RR #4
Nanaimo, B.C.
Canada V9R 5X9
DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE

COLORADO

Dexters of all ages.

Hans A Walther
Box 56A Rt 1
Rush, CO 80833
(719) 541-2661

MINNESOTA

3-Yr old black bull, gentle & well-built.
Excellent blood lines. Reasonably priced.
Call for full information.

Ray Myers
Rt 3
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
(ask for "Ken") (218) 566-2631

IOWA

For Sale - 2 Dexter Bulls calves - 7 mos.

Hans A Walther
Box 56A Rt 1
Rush, CO 80833
(719) 541-2661

OHIO

1989 Calving has begun. Will have both
heifer & bull calves available. Have 2 1988
heifers left, born later in the year.

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

NEW YORK

Dexters for sale, males & females.
Herd Sires:
Meri-Mac Glengary (88-89)
Meri-Mac Last Bullfinch (89-90)

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

OREGON

Dexters, bulls & females, various ages,
available all year round. (Blacks only
at this time).

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

WASHINGTON

Bull calf for sale, sired by Res.Champ.
Bull of the 1st Annual Dexter show, St.
Jack Kamija, first in his class, and proud
of it!

John Daniel
Rt 1, Box 1062
Benton City, WA 99320
(509) 588-4704

MISSOURI

Irish Dexter cow, Reg #1696, Showme
Krissie, 39" tall, stocky build, black.
$400 -- firm.

Michael J Fox
Goldrush Farm
8300 Dusty Rhodes Lane
R R 6, Box 268
Columbia, MO 65202
(314) 474-2304

Cows & heifers for sale. Nice selection of
Dexters.

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

MISSOURI

2 black heifers for sale, born 6/10/88 and
11/6/88.

Rob & Betty Waller
Parkridge Farm
Rt #2, Box 895
Bonne Terre, MO 63268
(314) 358-3260

NEXT DEADLINE -- APRIL 15, 1989
DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE

WISCONSIN

Dexters for sale, heifers, de-horned, halter-broke and a bred yearling.

Mark Weber
6611 Old Q
Manitowoc, WI, 54220
(414) 684-1776

CANADA

Cow for sale - Singleton Tulip, #3038, cert. in calf, dun color, 4 yrs old, 37" tall, good length of body.

Dam, #2515, Cranworth Plucky
Sire: #2791, Luigi

Mark Weber
6611 Old Q
Manitowoc, WI, 54220
(414) 684-1776

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1988 Black bull calf:
Sire: #3298-Lane End Lucifer's Wink
Dam: #3344-Cranworth Vanessa (dun)

WANTED TO PURCHASE

Am interested in locating a young Red bull for purchase this year. (Not Dun). Send pedigree with photo if possible.

Russ D Berry
R R #1
Portland, Ontario
Canada KOG 1VO

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