

The Dexter Bulletin

Volume 36 - No. 4

July / August, 1996

National ADCA Meeting, Show and Sale.

We want to thank those breeders who supported the National ADCA Meeting, Show and Sale. It was their efforts that helped make it a success. We have received several compliments, but the credit goes to those breeders who took the time to prepare their animals for the show and sale and spent their time traveling (some at great lengths) to get their Dexters to Missouri.

We especially want to thank Dr. Wes Patton for the excellent job he did as our show judge. It was helpful to have a fellow breeder who understands the different types of Dexters do the judging.

A special thanks to the Directors and other local breeders who assisted with the meals, and also helped set up and tear down the arena and facilitated with the final clean up. We could not have done it all without you.

We also owe a debt of thanks to our local University people who helped organize the show and sale. Dave Ewing organized the classes for the show, the order of animals for the sale and acted as our Master of Ceremony at the show. Dr. Densil Allen was our guest speaker (on a moment's notice) at the banquet and served as our auctioneer on Sunday for the sale.

It is a distinct privilege to act as host for a National ADCA meeting. We enjoyed the opportunity to act as your hosts. We hope you all had as enjoyable time as we did. Thank you for letting us serve you and have the Show-Me State be a part of your summer activities.

I think we have all seen the ads for America Online and Compuserve. Perhaps we need to add Dexters to that—how about Dexters connect you to a world of fun, friends and more—experience the power of owning a Dexter! See you in Canada next year!

Dean & Rosemary Fleharty



Grand Champion Bull, Irving of Green Valley, with R.S. "Shep" Springer



Champion Female, SJDH Mamie, with Marvin Johnson

American Dexter Cattle Association

Route 1, Box 378 Concordia, MO 64020

1996 - 1997 Officers

١	P	,	P	S	in	P	n	t	

Vice President

Secretary - Treasurer

R.S. "Shep" Springer 708 Inverness Rd. Ft. Collins, CO 80524 (970) 484-2711

James Johnson 4092 Broadview Rd. Richfield, OH 44286 (216) 659-4861 Rosemary Fleharty
Rt. 1, Box 378
Concordia, MO 64020
(816) 463-7704
Available after 5:30 PM CST and weekends

Regional Directors

Regional Directors	
Missouri and Illinois	
Billie D. Watkins, Route 2, Box 148, Lexington, IL 61753	(309) 365-5611
Oregon and Idaho	
John P. Wolf, 14437 Evans Valley Rd., Silverton, OR 97381	(503) 873-6034
Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska	
Fred Chesterley, 4178 West Rd., Blaine, WA 98230	(360) 332-8579
Colorado, Nebraska, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Iowa	
Paul Anderson, 773 Jesup St., Indianola, IA 50125	(515) 961-6772
Canada	
Carol Davidson, Bright Meadows, RR 1, Ladysmith, BC VOR 2EO	(604) 245-4046
Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	
Marvin Johnson, P.O. Box 441, Elkhart, KS 67950	(405) 696-4836
Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio	
June Osters, 8446 Shepherd Road, Macedonia, OH 44056	(216) 467-0832
Jim Moody, 555 B N 15 Street, Immokalee, FL 33934	(813) 657-3464
California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico	
Bill Kirkland, 8636 Berry Road, Wilton, CA 95693	(916) 687-7986
Pennsylvania, W. Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Deleware	
Phillip R. Martz Sr., RD4, Box 162, Berlin, PA 15530	(814) 267-5052
New Jersey and New York	
Kathleen Smith, RD3, Box 107A, Ft. Plain, NY 13339	(518) 993-2823
Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont	
Amy Record, HCR BOX 23, Lyme, NH 03768	(603) 795-2606
Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin	
James Nerenhausen, 3972 Fond du Lac Rd., Box 2288, Oshkosh, WI	(414) 233-3268
	Missouri and Illinois Billie D. Watkins, Route 2, Box 148, Lexington, IL 61753 Oregon and Idaho John P. Wolf, 14437 Evans Valley Rd., Silverton, OR 97381 Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska Fred Chesterley, 4178 West Rd., Blaine, WA 98230 Colorado, Nebraska, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Iowa Paul Anderson, 773 Jesup St., Indianola, IA 50125 Canada Carol Davidson, Bright Meadows, RR 1, Ladysmith, BC VOR 2EO Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Marvin Johnson, P.O. Box 441, Elkhart, KS 67950 Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio June Osters, 8446 Shepherd Road, Macedonia, OH 44056 Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolin Jim Moody, 555 B N 15 Street, Immokalee, FL 33934 California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico Bill Kirkland, 8636 Berry Road, Wilton, CA 95693 Pennsylvania, W. Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Deleware Phillip R. Martz Sr., RD4, Box 162, Berlin, PA 15530 New Jersey and New York Kathleen Smith, RD3, Box 107A, Ft. Plain, NY 13339 Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont Amy Record, HCR BOX 23, Lyme, NH 03768 Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin

The Dexter Bulletin Page 3

From the President

It is Saturday morning June 15th and I should be cutting or bailing hay but I look out the window to see a gentle steady rain. This will help the pasture but is not much good for the hay laying in the field.

Mary and I returned home from the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday June 12th. We took a couple of days and spent them with our friends and Dexter Breeders, Carol and Bob Rohloff in Montrose, MO. We had a wonderful relaxing time which was just what we needed. While there we attended the Bates County Cattlemen's Association Meeting and Barbecue. Those folks do know how to make a good barbecue and the meeting was very interesting too. We all have some of the same problems.

I would like to comment on those items presented that are not covered in the minutes of the AGM. I want you to know that the Board did consider everything that was presented to them.

Color and Size should be examined and better defined. Size is covered in the review of standards. Color - There are those who would like to have a classification of Red not just Red/Dun. The Board recognizes the variation of color. Some members feel they have Red animals others would say these same animals are Dun. It was decided that only if one person determined color of all Red/Dun animals could we be sure of color. This is impossible so the designation remains unchanged. Remember too that "Black is Beautiful". Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 5th Edition defines Dun as "Any of several colors varying from Red to Yellow in hue, of low or very low saturation and brilliance".

Pool Dexter Steers for feeding and sale. The idea is to feed and sell these steers to Japanese Markets. From my own experience with the beef industry this will only work when a meat packer can be assured of a steady supply of several hundred animals per week. This is a market demand we can not meet. The Board would like to see a group of steers pooled for feeding in order to gain information on rate of gain, yield and grade. Due to shipping costs this should be done where there are a number of available animals.

Mad Cow Disease. USDA has little

concern at this time due to the low incidence or no known cases in the United States. Shipment of semen is being allowed into the United States from the U. K. Countries. Much more concern by the media than people "in the know".

Do not send <u>Bulletin</u> to prospective members. The concern was that there was too much negative reporting. The past 4 issues of the <u>Bulletin</u> has taken care of any such problems.

Identification of A. I. produced cattle in the Herd Book be eliminated. This identifies the use of A.I. and who has used semen from available bulls.

Additional fee for A. I. produced cattle be eliminated. On many applications for registration of A. I. produced animals the paper work is not complete, this required additional correspondence and expense for the organization hence the additional charge.

Raise annual dues by \$10.00 for support of Directors. Refer to minutes - all fee increases must be approved by the general membership. At present only Secretary - Treasurer - Registrar receives compensation or expense allowance.

Membership listing in the Herd Book should include Internet and Fax numbers. This would be done only with the permission of individual members.

Is there a better way of getting Board things done in a timely fashion? We need more input from the General Membership.

We are aware of many concerns within the organization. A number of these were addressed. We sense better cooperation among the members. It was a very worthwhile and productive meeting and I am sure that we all expect to move forward with a positive approach. The attendance at the AGM was the largest of any during the past 10 years. The Show and Sale was very well planned and provided entertainment for all.

I wish to thank the Board for their confidence in selecting me to continue as your president for another year. I look forward to hearing from you. Let's make this next year the best one yet.

........

R. S. "Shep" Springer



R.S. "Shep" Springer

From the Editor

This year's National ADCA Meeting, Show and Sale, was one of the best attended in many years. It's good to see so many members take part in and support the Association as this can only help to promote and improve our Dexter cattle.

While the Sale was great for buyers, prices could have been better for the sellers. The Show was lots of fun and there was a good variety of different Dexter types and colors. No matter how many articles I print regarding color or size it's not the same as seeing in person. Breeders had the opportunity to witness and learn the difference between red and dun, short and tall. Dr. Wes Patton had the unenviable task and did an excellent job of judging and I believe all his tires were still full of air afterwards. All those breeders that were proud enough of their cattle to show them deserve credit for their efforts on behalf of Dexters.

Dr. Densil Allen emphasized the convenience and the value to the breed of a show and sale as an exchange of outside genetics to a region. As guest speaker at the banquet, he also answered members animal health questions.

A very special thanks to Dean and Rosemary Fleharty for their hard work and effort in hosting a very successful AGM.

I was privileged to sit in on the Board meetings. They have to make difficult decisions for the good of all and sometimes it becomes the one that causes the least pain. If you have questions, concerns, or gripes about the breed or the association, these are the people to send them to. Just remember that these are fellow breeders such as yourself that have volunteered their time and services on behalf of the breed.

I appreciated the applause at the AGM but would prefer if you all would use your hands to write and send me an article about your farm or Dexters. As the Editor I just try to fit in and arrange your contributions. It's your Bulletin.

Thanks, Richard Henry



Best cow/calf pair, Toby's P-Bar Humbird, with owner John Phillips and Don Pichota.

Fertility testing bulls should be a priority By Jerrod Samber, Logan County CSU extension agent

Fertility testing bulls should be an annual event for every cow/calf producer. Unfortunately, many do not test bulls at all, much less annually.

Some ranchers adopt the "what I don't know won't hurt me" philosophy. They never really know whether their bull maintained his fertility and/or if he can still settle cows. Other producers try to make it a habit to sell bulls once they reach a certain age. If three or more bulls go into one pasture, more than likely an infertile bull will not be noticed (unless he happens to be the dominant bull in that group).

Basically, there are four main reasons why a bull becomes infertile; (1) nutrition, (2) weather, (3) age, and (4) injury/disease.

Nutrition: Normally, bulls that are in poor condition will produce a lower quality of semen compared to bulls that are in prime breeding condition. In addition, bulls in poor condition are very susceptible to weather damage and disease.

Weather: Please remember that the process of producing sperm takes at least 45 to 60 days; this means that if bulls are going to be used May 1, weather conditions 45 to 60 days earlier will effect their semen quality. In addition, severe cold or cold and wet weather can cause frostbite. Frostbite and cold damage can easily impair a

bull's ability to produce semen.

Age: Some bulls will still be fertile in old age; however, the quality of a bull's semen declines with age. The age at which a bull's fertility begins to decline is very dependent on the bull and/or the conditions he is maintained under.

Injury: Suffering from foot rot, running a fever, or just not feeling well can also effect a bull's ability to produce quality semen.

Most bulls will be fertile for most of their useful life; however, some will suffer declines and failures. The cost to maintain and feed an infertile bull tremendously outweighs the cost to fertility test.

Colorado State University's Department of Clinical Sciences has reported data that shows there is a difference in pregnancy rates from non-tested bulls compared to tested bulls. This statement alone indicates that fertility testing a bull is cost effective.

If you do not fertility test your bull, consider doing so. Next calving season probably would not be the best time to discover that one or more of your bulls were not as fertile as you expected them to be.

This article appeared in the "Fence Post" March 11, 1996, and is reprinted with permission.

1996 ADCA SHOW RESULTS

BULLS

Class 1 - 1st Reddick's Axe #7921 John Phillips Fresno, OH

Class 2 - 1st Supremo P-Bar Zodiac #7902 Don Piehota Snyder, OK

Class 2 - 2nd Shorty P-Bar Toby #7901 Don Piehota Snyder, OK

Class 3 - 1st - Champion bull Irving of Green Valley #7922 R.S. & Mary Springer Fort Collins, CO

Class 3 - 2nd SJDH Two Bates Zorn #7427 Marvin Johnson Elkhart, KS

Class 3
Morning Glory's Josh #7580
Jerry Starnes & Dick Dalton
Popular Bluff, MO

Class 3
Rainbow Hills Deep Red #7925
Jerry Starnes & Dick Dalton
Popular Bluff, MO

Class 4 - 1st
Shome Ferdi's Rolli #7602
Dean & Rosemary Fleharty
Concordia, MO

Class 4 - 2nd
Rainbow Hills Bo #7579
Jerry Starnes & Dick Dalton
Popular Bluff, MO

Class 5 - 1st - Reserve Champion bull Bright's Red #6571 John Phillips Fresno, OH

HEIFERS

Class 1 - 1st - Reserve Champion Rocky Hills Shilohmist #7841 John Phillips Fresno, OH

Class 2 - 1st Toby's P-Bar Bountiful #7502 Don Piehota Snyder, OK

Class 2 - 2nd Shome Jani #7608 Dean & Rosemary Fleharty Concordia, MO

Class 2 Toby's P-Bar Zenia #7503 Don Piehota Snyder, OK

Class 3 - 1st
Irene Of Green Valley #7361
R.S. & Mary Springer
Fort Collins, CO

Class 3 - 2nd
Morning Glorys Amanda #7301
Jerry Starnes/Dick Dalton
Popular Bluff, MO

Class 3
Rainbow Hills Red Beauty #7577
Jerry Starnes/Dick Dalton
Popular Bluff, MO

Class 3 Shome Maxis #7604 Dean & Rosemary Fleharty Concordia, MO

Class 4 - 1st Haze E. Z. #7276EX Richard & Julie Henry Lee's Summit, MO

Class 4 - 2nd RFF Loosestrife #7811EX Gary Williams Penobscot, ME Class 5 - 1st Shome Renee #7600 Dean & Rosemary Fleharty Concordia, MO

Class 5 - 2nd Rocky Hill's Plain Jane #7544 John Phillips Fresno, OH

Class 6 - 1st - Champion SJDH Mamie #7422 Marvin Johnson Elkhart, KS

COWS

Class 7 - 1st - Reserve Champion Best udder
Shome Shelli #5944
Dean & Rosemary Fleharty
Concordia, MO

Class 8 - 1st - Champion Best Cow/Calf Toby's P-Bar Humbird #3395 John Phillips Fresno, OH

Class 8 - 2nd
Brome Reach Zoya #4516
Dean & Rosemary Fleharty
Concordia, MO

Class 8 Juno of Old Orchard #3219 John Phillips Fresno, OH

Class 9 - 1st
Molly of Tak-Sca-Du-Hav #1854
Robert & Gloria Walters
Anthony & Peggy Wayne
Columbia, MO

OXEN
Billy & Doc
Kathy Smith
Fort Plain, NY

Congratulations to all!

The World of Dexters



Australia

The following is reproduced with permission from the Australasian Dexter Association's Magazine, Summer Edition, 1995/1996.

WHAT IS A DEXTER?

I've read the books - the Standard of the Breed tells me that my Dexter should be so high and so heavy and a particular colour. I am told they should be this and they should be that and their tails should be set in this fashion and so on and so forth.

Wrong!

The Dexter is the calf peering at me through the bedroom window with his mouth full of pumpkin from the surplus that I carefully stored away and he has found.

The Dexter is the calf standing under the clothes line with all my pegs strewn around her.

The Dexter is also the steer standing under the clothes line on washing day and happily chewing on the cuff of my husband's trousers.

The Dexter is the heifer standing in my garden with a look of absolute bliss on her face as she nibbles the new spring shoots off my rose bushes one by one. The Dexter is also the cow who prefers the roses (yellow ones in particular) when they bloom.

A Dexter - well a Dexter is the week old calf running out from underneath her mother to chase the chooks; a Dexter is also the same calf running at the dog until her mother comes along and chases the dog - and I swear the calf was grinning when her mother put the dog out of the yard; a Dexter is the three month old steer chasing the dog at full speed around and around the paddock and then stopping and letting the dog chase him.

The Dexters are the calves waiting and mooing at the house yard gate in the morning to get in and they are the ones that head for the grain bin whenever they see me go outside in the hope that hey can convince me that they are starving and need some grain - I might add that they are far from starved but they often get an extra handful anyway.

The Dexter is the bull calf, not more than an hour old, putting his head down and running at you. The same bull calf that the vet reckons is one month old going on twenty six.

The Dexter is the calf who drives his recipient mum just about mad with his antics, he won't stay put, he won't do as he is told - he has places to go, things to do and things to see right from the moment he is born. Not for one instant does the Dexter believe that he is "little cattle" especially when I see the Dexter cow in a "battle to the death" (or so it appears) with a Friesian almost twice her size in height and weight.

The Dexters are the ones that demand that little bit of extra attention when we are out in the paddocks and behave more like large dogs than small cattle.

The Dexters are the ones that cause us to waste hours daily just watching their antics - after all who could not stop to watch a calf chasing a magpie around the paddock or the same 4 month old calf trying to move a tree that has been in the same place for many years.

The Dexter is the one that comes up to the glass door while I am at the computer and leaves nose marks on the glass and the Dexters are the ones that always leave lick marks on the outside mirrors of the car and bump them out of adjustment.

If there is a fence to be got through - they are through it but of course only by accident.

If there is mischief to get into - they are into it, on purpose.

If there is anything different going on - they are the first to notice it; and they are certainly the very first to fit into a new routine.

The Dexters are the ones that cause the least trouble for us and the most.

Dexters are Irish - and they have the childlike innocence and sense of fun that is intrinsic in the people of Ireland - did the cattle inherit this spirit from the people or the other way around, I wonder.

Either way, the Dexters are the ones in our herd that have stolen our hearts.

Sandy Bird Harmony Dexter Stud

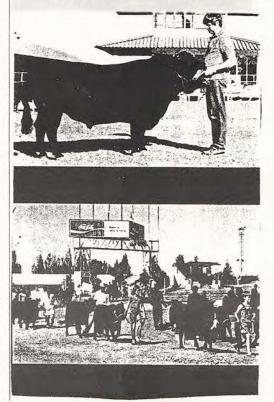
United Kingdom

Printed with the kind permission of the English Dexter Cattle Society, a Limerick from the April <u>Bulletin</u>. (Apart from the leg bit it's true!)

There was a young cow from Aughton Who had three long legs and a short'n Then she stood on my foot And didn't leave so much as a cut So, it's a good job she doesn't weigh as much as a shorthorn.

by Robert F. Rose

South Africa



The Story of Autumn

by Gabriella Nanci

I started my Dexter herd about seven years ago, after purchasing several beautiful animals from Rudy Gilster, in Texas. At the time, Herb Hoppe was the only other Dexter breeder in Southern California, and I quickly made his aquaintance. Herb

moved to Kansas, taking his herd, but leaving me with a very nice bull calf. About six months later, I received a letter from Herb, asking if I would like to purchase two heifers as well. It seems that he had run out of room in his stock trailer and had left two yearling heifers at a boarding facility in California. He hadn't found the time to return for them, and they were collecting quite a boarding bill.

After purchasing the two heifers, I started to notice how fat they looked. Herb assured me that they had never been exposed to his bull. I

called the boarding facility, and they promised the heifers were open. I waited a couple months and noticed that they were "bagging-up." Once again I called the boarding facility. The owner told me that both heifers had been penned with a Holstein "steer."

Apparently, Mr. Holstein Steer had not been fully steered, as these two 37" heifers had to deliver the biggest calves I've yet to see come from a Dexter. The first heifer to calve, Stormy, had a forty-five pound heifer calf, while her poor sister, Autumn, continued to grow wider and wider. When she couldn't stretch anymore, her underline gave way, and the swelling and edema brought her belly within inches of the

ground.

I believe every veterinarian in the county knew about this cow. They all had different ideas about how to cut-up and remove the unborn calf, but I decided to let her carry to full term and set a date with a veterinarian to remove

Gabriella Nanci with Autumn's twin calves

the whole calf by cesarean section.

The day of Autumn's appointment she decided to start labor on her own, and with her pushing and us pulling, we got a sixty-eight pound bull calf. The poor cow stood there, motionless, for at least an hour as we guided the calf to a teat that was ridiculously low for a newborn of that size. (Remember that Holstein heifers are often bred to smaller-breed bulls to reduce calving difficulty: poor Autumn had it the other way around.)

Autumn took nearly a year off before breeding back and having her next calf; a thirty-two pound bull calf. (Quite a difference!) Since then, she's had a calf every year.

This year, Autumn started looking

suspiciously large again. I don't have any Holstein "steers" so I said jokingly, to a friend, "Maybe, she'll twin!"

Autumn delivered twin bulls on January 30th, choosing one of California's few rainy days for the event. I had penned her in the maternity

> corral, so I could see her from the kitchen window. I was on the phone with that same friend, when I saw the first calf. He was of normal size, so I forgot all about the twin thing. But when I glanced out again there were two calves standing next to I hung up the phone, assuming some other cow's calf was inthe wrong pen and went to straighten things out. But they were both hers. and just as healthy as can be! (Maybe Autumn wanted to make-up the calving she vear missed!) Autumn nurses both

calves just fine, and sometimes I see her nursing a third (freeloader) from another cow. I am sure her beautifully matched boys would make the perfect oxen team.

So that's the life story of Autumn, my little Dexter cow, and her unusual calving history.

Gabriella Nanci breeds Dexters and other livestock at her Belle Fourche Farm in Southern California. Gabriella also serves as Editor for the Guinea Hog Association.

The Dexter Bulletin

Some observations about Dexters and their owners by Frederick D. Chesterley, Director for Region 3

In evaluating the marketing of Dexters, an examination of other breeds may help.

Holsteins are black and white. If research proved that the more white a cow had the less milk she would produce in her lifetime, what would the result be? My guess, within ten years Holsteins would be black. Sixty years ago the Angus was short legged and a butterball. Today it is long of leg and rangy. Commercial breeders are very market sensitive. Returning to the Holstein, what of the breeder who is loval to black and white? He claims that a solid black isn't a Holstein by definition, but breeds what we make them, and all that happens is that the definition is changed: a Holstein is a black cow. The lovalist may argue. complain, gripe but the market will prevail.

Does this apply to Dexters? Yes, it does. However Dexter breeders are not as sensitive to the market forces as are commercial breeders. Dexter breeders are a varied lot, hobbvists, small acreage, park and some commercialists. Many are perfectly willing to subsidize their animals over a long period of time. The result is that the market is force is moderated, but it does prevail in the end. Dexter breeders are a contentious group, one likes dwarfs another doesn't, one likes horns another doesn't, and so it goes. One solution is to cast in stone the visual aspects: we won't register if white is showing, if it doesn't have a broad muzzle, if the nose on the red animal isn't pink, and so on ad infinitum. Only two things are wrong with this solution: cost to enforce is prohibitive and it may be lethal to the breed. Lethal, if what we cast in stone isn't what the market wants.

How has the Association handled the problem? So long as the animal comes from the gene pool, one can register it. This leads to endless bickering. Those who would cast in stone versus those who would see many of their animals unregisterable. So the Association has a foot in each camp with the usual result, no one is really happy. Since we are already halfway there, why not complete the move? We register anything from the gene pool now. To complete the picture, throw out the show standards and anything relating to appearance. At the same time adopt as standards those items we are in agreement on. Dexters are bovines derived from the Dexter gene pool, they are under 42" at the shoulder. They have the following attributes: they are hardy, docile, easy calvers with excellent meat and ample milk for their calf. They may be black, white, dun, or red

What would this do for us?

- It would legitimize what we are doing now.
- It would take the steam out of much of the bickering.
- It would add a real plus to our advertising. The Dexter breeder is free to develop the animal he envisions as the perfect bovine. His only limitation is the gene pool and the non-visual standards (hardiness, et. al).
- It would lead to more experimentation and variations with the result of an enlarged market for all Dexters. Last year a member asked the blessing of the Directors to work with others in developing a commercial strain. The Directors said "no, we can't give our blessings to something we can't see". How shortsighted! What should say is. "granted immediately. We are enthusiastic about the idea". (After all they haven't seen 99% of the calves that are registered each year.) If a group or an individual asks the Directors blessing on developing a white Dexter, yes, blessings on thee! The group wanting to develop 20" Dexters, bless them too. Why? Because the more strains the more interest and excitement and of course the more people buying and breeding Dexters.

It has been proven time and again that it is a false premise that one is better off by having only one model and trying to establish a monoply. In a sense a monoply is a straightjacket and few want to be in a straightjacket. Take a leaf from GM's Chevrolet Division. They do not make just one model and every time they make a red one it has a pink nose (read trim). It is everthing from Geos to Caprices, and why, because it sells more of everything they produce. When I saw my first Pygmy goats I thought, "why would anyone want one of those things when the standard goat isn't that much larger". I didn't think they would last, they have. Did they wipe out the standard goat? No, there are more standard goats now because the Pygmy brought more interest in goats in general.

For you who have trouble accepting this approach, perhaps the following poem by Sam Walter Foss will ease the pain.

The Calf Path on the next page.

California State Fair

I would like to remind everyone that the Dexter class at the California State Fair is scheduled for Monday. August 26th through Thursday, August 29th. I will have fair premium books sent to everyone as soon as they become available. We need to have at least 30 Dexters shown by a minimum of 5 breeders in order to meet the requirements of the Fair to continue having a Dexter class. I encourage all of you to consider participating. We all had a lot of fun at last year's fair.

This year's regional meeting was held at Wes and Jane Patton's home in Orland, California. Members had the opportunity to get together and learn about fitting and grooming Dexters for the show ring and/or to show to prospective buyers. •

Bill Kirkland, Director for Region 9

THE CALF PATH

One day through the primeval wood A calf walked home as good calves should; But made a trail all bent askew, A crooked trail as all calves do. Since then three hundred years have fled, and I infer the calf is dead.

But still he left behind his trail.
And thereby hangs my moral tale.
The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way;
And then a wise bellwether sheep
Pursued the trail o'ver vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too,
As good bellwethers always do.
And from that day, o'ver hill and glade,
Through those old woods a path was made.

And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about,
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path;
But still they followed — do not laugh —
The first migrations of that calf,
And through this winding wood-way stalked
Because he wobbled when he walked.

The forest path became a lane
That bent and turned and turned again;
This crooked lane became a road,
Where many a poor horse with his load
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,
And traveled some three miles in one.
And thus a century and half
They trod the footsteps of that calf.

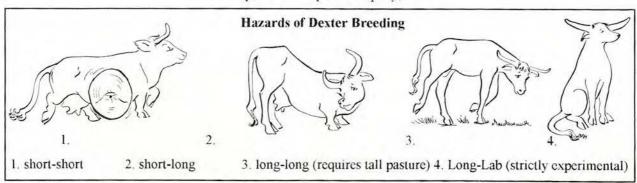
The years passed on in swiftness fleet,
The road became a village street;
And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare,
And soon the central street was this
Of a renowed metropolis;
And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.

Each day a hundred thousand rout Followed this zigzag calf about And o'ver his crooked journey went The traffic of a continent. A hundred thousand men were led By one calf near three centuries dead. They followed still his crooked way, And lost one hundred years a day; For such reverence is lent To well - established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach Were I ordained and called to preach: For men are prone to go it blind Along the Calf-path of the mind, And work away from sun to sun To do what other men have done. They follow in the beaten track. And out and in, and forth and back, And still their devious course pursue, To keep the path that others do. They keep the path a sacred groove. Along which all their lives they move: But how the wise old wood - gods laugh, Who saw the first primeval calf. Ah, many things this tale might teach — But I am not ordained to preach.

* Sam Walter Foss * (1895)

Courtesy of Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Company, Inc.



Classified Advertising

Dexter Cattle For Sale

Cows and heifers bred to 1994 National Champion bull. Also, 1995 CA State Fair Ch. bull and female. Weaned heifer, bull and steer calves available now.

Glenn Land Farm Wes Patton 7069 County Rd. 20 Orland, CA 95963 (916) 865-7250 Calves, cows, and bulls. Embryos also available. All from certified and accredited herd by Ohio Dept. of Agriculture.

Briar Hill Farm James G. Johnson 4092 Broadview Rd. Richfield, OH 44288 (216) 659-4861

Cows, heifers, and bulls. All ages and sizes. Very short to tall. All black. Some dehorned.

J & J Mini Ranch John and Judy Heisler 1600 17th Ave. Longmont, CO 80501 (303) 651-0420 For sale: Registered Dexter stock. Dehorned. Please call for more information.

Crow Hill Farm The Schlegels 5484 Force Rd. Shreve, OH 44676 (216) 567-3890

Herd dispersal sale. Will offer volume pricing. Call evenings.

Wee Gaelic Farm 29417 - 22nd Ave. E. Roy, WA 98580 (206) 843-2851 / (206) 752-9818 GREAT SALE:

DEXTER'S

Registered dehorned black bull and cow. Bull - #4021. Manitou P-Bar Toby. Born 2/9/89. Short, great breeder was \$1100. Cow - #2935. Bricoe's Eleanor. Born 1/29/85. Was \$600. - Buy the pair for \$1100.

Jerry Sewrook 712 Hermosa Chaparral, NM 88021 (505) 824-4357

Registered Dexter cows, heifers, and bulls. Black, some very short to tall. Heifer calves dehorned and halter broken.

Morgan Ridge Farm Donna Martin / Robert Tobey 19615 Asheville Hwy. Landrum, S.C. 29356 (803) 457-4916 Jo - Ro Dexters Roger and Joan Kemp Box 922 Grand Forks, B.C. Canada, VOH - 1HO Ph. (604) 442-3402

2 large cows bred back to Anton Gold - our herd bull. Several calves on ground, all sizes & colors.

Rainbow Hills Dexter Farm Jerry Starnes Rt. 13, Box 75 Poplar Bluff, MO. 63901 (314) 785-2719 or (816) 826-5645 Upland Dexters & D3 Dexters offer for sale, dual registered Dexter bred cows & heifers, yearling & 2 yr. old bulls; short & long leg, black or red/dun.

Donna Hutchinson Gen Del Rimbey TOC 2JO Alta, Canada (403) 843-3076

Dexter Cattle For Sale

Registered cows, heifers, calves, and bulls. All from MO Dept. of Ag. certified disease-free herd. Also USDA inspected summer sausage and beef sticks made from Dexter beef.

Twainland Dexter Farm James Mitchell Rt. 2, Box 71 Paris, MO 65275 (816) 327-5585

If you didn't check with me, you may have paid too much!

Heifer's, Cows, & Bulls Some Black, Mostly Red/Dun Cattle are in North Carolina Delivery possible in the South

> Snow Bird Mt. Dexters 555-B N. 15th Street Immokalee, FL 33934

> Phone (941) 657-3464 or (704) 367-9442

Jim Moody

Mix or Match - Red/dun cow 8 years old - dehorned "Emerald Cinnamon Fern" #3626. 2 red/dun offspring with horns / out of "Fairyhill Peter" - Heifer 8/1/94 "Mountview Cinnamon Rose" #7234. Heifer calf 8/27/95 (not registered yet).

Eileen Dyer Maple Hill Farm 233 Shrewsbury St. Holden, MA 01520 (508) 829-5688

Top of the line registered Dexters; herd of 16 black cows with red/dun herd bull; will sell cow / calf pairs, open heifers (12 mos. & older), heifer calves, bull calves, and breeding age bulls. Prices are negotiable.

John Clouse 1873 Chatham Church Rd. Moncure, NC 27559 (919) 542-3339 e-mail HN4565@handsnet.org

QUALITY DEXTERS



Bright Meadows RR 1 Ladysmith, B.C., Canada VOR 2EO Carol Davidson (604) 245-4046

BREEDING FOR CONFORMATION-SIZE-DISPOSITION

Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves.

Elmer E. Templeton Rt. 1, Box 65 Fleming, OH 45729 (614) 373-4892

> Windy Hollow Dexters Larkspur, Colorado (303) 681-3838 Heifer and bull calves Registered - Horned

Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves. Black. Both short and tall.

Lazy L Ranch Larry Crompton 3871 Skyhawk Lanc Vacaville, CA 95688 (707) 446-4880

Herd reduction sale, private treaty. Bred cows, bulls, and heifers. Call evenings.

Phillip Martz RD4 Box 162 Berlin, PA 15530 (814) 267-5052



Smiling Johnson

Dexter Headquarters
P.O. Box 441
Elkhart, Kansas 67950
Phone (405) 696-4836
Stationed in the Oklahoma Panhandle

Specializing in the original horned cattle under 40". Choice breeding stock, prices upon request. Breeding for the ultimate in flavor and low fat for the health conscious consumer.



Dexter Cattle For Sale

THOMAS' DEXTERS

AL & SANDI THOMAS P.O. BOX 135 ANTELOPE, OR 97001 PHONE/FAX (541) 489-3385



*20 Years of Breeding Champion Dexters.

*We are dedicated to the Breed, and its improvement.

*Specializing in TRUE RED color, we believe we have the largest herd of **Red**/dun Dexters in North America.

*Always have cows and heifers for sale. Check for availability of bulls, we only offer the best each year.

*Please note our new State Telephone Prefix number (541).

2 black Dexter cows - both dehorned - both bred to red/dun bull due to calve in July, both are halter broke & broke to pull light loads, both have been milked by hand.

 1 - 2 yr. old black open heifer - dehorned - halter broke & broke to pull light loads.

1 - 1 yr. old black bull. Broke to drive & pull light loads - very gentle - short legged. All are healthy quality animals & very gentle.

Jerry & Alice Wade

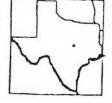
3200 W. Old State Rd. Scottsville, KY 42164 (502) 622-8280

Registered Dexter cows, bulls & calves Richard C. Keep of Ninepipe Farm 1394 Olsen Road - Charlo, MT 59824 - (406) 644-2642 Also available for custom hauling



Texas Registered Stock

Both Types of Registered Dexter Stock Usually Available For Sale



We need more breeders in Texas. Therefore, if we don't have the animal you want, we will help you find it from our Texas Breeders.

Briscoe's DBL D Stock Farms

Doyle & Delmoreen Briscoe 8218 W. FM 93 Belton, Texas 76513 817-939-6016 At Dog Run, we breed registered Dexter cattle for short, well-proportioned conformation and good dispositions.

Now offering a selection of horned black cows, heifers, and calves. Delivery services available.

Larry Higgins & Gwen Casey-Higgins Dog Run Dexters Route 3 Box 5806 Berryville, VA 22611 (703) 955-4421

Available - Cow calf pairs, weaning age heifer and bull calves. Adult cows. All are black.

R.S. "Shep" & Mary Springer 708 Inverness Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970) 484-2711

Herd reduction sale: bred cows, heifers and bull.

Deliveries negotiable. Call day/eve. or leave message.

Deryl Schibbelhute

La Junta, Colorado 1601 Himebaugh (719) 384-5257

For sale, 4 cows with heifer calves \$600 to \$1000 per pair. 1 8 year old with bull calf \$700. 4 bred heifers to calve in Aug. & Sept. 1 yearling heifer \$600.

L. R. & Fae Stanley P.O. Box 1527 Alturas, CA 96101 Phone (916) 233-2771

Registered Dexter cattle for sale: heifer & bull calves, bred heifers & cows, and bulls, red/dun or black, short or tall, large number to choose from.

Dave Friedrich 4704 Hwy 16 S Antelope, MT 59211 (406) 286-5219 Dale Friedrich PO Box 111 Antelope, MT 59211 (406) 286-5289

Available Soon
Official ADCA Herd/Farm Signs
Prices & Sizes
In Next Bulletin

Dexter Cattle For Sale

Genuine <u>**RED**</u>/dun bull calf. DOB 4-30-96. Half - brother to "Lucy" who topped the National Sale. Also a full sister to "Lucy" DOB 4-16-96, black.

Gary Williams Box 243 AA Penobscot, Maine 04476 (207) 326-4717

HERD DISPERSAL MUST SELL 7 HEAD VERY TAME REGISTERED DEXTER HEIFERS/COWS. EXCELLENT QUALITY, CHERISHED BLACK BEAUTIES.

Tom and Pat McWilliams Hickory Hollow Farm Rt. 4, Box 49 Kirksville, MO 63501 Call: (816) 627-0204

Creekbank Dexters

Jerry & Valerie Boettger RR#1, Tofield AB, Can. TOB4JO (403) 662-2735 For Sale - 3 Dexter calves(SL &LL) Sire - Kahoka Dun Buster Weaned & Dehorned - Red/Dunn & Black

2 Dexter 14 mo. old heifers for sale. One is all black and registered. The other not registered due to white on rear legs. Both were dehorned as calves.

Charles D. Betz P.O. Box 254 Hobart, N.Y. 13788 (607) 538-9100

FOR SALE: REG. IRISH DEXTER

Heifers and heifer calves. \$500-\$600 each. All are black but carry the red/dun gene.

Heartnut Grove Farm Robert & Janice Williams 1478 Heartnut Road Holts Summit, MO 65043 (573) 896-5205

Registered Dexters from large herd. Cows, heifers, calves. A few Red/Dun. Transportation can be arranged.

IDA-J-MAR FARMS Jack Goodman 4148 N. 1100 E. Buhl, ID 83316 (208) 543-4461 Need to sell (divorce)

3 - 5 yr. old Cows. 1 - 3 yr. old Cow. 2 - 2 yr. old heifers. 1 - 2 1/2 yr. old heifers. All registered, Black. Best offer. Please be reasonable.

> Back 40 Ranch Spearfish, S.D. 57783 Noelyn Olson (605) 584-2046

Sale or Trade for unrelated bull of equal quality, bull yearling, born 4/12/95. Linebred. Sire, Rae of Sunshine, red/dun, #4588. Dam, Brush Creek Lady Scarlet, black, #4394. Long bodied, 38" at 12 months.

Jim Bennett

Rt. 1, Box 154 Williamsville, MO (314) 998-2488

Dexter Semen For Sale

Limited amount of semen available from Rhea of Sunshine, #4588. Red/dun, 38 1/2" tall, 670 lbs. @ 4 yrs. High proportion of heifers. First come, first serve. \$20 per straw plus s & h.

Rainbow Hills Dexter Farm Rt. 2, Box 75 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 (314) 785-2719 or (816) 826-5645





Semen for United States and Canadian use:

BEDFORD ROMARC RAMBLER #5449, black, 39" @ 18 mos. RIVERHILL SATURN'S GALAXY #5255, black, 43" @ 4 yrs. WEE GAELIC MR. O'TOOLE #5741, red/Dun, 45" @ 4 yrs. The above bulls are \$20 US / straw, \$25 Cdn. / straw.

CORNAHIR OUTLAW #6703, RED/dun, 44" @ 4 yrs. (Irish import) \$35 US (\$45 Cdn.) 1 - 5 straws, \$30 US (\$40 Cdn.) 6 or more.

SALTAIRE PLATINUM #6504P, black, POLLED, 42" at 3 yrs.

(English import w/Fred Chesterley, WA), \$30 US (\$40 Cdn.) per straw. Note: orders for 6 or more straws of Platinum get free ship/handling. All these bulls are guaranteed free of dwarfism. All have good temperment, long bodies, deep frames and have produced outstanding calves. For more information and photographs, contact Carol Davidson, Bright Meadows, R.R. 1, Ladysmith, B.C., Canada or call: (604) 245-4046.



Dexter Semen For Sale

Collected by COBA/Select Sires from Jamie O'Callen, #1949.
Black, proportionate type. Excellent disposition, 42" tall @ 39 months.

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

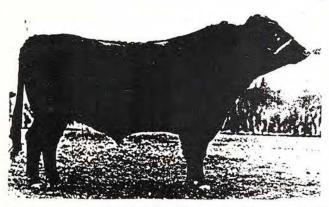
Saltaire Platinum: (2708) 6504P Your only source of polled genes in U.S. Height 42" @ 3 yrs.

For information, pictures and prices write:

F. D. Chesterley 4178 West Road Blaine, WA 98230

Very Rare. Looking for the shortest bull you can find to bring the height of your Dexter herd down? Here he is, Billy Bob's Danny Boy #7167, 32 1/2" tall at one year. Red/Dun, excellent temperment, very proportionate. Pictures and Pedigree sent on request. \$40.00 per straw plus S & H, minimum order 5 straws. Danny Boy is currently being used exclusively in an experimental crossbreeding program. For information contact Happy Mountain Farm.

Happy Mountain Farm 25204 - 156th Ave. S.E. Kent, WA 98042 (206) 631-1986



Use Lucifer of Knotting #3182, 45" at 3 yrs. if you are looking for a Top Red/dun Bull (Not Dun) to improve udders and milk production in your herd.

\$30.00 ea. U.S. 1 - 5 straws \$25.00 ea. U.S. 6 or more

> Paul & Judy Taylor P.O. Box 125 Colinton, Alberta TOGORO Phone/Fax (403) 675-3831 Cellular (403) 689-8360

Thomas' Reu' Grande' # 3847, 40" @ 3 yrs. Black w/RED/dun genes. \$20/straw + S & H. Available in Canada and U.S. International Export from Canada.

Thomas' Magic Pride #3848, Black w/RED/dun genes. 40" @ 3 1/2 yrs. \$20/straw + S & H. U.S. sales only.

Red! Thomas' Prides Red Baron #4882, 42" @ 4 yrs. Very docile. \$35/straw + S & H. Available for International Export from U.S. (NO Dun here!) Good dispositions, proportionate in confirmation. Blue or Champion winners @ Dexter shows. Strong, correct feet & legs. Produce quality healthy offspring. No minimum purchase required. All costs C.O.D.Thomas' Dexters, P.O. Box 135, Antelope, OR 97001

Collected from Glencara Paddy, #3864 EX. Black, 44 1/2" tall, 1050 lbs. @ 4 yrs. \$20 / straw + s & h. Note his offspring do not carry EX.

Evelyn Colclough 10418 16th St. East Puyallup, WA 98372 (206) 927-4608

Dexter Products For Sale

HALTERS FOR DEXTERS

HEIFERS/SM COWS & BULLS **SMALL**} MOST COWS/YOUNG BULLS **MEDIUM**} BULLS/LARGER COWS **LARGE**} **\$17.00**

NYLON WEBBING, UNDER CHIN-CHAIN. GREAT AT HOME OR SHOW. USE TO TIE OUT, LEAD, & TRAIN.

BLACK, GREEN, BLUE OR RED CHECK OR M.O. WITH ORDER, POSTAGE WILL BE C.O.D. SEND TO: THOMAS' DEXTERS, BOX 135, ANTELOPE, OR 97001 (541) 489-3385

DEXTER AI BULL REVIEW

A comprehensive collection of facts, statistics & extended pedigrees, with a photo (where available) of each bull and in many cases, additional photos of precursors and progeny.

This booklet is a *must have* for anyone considering using Dexter AI bulls.

\$15 cdn / \$10 U.S. includes shipping and postage. Order from: Index Marketing & Research Group Box 308 Cassidy, BC, VOR 1HO

> Dexter Field Day & Show Clinic 1996 Saturday July 20, 1996 For more information contact: Sandi Thomas P.O. Box 135 Antelope, OR 97001 (541) 489-3385

The Dexter Bulletin Page 15

Information

Books For Sale

The Life and Times of Dexters

by Ted Neal

A full color book about Dexters direct from England. \$27.50 check or money order.

Dexter Cattle

by John Hays - USA \$7.95 per copy, plus \$1.55 postage and handling.

The Dexter Cow

and Cattle Keeping on a Small Scale

by Dr. William Thrower - England \$9.00 each, postage paid.

Kerry and Dexter Cattle and other ancient Irish breeds,

A history

by Patrick Leonard Curran
Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture University College,
Dublin Council Member,
Royal Dublin Society, 1990
\$25

Please order all books from:
Rosemary Fleharty, Secretary
American Dexter Cattle Association
Route 1, Box 378
Concordia, MO 64020

Sales requirements for semen

Advertising pertaining to the sale of semen in the **Bulletin**, requires one to state the height of the bull from the shoulder to the ground and the age at which the height was recorded. The bloodtype for any bull being used out-of-herd A.I. must be on file with the ADCA.

All Ads Due by August 25



Hope everyone had a safe and happy Independence Day

Advertising

Classified advertisements of Dexter cattle or Dexter semen is \$5.00 for up to a 2" column ad or \$25.00 per year for six issues. Ads over 2" up to 4" are \$10 per ad or \$50.00 per year for six issues. All ads are limited to Dexters exclusively and subject to approval by the ADCA. Make all checks payable to the American Dexter Cattle Association. Please submit payment with your ad and send to:

17409 E. 163rd. St. Lee's Summit, MO 64082

All transactions are between buyer and seller. The Association trusts both will use their own good judgement and exercise the highest of integrity.

The Dexter Bulletin

The **Bulletin** welcomes articles and letters from the membership. Those published may be edited for length and clarity.

The reviews and opinions expressed in the **Bulletin** are those of the authors and may or may not agree with the American Dexter Cattle Association. The Association assumes no responsibility for technical data published by independent authors.

Send letters and articles to the editor:

Richard Henry 17409 E. 163rd. St. Lee's Summit, MO 64082

Fee Schedule

Cost of Registrations:	
Cows up to 1 yr, old	\$20.00
Bulls up to 2 yrs. old	\$20,00
Cows over I yr. old	\$40.00
Bulls over 2 yrs. old	\$40.00
Animals from A.I. sires add	\$1.00
Cost of Transfers:	
Regular transfers	\$20.00
Inner-herd transfers	\$10.00
Registration and transfers for non members	\$100.00
New membership (owning registered Dexters)	\$30.00
Associate membership (not owning Dexter cattle)	\$30.00
Annual renewal (for all memberships)	\$20.00
Subscriber (Bulletin only)	\$10.00
Names for registration cannot exceed 21 characters	
The tattoo code letter for 1996 is "F"	



Grand Old Dam of National Show, 20 year old Molly of Tak-Sca-Du-Hav, with owners Peggy & Anthony Walters

The Dexter Bulletin July/August

Richard Henry, Editor 17409 E. 163rd. St. Lee's Summit, MO 64082





John S. Merrifield 5634 N.E. 12th Newton, KS 67114