



# The Dexter Bulletin

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## Shoveling in Central New York State by Kathy Smith, Regional Director for NY and NJ

Yes, we've had our share of snow here in central NYS. I think that by Christmas or before, we had more snow than we'd had for all of last winter. Then, the thaws came and we flooded for a couple of weekends in a row. It's about that time of the winter when we've been through it all: snow, ice, water, and inevitably with animal ownership, manure.

The reality of livestock ownership is that whatever you shovel up to one end, you later shovel away from the other. Dexters are no exception to this rule, and smart as they are, I doubt that they would housebreak very easily. As a matter of fact, I do think that they are sometimes the paragons of self control as they wait until they get inside the barn and make their deposits where we walk. You've got to laugh about this stuff since it makes the barn floor like an oil slick, and if it's calves you're following behind, you might as well have walked through a barrel of peanut butter. Wow! It's amazing how the viscosity of cow manure can make hay stick to the boot. In a matter of seconds it's like walking with something the size of a snowshoe. Dexters hold these propensities in common with the rest of their bovine cousins.

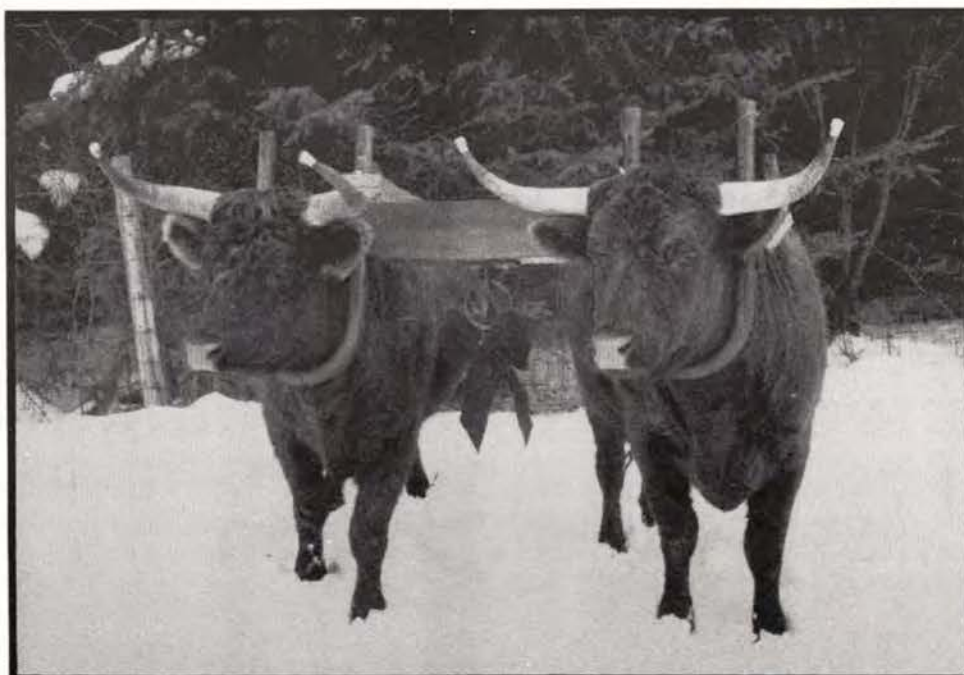
We let our breeding herd in for grain nearly every day, otherwise they spend their time in and out of a run-in shed as they choose. We shovel out stalls as needed and the shed we clean once each year over the course of one, arduous, back-breaking week in the spring. Our four working Dexter steers and two heifers are pastured with three old saddle horses, all of whom use the

end of a former dairy barn as a run-in shelter. It's this second barn, that we try to clean out at least once a week. It exercises the steers, it certainly exercises us, and it keeps us ahead on a little of the spring's work. The steers, Tom, Dick, Harry, and Curly, haul the manure out on a skid that my husband, Bob, built expressly for this purpose. It's a pitch-it-on and pitch-it-off method that we use reminiscent of a Third World Nation. The steers are coming on three this winter and getting accustomed to this manure job, otherwise known as the you-know-what detail.

Tom and Dick are large Dexters. We haven't taped them in awhile, but

I'd guess that they're around 1000 pounds each, tops. They probably stand at least 42 inches high, but we haven't measured recently. Tom and Dick usually come out ready to pull, and for about the first 25 feet, it's pull we do because they walk off at a good clip. If we want to get the loads out fast, these are the guys to use. Of course if you only need to go 25 feet, you get your work done in a real hurry. After the initial shot they slow down a bit, but a lot of pulling with these guys is like a foot race. As I hurry through the snow with my winter boots and insulated coveralls on, I'll bet I work up the same sweat as the aerobic exercise gurus. This job is too cold to wear leotards.

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**Tom and Dick - Striking a winter pose - December, 1995**  
Photo by Kathy Smith



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## From the President

Early in January Mary and I took time for a trip to Dillon, Montana to meet our first great-grand son, Timothy James Petritz. That was quite an event. He looks much like any baby but I can assure you we feel he is quite special. We spent time with our kids and grandchildren the Roscoe's. It was a wonderful week.

We also spent an enjoyable afternoon with George and J. D. Rich at Sheridan, Montana. They have about half a dozen Dexters, including the heifer they purchased from us at the 1994 sale in Chico, California. She now has a very nice bull calf. Rich's place is on a hillside overlooking the Beaverhead River Valley and the Pioneer Mountains and other ranges beyond. They are really fine people and have a small farm that is one of the real beauty spots of our country.

On the 7th of February we met Glen and Mary Peters from Greybull, Wyoming. They purchased a bull from us and we met them half way in Rawlins, Wyoming in order to make the transfer. Our visit was short but it was great to have the opportunity to meet them.

It seems as though 1996 is the year of travel for us. May 23rd we will be attending the high school graduation of our granddaughter in San Antonio, Texas. May 26th another granddaughter will graduate from high school in Dillon, Montana and we will be there. It is only about 1750 miles between. We will journey to Missouri for the ADCA annual meeting and sale June 6th.

For the above reasons we need your items for the agenda by no later than May 15th. You may either send suggestions to your Director or to me and we will make up the agenda from those suggestions. If you send ideas to your Director please allow time for them to reach me no later than May 15th.

Plans for the show and sale are progressing. I hope you have selected your animals to enter.

After considerable "shopping around" the ADCA now has Directors and Officers Insurance in force. We hope there is no need for it but it does provide *peace of mind*.

As I have said before we want your letters and ideas for the Bulletin. It's when the whole association is aware of your ideas that

we can talk about and act on your thoughts. It is your association!

R. S. "Shep" Springer

## From the Secretary

If anyone is in need of assistance with flight reservations to the annual meeting contact All About Travel. Ask for Ted and tell him that you are with the ADCA. The telephone number is (800) 544-3019.

Rosemary Fleharty

## Region VI Annual Meeting

The annual meeting in Region 6 is to be held at Don and Pat Piehota's P-Bar Ranch, Rt. 2, Box 43A, Snyder, OK 73566, on May 18th starting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and lasting all day.

Looking forward to visiting with all Region 6 members.

Smiling Marvin B. Johnson

## Bylaws Revision Committee

There is still time for members to send your ideas, suggestions, and opinions to the Bylaws Revision Committee.

The Board appointed a Bylaws Revision Committee to examine the present Bylaws and recommend changes, if warranted, for the approval of the Board and the membership.

Please help the Committee by sending your input as soon as possible.

Sophia is still enjoying those Arizona sunsets at her winter home, so send your views to:

Sophia Stillerman, Chairperson  
601 Corpino de Pecho  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

*"The public buys its opinions as it buys its meat, or takes in its milk, on the principle that it is cheaper to do this than to keep a cow. So it is, but the milk is more likely to be watered."*

Samuel Butler

**ADCA**  
**Annual Meeting**  
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**June 7-9, 1996**  
**Higginsville,**  
**Missouri**





## Shoveling in Central New York State

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Harry and Curly are the kings of slow. If the United States were crossed by steers that walked like these guys, I doubt that we'd even be as far as Rosemary and Dean Fleharty's house. By contrast if Tom and Dick had been around a couple centuries ago, well, we'll just say that they'd have had Civil War battles clean out to California because there'd have been a whole lot more states involved. Harry and Curly are good for exact work that needs to be done with care. Tom and Dick are better for heavy jobs that don't need to be done too exactly.

Harry and Curly are small Dexters, probably around 38 inches or less, which makes them environmentally handicapped when they try to get through deep snow. If the snow is deep then we need to take Tom and Dick first to break the trail, but I prefer to take Harry and Curly first so that I don't break trail going double time. They can all push through quite a bit of fluffy snow, but that crusty, icy stuff is hard on their legs. When it's icy, it's just plain dangerous for us all.

Recently I got out in the lot and realized that I'd forgotten to bring the fork with me. I decided to see if Harry and Curly would wait while I went back without them. I told them to stand, and as I walked away Harry kept turning his head as far as he could to watch me as I disappeared back to the barn. I hurried back and found that they'd only turned around on the chain and were curiously facing back towards the barn.

All four of the steers have learned the knack of waiting in a certain spot while we fill the skid up again, and then getting hitched on, pulling out the load, and waiting out in the lot while we pitch it off. They generally stand well, except that they don't like to be headed right directly into the storms, and I don't either, so we try to schedule this cleaning stuff for the better weather

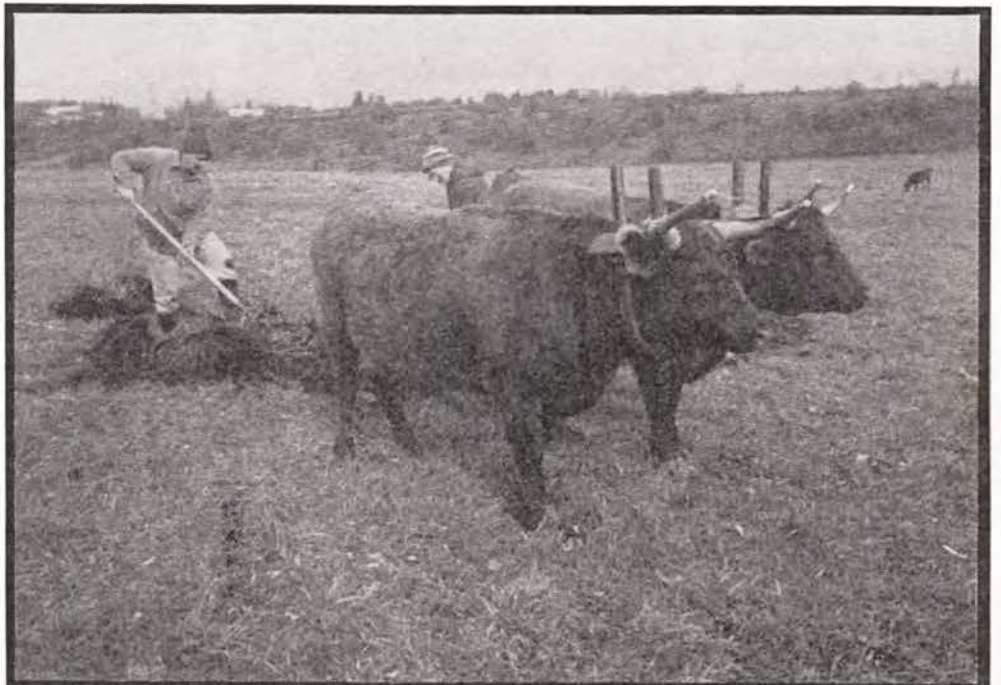


**Tom and Dick wait while Kathy Smith and Kathleen Suits pitch off the load.**

**Photo by Bob Smith**

days. That is, when we can find them here in central New York State.

I'm sharing a couple of photos of us skidding out manure back in the greener days of November. My mother, Kathleen Suits, has been a farm girl all of her life and now in her retirement doesn't miss a single skid leaving the barn. She wants to make sure that we spread it just right. ♦



**Tom and Dick wait while manure is being pitched off. Kathy Smith behind skid, Kathleen Suits behind oxen. Photo by Bob Smith November, 1995.**



## A COW NAMED STORM

by Amy Hayner

I saw my first Dexters at Dog Run Farm in August of 1993. It was love, immediately. I made feverish plans to try to get a cow home before Christmas. Unbeknownst to me, I was pregnant and was soon too sick (almost!) to think about cows. My husband was very concerned and asked what he could do to make me feel better - "well, a little black cow would help." It got to be a joke.

Finally, the next July, when my new baby was 4 months old, we made the big trip up to get the two cows we'd arranged to buy. Winchester is a good 4 hours from our home in Southeast Virginia, so it was quite an undertaking. It didn't help any that the weather was extremely hot.

The trip up was uneventful, the baby was angelic, the cows neatly corralled for us. Larry helped us load them and gave me the papers while sweat trickled down our faces. The baby gazed amazed through the back window at the big hairy, horned creatures. "By the way," Larry said, "This one's name is Storm. She was born in a blizzard." Right about then I noticed that it was thundering.

We didn't make as good of time on the way home. Even small cows can make a truck rock alarmingly when they are agitated, and excessive speeds of over 45 MPH seemed to upset them.

Things really began to go downhill when we reached Richmond. The baby began crying, we missed the exit for 295 and there we were, going right straight through town, at rush hour. We caught every light there was to catch, the baby was roaring, and the cows bellowing into the faces of the wide-eyed commuters beside us. Every now and then I'd look back over my shoulder at the towering purple thunderhead lurking dangerously near.

By the time we'd reached Petersburg, the baby had quieted

somewhat and we were racing to get home ahead of a truly monumental storm. No such luck. It finally fell on us and the windshield wipers were pitifully ineffective under such a waterfall. We crawled on past people that pulled off the road with their lights flashing and at last made it home. The poor wet cows tottered off to the pasture, we tottered to the house.

A week later, under a crashing repeat of the great storm, Storm cow calved. I began to see a pattern. We had her bred AI and she was due to calve the first week in January. I jokingly told everyone to batten down the hatches, we were due for some weather. She prudently calved a day before the blizzard of 1996 iced us in under 14 inches. I'm beginning to think that maybe I should publish Storm warnings before the next birth.



## Winning Letter From Region VI Contest

Dear Marvin B. Johnson,

I'm 10 years old and am in 4H in Douglas County, KS. My dad is in the Dexter association, but we have not bought any Dexters yet. We also belong to American Livestock Breeds Conservancy.

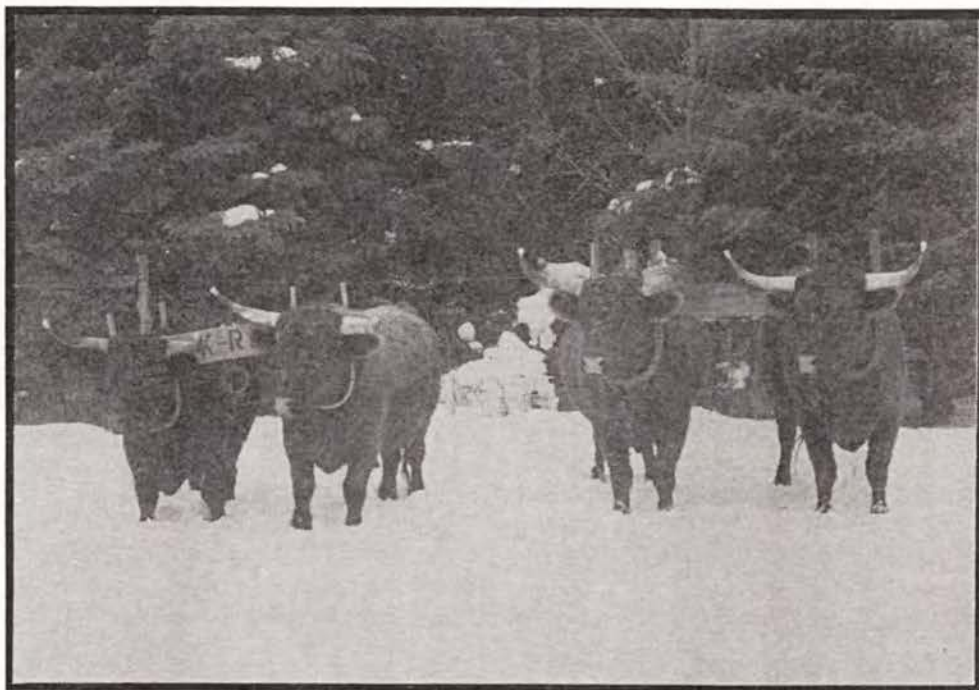
I would like to show Dexters because I'd like to make Dexters more popular and also for the people that know about them so that they could see a live one up close.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gesner

*Smiling Johnson Ranch will donate a steer calf each year in Region 6, to any 4H or FFA kid who will show it at a county fair. This year's lucky winner is Matthew Gesner.*

*Special thanks to Smiling Johnson Ranch for its sponsorship and congratulations to Matthew Gesner.*



Tom & Dick on right - Harry & Curley on left, Photo by Kathy Smith



## From Overseas



*W. W. (Dick) Bird is the President and Editor for the Australasian Dexter Association. Eileen Hayes is the Editor for the English Dexter Cattle Society. Both do an excellent job as editors of their respective Bulletins. Following is correspondence relating to the sharing of articles from our publications.*

### Australia

As President of the Australian Association and Editor of the A.D.A. Bulletin, I would be most happy for a reciprocal arrangement regarding the printing of material from our respective Dexter magazines to be set in place. The only request that I would make is that articles reprinted from the A.D.A. Bulletin be reprinted in their entirety and acknowledged as having been reproduced from the A.D.A. Bulletin, and of course any articles reprinted from the American magazine will be handled in exactly the same manner. I will put this matter to the A.D.A. Council at its next meeting and I will advise you of the outcome. The Councillors I have spoken with are in agreement.

I enclose for your interest and future use a copy of the Summer 1995 Australian Bulletin - I trust that you will enjoy this one. I hope you enjoyed the previous issues.

I look forward to receiving copies of the American magazine from you in due course and being able to pass on news and views from America to the Australian members.

The Dexter population is growing steadily in Australia and the breed is gaining ground and popularity - the A.D.A. is reported to be the fastest growing breed association in Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all the members in America a safe and prosperous new year.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. (Dick) Bird  
President/Editor  
Australasian Dexter Association

### England

Many thanks for your recent letter and kind comments regarding our Bulletin. I'm glad you like what we do. I get a great deal of enjoyment from producing it although it is hard work as I'm sure you realize!

I have asked our secretary to put you on our mailing list so hopefully, you can look forward to seeing some USA input in it from now on.

I am delighted to establish personal contact with you and hope it will be fruitful for both our Societies.

With very best wishes,

Eileen Hayes

Editor - UK, Dexter Cattle Society  
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### Surfin' the Internet with Palmer

My son, an architect, who teaches CADD, when he visits us he roams the Internet for any items on Dexters. About four months ago he found a rancher in Australia asking about our breed within an hour of when he got on line and referred him to Rosemary.

Another time we found Dexters but it took some time and the information was taken directly from our Membership Book history section with pictures out of our breed leaflet put into the Internet by Dr. Michael Thonney of Cornell University, but only a little marketing information.

Since the Internet is to be the future don't you think we should have a Page as they call it with factual data and not just history?

Palmer H. Langdon

*After Palmer's letter I went on line for a future story about the Internet. I would like to hear from members that have experience with this media. If you have knowledge and information that you would like to share about the Internet or on line Dexter experiences send it to the Editor.*

*If you're just beginning, Palmer suggests: <http://www.ansi.ok.state.edu/breeds/cattle/Dexter>*

## From Maine

What a great improvement with the Bulletin! I do not believe most people mind paying more if only they can see change.

At the annual New England - Maine Beef Expo held the end of April in Fryeburg, Maine, other breeds had excellent promotional videos. We need one also.

At some point in the future, we must come to grips with the issue of color. The present red/dun is misleading and confusing at best. Unethical is more accurate.

Why can't advertisers be required to state the price(s)?

Many other bovine and caprine breed associations promote classification as another improvement tool. The Association could do this with very little expense by establishing criteria and authorizing people to be official classifiers. These could be reimbursed on a per farm, per animal, or mileage basis, or some combination of these. Such a classification certificate would then accompany the registration form.

Gary Williams

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### Why is a cow called "Bossy"?

*Bossy* is a general name for a cow, just as *Dobbin* refers to a horse and *Tabby* to a cat. The Latin word for ox or cow is *bos*, and it is probable that the first person to call a cow *Bossy* was equipped with both a knowledge of Latin and a sense of humor. Some authorities, however, suppose the term to be related in origin to the dialectic English word *boss calf*, a young calf. In the Teutonic languages there is a root word variously spelled *bos*, *boose* and *buss*, which means barn, stall or crib. The thought is originally a *boss calf* was a calf kept in a barn or stall as distinguished from one grazing at large and that *bossy* as applied to a cow is derived from the same source.

*From A Book About A Thousand Things by George Stimpson*



## What is a Dexter?

### Part II

It is very difficult to improve something if you don't know what is wrong. One of the basics of a breed is uniformity. A breed is composed of a group of similar animals, similar in color, size, conformation, etc. Because size is visual it is of paramount importance to a breed. Why in a period of over eighty years in the U.S. haven't the Dexter breeders been able to produce a uniform size? The answer lies in dwarfism.

We might compare the dwarf with the kid who drops out of high school because he has gotten a good job. Some years later he wakes up to the fact that he has gone down a blind alley, he has cut his education short and he is stuck. So with the Dexter, for the past eighty years the dwarf has led us down a blind alley. The dwarf can't breed true.

The market is telling us something, that it wants the small animal and since the dwarf most nearly fills the bill, it is the premium Dexter. I do not think the market is saying it wants dwarfs, rather it is saying it wants that size. An animal 32 to 36 or 38 inches is what the market is really saying. The problem is how to get all the Dexters down to that size.

There is a solution to the problem. We have a model in Britain. Years ago the Dexter was almost extinct when the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST)\* took the Dexter under its wing. I'm not sure how many years later, twenty or thirty, the British Dexter is now dominated by what is called a middle leg and the middle leg is supplanting both the dwarf and the long leg. What did the RBST do? It told the breeders, keep your dwarf and oversized cows, but the bulls we will control. The breeder who had a bull calf that he felt would make a good sire would notify the RBST and sometime between nine and eighteen months of age an evaluator would come and judge the animal. If it was approved you could

register it, if not you had better steer it.

Can we duplicate the British accomplishment? The answer is yes. It takes years, but by the year 2015 or 2020 we will have a small, uniform proportionate Dexter that breeds true. Slowly the dwarfs and oversized animals will be supplanted. I think it would be almost painless. Is it worth it, you bet for the breed.

Another decision is where do we go on meat quality. It is unfortunate, but the most tender and best tasting beef, the premium meat, is heart attack meat. Highly marbled, cut it with a fork, and it is oh so good! Since tenderness (think fat) is highly heritable and can be determined on the live animal, we can go either way in evaluating bulls, heart attack and premium prices or health. I just don't think we can or should go both ways and if it is left up to the individual breeder we will go both ways to our sorrow.

One of the items that sets a breed apart is some kind of marking that is distinctive. The Dexter's size does not set it apart because every breed has Dexter size sometime in its youth. Our colors aren't distinctive, there are many other black or dun or red breeds. A hundred years ago or so some Dexter breeder didn't like white and persuaded the other breeders that white was undesirable. Fortunately white is still in the gene pool and is as much Dexter as black or dun or red. Ideally we should develop the white from between the front legs back including the udder. If the best we can do is from the navel back, so be it. With that we have a visually distinctive animal, small with a white belly. It would be unique as far as I know and uniqueness sells.

What is a Dexter? A Dexter is — well, a Dexter is what we humans make it. That is the way I started and so I end. We have the power to bring the proportionates down in size and make them more uniform. We can enhance the meat quality by going one way and with standardization the buyer knows what to expect. The white gene is there to give us a marker just as distinctive

as the Hereford's white face and the Holstein's black and white. I have shown you a way to greener pastures, a way to improve the Dexter. In the process of getting you from there to here, I am sure there are some readers who would like nothing better than to crown me with whatever they can get their hands on.

I hope that this has made you think as well as mad. I hope you will continue to think till the annual meeting next June, for I am recommending that the theme of next year's annual meeting be, QUO VADIS, that Saturday afternoon be devoted to brainstorming not only ideas I have enunciated but other ideas on how to improve the breed and how to implement the improvements.

Fred Chesterley

*\*Rare Breeds Survival Trust, NAC, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG, England.*

## Dexter Field Day & Show Clinic 1996

Saturday July 20, 1996

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## RE: Dexter Bulletin

Congratulations on the professional quality and "new look" of the January/February issue of the Dexter Bulletin. It is great!

While rooting around in our basement in town a while ago, we came across a couple of copies of old Bulletins that we thought you would find interesting. You will recognize some of the names of some "old timers" in the organization. What memories these old Bulletins and the current new one brings back!

Allow us to take a little of your time to reminisce a bit. When we got our first Dexters in 1964 the Bulletin was published sporadically using the standard letterhead stationary of the time. As we remember, the President of the Association generally took the responsibility of getting it out. Palmer Langdon published it for awhile and I remember at least a couple of editions being put out by Bill Carcaud. Frank McCabe may have put out an edition or two but don't remember.

When I became President, we felt that the masthead should be different from our letterhead stationary. Since I was an administrator in a vocational-technical high school, I asked one of the students to design a masthead for the Bulletin. The result is what you see on these old Bulletins. We recognized that it took up too much space, etc., but nonetheless felt it an improvement.

About this time some national advertising and a couple of articles printed in national magazines produced enormous interest in Dexters. We were receiving hundreds of inquiries per month between the address in Decorah and at my home. Eventually Mrs. Moore, unable to answer the inquiries, sent envelopes stuffed full of inquiries to us. We tried to answer them all and also to send interested parties an initial copy of the Bulletin. We were sending out something like 2,000 + copies per issue for awhile!

Since we both (Mark and Marge) had full time jobs that demanded 60+ hour work weeks, we hired someone to

do the typing. The students in the data processing department at the Technical Center ran mailing labels. The copies were run on a mimeograph by a Center secretary. We (Mark and Marge) collated the copies, stapled and folded them, attached the mailing labels and sorted according to zip code (for non-profit bulk mailing) on the dining room table at our home. It was a monumental job. And many a night we were working into the wee hours trying to get the edition out. It seemed as though we no sooner got one edition out that it was time for another. Our goal was to get the Bulletin out at least 4 times per year. Sometimes we met the goal and sometimes we didn't.

Anyway, we enjoyed seeing the new Bulletin, think you did a great job on it and we also enjoyed the walk down memory lane. We hope that you also enjoy these old editions.

Most sincerely,

Mark & Marge Davis

*Mark Davis served as President of the Association from 1974 until 1979. Mark and Marge operate the Colorado Dexter herd in Delaware, and are the longest active members of the American Dexter Cattle Association. Mark and Marge Davis were both given a lifetime Honorary Membership at this past year's annual meeting in Holland, Michigan.*

*Following are a few excerpts from the earlier Bulletins that Mark and Marge were kind enough to share with us:*

**Decorah, Iowa** - - Daisy Moore, Secretary, reports that over 800 people have written to Decorah inquiring about Dexters as a result of Don Piehota's article about Dexters which appeared in the August issue of Countryside and Small Stock Journal. The effect of Don's article was reinforced when people wrote in to the editor of Organic Gardening and Farming inquiring about the practicality of Dexters. Mrs. Moore told the group at the Buffalo Regional meeting on October 25-26 that she had just finished answering the last

of the 800 letters. This was no easy task as Mrs. Moore commented that she types with "two fingers".

### FIRST REGIONAL MEETING

Buffalo, New York (October 25-26, 1975) - Holiday Inn #4 Airport, Buffalo, hosted the first regional Dexter meeting ever to be held in the United States. Dr. H. E. Callen (Bud), Vice-President and Regional Director for western Pennsylvania with the assistance of his wife, George and Alice Finley, Chester and Jeanette Malach and Kay Moore Baker pooled their talents to conduct a highly successful meeting. The theme of the meeting was to honor Daisy Moore for her twenty-five years of service to the Association. The activities included visitations to the farms of Mrs. Evelyn Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. Malach, a testimonial dinner for Mrs. Moore followed by a directors' meeting and a general meeting. There were many exciting moments for Mrs. Moore. First—was her flight to Buffalo, this being her first flight. Rumor has it that when in flight, Mrs. Moore complained (really explained) about the short period of time that she was going to be in the air as compared to the cost. As a result of her explaining, the pilot extended the trip by forty-five minutes! Second, the flowers in Mrs. Moore's room and "Congratulations, Daisy Moore" spelled out on the Inn marquee. Third, the orchid, money and scrapbook (containing letters from directors, officers, friends, and photos taken at the meeting) which were presented Saturday evening. Fourth, when Dr. Callen presented a very active young bull to Mrs. Moore at the entrance to the Inn.

### DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE?

If you like to write - then why not consider writing something for The Bulletin. The purpose of The Bulletin is to promote Dexters and the best ones to help along this line are those people who have had interesting experiences with Dexters. If you have some Dexters' tales, don't keep them hidden under your bonnet, send them to the Editor of The Bulletin and they will be included in future editions. If you can't write, don't feel badly, neither can the Editor.



# What In The Whorl?

*This article appeared in Beef Magazine, December, 1995 issue. Reprinted with the kind permission of Temple Grandin, PhD.*

*Facial hair whorls provide clues to cattle temperament.*

**By Temple Grandin, PhD**  
Colorado State University

**T**he height of the round spiral hair whorl on a bull or cow's forehead may be used to evaluate temperament. That's important because the drive for lean beef and rapid gain has produced too many animals with excitable temperaments that are difficult to handle.

Before you scoff at this evaluation idea, remember that many people laughed at measuring testicle size in bulls. What used to be considered an old wives' tale is now an accepted part of a breeding soundness exam.

Studies conducted with my colleagues Mark Deesing and Julie Struthers at Colorado State University clearly show that cattle with round spiral hair whorls above the eyes are more likely to become agitated in a squeeze chute compared to cattle with hair whorls below the eyes.

This effect was significant in both Continental and British cross cattle and Zebu crosses from Mexico. We also found that cattle with hair whorls high on their forehead had a bigger flight zone and were less likely to approach a standing person compared to cattle with lower whorls.

Interestingly, hair whorl patterns form when the brain is developing in the fetus. That could help explain the relationship between hair whorl position and temperament. For example, people with developmental disabilities, such as Down's syndrome and Prader-Willi syndrome, have a higher incidence of abnormal whorls on the scalp.

## Theory Put To The Test

Our first study was conducted with 1,500 cattle in a large commercial feedlot. The lots were composed of cattle from over 100 ranches. A simple numerical scale was used to rank temperament while the cattle were held in a squeeze chute for routine processing. Also, the person scoring temperament sat where he could

not see the hair whorl on the animal's forehead.

Since previous handling experiences have a major effect on behavior, large numbers of cattle had to be observed.

In a second study, we controlled for previous experiences by using small groups of cattle from the same ranch which were housed in groups of 15-20 in a research feedlot. It's well known that roughly-handled cattle will be wilder and more difficult to control than cattle which have been handled gently.

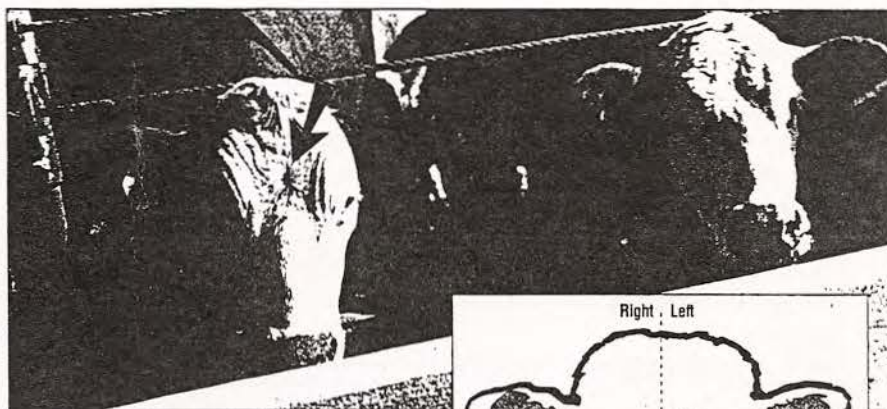
In each of the pens, an observer tabulated the eartag numbers of the obvious low-flight-zone cattle and the obvious high-flight-zone cattle. An animal was designated a "low-flight" animal if he

walked up and touched the observer or stayed within 3 ft. of the observer for 5 minutes. The obvious high-flight-zone "active avoiders" were also tabulated.

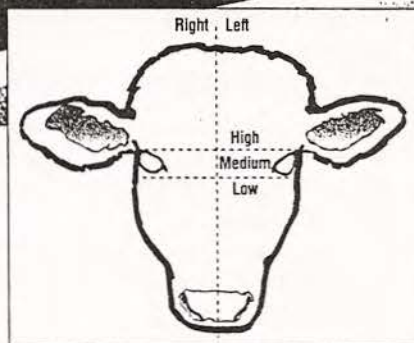
An animal was classified as an "active avoider" if it immediately ran to the other side of the pen when the person walked toward it. Cattle with high hair whorls were more likely to be "active avoiders."

We continually need to work harder at selecting calm, lean animals. Too often, cattle with an excitable temperament may seem calm and easy to handle when in familiar surroundings, but are more likely to panic in novel surroundings of an auction, fairground or packing plant.

Hair whorl position is a tool that could be used in conjunction with temperament testing to select breeding stock. When temperament tests are done, however, it's important to get at least 2 evaluations for a true measurement. Doing this prevents culling a good animal which may have become excited simply because someone poked it with an electric prod. ♦



Hair whorl position may be useful for evaluating temperament. The animal on the left has a high spiral whorl above the top of the eyes and the one on the right has no facial whorl. Seventy-three percent of crossbred beef cattle had a single whorl, 22% had none and 5% had double spiral whorls.



Cattle with a spiral hair whorl above the eyes were more likely to have an excitable temperament.

An animal was classified as having a high hair whorl when the center of the spiral was above the top of the eyes. High hair whorl cattle also had a bigger flight zone and became more agitated in a squeeze chute compared to animals with low hair whorls.

## Temperament Scoring System In Squeeze Chutes

1. Remains calm and stands still.
2. Restless, shifting weight.
3. Head throwing, squirming and occasionally shaking the squeeze chute.
4. Violently and continually shaking the squeeze chute.
5. Completely berserk.



# 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.

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Orland, CA 95963  
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Briar Hill Farm  
James G. Johnson  
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Richfield, OH 44288  
(216) 659-4861

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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

For sale: Registered Dexter bulls, cows, and calves. Good bloodlines, easy calving. All black cows, one red/dun bull: short 18 mos., and one short black bull.

Dinsmore Farm  
Ron & Gail Brinkley  
5455 U.S. 12 W.  
Buchanan, MI 49107  
(616) 695-5320

Registered dehorned black bull and cow. Bull - #4021. Manitou P-Bar Toby. Born 2/9/89. Short, great breeder. \$1100. Cow - #2935. Bricoe's Eleanor. Born 1/29/85. Small calves - to calf in fall. \$600.

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

Small, select herd of Dexter cattle. Usually some for sale. Specializing under 40", black and red/dun.

Kelvin Grove Stock Farms  
James H. Brown  
15060 S.W. Hillsboro Hwy.  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
(503) 628-1116

Our spring calves have started to hit the ground. 2 red/dun heifers and 1 red/dun bull for January. Many more arriving soon. Call now to reserve color and kind.

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

For sale: Registered Dexter heifer - black, short type, dehorned.

Mt. View Orchards  
M. Brandstetter Jr.  
511 Cashtown Rd.  
Biglerville, PA 17307  
(717) 337-2282



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

For Sale: Registered Dexters:

Bred yearling, short - legged. \$800.  
Two heifer calves, one short, one long legged. \$600 each.  
Bull calf, long legged. \$300.  
All are black. All are hand fed daily and are tame.  
Christine and Allan Green  
5604 Dairyland Road  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
(919) 933-5105  
Will consider a swap for unrelated cow or heifer.

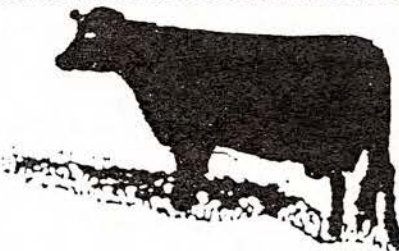
Mix or Match - Red/dun cow 8 years old - dehorned "Emerald Cinnamon Fern" #3626. 2 red/dun offspring with horns / out of "Fairyhill Peter" - Heifer 8/1/94 "Mountview Cinnamon Rose" #7234. Heifer calf 8/27/95 (not registered yet).

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  
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Moncure, NC 27559  
(919) 542-3339  
e-mail HN4565@handsnet.org

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Bright Meadows  
RR 1  
Ladysmith, B.C.,  
Canada VOR 2E0  
Carol Davidson  
(604) 245-4046

Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves.

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

For sale: Registered Dexters.

10 open yearling heifers @ \$1250 each. 8 bred 2 yr. old heifers @ \$1500 ea. Several pairs with heifer calves @ \$2500 / pr. One young cow born 5/11/91 with twin heifer calves born 7/7/94 - all three for \$4500. Bull-Glencara Paddy, #3864EX black, 44" tall, 1050 lbs. @ 4 yrs. Offspring don't carry EX. \$2500. Several yearling bulls @ \$1000. My first calves from Paddy are on the ground and are pretty as a picture. I offer these cattle for sale as a complete dispersal. Will offer special volume pricing.

Roy Atherton  
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Gresham, OR 97030  
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Herd reduction sale, private treaty. Bred cows, bulls, and heifers. Call evenings.

Phillip Martz  
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Berlin, PA 15530  
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**Smiling Johnson**

Dexter Headquarters  
P.O. Box 441

Elkhart, Kansas 67950

Phone (405) 696-4836

Stationed in the Oklahoma Panhandle



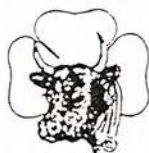
Specializing in the  
original horned cattle  
under 40". Choice breeding  
stock, prices upon request.  
Breeding for the ultimate  
in flavor and low fat  
for the health conscious  
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## Dexter Cattle For Sale

### 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).

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Tom and Pat McWilliams  
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Kirksville, MO 63501  
Call: (816) 627-0204

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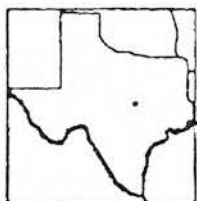
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Both Types of Registered  
Dexter Stock Usually Available  
For Sale



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.

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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  
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Small black Dexters available. Years of quality herd management.



### Grand View Farm

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Graham, WA 98338  
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Charles and Bettie George

### Registered Dexters For Sale

Marie Porter  
MT.2C Dexter's  
12200 Pulp Mill Rd.  
Missoula, MT 59802  
(406) 626-5319

**FOR SALE:** Dexter calves; one red/dun heifer born 11/4/95; one black bull born 10/21/95; one black bull born 12/13/95. Contact us evenings and weekends.

Bob and Kathy Smith  
R.D. #3, Box 107A  
Fort Plain, NY 13339  
(518) 993-2823

### Windy Hollow Dexters

Larkspur, Colorado  
(303) 681-3838  
Heifer and bull calves  
Registered - Horned

**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



## Dexter Cattle For Sale

### For Sale:

Bred Heifer: Ida-J-Mar Abigail #6669 - Black, date of birth-3/20/94 - Bred 5/29/95 to Mt Thistledown #6732. \$700.

Bulls: Black, date of birth-5/27/95. Sire: (AI) Wee Gaelic Mr. O'toole #5741. Dam: Ida-J-Mar Nettle #5855. Will pay for registration. \$400.

Mt Thistledown #6732 - Black, date of birth-10/27/93. Sire: R.B. Hercules' Thistle #5503. Dam: Zoe Kamija #5100. \$800.

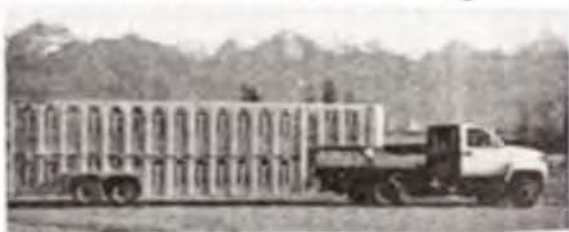
Will consider trades -      Prairie Butte Bovines  
    Virginia - Charles Rohlf  
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    Ph: (406) 337-2925

Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves.  
 Black. Both short and tall.  
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For Sale - Two nice young red/dun Dexter cows; one three years old and one coming on two.

Dave Henry  
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 (307) 587-3040

Registered Dexter cows, bulls & calves  
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 1394 Olsen Road - Charlo, MT 59824 - (406) 644-2642  
 Also available for custom hauling



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 Semen For Sale

**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.

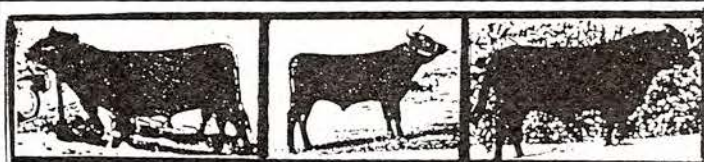
**Red! Thomas' Prides Red Baron #4882, 42" @ 4 yrs.** Very docile. \$35/straw + S & H. Available for International Export from U.S. (NO Dun here!) Good dispositions, proportionate in confirmation. Blue or Champion winners @ Dexter shows. Strong, correct feet & legs. Produce quality healthy offspring. No minimum purchase required. All costs C.O.D. **Thomas' Dexters**, P.O. Box 135, Antelope, OR 97001 Phone/or Fax (541) 489-3385 (note new State prefix #)

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

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



Semen for **United States** and **Canadian** use:

**HIYU TYEE #3365, black, 45" @ 5 yrs.**

**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.**

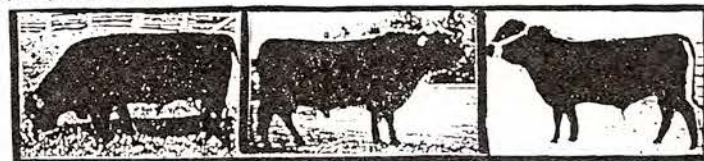
The above bulls are \$20 US / straw, \$25 Cdn. / straw.

**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 get free ship/handling.

All these bulls are guaranteed free of dwarfism. All have good temperament, 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

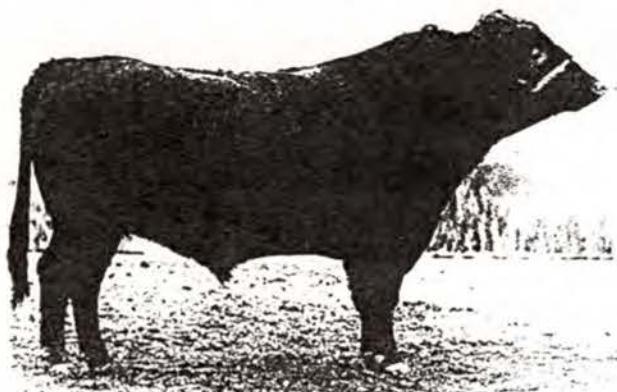
Saltaire Platinum: (2708) 6504P Your only source of polled genes in U.S. Height 42" @ 3 yrs.

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 temperament, 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 TOGRO  
Phone/Fax (403) 675-3831  
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### 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.  
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CHECK OR M.O. WITH ORDER, POSTAGE WILL BE C.O.D.  
SEND TO: THOMAS' DEXTERS, BOX 135, ANTELOPE, OR 97001 (541) 489-3385

## From the Editor

I appreciate the compliments about the Bulletin but all the credit belongs to those members that have taken the time from their busy lives to send a letter, article, or photograph. I begin every issue with blank pages and if it were not for your contributions in my mailbox our newsletter would consist of advertisements and a very long letter from the editor. The members that provide the Bulletin with the substance and content are the ones that deserve our credit and thanks.

Dexters possess the same magic and good humor overseas as they do here. I'm grateful for the international cooperation I've received from W.W. (Dick) Bird and Eileen Hayes and look forward to sharing material from my new friends and fellow colleagues with our members. I hope that they'll enjoy some of the articles you send to the Bulletin, as well.

Only members can advertise in the Bulletin. Ads are for Dexter cattle, Dexter semen, or cattle products or services judged on their individual merit as being of benefit to members. No other animals, livestock, etc., may be advertised.

We'll try to have some articles about color in the next issue. I've had to change some of your ads in this issue so that they read red/dun. Several years ago the Board ruled that Dexters are black or red/dun. I believe this amalgamation of the two words was done because of confusion in regards to the two colors. If you're not concerned about color you might want to eliminate the / and the letter *n* and spell red/dun backwards.

The costs for producing the Bulletin have not increased greatly. Every issue varies depending on the number of pages and number of photographs but in general amounts to only a few cents more per copy.

Plans are for a promotional video to be produced at the upcoming show and sale. This is a good opportunity to make your Dexter a movie star, so send in the entry form on page 18.

Parts of the country experienced a rough winter. It was so cold last month, I read that up north you could drive nails with a banana. I hope your Dexters are doing well, ours are looking a bit ragged from winter wear but have become very perky with the arrival of warmer weather.

Thanks again for your contributions to the Bulletin.

Richard Henry





FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION  
January 1 - December 31, 1995



Balance on hand (1-1-95)			\$20,025.83
Income:			
Registrations (505)		10,292.00	
Transfers (466)		9,302.00	
1995 Dues (548)		6,716.00	
1995 New Members & Dues (116)		3,469.00	
Late Registrations (50)		1,800.00	
Advertising		1,238.00	
1996 Dues (51)		1,048.00	
Promotional Items		765.44	
Dexter Cattle Books (Hays) sold (66)		676.50	
Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower) sold (57)		576.00	
A.I. Registrations (28)		556.00	
"Kerry & Dexter Cattle" Books sold (13)		325.00	
Subscriptions (10)		100.00	
Interest		76.31	
Inner Herd Transfers (8)		65.00	
Annual Meeting		44.00	
Total Income		\$37,049.25	
	Grand Total		<u>\$57,075.08</u>
Expenses:			
Secretarial Stipend		7,234.00	
Herd Bks, Member Bks, By-Laws, Proce Manual		4,838.37	
Bulletin Expense		4,673.59	
Postage		3,469.08	
New Computer		2,258.15	
Annual Meeting		1,382.61	
Supplies		1,262.22	
Bulletin Editor Stipend		950.00	
Promotional Items		863.99	
Printing Costs		593.57	
President's Expenses (copies, postage, etc.)		518.33	
Royal Dublin Society		463.66	
Advertising		403.20	
Answering Machine/FAX		350.00	
Canadian Exchange (Adjustments)		277.78	
Copier Maintenance		175.00	
Missouri Dexter Breeders		100.00	
Bad Check		72.00	
Bulldog Study		63.00	
Regional Meeting		56.25	
Typewriter Repair		50.00	
Delaware Secretary of State		20.00	
Total Expenses		\$30,524.80	<u>\$30,524.80</u>
Total Income	+6,524.45	6,524.45	
Cash on hand December 31, 1995			\$26,550.28



## Annual Meeting - June 7-9, 1996

### Best Western Camelot Inn

1 Bed 1 person	\$46.96
1 Bed 2 persons	\$52.30
2 Beds 2 people	\$55.50
2 Beds 3 people	\$60.83
2 Beds 4 people	\$66.17

1 Bed 1 person	\$39.88
1 Bed 2 persons	\$46.88
2 Beds 2 people	\$49.88
2 Beds 3 people	\$52.88
2 Beds 4 people	\$55.88

1 Bed 1 person	\$33.95
1 Bed 2 persons	\$37.95
2 Beds 2 people	\$43.95
2 Beds 3 people	\$47.95
2 Beds 4 people	\$51.95

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Kansas City has a reputation for good barbecue and since the annual meeting will be held near here, proper barbecue etiquette might be useful to members that travel here from a distance and are not familiar with local customs.

You might want to mull over these meaty maxims that appeared in the October 7, 1995, *Kansas City Star*:

■Don't eat your ribs with a knife and fork. Ribs are finger food. They're made to be enjoyed. Go ahead. Make a mess.

■Don't worry about serving your barbecue on fancy plates. Barbecue is not filet mignon — there's not a pretentious bone in the whole slab. Anything goes. Serve it on paper plates, serve it on napkins or paper towels. A barbecue joint in Williamsburg, Kansas — Guy and Mae's — even serves its barbecue on newspaper.

■A safety tip from master barbecuer and grocer Mike McGonigle: Always wear a helmet and gloves when eating your barbecue. If you don't wear a helmet, your tongue will slap your brains out. And if you don't wear gloves, you'll lick the skin off your fingers.



*"When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Yogi Berra.*

The registration cost for the meeting for members is \$30 per person. Please make your checks payable to the ADCA and send them to ADCA, Route 1, Box 378, Concordia, MO 64020. **Please be sure to register early.** If you do not register early, you may not be able to participate in the meals. We need to put our meal orders in soon. Included in this \$30 will be an evening meal on Friday evening, a breakfast on Saturday morning, a lunch on Saturday noon, and a dinner at the motel on Saturday evening. If you stay for the show and sale on Sunday, there will be a Continental breakfast at the motel that you can purchase, or there is always McDonald's in Higginsville.

The meetings will be held at the Best Western Camelot Inn at the junction of I-70 and Highway 13, five miles from Higginsville and the fairgrounds where the show will be. Each person will be responsible for making his/her own room reservations. The telephone number for the Camelot Inn is 816-584-3646. There is also a Super 8 Motel directly across the highway from the Camelot Inn — their phone number is 816-584-7781. For those of you bringing cattle to the show, you may want to stay at the Classic Motel (located in Higginsville about one block from the show arena). This motel is just recently remodeled. Their phone number is 816-584-2727.

If you need additional information, or need more information, please call us at 816-463-7704 (after 5 p.m. CST), or write to ADCA, Route 1, Box 378, Concordia, MO 64020. We will have packets of materials available soon with maps, etc.

All the motels are conveniently located and camping facilities are also available. The costs for the motels are as follows:



# AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

## National Show and Sale - June 8-9, 1996

The ADCA National show will have seven divisions. After entries are received, the superintendent of the show will break these divisions into classes.

- I. Heifers between 6-24 months
- II. Cows 2 years and older
- III. Bulls 6 months to 3 years old
- IV. Cows with calves at their side (less than 7 months old)
- V. Steers on feed 6 - 24 months
- VI. Oxen
- VII. Photos—Heifers, Cows, Bulls (4 photos—front, rear, both sides)

### RULES:

♦Animals must be shown to be eligible to be in the sale.

♦All animals must be accompanied by ADCA registration papers with the exception of steers and oxen (these animals must be out of a registered sire and dam). *Papers will be checked at the show.*

♦All registered animals must have legible tattoos.

♦All animals need health papers—check with your local veterinarian. Each animal in the sale must have an individual health paper—make sure they are good for all states.

♦Animals in the show must be broke to lead.

♦A 10% commission will be charged on animals in the sale.

### FEES:

The \$10 fee will be used to put on the show.

The \$20 catalog fee (for animals in the sale) will be deducted from the 10% sale commission. If we advertise the sale, prepare the catalog, pay the auctioneer and arena rent for less than 10%, the extra will be refunded to the sellers.

The entry form is on page 18. For a blank copy, you may copy this page on a copy machine or write to the ADCA and we will send you some blank copies for your use.

If we are to be successful with the show and sale, we must impress everyone with what Dexters can be. We want them to look healthy and gentle and intelligent.

### SUGGESTIONS:

Feed your cattle enough to put flesh on them.

Cattle should look healthy so control cattle parasites and vaccinate for respiratory viruses (it may be a good idea to vaccinate for respiratory viruses again before coming to the show and sale).

If you are going to trim your cattle's feet, do it 4 - 6 weeks before the show. Ask your veterinarian who does this in your area.

To make horns look nice, polish horns with emery cloth and coat with Vaseline.

Wash and brush cattle before coming to the show. It will make it much easier to prepare them for the show when you get there.

### SHOWING\*

**Preparation:** Make sure your animal is immaculately groomed, feet clean (no clinging straw or manure) and that you are also looking well-groomed: hair tidy, clothes clean, (hands and fingernails too, if you can), and preferably in a white shirt so you won't detract from your animal. Always be ready to go into the ring on time.

**In the Ring:** Walk on the left of your animal in a clockwise direction so the judge's view is unimpaired. Your animal should be walking freely (that is, you are not dragging it around). Hopefully, it is alert and interested and well - mannered. Keep your eyes on the judge and follow his instructions promptly.

**Being Judged:** Make your animal stand quietly when requested, with all four feet evenly placed. The judge may run his hands over the animal or pick up a fold of skin over the ribs to check for fattiness and suppleness (a sign of good health). While he is walking around the cow, never present your back to him. Move from one side to the other, or stand in front. If you are among the prize winners, always thank the judge when he hands you the ribbon. *Note:* if you disagree with the judging or have any questions, QUIETLY ask to speak to him AFTER all the judging is finished, when he has time to talk.

*\*Excerpt from Going To The Fair by Carol Davidson*

*"Any breed which stops showing stops growing."  
Claude Hinman*



# SHOW AND SALE ENTRIES

## AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

National Show and Sale

June 8-9, 1996

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRIES ARE DUE *April 27, 1996***

<b>DIVISION</b>	
<b>CLASS</b>	
<b>ANIMAL NAME</b>	
<b>REGISTRATION NO.</b>	
<b>SEX</b>	
<b>BIRTHDATE</b>	
<b>SIRE NAME</b>	
<b>SIRE REGISTRATION NO.</b>	
<b>DAM NAME</b>	
<b>DAM REGISTRATION NO.</b>	
<b>SHOW ENTRY \$10.00</b>	
<b>SALE ENTRY \$20.00</b>	

Please include comments which will appear in the sale catalog for sale animals on the back of this page.

Make checks payable to the ADCA for all show and sale entries.



## 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 Apr. 25



*Happy St. Patrick's 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:

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### Fee Schedule

#### *Cost of Registrations:*

Cows up to 1 yr. old .....	\$20.00
Bulls up to 2 yrs. old .....	\$20.00
Cows over 1 yr. old .....	\$40.00
Bulls over 2 yrs. old .....	\$40.00
Animals from A.I. sires add .....	\$1.00

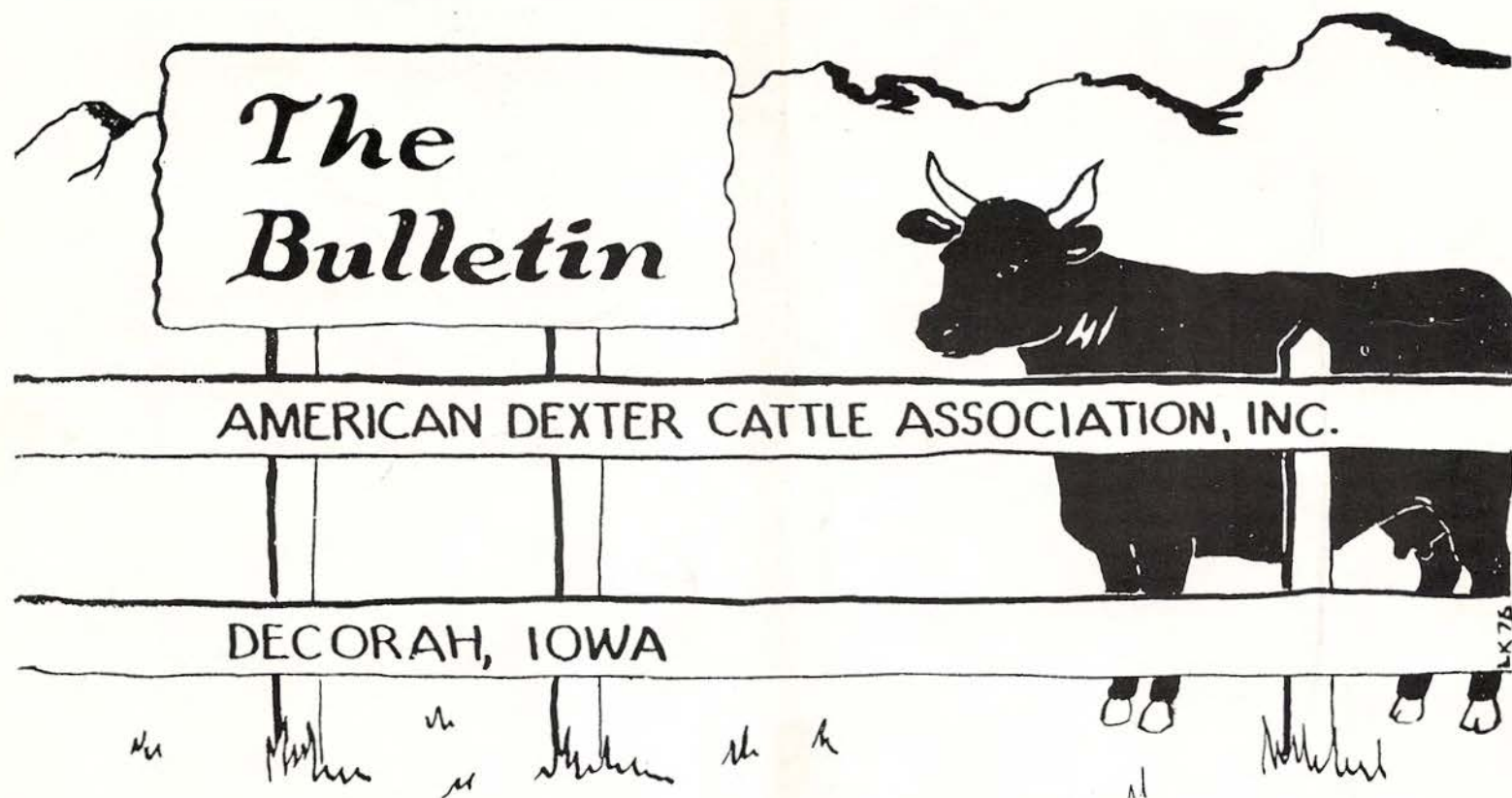
#### *Cost of Transfers:*

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 ( <b>Bulletin</b> only) .....	\$10.00

Names for registration cannot exceed 21 characters

The tattoo code letter for 1996 is "F"





Former Bulletin masthead, courtesy of Mark & Marge Davis, story on page 8.

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