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Dexters Successfully Compete As Working Steers, by Kathy Smith

Last July when the Green Mountain State of Vermont was living up to its reputation, alive with living color, it was our pleasure to be able to watch the New England Ox Teamsters Annual Pull. To carry around some free advertising, I was wearing my Dexter Cattle Association shirt, and hoping for a few inquiries. Surprisingly I hadn't even sat down on the bleachers before I heard a voice say, "Looks like the Dexter people are here." It was a woman named Sabrina Matteson from Epsom, New Hampshire. The word Dexter jumped right out at her because her son, Myles, was showing a pair of Dexter steers, Rex and Dun.

As an owner of Dexter oxen myself, I couldn't wait to see them, and I wasn't disappointed. They carried along the impish Dexter qualities as they strolled around the ring, and they weren't bashful about making a bit of noise now and again. They were super tame, yet maybe a little scrappy and inquisitive when another team might nudge too close. Rex and Dun seem like characters with character!

These steers came out of the Amy Record herd of Recordbridge when they just about two months old, and were taken to the Hopkinton Fair in New Hampshire right away. The Mattesons wanted to begin the socialization process so necessary for any animals, but especially show animals. As they appear in the photos last July, the steers were two years and two months old, and weighed in the morning pull at 1,030 pounds.

The Ox Teamsters Pull is a three day event featuring both the distance and the 6-foot pull, as well as classes in fitting and showmanship, and obstacle classes. Myles took first in fitting and

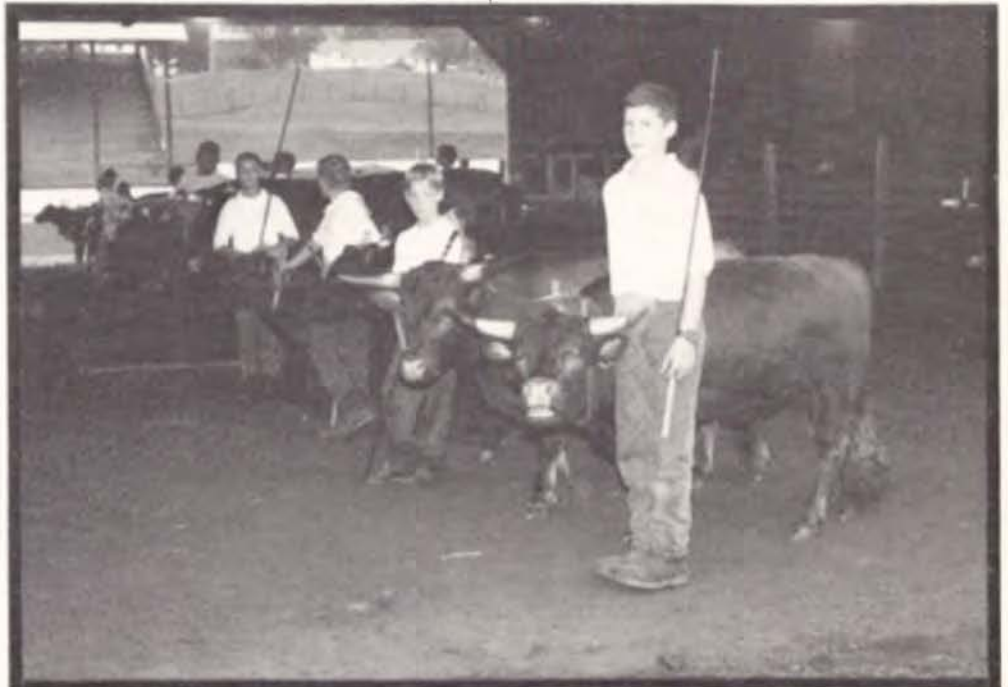
showmanship for his age group on Friday, and then put in some fine pulling in the distance competition on Saturday hauling the load of 75% of their weight, 374 feet and 3 inches. It was enough to bring them in 5th. In addition their other achievements were 2nd in the Cart class, and Myles received the Teamster Award for Most Points Accumulated and the Best Sportsmanship award.

Other honors came their way over the summer of 1996. Rex and Dun are formidable competition in the Best Matched classes, and even the Mattesons have to look closely to know who is who. Last summer they won every Best Matched class that they entered, which was a total of five. While winning the Best Matched for their weight class, one judge commented that, "Nobody can even tell

them apart anyway."

Myles' fine work with these Dexter steers qualified him to be on the New Hampshire State Ox Team and go on to competition at the Eastern States Expo in Springfield, Massachusetts in September. At this competition they came in 3rd overall in junior competition, and tied for 4th in the overall competition among juniors and seniors. According to Myles' father, the judge summed up this event by saying something like, "This is the only place in the United States that I know of where there's organized, interstate ox competition like this, and for that matter in the world. So I guess we should call these kids world champions of ox competition." I'm sure sorry that I missed that show, but I'm glad to be able to report that Dexters were so well represented.

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Waiting for the awards to be given for the cart class, Myles lined Rex and Dun up with the other yokes. Rex expressed his disapproval for the time it was all taking.

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From the President

I hope that you all have had an enjoyable Holiday Season and that you will experience a prosperous 1997.

Here are the results of the elections for new Directors:

Region 5 - Cathy Nelson

Region 10 - Gwen Casey Higgins

Region 11 - Kathy Smith will serve another term.

Region 12 - Gary Williams

Region 14 - Pat Mitchell

We had no nominations for a Director in Region 4 so there is no one on the Board from this Region. Are there any volunteers or suggestions?

Plans are progressing for the 1997 Annual General Meeting in Calgary, Alberta Canada July 11-13. Since this includes a show and sale during the World Famous Calgary Stampede, you *must* meet the reservation deadline noted in this Bulletin. If you are planning to fly I would suggest that you do not wait too long to make your airline reservations. Costs appear to be high but the US dollar is presently worth about \$1.35 in Canada. Consider this in planning your overall expense. The prices quoted are Canadian money.

I will not be a candidate for re-election for the office of President in July. This is because of our move and getting settled in our new community. We want to explore the meaning of the word Retired.

It isn't too early to get your suggestions for the agenda at the AGM to me as time goes by quickly. The agenda is to be published in the May Bulletin. The date of our move is dependent on the sale of our property in Colorado. We will be without a phone for a short time and our mail might be a little slow catching up with us. This is all the more reason for you to get your agenda items to me as soon as possible.

See you in Calgary!

R.S. "Shep," Springer

1997 ADCA National Meeting Show and Sale

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Trailers: All stock trailers parked FREE at the Highlander Hotel.

ALL ACCOMMODATION IN CALGARY DURING STAMPEDE WEEK IS AT A PREMIUM.

Exhibitors reserve July 9-12 or 13th. AGM participants reserve July 11 & 12. Identify yourself as from the ADCA.

Final cutoff for hotel reservations is Feb. 28. KOA is usually fully booked by early March, so get going!

STOCK SHOW PRIZE LIST

Information on entry closing dates (mid-May), fees, classes (heifer calf, yearling, 2-yr. and mature cow; bull

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ADMISSION (last year)

Exhibitors: gate passes were \$21.50 and are applied for on entry application. Daily admission was Senior (65+) \$4; Adult \$8; Youth (13-17) \$7 and Child (7-12) \$4, all in Cdn funds. (For US discount one/third.)

STAMPEDE SPECIAL EVENTS

Info on, and reservations for rodeo, chuckwagon races and grandstand show available from Grandstand Ticket Office, Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, Box 2820, Calgary, AB, T2P 2M7, 1-800-661-1767 or 403-269-9822, Fax - 403-233-9736.

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It sounds like there must of been a run on bulls up there at Recordridge and that they're all being put to good use. Myles has taken on an additional pair of calves, Sean and Cyrus, and Myles' younger brother, Tucker, has started training a pair of Dexter calves he calls Calvin and Hobbes. Not to be overrun by Dexters, older brother, Tyler, tends towards the larger breed of Simmentals to train for his oxen.

I think we owe some thanks to these fine, young ox teamsters for all of their work with Dexters, as well as thanks to mom and dad, Sabrina and Gary, for all of their efforts. At just twelve years old last summer and headed for the 7th grade, Myles really did himself proud. Rex and Dun, well, they did us all proud.

If you're lucky enough to be at a fair next summer in New England, keep a lookout for the Matteson men and their sturdy teams of Dexter steers.

All photographs front, back cover, pages 4 and 5 courtesy of Kathy Smith, Regional Director for NY and NJ.



It was worth the wait because they left with the red ribbon for 2nd place in the cart class at the NE Ox Teamsters Pull.



Spending some time among the other teamsters, Myles stroked Rex and an admirer came over by Dun to investigate this different breed.



With Myles calling the commands, Rex and Dun bring the load down to cross the white line on one end of the ring.



Hooked and starting up the load, they're off for the other end of the ring.



As soon as the front of the drag touches the white line, it's time to turn and not waste any time, but it's a hurry-up-and-rest kind of competition. here Myles is starting to bring the steers around to the left, "Haw".



As they bring the skid around to the Haw, notice how they use the tops of their necks to lift up on the load and also pull it ahead.



Finishing that Haw turn.....



Taking a breather before starting the load up again and heading out for the other end of the ring.

LITTLE BRAVE

In January of '96 I entered Mr. Johnson's contest and won the steer. When we got to his house it seemed to take forever to choose one. I finally chose a short-legged black steer with curiosity and a nice set of horns.

The steer was easy to train. With an easy temperament and a few other things, including a little encouragement, we got along OK. The steer only gave me trouble when he was hungry, I guess that's usual for any cow, and after a few weeks that almost came to an end. My brother and I named the steer "Little Brave"; well that sure did fit the steer. I wanted to name him "Beag Dubh" Gaelic for little black, but Little Brave was easier.

At the fair we lost our camera so we have no pictures of Little Brave right now. Also at the fair my dad clipped Little Brave for the first, and last, time. In Showmanship Little Brave slipped on the floor, but not as bad as the kid before me! I got a red in showmanship, and a blue in show. I had to put brass tips on his horns because people feared for their animals. At the show the judge said that my steer was too small, and I was already in the smallest weight class there was! Now people are trying to put together a Dexter class; I hope there will be one. I love these small cows and hope to raise them at some point in my life.

Sincerely, **Matthew Gesner**

The World of Dexters

This cow is definitely not mad by Michael Durham

Woody, Polly and Clematis are only one-third the size of normal British dairy cows, and with a much longer pedigree. Yet they could hold the key to eradicating mad cow disease. The miniature beasts on a farm in Kent are Dexters, one of only three breeds of cattle—all rare and of Irish extraction—that are entirely free of BSE.

Owner Diane Smith and the Dexter Cattle Society are now pressing the Ministry of Agriculture to investigate whether a gene in a Dexter, absent from more common breeds such as the Friesians, makes it resistant to the disease. So far the Ministry has declined to spend the £1,000 Dexter breeders say the initial tests would cost—little more than the compensation paid to a farmer for killing one cow in the current beef cull.

About 3,000 Dexters are believed to

remain in Britain, some in commercial herds and others as family pets. Thought to date back to the Bronze Age, they are efficient milk producers, and devotees say Dexter steak is delicious—as well as guaranteed BSE-free.

Only two other breeds, Kerry and Irish Moiled, are known to be BSE-free and both are also rare, Celtic-style animals. There are only 200 Irish Moiled, according to the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, and about 500 Kerrys. Breeders say the coincidence merits investigation, despite the small numbers. "Dexters have certainly been exposed to contaminated feed, yet there has never been a single case of BSE," said Mrs. Smith, whose herd of 60 is among the biggest in Britain. "The Ministry knows that. They have never tried to find out why. They are sticking their heads in the sand."

Donald MacIntyre, a vet in Bute, Scotland, who keeps six Dexter cattle

said: "A number of other breeds with even smaller numbers have had cases of BSE, so perhaps there is something about these Celtic cattle. We have been lobbying the Ministry to test for genetic variations. If we could find a gene for resistance or non-susceptibility to BSE, it could have a huge effect." Meat lovers are queuing up to buy 'rare' beef at specialist butchers. David Lishman, who sells rare breeds meat at his butcher's in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, said: "People are happy to buy something that costs a little bit more but tastes a lot better. We are selling more beef than ever—BSE has done us more good than harm."

The Ministry of Agriculture said it had twice carried out genetic research on cattle and BSE and could look at it again next year. "But genetic fingerprinting is a huge subject and needs very thorough research. It could be like looking for a needle in a haystack." *From "The Observer," 10/27/96.* ♦

FROM A "NEW" DEXTER FAMILY by Scott Gesner

We had looked at several breeds of cattle for our small farm but leaned towards either Dexters or Highlands. We visited the Fleharty's last January and were impressed. We also read in the Bulletin that Marvin Johnson was offering a chance for a child to win a steer to show in county fair. My son Matthew aka Arlo entered and was thrilled to win! In late February we went out and got the steer (promptly named Little Brave) and two open heifers.

We are in a 4-H club which is super-competitive in beef with lots of high-dollar folks who show constantly. It is a good learning environment but Dexters are sort of puzzling to folks who live and die for the show ring and the "packer's box".

September articles on "Feeding Dexter Steers" were very interesting to me. Our steer was a yearling and was separated from the others to be fed out. He had a tendency to go off feed and to bloat when on feed so figures on feed

consumption/conversion and cost of gain were almost useless. As to weights, he was about 400 when brought home, 450 when weighed at spring show on May 1st and 695 at Douglas County Fair in early August. Gain was calculated at only 1.81 lbs ADG between spring show and fair. Obviously we need to work on the feeding program in the future.

We took the steer to the processor on Nov. 20 (age 20 months). This was delayed a little while as I wanted to see what size could be reached. It was also hard to make arrangements to get just one steer carcass graded. Live weight was 800 lbs., rail weight 468 for a raw yield of 58%. Yield grade was 3.3 due to a little extra backfat and interior fat. Carcass was graded choice even and comments were favorable.

I think in our area there is a good opportunity to sell sides and quarters in some market segments. I believe that small cuts of quality beef can sell at a premium in urban/suburban settings

where there are health conscious and prosperous folks. This is even more promising if raised without hormones, steroids, subclinical antibiotics etc. if marketed as such. This avoids the centralized "packer's box" dilemma where absolute uniformity is required. The advantage of the Dexter is a small **well-finished** carcass as opposed to just butchering larger cattle at a lighter weight or buying a big "dinosaur".

We are submitting some rib-eye samples to Kansas State University for Taste/ Tenderness testing and I will report on this as results are available.

We also hope to have our own class at Fair next year. We could not sell at premium auction as there is a 1000 lb. minimum. A Dexter is a finished animal at 750 so this works against us. Arlo did well and received compliments on his knowledge, but the showing rewards a conformation which is lacking in our Dexters. ♦

A BULL FOR STORM BY AMY HAYNER

I recently had an experience I thought was very instructive.

I had previously bought a young bull from John Clouse of North Carolina. He said nobody ever let him know, after the sale, if they were pleased or not with his bulls. So I promised.

Sure enough, this Fall, I contacted him and told him how pleased I was with the little bull. He had an excellent disposition and was kind to the other animals. He had an excellent appetite, and eagerly ate all the scraps from my kitchen garden - big woody turnips, half-rotten Chinese cabbage, carrot tops; I even caught him trying to vacuum the sweet fennel fronds through the protective chicken wire.

"Yes, yes," said John a trifle impatiently. "But what does he look like?"

"Well," I hesitated. "He looks exactly like a Chesapeake Bay retriever with horns. BIG horns."

Silence. "He sure didn't grow much, did he?" John mused.

"No," I said defensively. "But none of the cows have hollered since he's been here. Evidently he's big enough. And you should see his horns! A foot long and just beginning to turn. I think all the milk he's been getting has stimulated —"

"What! What milk!" sputtered John.

"He nurses the cows. He'll outgrow it I'm sure. Must mean they've got good milk."

At this point John began a short lecture on aberrant behavior in herd bulls, terminating abruptly into T-bones.

"But he's so nice." I said miserably.

"Didn't matter a bit," John said heartlessly. "He wasn't what I needed for a herd bull." While I sat silently, absorbing this depressing news, he started cataloging the young stock on his place. After awhile, I became aware that he was offering these for sale.

"Well, it might take me awhile to sell him," I hedged.

He continued describing a young bull that sounded perfect. Yes, he was very friendly. Yes, his mother was friendly as well. Excellent bloodlines; longer legs—"I sure would like to have him," I said.

"We can do that," John said. I protested that he wouldn't get as much for this bull, at the price of beef now, as he would want for the younger. "We won't discuss that," John said.

He asked when I wanted him. "When can you bring him?" I replied. So in very short order, John was backing his horse trailer up to my little sheep pen, that held a thoroughly irritated little bull.

The loading went very well, considering the enthusiastic help given by my young English Shepherd and ineffective hand-flapping by myself. John finally shut us behind a moveable piece of fence, and took things in hand. It went very quickly after that; my poor little peasant stumped into his side of the trailer, scraping his horns down both sides.

And then, out of the other stall,

stepped a young prince. He's the color of a new pair of penny - loafers, and in every way is twice the bull as the first. Even as young as he is; only 8 months.

"Well," said John, anxiously. "What do you think?"

I shut my mouth, that had been hanging open, and told him exactly what I thought.

Just like I'm telling you. He saved me from years of discouragement and trouble, trying to keep the first bull away from fresh cows. He has certainly taken a loss monetarily; the bull he traded me is not even in the same class as the first—and the only money he would accept was for the vet check and the gas for the delivery, 3 1/2 hour drive - one way.

I have been a little discouraged about the prospects for the Dexter breed here in America. I've read all the bickering about trifling matters of horns and color, and the fears that hobbyist breeders might try to breed tiny, unhealthy animals and ruin the Dexter's image, but as long as people of this calibre are involved in the organization, it'll do just fine. ♦



Storm cow is due to calf the middle of January. Be warned!

Milking Rosie by Sarah Gilmour

My first introduction to Dexter cattle was when I went to visit my sister in South Africa. It is a popular breed there and she and her family had a cow and her calf. The cow and calf had been separated at birth and my sister milked the cow twice a day getting approximately 10 liters (two and a half gallons) of milk per day. The calf got half of this from a bucket and thus never came to associate his mother with a milk source. My sister weaned the calf after three months and continued to milk the cow until six weeks before the next calf was born. My most vivid memory of my sister's Dexter cow was loading her into the back of their small pickup truck to take her to another farm to be looked after while we took a short vacation.

My husband, Lee, and I decided to get a heifer a couple of years ago. We were attracted to Dexters because of their small size, their docile nature, their hardiness and because they are a dual purpose and a minor breed. We wanted both milk and beef and the Dexter seemed to be an ideal family cow. We purchased our Dexter heifer, Rosie, in the summer of 1995 from Jim Johnson; she was bred in the fall and produced a bull calf, Robbie, in August 1996. I was on my way to a meeting in Oregon when Robbie was born and I learned of his birth when I checked into the hotel and found a phone message from Lee back home which read "Rosie had her calf."

I made my first attempt at milking Rosie upon my return to Michigan. I would do as Tess and the milkmaids in "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" did, just go out into the pasture with my bucket and milk her while she stood contentedly chewing her cud. Wrong; she did not want to stand still for this. Rosie and I had a little game of chase round a tree with Robbie standing by watching. Next I tried tempting her with hay and tying her to the tree, but she did not like that either. I finally attached a rope to

her halter and led her to the barn where I could tie her up with some hay in her feeder and she stood still long enough for me to get about a pint of milk from her.

I had decided to keep Robbie and Rosie and to milk her only once a day as I did not want or need 10 liters of milk a day and we cannot legally sell raw milk in Michigan. In the beginning I separated the two of them when I got home from work and milked just before I went to bed. This worked all right in the beginning, once the two of them got used to being separated, but then after a while I found that three hours was not enough time for Rosie to produce enough milk to make it worth my while milking her. Not only that but a cow that still has a calf nursing from her does not let down all her milk as I subsequently learned. In fact sometimes Rosie would not let down her milk at all which I found very frustrating at times. I looked into tricks to getting cows to let down: washing the teats with a warm wet cloth, massaging the udder, punching the udder as the calf does, rubbing the vulva (hmm!), but to no avail. I then found I could introduce Robbie to her and while he sucked from one teat I would milk from another. That was all right for a little while until I got his milky slobber on my hands and decided to leave him to his meal in peace.

I finally hit on the solution and now have a system that works for me. I separate Rosie and Robbie before I go to bed. They are used to it now and no longer bellow loudly for one another. At 6:00 a.m. I go down to the barn with my milk pail in hand, give Rosie a scoop of "Meco Cow" and while she eats it I milk her. She will stand still long enough for me to get as much milk as I can. I then let Robbie in with her so he can drink the milk that Rosie did not let down. I now get 1-2 quarts of milk a day which keeps us in milk, yoghurt and cheese. I have also learned the hard

way to watch Rosie's feet so she does not kick the bucket over and to keep the pail of milk away from the cats so they do not knock over the bucket and spill all the milk. The milk is not as creamy as I would like, presumably as the creamy stuff is what Robbie gets, but I suppose it's healthier that way. I am not sure for how long Robbie will continue to nurse, nor what will happen to my system once he is weaned, but I hope to continue to milk Rosie until close to her producing her second calf. ❖

Does thunder cause milk to turn sour?

The popular belief that thunderstorms cause milk to turn sour is very old. In 1739 John Mottley published *Joe Miller's Jests, or Wit's Vade Mecum* (commonly called Joe Miller's Joke Book), which contained more than a thousand jokes, each with a serial number. No. 997 asserted that "the celebrated organist Abbe Vegler" once imitated "a thunderstorm so well that for miles round all the milk turned sour." The belief may have a slight foundation in fact. In 1939 scientists in Toledo, Ohio, announced that they could sour milk by sound waves and then sweeten it again by reversing the process. Originally the belief was that the electricity in the atmosphere during a thunderstorm caused the milk to sour sooner than it normally would. There used to be a notion that an electrical storm had the same effect on beer. It is probable, however, that there is not much connection between thunder and the souring of milk. Thunderstorms frequently occur toward the end of hot summer days. On such days milk is also likely to sour. This may be the only connection between the storm and the souring of milk, which is caused by the growth of bacteria. ♦

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

by Cathy Nelson, Region V Director

Our Riverhill herd of Dexters was started in 1984. What a wise step this was: our Dexters sure pay their way! To keep the demand up, we have tried to breed quality animals. Besides all the milk and other products we raise from our Dexters, we also have the income from the sale of purebred breeding

I usually get on average about three and a half to four gallons of milk a day two to three months into lactation from the cow I'm milking. Milk is used in the house either fresh, or as butter and cottage cheese. Surplus milk is used to raise our pork and broiler chickens. Believe it or not, our grocery bill is never more than \$125 a month, thanks to the

There is no doubt that when managed for production, the Dexter is a very viable "small" farm animal. ♦



Smiling
Marvin B. Johnson
Director for Region 6



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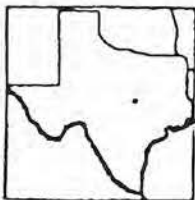
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From the Editor

A special thanks to all of those that contributed to make this first issue of 1997! I was sent some well written articles this time and if there's any mistakes in any of them that would be my fault, as I put some of this together on New Year's eve. It looks like it's going to be a very positive year for Dexters.

There was an underwhelming response to the limerick contest as there was no response. It appears that there may not be many Dexter poets. Even though I could use a new jacket myself, I thought it best since we're beginning a new year to extend and expand the contest. There's now going to be three categories: one for best article, best photo, and best Dexter poem, and will be selected from all the contributions to the Bulletin in the upcoming year. So there's lots of time to send what you have to the Bulletin and you just might win a jacket as the best of 97.

We can give away jackets because we're saving all this money sending the Bulletin by bulk mail. On the first try during the holidays I didn't hear many complaints about lateness but I understand four people didn't receive their issue. Out of approximately 600 copies sent, to have only 4 glitches doesn't seem too bad unless you happen to be one of the four. When we were using first class mailing one person wasn't receiving his at all so we are checking what we can and trying to figure out where these missing issues are going. Let us know if you're having a problem receiving yours.

If you want to include a photograph with your ad and do one like the Taylors' it's \$6 extra for the printing cost and is usable all year.

I'm sorry to hear that Shep is going to retire. After last year's Dexter show and sale Shep was out there with a scoop shovel and one member commented that you wouldn't see the President of the Angus Association out there mucking. That's what makes Shep and the Dexter family of breeders more special than them. If our next President can wield a shovel as good as Shep the Association will be in excellent hands.

If you're planning on attending this year's AGM it's very important that you make your reservations now. I understand that there's a great many people that attend the Calgary Stampede so hotel space is limited if not impossible to obtain later on. Stampede doesn't sound to me like something normally a person wants to be in, but since this one has Dexters it should be fun and I'm looking forward to being there.

Thanks again to everyone that contributed to this issue. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and has a great Dexter year!

Richard Henry

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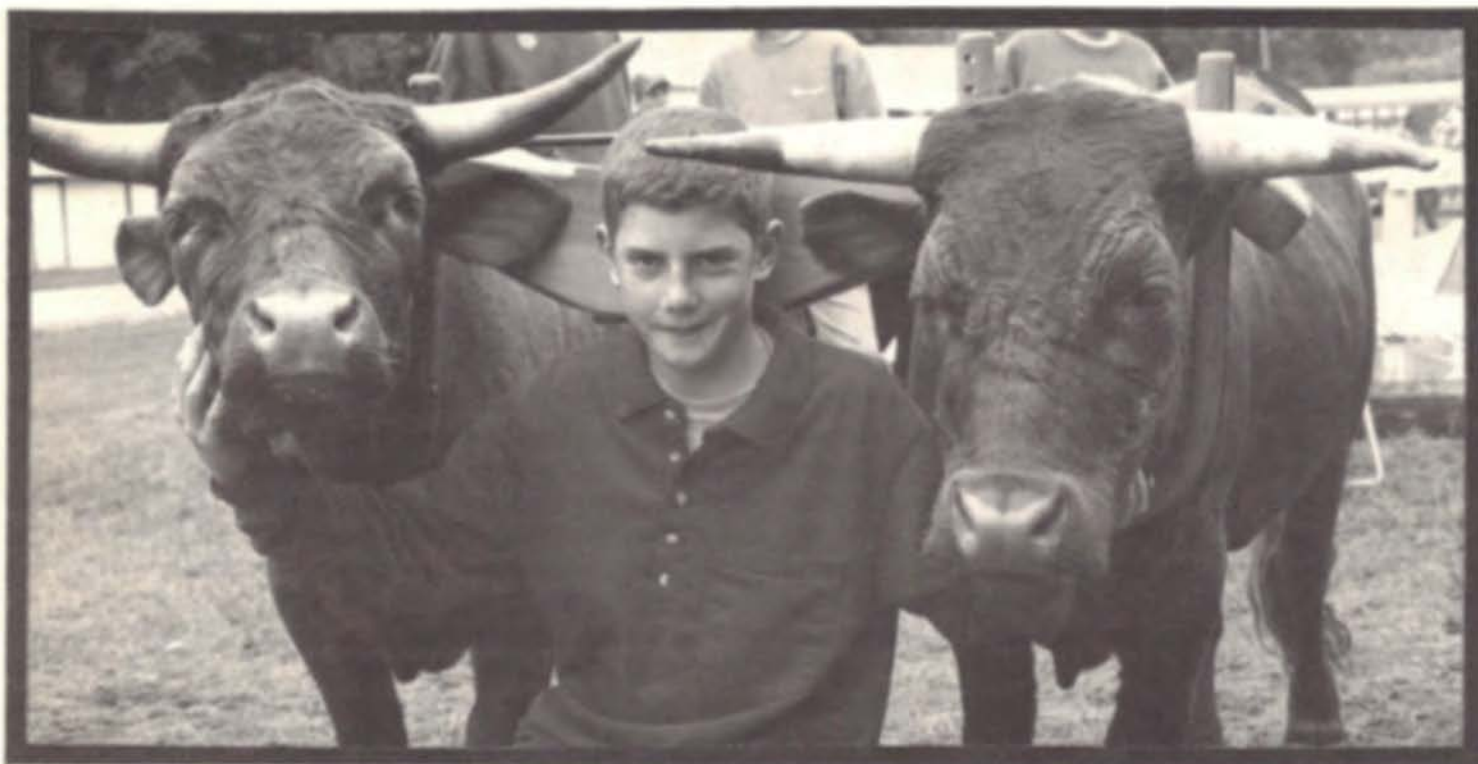
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