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Little Dexters a big boon to couple

by Kay Danielson

Big isn't always better; sometimes small is smarter.

That's how Nanette and Gary Webb of Benton see things.

They even set up a stall at the Arkansas State Fair to educate the public about their little Dexter cattle.

"We got started with the Dexters about three years ago," said Nanette Webb. "Our daughter raised Simmentals for the 4-H program, but I wanted to work with cattle too, and needed something easier to handle."

The Webbs think they found the answer with the small cows.

Considered a miniature and rare breed, Dexters originated in 1820s Ireland. Imported to the United States in the early 1900s they only number about 600 registered animals today.

According to the American Dexter Cattle Association, bull standards at three years old should not exceed 1,000 pounds live weight or 44 inches height, with cows at 750 pounds and 42 inches.

The Webbs feel the small cattle have a lot of potential. "The Dexters do well on marginal land and are adapted to hot and cold climates. They are perfect for limited acreage," said Gary.

Estimating the Dexter consumes about half of what an Angus or Hereford requires, the smaller breed does well on half an acre of good green grass per animal or 12-15 pounds of hay and a little grain per day.

The Webbs grow most of their own food and like the amount of meat the Dexter provides - "It doesn't overfill the freezer," said Nanette, who also plans to start collecting the expected 1½ to 2½ gallons of milk per day from her animals.

According to breeder Bob Friedl of Marshall, most of the Dexters are black with smaller numbers in red. They have "longleg and shortleg" types and have horns but some are being dehorned without show penalty.

Recently, polled cattle also have become available.

Another asset the Webbs see is for participation of younger kids in the junior programs.

"We had a 3-year-old show one of the Dexters at the county fair," said Nanette, who also takes her 5-month-old Dexter, "Willow" to give programs to local school children.

President of the Saline County Cattlewomen's Association, she

presents a classroom program that educates the kids about the work involved in producing beef.

"I stress the care, feeding and medicine the cattle require," she said. Additionally, she illustrates how everyday items as diverse as film, cosmetics, cake mixes, pasta, drugs, hydraulic brake fluid and steel ball bearings all contain by-products from the cow.

The Webbs are encouraged by the amount of interest the Dexters generated at the fair, and they plan to expand their herd.

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Sunny Smith showing Willow.

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HITCH YOUR DEXTER TO A DONKEY

by Wes Patton

Many of you take the time to either "imprint" your calves at birth, or start working with them at a very early age to make them easy to halter train. Unfortunately, some of us don't take the time, or have a thousand excuses why we overlook this task while it is still easy. It is evident at the shows that not everyone has the halter training complete on every animal. Dexter breeders are not the only ones who look for an easy answer to the initial halter training of the animal that has escaped calfhood before getting their first lesson.

Recently, I had an opportunity to borrow the use of a character named Bryson who makes that first encounter a lot less traumatic on the owner. Bryson belongs to a local high school FFA chapter who inherited him from a local Limousine breeder who went out of the business. Bryson, fondly named after the vice-principle of the high school, is a donkey. He is not young, nor pretty, but he is a pro at teaching that unwilling bovine how to respect the halter. He learned by being attached to 2 year old Limousine bulls; it was him or them, and he always won.

Bryson is equipped with a neck collar with a D-ring in it to tie the halter through. He is led up to the chute and the trainee's halter is tied through the ring with 18" to 36" of rope between them. Then the calf is released from the chute and the two begin dance lessons (see photo 1). As the calf tries to run away, Bryson assumes the donkey position by planting his front feet and squatting down behind. The calf soon realizes that he can't get away and the two are left alone to get acquainted (photo 2).

Twelve hours later the two have called a truce. The calf has gotten over being frightened and has gotten tired, so he lays down. Not so, with Bryson, however. A loose lead rope (photo 3) is a good indication of the respect the

calf now has for the halter rope and what is on the other end of it. A sure sign is when the two share a flake of hay (photos 4 and 5).

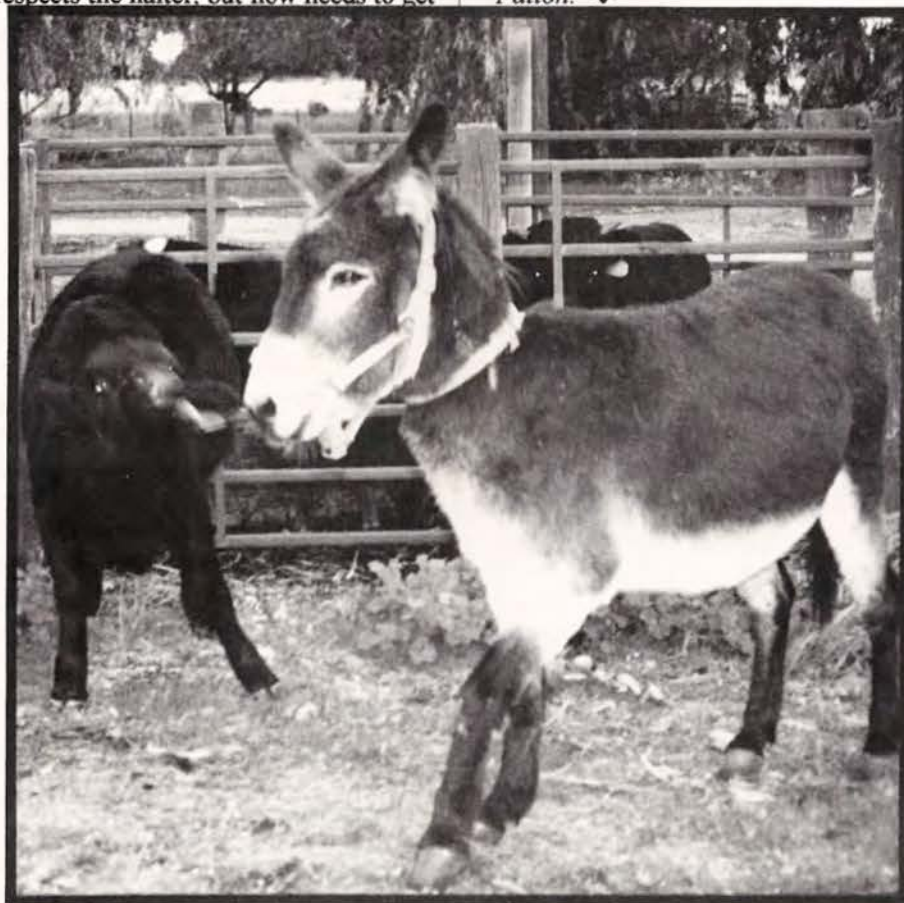
The next twelve hours begin the leading portion of the training. Donkeys are not known for nonsense or wasted energy, so when Bryson leads out the calf soon learns to follow. If he doesn't, a little nip here and a kick there, soon gets the point across. At the end of the 24 hour period, the calf respects the donkey, but still doesn't know you. The best thing here is to lead the donkey by his halter from the opposite side the calf is on. Soon, the donkey, the calf and you are all making laps of the corral. Stopping and starting are important during this time.

The calf should be tied to a fence or post as it is released from the donkey. It respects the halter, but now needs to get

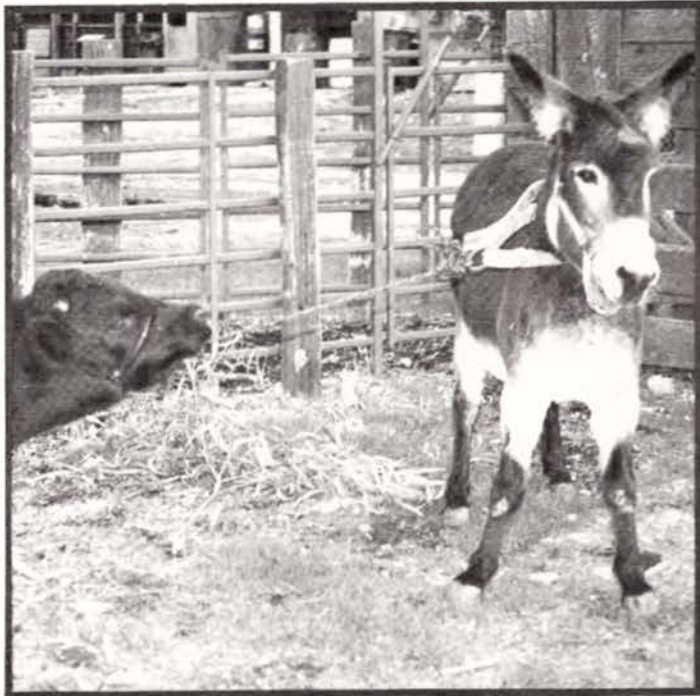
acquainted with you. You have probably all been at this stage before, so do what you always do to finish the calf's training.

A word of caution. Not all donkeys are Brysons. You need to get one that is easy for you to handle. A wild adopted burro from the Bureau of Land Management program in Nevada might not fit the bill. Also, even some tame donkeys can be too rough on the cattle and won't work either. But, if you hitch your Dexter to the right one, your troubles are half over. If you check around the neighborhood (or just listen on a still morning) you can probably locate one of Bryson's relatives who is looking for work.

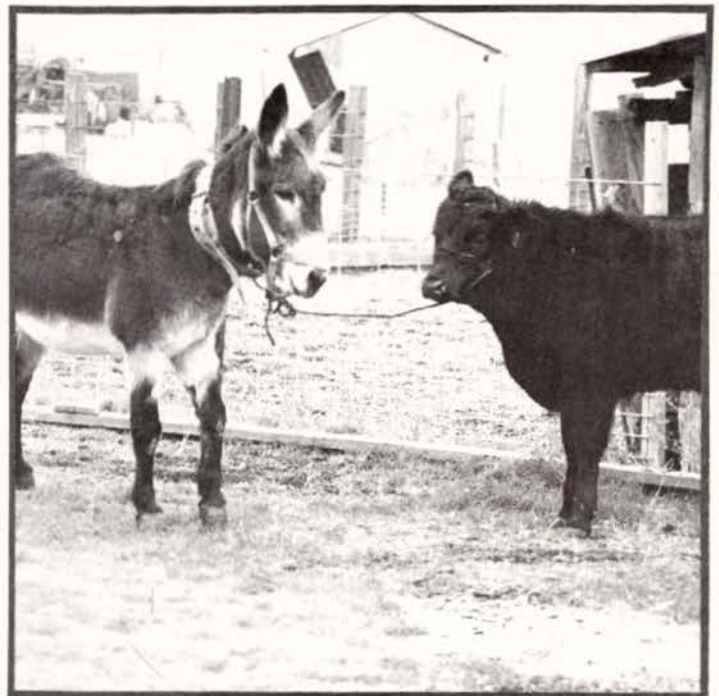
Photographs courtesy of Wes Patton. ♦



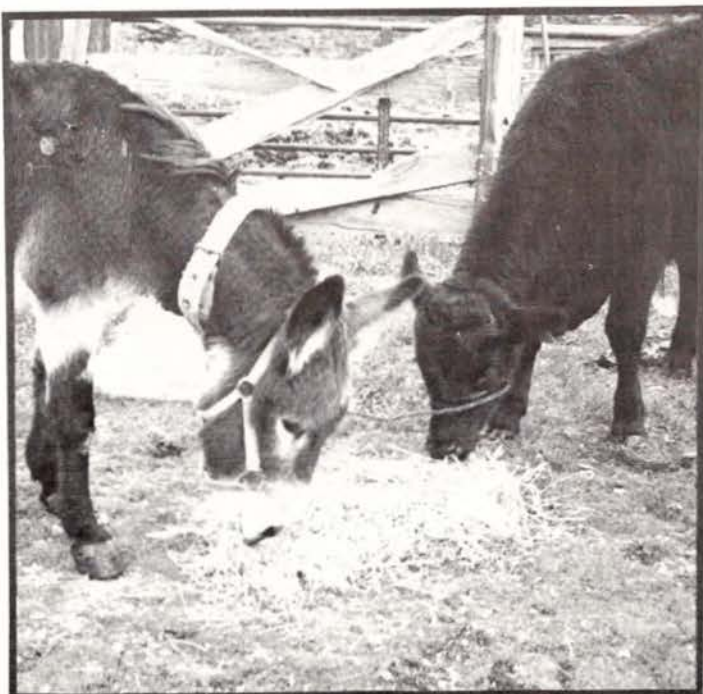
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2. The calf soon realizes that he can't get away and the two are left alone to get acquainted.



3. A loose lead rope is a good indication of the respect the calf now has for the halter rope and what is on the other end end of it.



4. Bryson and calf sharing a flake of hay.



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Achondroplasia, some observations.

by Fred Chesterley

I had the good fortune to attend a session on Dexter genetics some years ago at Chico, CA. The speakers were both geneticists and one spoke on Dexter genetics, the other on embryo transfers, etc. Dr. Daley opened his presentation by stating that the true Dexter is a dwarf and that the proportionate offspring are Kerrys. His closing remark was that if we wanted a small animal that bred true, take the proportionate and breed down, we will never get there with dwarfs.

Generalizations are always dangerous. Rule 1 should read: not all plasiacs (achondroplasiacs short form) are dwarfs and not all small are plasiacs! Not long ago I was talking to a breeder who said that he had bred a dwarf to a proportionate and got a bulldog, which in his opinion proved that one dwarf can produce a bulldog. His conclusion is wrong, what he did was cross two plasiacs, one dwarf and one large, and he got his bulldog.

Perhaps it will help if I express how I see the inheritance of plasia - a layman's view. Each individual has two strands of DNA. On the strands are genes, some genes affect a single aspect and some have multiple duties. When an egg is fertilized it starts out with four strands of DNA, two from each parent. The next step is reduction division wherein a strand from each parent is discarded so that the new individual has only two strands. It is on the basis of this reduction division that we are able to develop Holsteins and Scotch Highlands or Angus and Jerseys. Now with a plasiac, one strand is missing the gene for bone growth. In the following illustrations I'm going to use numbers 1 thru 4 for the four strands of DNA and a B for the bone growth gene that is functioning and a zero "O" to designate the missing or nonfunctioning bone growth gene. Note, a bulldog is a fetus that has two defective bone growth genes and would be represented with "OO".

	DNA strands from the bull	
	1 B	2 B
3B	BB	BB
DNA from the cow		
4O	BO	BO

In the above illustration you have what the breeder claimed he had done, that is cross a proportionate and a dwarf or plasiac and he got a bulldog. Strands 1 and 3 gives us a proportionate fetus as does strands 2 and 3. Strands 1 and 4 and 2 and 4 gives us plasiacs. There is no way you can get a OO or bulldog from this mating.

With the illustration below we mate two plasiacs:

	Bull	
	1 B	2 O
3 B	BB <i>proportionate</i>	BO <i>dwarf</i>
Cow		
4 O	BO <i>dwarf</i>	OO <i>Bingo a bulldog</i>

If we had 1000 Dexter plasiac cows bred to plasiac bulls we would expect to get 25% non plasiac, 50% plasiacs and 25% bulldogs. In a way we can compare it with a pin ball machine. The payout is set, you may know what the chances are but you don't know when you'll hit the jack pot.

One might ask why there are so few large Dexter plasiacs? When the original selection was made, the requirement was that they be dwarfs. The founders had little or no knowledge of genetics and until the Dexters were selected and required that Dexter had to be used in breeding, a bulldog was

unknown. The Kerry breeders had always used Kerry bulls on their dwarf cows. We know now that any two animals that produce a bulldog are both plasiacs regardless of their size.

Some breeders would like to follow Dr. Daley's advise and breed down their proportionate animals, thus getting a small animal that breeds true. After all, Dexters are not a breed, the best we can say for them is that they are an exclusive gene pool, nothing more. This poses a problem, if we are successful in down sizing (this sounds like business talk) to animals that are non-plasiacs and small, what are they? Dr. Daley would answer, they are Kerrys. There are no easy answers.

It wasn't too many years ago a member at the annual meeting moved that the word dwarf be stricken from our vocabulary when speaking of Dexters. Saner heads prevailed and it was voted down. Can you imagine telling a prospective buyer that some Dexters have Achondroplasia. What's that, is it contagious, you mean they don't breed true, -- ugh!

The very finest Dexters are available on AI, or are they? That certainly should be the case, but is it true and how do you find out? When I wrote to sellers, one took eight months to answer, a second took a month and answered none of the questions, a third did not answer and the fourth took three weeks and answered everything. But you are still getting the seller's sales pitch. Few if any will tell you that their bull was born with a gimpy leg, which his mother had, and the reason they had him drawn was his lovely smile. Do you know which bull on AI is advertised as proportionate and isn't, which throw the largest calves, which the smallest, etc. How can you improve your herd when you are a practicing ignoramus?

There are far fewer sellers than there are buyers of semen. Isn't it time that the users pool their knowledge to

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to the benefit of all? A questionnaire would work and is easily enforced - when you apply for registering a calf from AI you won't get a certificate until the secretary has received the completed questionnaire. Another, but less onerous approach would be to have an AI users session at every annual meeting. There the users could tell what the good and the bad they had gotten from each bull used. This recorded and packets made and these available to the members requesting the information. While this might not be perfect, it is a step in the right direction and slowly we would get these evaluations from members all over North America.

I have had a number of members complain that the ADCA doesn't give its members any help. In answer some say we should have information available on feeds and feeding, and on health. That isn't the help they want, it is available in the local library. They want to know how to distinguish between a plasiac and a non plasiac, what is or how does one select a good plasiac bull, how does one get good information about bulls on AI. That isn't available in the library and yes, we do need to provide that information. ●

The cost of a cow

by Carol Davidson

If cows were sold by car dealers, the bill would look something like this:

Basic cow	\$499.95
Extra stomachs	\$280.00
Two-tone exterior	\$142.00
Produce storage compartment	\$126.50
Heavy duty hay chopper	\$189.50
Four spigot/high output drain system	\$385.20
Automatic fly swatter	\$ 89.50
Genuine cowhide upholstery	\$279.00
Deluxe dual horns	\$ 59.25
Automatic fertilizer attachment	\$339.40
4 x 4 traction drive assembly	\$584.25
Pre-delivery wash and comb	\$ 69.80
SUGGESTED LIST PRICE	
(including options)	\$3043.35

ARKANSAS DEXTERS PARTY TILL THE COWS COME HOME

This year our Arkansas Dexters as the theme says Partied till the Cows Came Home. In October we took three Dexters to the Arkansas State Fair. We were not sure how we would be accepted. But once there the only problems were getting to rest. We arrived at the fair on Thursday, while trying to unload and get set up we were continually being stopped and asked about our Dexters.

We used the Dexter Association banner which was a big help. An information table was set up with Dexter photos and pamphlets. When we left on Sunday, I did not have a pamphlet one left.

A reporter also interviewed us, with the possibility of having a story in the Arkansas Farmer and the Arkansas Cattle Business.

We had a great time at the State Fair showing and talking about Dexters. If anyone would like to attend the Arkansas State Fair next year the dates will be October 16-19 and for more information please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Our Dexters also attended the Saline County Fair in September. At the County Fair we had a breed show.

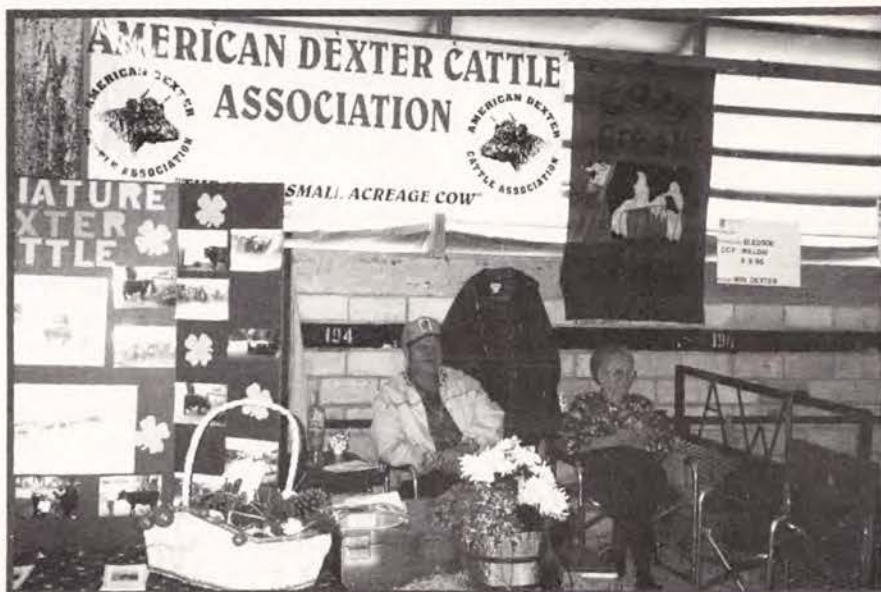
As you can see on the front cover a three year old helped show. She was the hit of the entire Show. Sunny Smith won BEST OF SHOW with 5 month old Willow. I really think that the Judge was Bribed by her smile.

While at the County Fair Willow was used by our local Cattlewomen as they conducted Cattle Educational Programs. Over 1000 Kids came through the Cattle Barn that day. With Sunny's help they all touched and loved on Willow. A very long day for both.

Between the two fair times, Willow was again used by the Cattlewomen. We traveled to local schools to conduct Educational Programs. After the educational program Sunny would take each class to the parking lot to pet Willow.

At the Arkansas Cattlemen Convention in November Nanette was awarded a plaque for Educational Programs and Sunny a Trophy. Poor Willow was only talked about.

As the new year begins our Dexters have already been invited back to the schools, plans are being made. We look forward to a busy year showing off our Dexters. ♦Gary Webb, Nanette Webb, Granny Bledsoe, and Sunny Smith.



Dexter banner in use at the Arkansas State Fair

The World of Dexters

Germany

Dear fellow breeders,

First of all I wish you all, on behalf of the German Dexter breeders:

A HEALTHY, WEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD BREEDING SUCCESS IN 1997!!!!

To us 1996 was a normal breeding year with some good and some bad highlights. BSE was one of the bad ones. BSE has continued to influence badly the German cattle breeders as such, even us small hobby holders. The public, at the moment is still -AGAINST CATTLE- irrespective of the name of the breed and its origin; although since autumn there was no negative report from the media. Meat consumption since December has slightly improved, not only for geese and turkeys.

The majority of the German Dexter holders sell their meat privately amongst friends who group together and share a carcass or, the bigger ones sell via local butchers or go to the weekly market.

The few English direct imports we still have in Germany alive (after 1988 import was forbidden) are all registered with the state and must not be slaughtered by law; you have the option to keep them under state control and their direct offspring, or to have them killed under supervision. Generally you get some money from the ministry for killing your cattle, but as Germany is a federation of 15 independent states who have the official authority concerning agricultural questions, you get your money only, if there is any and so it differs from nothing to DM 3000.-- dependent on the state you live in, whether it is rich or poor.

I am sure that BSE is also responsible that the German Dexter Soc. has not grown in 1996, although our cattle were advertised more often via media channels or were present at shows. We are stuck with 40-50

members who may hold about 250 cows and about 50 bulls. As long as our society does not grow, we shall not have the money to afford a permanent office and to pay the secretary, who would have to run the business and its execution; you would also want breeding experts and judges in several parts of Germany in order to run a breeding business properly and independently. Although we are working on this project, I do not see that we shall have them quickly, because besides lack of money, there is lack of a vital interest of quite a number of breeders to make our society more efficient and professional.

If we continue to work like we do now, it is hopeless to get our states approval to become an "officially approved breeding organization" as required by our national breeding law, which means that we cannot have a German Dexter Herdbook which is controlled by our society, nor can we issue certificates of pedigree. We also cannot show our animals in official national shows.

After some years of lobbying - and this is one of the good highlights - the Beefcattle Breeding Societies of Germany (we have 15 of it, each state has got one) offered their willingness to establish Dexter herdbooks, if one becomes a member and accepts the rules. Under certain conditions they also accepted to include cattle with UK pedigree, who were born in Germany. By the end of 1996 about half of the German Dexter herds went into German herdbooks and here the Dexters now make friends with Highlands and Galloways, Salers and Aubracs, Luings, Charolais and Zebus etc., etc. - quite a potpourri! We find it difficult that the beefcattle breeding experts are coming to judge our Dexters, but they are used to seeing and judging so many different breeds; so half of our members run the

risk. It is a matter of learning and we Dexter breeders can give them a hand in education. At least somebody comes and inspects regularly your bull and your cow and appears within some weeks to have a look at your new bull calf.

We are now faced, however, with the problem that half of our members register in Germany, the other half register in England and some may register in both countries, which is confusing. I think we shall have to discuss this matter with the DCS.

In order to have something to give to people who are interested in Dexters, we have made a brochure, a copy of which I include. There is nothing in it that you do not know already and also it is written in German language. You may simply file it away under "news from other countries", but perhaps there is one or the other of your members who know a little German and have an interest to read it.

Actually we have some nice cows, heifers and young bulls to sell, not many, but some. As we have exported already to other countries, also into non-EEC-countries, we have some knowhow as far as export execution is concerned. Should there be interest amongst your members for German born Dexters ex BSE free Germany, please do write to me, so that I can send you details.

Please continue also in 1997 to send your bulletins, newsletters or any other valuable information. We appreciate your sendings very much and I thank you on behalf of our members.

Goodbye for now.

Sincerely yours,

Erik Amme - Chairman

From the German brochure:

**BUNDESRASSEVERBAND
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UND -HALTER e. V.**

Promoting Rare and Minority Breeds

by Gabriella Nanci

What do Dexter Cattle, Shetland Sheep, Jacob, Tennessee Fainting Goats, Guinea Hogs, and Navajo-Churro Sheep have in common? They are all rare or minority breeds that find their place in niche markets and family farms. I have raised all these breeds for a number of years and have watched the same lack of foresight occur in individuals marketing them.

When you purchase stock from a minority breed, you are all excited about them. You know the breed has traits that are both valuable and worth preserving. Yet, how is anyone else going to know about the breed, know you have them, or know they are worthwhile? You have to promote them. All by yourself. That's right. The association newsletter is not going to solve all your problems.

There are several reasons why it is important to promote animals in your own area. Association members for minority breeds are few and far between. They usually already have breeding stock. Since they will have to be lured by a price low enough for them to buy stock when they could grow it themselves, and will no doubt have to travel several hundred miles to pick-it-up, you have to sell the animals at a lower price than you will locally.

Here's a typical scenario. (I'm not making this up, I get calls like this all the time.) A person buys stock from a minority breed, has their first crop of kids/calves/lambs, and complains that they haven't received any calls from buyers. Yet, the owner has made little effort to let the world know they have these animals. (Somehow, they expect the phone to magically start ringing when the first offspring hits the ground.) At most, they have put a flyer up at a local feed store or in the local paper that says something like DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE and a phone number.

Since the public does not know what the breed is, why would they want to call? After this, the breeder gives up, and runs an ad in the association newsletter for a ridiculously low price, often dispersing the whole herd.

THIS IS A VICIOUS CYCLE because when people hear about the breed, they usually contact the registry. The secretary sends them a packet that includes the newsletter. Now, Mr. "Fifty-Dollar-Cow-For-Sale" lives in Timbuktu, so the buyer goes into the breeders' directory, finds a closer breeder and contacts him or her, expecting to get the animals at the same price, (and assuming that the cheaply priced animal in the newsletter was of breeding quality). In this way, the association newsletter actually hurts the market. I'm sorry to make that statement, but I've seen it happen with many breeds, and heard many breeders say, "I just wish they'd quit running those ads..."

When you buy breeding-stock from a minority breed, it is your responsibility to promote them locally. Call out the newspapers and television stations. Write articles for your local paper, take them to fairs, and talk to the local 4-H and Future Farmers groups. Word of mouth is the key word here. The media will invent catchy little phrases like, "Ever wonder where those little cartoons of milk come from, well, little cows of course." Some people are insulted by such statements, but no publicity is bad publicity. Dexter = little family cow. This is your message. It's all people will remember anyway, and if you try to squeeze-in dress out weights and milk production records, the media will cut you off. Remember, it is often not the viewer/reader that calls, but some friend or relative he mentions it to. When your first calf is born, call the media out again; they need cute stories to intersperse with the latest murders and robberies. Just make sure your phone number is listed in the telephone directory.

I sell all my juvenile stock from six minority breeds successfully every year,

with very little advertising. Probably 95% of my sales come from word of mouth, local newspaper articles, and flyers I've handed out at the fair. Remember, most people that respond to ads are looking for the animal anyway, so you're not really creating a buyer, you might even be stealing a someone else's.

Publicity is bread cast upon the water; I often get calls from people who saw my fair exhibits or articles four or five years ago, and have saved the information all that time! If you want to make a quick dollar, minority breeds are usually not the way to go. If you're in it for the long-haul, then start creating your local market right away. If you don't know what a quality Dexters for, call around and find out what BREEDING stock of other breeds sells for. I don't mean drop-calves at the dairy, I mean quality brood cows, heifers, and bulls. (Around here, the 4-H kids regularly pay more for their weanling show steers than people have advertised Dexter cows for.) Remember, the association newsletters are not the appropriate place to dump-off stock that you could not sell elsewhere, and undercutting other breeders in advertisements hurts everyone's market. ♦



Mail



Though we're behind on our plans to get a couple of Dexters, we've been learning a lot and enjoying the Bulletin.

Regarding the National Meeting show and sale in Calgary - by all means encourage early hotel reservations. I went to the Stampede in '95, and booked my motel in December '94. My first 3 choices were already booked full and my fourth choice was almost full. I spent a whole week and had a wonderful time, there was always something to see and the people were so friendly, I plan on going again in a few years. Hope there'll be Dexters there. ♦

Patricia L. Parker

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Dexter Cattle For Sale

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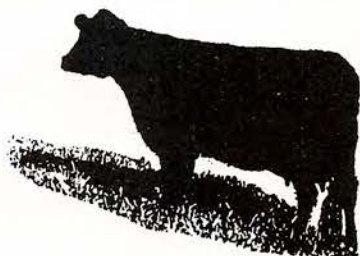
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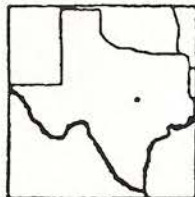
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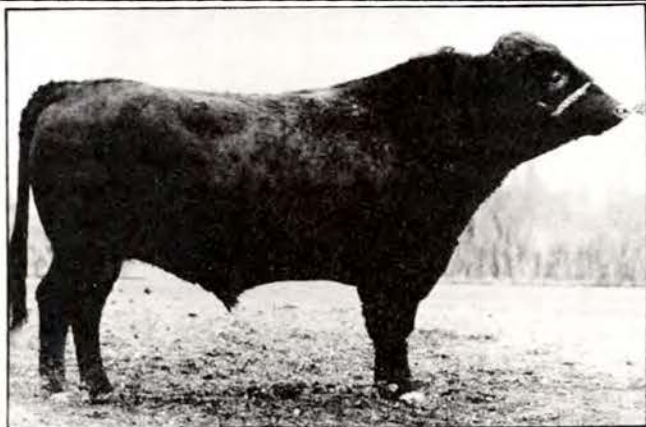
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To collect and publish information on Dexter cattle.

To publish a Herd Book of purebred Dexter cattle.

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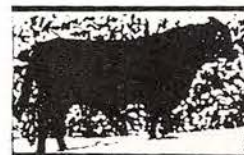
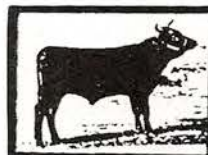
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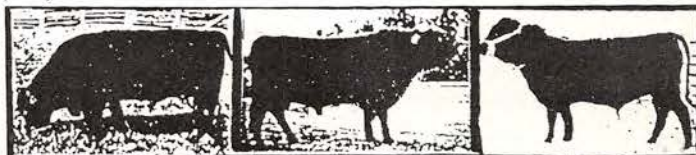
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 AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION
 January 1 - December 31, 1996

Balance on hand (1-1-96)			\$26,550.28
Income:			
Registrations (610)		\$13,123.00	
Transfers (506)		8,670.00	
Annual Meeting, Show & Sale		7,902.00	
1996 Dues (362)		7,297.75	
1996 New Members & Dues (117)		3,520.00	
Late Registrations (38)		1,300.00	
Advertising		1,090.00	
Promotional Items		963.41	
1997 Dues		827.00	
A.I. Registrations (25)		539.00	
"Kerry & Dexter Cattle" Books sold (13)		409.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower) sold (44)		396.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Hays) sold (39)		348.40	
Subscriptions		90.00	
Interest		81.72	
1998 Dues (2)		40.00	
1999 Dues (1)		20.00	
Inner Herd Transfers (2)		20.00	
IRS Refund Check		5.04	
Total Income		\$46,642.32	
Grand Total			<u>\$73,192.60</u>
Expenses:			
Annual Meeting		\$ 8,211.67	
Bulletin Expense		8,168.63	
Secretarial Stipend		7,457.00	
Postage		4,553.72	
Reprint of Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower)		3,342.13	
Herd Books		3,225.63	
Printing Costs		2,004.43	
New Banners for Regions		1,588.00	
Insurance Premium		1,565.00	
Bulletin Editor Stipend		1,200.00	
Advertising		1,130.40	
Supplies		959.77	
Promotion Items		365.95	
Registration, transfer & membership overpayment		360.00	
Canadian Exchange (Adjustments)		291.29	
Computer Repair		257.09	
Accounting CPA Annual Review		200.00	
Legal Expenses		182.00	
ALBC Donation		100.00	
Regional Meeting Expense Region 1		77.16	
Bad Check		63.00	
Memorial		35.00	
Delaware Secretary of State		20.00	
Safety Deposit Box		20.00	
Tax Preparation		20.00	
Total Expenses		\$45,397.87	<u>\$45,397.87</u>
Total Income	+ \$1,244.45		
Cash on hand January 1, 1997			\$27,794.73

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

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\$7.95 per copy, plus \$1.55 postage and handling.

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Dublin Council Member,
Royal Dublin Society, 1990
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American Dexter Cattle Association
Route 1, Box 378
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Fee Schedule

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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
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Annual renewal (for all memberships)	\$20.00
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