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♥ Old-Fashioned Cow is the Heart of the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association ♥

By Lizabeth R. Starnes

Overheard between two farmers at the recent Annual Farm Show at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, Missouri:

Man #1: Do you know what I herd?

Man #2: No, what?

Man #1: Dexter Cattle.

Man #2: No, I've never heard of Dexter Cattle.

Man #1: No, no, a Dexter Cattle herd.

Man #2: Heard what?

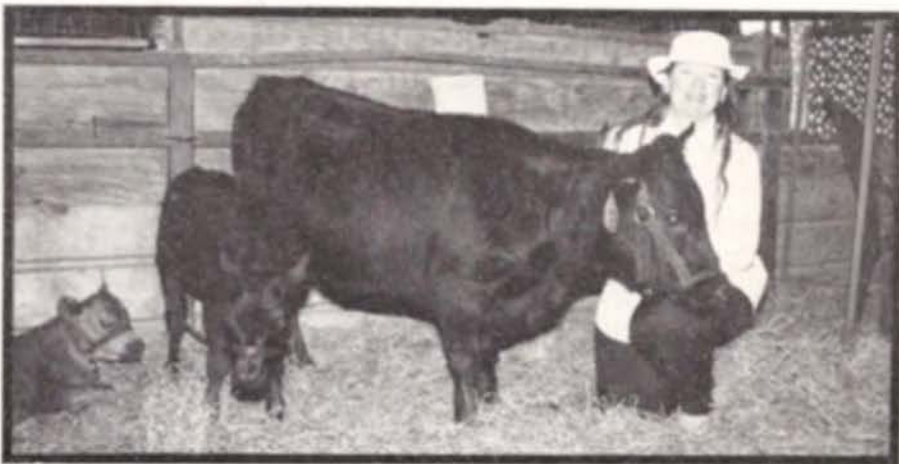
Man #1: Dexter Cattle....

No, this conversation didn't really take place, but something very similar could have been overheard as throngs of sightseers, cattle farmers, and nonbelievers filed past the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association (MDBA) exhibit at the Springfield, Missouri Annual Farm Show, October 2-5, 1997.

Dexters Are the Most Popular Exhibit

Unquestionably, it was the most popular exhibit in the four cattle barns at Springfield's biggest farm show. Two Irish Dexter cows and their calves (a black and red/dun pair), a young black bull, and an adult black bull kept the questions coming throughout the four-day event while nine members of the MDBA and their families kept the air filled with answers. With awe and wonderment, farmers young and old, families with children, and other cattle exhibitors repeatedly asked questions as they passed through the 40-foot exhibit complete with hay bales, green and white banners, and Irish Dexter jerky: "Are they miniature cattle?" "Do they all have horns?" "How much do they eat?" "Can I pet the calf?"

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Brenda Stringham of Osawatomi, Kansas, loves Dexters dairy output and production value. She first saw the Irish Dexter cattle almost two years ago at the national show in Higginsville, Missouri. Here she poses with Rainbow Hills Amanda and Molly.



The steady stream of spectators marvel at the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association Irish Dexter Exhibit at the Annual Farm Show in Springfield, Missouri.

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From the President

The election results from the election for Regional Directors has brought some new faces to the Board of the American Dexter Cattle Association. Welcome to all those newly elected Directors. For those Directors that are retiring due to not running again or having been defeated in the election, thanks for the many years of time and effort that you have provided to the organization. Time limits on terms of office allow for new blood in an organization, which is great as it also allows many new ideas and perspectives. To Shep Springer who has served most recently as president, thanks for all the time and effort that you had given to the organization. Many individuals do not seem to realize the amount of time that is required by an Officer or Director, particularly if they are doing their job.

I have been trying to put together a list of goals and objectives for the organization. Your comments would be greatly appreciated, whether you are a Director or not. Certainly some of you new Directors must have some new ideas that we need to incorporate in the upcoming years. Please do not hesitate to forward this information to me.

Jim Moody has been very active in getting together the program for the upcoming annual meeting in North Carolina. He would appreciate the cooperation and help of everyone in setting up what we believe will be a great show. You do not have to haul your animals as the show will be put together with video tapes and judged from these tapes. Jim will be providing more information as to the classes and length of time allowed for each video. Please think about the animals that you would want to show and be prepared to support the show with your best entries.

A number of articles on dexters have been appearing in local publications and have been most interesting. Any of these articles that you are aware of, it would be most appreciated if you would forward a copy to Kathy Smith, Vice President. This way we can coordinate the need for additional advertising and follow-ups.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the North Carolina annual meeting. ♦

James G. Johnson

From the Mailbox

Thanks for the informative articles I've had the opportunity to read so far. I first learned about Dexters in an article in Country Living magazine a few years ago. I bought my animals in May, 1997. I had been searching for them about two years prior to finding a small herd for sale in my area. Although the County Extension Agent was aware there were some in the area, she had no idea who owned them.

They have certainly raised the interest of people in my area. I live on the edge of the city next to Interstate 70, so the animals are in full view of the traveling public. I even had a couple from California come in from the Interstate to ask about the cattle - they said they couldn't believe their eyes and just had to know if the animals were Dexters!

The first animal from this herd was butchered this fall (a 2-year old bull). The butcher said the carcass dressed out 20% better than others he's done and would have graded prime - the animal was not fed for slaughter - but had been only on alfalfa hay!

My first calf (calved at the farm) was a heifer from a 17-year-old cow, and an area cattleman was amazed at the condition of the cow and calf. I told him that I had read Dexters tended to be longer-lived than the standard breeds in our area.

The man who supplies my hay is going to breed his Holstein cow to the senior (7-year old) bull in January. He was very impressed with the conformation type of the animals.

I would like to promote the breed in the western slope area of Colorado and would like to see/learn a little more about successful breed promotion ideas.

Thanks again,

Carol Ann Traynor

*Annual
membership dues
were due in
January.*



If you haven't already, please complete and return the survey that was published in the November/December Bulletin.

Thanks!

Old-Fashioned Cow

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"No." "Yes." "Not much." "Yes, you can pet this calf. He was bottle-fed and his name is Playboy..." responded one of the exhibitors, Jerry Starnes, of Rainbow Hills Irish Dexter Farm, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

"It's a delight to share our special cattle with so many people," Jerry said, MDBA Chair of the cattle show who is responsible for seeing that cattle are exhibited. "We get all types of people and questions through here. The best part is when the little kids come and want to pet our cattle. They walk right up to them, scratch their backs, and rub their sides. Some of these little farmers squeal with delight when they realize they can see eye-to-eye with the adult cows."

Versus the one-ton Limousin bull laying directly across from the 550-pound Irish Dexter bull owned by John Foley of Springfield. He's been talking to Rich and Loretta Morlen, from Harrison, Arkansas. "For those with children and young adults, Irish Dexters are the perfect cow. They are a different breed to raise and easier to raise, too. They don't eat as much and don't need as much pasture. Keeper costs are lower," says John.

The lines of spectators remain steady all day. The members of the MDBA rotate their positions in the exhibit area; some are propped on the fence, some are on hay bales, some are passing out Dexter brochures.

The news of the Dexters' presence spreads through the cattle barns. Other exhibitors even come by to marvel at the perfectly-matched Dexter cows and heifers. Bob Meyer of New Franklin, Missouri, comments on the size of Dexters. "I had two steers that weighed over 1,000 pounds each and they would eat like no tomorrow. I'm interested in buying a matched set of Dexters because they will pull the same weight, but won't eat as much," he says.

"You don't need a big fence with these cattle," says Larry Garmus of

Stockton. "All you need is a goat fence. They are no trouble. The breed itself makes for easy calving."

On Saturday, the more serious farmers come through the folds. Many questions are asked about the tax advantages of the Dexters.

"We can sell three Dexters and still make more money than selling one larger cow. More people are happy by having more Dexters. It is a better tax advantage, too," says Jerry to an older couple who are looking for a cow to help with their retirement. He then adds: "If you choose to breed small animals like our Dexters, where there's not a lot of grass, they do well. If you have children, they are not as heavy and will not aptly hurt the small people as easily as larger cattle can. They are docile, and anyone can handle them, so they have to move on."

Dexters Are Not Sexist Cattle

As more people move through the exhibit, representatives of the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association are finding out the Irish Dexters are not just for the male farmers.

Brenda Stringham of Osawatomi, Kansas, saw Irish Dexter cattle almost two years ago at the national show in Higginsville, Missouri. "I had never seen or heard of Irish Dexters. When I found out they were a rare breed, I expected them to be deformed. I

couldn't believe they were as good as they looked. Their dairy output is high and they can produce forever. I've used them in petting zoos, for 4-H, nursing home, and dress them up for state fairs." Brenda recently purchased two heifers from Rainbow Hills.

Becky Quinn works in the Continuing Education Department at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield. She's close to retirement and wants to invest in Dexter Cattle. "When I saw number 15 from Rainbow Hills Farm, I knew it was the perfect animal to add to my farm," she says. "I like the length and the way they are 'dairy-looking'. The beef is very good and tender." This is particularly advantageous, she says for smaller families or singles. "The cuts of meat aren't as big and Dexter meat is leaner than most. It's ideal for a single person-family," she says.

She was impressed with the fact that Dexters are an "old" breed and the breed has not been tinkered with to mess up their bloodlines. The fact that Dexters are still around is proof that they are a good breed. She takes them around as yearlings to schools, state hospitals, and uses them in Easter petting zoos.

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Bottlefed Playboy, a black bull by Rainbow Hills, was calm and friendly with his many admirers.

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One particular female has been involved with the Missouri group for over 15 years, when it was formed. Betty Waller of Bonne Terre, Missouri, has served as Secretary for MDBA for 13 years. Today, she is handing out informational brochures on the Association and selling Dexter jerky.

"Dexters are an old-fashioned cow," she says. "They haven't been fooled with genetically, so they are not high strung. They are unique, different, and a good, all-purpose animal on five acres or 100 acres."

She describes the Association comprised of 22 farms. "It takes a unique group of people who work to produce Dexters and work together. We believe there are more Dexters in Missouri than any other state, probably because of the small acreage, and Missouri naturally draws people to make homesteads. Up to 10 years ago, Dexters were a rare breed. Now, because of the number of breeders, Dexters are considered a minor breed."

What's it like to serve in the Association for 13 years? "There are so many rewards and appreciation. It's that type of job," she says. "All the thanks I receive I get through meetings and working weekends away at shows. We have two business meetings a year, in the spring and fall. There is a host family that provides the meat and all the guests bring other dishes."

The Association funds itself through membership and check-off fees. The policy is \$10 annually for membership and a \$5 check-off fee per each registered Dexter cow sold is also encouraged. "It is an honor system. These funds pay for communication cost, office supplies and other needs of the Association. In 1996, there were 87 check-off fees," says Betty. "Each farm gets one vote in the Association. I have to account for the fees and present an annual report and an auditing of each year's business."

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"Can we pet them?" was one of the more common questions asked of the families with children during the farm show.

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For the farm shows, the Association pays for fees, the advertising, and members attend shows when they can.

The best part of the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association? "It's the friendship and the family. We want everyone to be part of the Dexter family. We don't always agree, but we support the majority. It's the camaraderie, meeting people and the fun work of it all," she says with a grin.

Head 'em Up, Move 'em Out

It's Sunday afternoon, the last day of the farm show. The lines aren't as long, so the last few farmers can linger at the MDBA exhibit and talk Dexters with the members. The setting sun glows orange and red through the gates of the pens. The cows are hungry after a long day of petting, noise, and standing without much exercise.

"We come back year after year to see these cattle. They are so unique," says Mary Jane Cushing with her husband from Niangua, Missouri.

"Sometimes bigger is better, and then we find out this little machine can do everything a big cow can do. We're not commercial farmers, nor will we ever be. We like Dexters."

Betty Waller's husband, Rob, agrees with the couple. "What farmers can do with the big cows, we can do with the Dexters. It's just on smaller scale. You can drink their milk, you can eat the beef, there's just no hassle you have with big animals. Hobby farmers can do this. If people want to retire but don't want all the hard work of the big cows, Irish Dexters are perfect," he says.

According to Jerry, who has attended many shows throughout the Midwest and has Dexters in faraway places like Australia and nationally at the Memphis and Atlanta Zoos, one of the enjoyments of Dexter farming is the education of the breed to people. "If you are a farmer, it's in your blood. I farm Dexter cattle because they are good

animals. They are not ornery or temperamental. I believe in spreading the word on our cattle because it gives those farmers-at-heart an advantage," he says, as he nudges the rump of the dun cow in his cattle trailer. ♥

*All photographs courtesy of
Lizabeth R.
Starnes.*

☛ Betty Waller of Bonne Terre, Missouri, sells jerky and raffle tickets for the MDBA quilt.



Breed Standards

By Don Piehota

Fred Chesterley had interesting observations on standards- however, several require a response due to inaccuracies or a need for clarification.

Perhaps 15 years ago or more, when we thought of promoting Dexter bulls for use in commercial herds - to produce calving at 21 or 22 months would "stunt that heifer and keep her smaller than her genetic potential." This certainly would not be a selling point to commercial cattle breeders. Much to our relief, I was able to report in one of the Bulletins back then that scientific research by various universities showed there was no stunting of growth, only a retardation in growth. By age 4 years, the early calving heifers caught up to their later calving control, if there was adequate nutrition provided.

Of all the variables, it is nutrition that determines whether generic potential for size will be realized, and very poor nutrition, according to the researchers, can account for as much as a 3 to 4% loss in height. So the most a ruthless breeder can do to control height, other than genetics, is to feed so poorly that his cows mature 1¼ to 1½ inches shorter than their potential. Granted, my research into this was 15+ years ago, so you bright young people who do internet things might want to check out the current research.

On the matter of detailed descriptions regarding head, neck, shoulder, color, color pattern, shape of horn, etc., I confess I was mostly interested in height and weight to help new breeders select suitable bulls for breeding. It was Dean Fleharty and others who stressed the need for a precise description along professional lines, because they anticipated the showing of Dexters at fairs, cattle shows, etc. where fudges would refer to breed standards. It was out understanding that some of the seemingly strange descriptive terms are actually very precise and meaningful to professional judges.

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Perhaps we should have explained this, just as we took pains to explain that the standards are a guide, not a rule or law.

It may appeal to some ADCA members to admire or seek the novelty Dexter, but this is not going to be beneficial in the future. Dexter breeders have long had one foot in the exotic camp and one foot in the traditional livestock industry. It worked well in the past, but have you noticed the virtual collapse of the exotic trade. Historically, this will not revive for decades - check it out. The name of the game for the next few generations is 75% the traditional cattle business, which is a hard, ruthless game that periodically destroys 10% or more of the players. Now here is why I just scared you: the cattle business survivors are cautious and conservative. They seldom fool around. This means their Holsteins look like Holsteins, their Angus look like Angus, Herefords look like Herefords, etc. They don't pay top dollar for some Angus with white stockings and muzzle, even if someone says, "Trust me, I have papers for him." Buyers of Dexters also expect animals to look like Dexters, and standards are just a way of putting this into words. ♦

Color of Animals By Harvey Hall, DVM

I am not responding to all questions on your membership questionnaire because as of yet I don't own any Dexters. I have been gathering information on the breed and visiting herds to gather information and learn as much as I possibly can about the breed so that when I get started as a breeder I will be able to be a credit to the breed. There is one question on the survey that I would like to comment on.

Question Color of Animals

It will soon be possible to distinguish between red and dun by DNA test. Should the ADCA identify the two colors separately? Yes.

When I first started to read information about Dexters I ran into the term: Red/Dun which seemed to indicate that the two were one and the same, while information about the breed indicated they came in three distinct colors: Black, Red, and Dun: not Black and Red/Dun. Having worked closely with and/or bred most of the breeds found in North America I could not accept the notion that people of even marginal intelligence could not tell the difference in red and dun. The concept that dun and red are the same is so ridiculous that it should not even be discussed. I sat about trying to determine what was behind the red/dun controversy. Every time I visited a herd with dun animals I inquired of the owner that did not know the difference. When I asked what color calf would result if a Dun animal was mated with a true red animal, the owners of dun animals always informed me that the result would most often be a Black. Anyone with any experience with the red gene in cattle knows that red is a double recessive that breeds true. If you breed red to red you always get red. When you breed red to dun and get a black calf, this should be all the evidence needed to know that red and dun are not the same thing.

Why would someone with a dun animal want to call it a red/dun? I

asked this question of every owner of dun animals I talked with. I was informed by everyone that red animals were worth more money than dun, and the politics of the breed agreed that average people could not tell the difference in the two colors. If this is a problem of trying to dupe new owners into buying dun animals believing that they are really red, then this becomes a question of integrity on the part of the breed. Are these also the same breeders that want to deny that **short legged animals mated together do beget bulldog Dwarfs.**

A little white on the belly or legs of animals will not kill the Dexter breed, those are just throwbacks to genetics that are in the background of the breed, but a lack of integrity on the part of several breeders could be lethal to the survival of the breed.

You don't need a DNA test to determine red from dun, all you need is a return to principles of integrity. If someone does not know what color the animal is: let him submit a color photo taken on a sunny day and let the Secretary determine the color. If an occasional mistake is made, it would be much more truthful than putting them both together and telling the world that USA breeders are not competent to make a determination between red and dun.

If new people investigating the breed run into this lack of integrity in dealing with the color issue and the dwarfism issue, you are going to lose many as new prospects as they will not be able to believe in anything associated with the breed if they cannot trust the color information they are given. Color of the animal is much less important than quality of the animal. Most Dexter breeders need to be working on quality more than they are, but there is no excuse for letting a few try to confuse the color issue for their own personal gain, at the expense of the breed's integrity. ☑



The trials and tribulations of AI

By Fred Chesterley

I sold ten straws to a breeder and he didn't get any calves. Why? Were the straws no good, was the inseminator incompetent, or was the timing off? He recognized his problem as timing. He didn't live on the farm and rented the house. The renter was to let him know when a cow was in heat. He depended on a disinterested third party (the breeder and the cow were the interested parties). He might have had better luck had he said to the renter, "Here is what to look for and do, and if the cow conceives on the first straw I'll give you \$30, if it takes two straws I'll give you \$15 and if still no success I'll think about it". In other words some way to make the third party an interested party.

Last spring I sold three straws to a lady in California. She got nothing. Neither she nor I know why.

Recently I got a letter asking about getting two or three straws, but something had happened to my knowledge between last spring and the recent letter from Kansas. So she got a very different response than the spring letter.

So, let us examine the three problems: straws no good, inseminator no good, or the timing no good.

Straws no good.

At the AI center the bull is drawn, the semen tested for viability, motility, etc. If everything is all right it is frozen and sent to the owner's storage facility and shipping center. In my case, All West/Select Sires stores and ships. So when it leaves All West I am confident that it is in excellent condition. They are professionals and their very existence depends on doing it right. When it leaves All West it is put into hands which may be ignorant of its perishability. However of the three problem areas, I regard this as the least likely.

The inseminator is no good.

I live in the biggest dairy county in the state of Washington. We have

several dairies that milk a thousand cows a day and dairymen don't use bulls. My inseminator works eight or more hours a day seven days a week (he does take a 2 or 3 week vacation each year). The point being that he is an expert and he is inseminating cows every day so there is no rust. A recent article in the local paper on our dairy industry said that it took 2.6 straws for a pregnancy. So with expert active inseminators one can figure his chances with any one straw at less than 50%. It was that figure of 2.6 straws (average) to get a pregnancy that made me write to Kansas explaining reality rather than just filling an order.

The third problem is timing.

In nature the bull places the semen right up against the cervix. The cervix is a muscle. It keeps foreign matter out of the womb and keeps a fetus in until it is ready to be delivered. In other words the cervix usually opens once a year. It may relax a little at the time of heat but that is a guess on my part. The sperm must find its way thru the cervix and up to the egg. Figure eighteen hours for the journey. Everything is synchronized so that the egg does not become available for fertilization for sixteen or seventeen hours after first standing heat. Were the egg released at the same time as the first standing heat it would be beyond capability of fertilization when the sperm arrived. How does the inseminator differ? He inserts the straw thru the cervix and deposits semen at the mouth of each tube. If the egg is out of the tube fertilization occurs within a minute and a half to two minutes. Think, the bull takes eighteen hours, the inseminator one and a half to two minutes, and remember the cow is programmed to the bull, not the man!

Right now on a cloudy morning I can't see my cows until 7 a.m. I look out and there is one cow in heat. Did she come into standing heat at 4 a.m. or just 10 minutes ago? That difference may mean no pregnancy and another

straw three weeks from now. Also keep in mind that each cow is unique, one may be in heat for 15 minutes and another for 3 hours.

To the lady in Kansas I explained all this and then pointed out that she is not using AI in place of keeping a bull, but she has specific wants and these are; polled, male and perhaps color. Let's assume she buys three straws and she gets a calf. It is just 50/50 that she gets a polled calf, and 50/50 it's a bull and 50/50 that it is the color she hopes for if the color is anything but black. She could increase her odds were she to buy six straws but that is iffy and ten would make better sense. But with two or three she would be just as lucky were she to put her money into the state lottery. I did not intend to dissuade her from using AI, just face reality. She turned out not to be much of a gambler as she has decided to get a weaned polled bull calf. ♦

Region 3 Meeting

Topics discussed at the October 25th regional meeting held at Izzy's Restaurant in Everett, Washington.

1. Annual General Meeting: making the effort effective.
2. Marketing within the region.
3. Special annual issue of the Bulletin.
4. Identification of shortlegs: a positive approach.
5. Standards revision — height, weight, color, white.
6. Evaluation systems: useful or limiting?
7. World Dexter Congress, August 1998.
8. Forming a subgroup of Dexter breeders interested in breeding for superior quality, and working for production. *



1998 ADCA NATIONAL MEETING-DEXTER VIDEO SHOW

Jim Moody, Director of Region 8

We are going to try something different at our meeting in July. We will have a show in which the animals will be evaluated and judged from video tapes.

While it is true this type of show will have disadvantages, there are also many advantages. These would include the following:

1. Breeders from all districts can participate without having to transport animals, possibly thousands of miles.

2. It will give more breeders a chance to have their animals evaluated and also for them to better acquaint themselves with the evaluation system. (See article by Dan Wilson - Sep./Oct. Bulletin)

3. It will give those present a chance to see good animals from all over the United States and Canada.

4. It will make tapes available that could be incorporated into the proposed ADCA video tape.

5. In addition, it will make possible the selecting of champions from a wide range of herds, not just those close to the meeting site or from ones who might have the time and means to transport animals long distances.

For this show, the emphasis will be put on the quality of the animals, not their training, so they do not necessarily need to be halter broke. We do, however, need good quality tapes, showing high quality, well behaved animals.

Who can enter?

There is no way of knowing how many entries there will be from those present at the meeting. We will include tapes from members not present as time permits and hope to include all. At the very least, we will be able to have all the tapes evaluated with the score card being mailed to the breeder. No tapes will be returned. Those not picked up at the meeting will become the property of the ADCA and possibly be used in a video tape to promote the Dexter breed.

Video Rules

1. First shot will be a thirty second side view from approximately twenty feet.

2. This will be followed by a closer fifteen second view of at least two feet (front and rear) with entry on a hard surface.

3. The third—thirty second rear shot from twelve feet showing the rear quarters, legs and udder or testicles if applicable.

4. The fourth—thirty second front view showing head, shoulders, and front legs.

5. Final thirty second shot—side view with animal on move (clockwise).

The length of the entire tape should not exceed 2½ minutes. Due to the limited time, timing is very important. For this reason tapes that are longer might have to be eliminated.

Remember: Each entry must be on a separate tape. They should be labeled with the following information (on the back label where the title goes):

1. Class it is to be entered in.

2. Animal's registration number and name.

3. Date of birth.

4. Height at shoulder and estimated weight.

5. Long or short leg.

6. If you have entries in more than one class, list them on the label as 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc. If there are more entries than can be judged, it might necessitate the judging of only your first three or four choices. No breeder can enter more than one animal in each class.

Example:

Class: Yearling Heifer

Height: 38"

Weight: 400 lbs.

Reg. No.: 08734

Name: Halls Bessie Mac

DOB: 5/12/97

Long Leg

1st Choice

The breeder's name, address, and

phone number can be put on a label on top of the tape.

Example:

John Doe

331 Oak Street

Zellwood, Fl. Zip.

Phone:

All information should be duplicated on cover or case of tape.

While not required, a voice commentary of this information can be included. If the entry is for sale, this could also be included on the label, voice commentary or both.

Class titles: (all ages are to 6/15/98)

1. Bull calf, less than one year

2. Yearling bull, 1 to 2 years

3. Bull, 2 to 4 years

4. Mature bulls, over 4 years

5. Heifer calf, less than one year

6. Yearling heifer, 1 to 2 years

7. 1st calf heifers

8. Cows up to 4 years

9. Mature cows, over 4 years

10. Best Herd - This too should be a separate tape of 2½ minutes, showing your entire herd of cows and calves with at least one herd bull. Do not leave out any animals because of undesirable qualities. These tapes will be judged separately and the owners of the three best herds will be announced in the Bulletin.

Remember, tapes should be of good quality. If you are not skilled with a camcorder get a friend or pay someone to help so as to show your animals as they really are in color, conformation, etc.

All tapes have to be mailed no later than 6/15/98. Mail to:

Jim Moody

349 Little Elijah Circle

Franklin, NC 28934

If you have questions, please contact your regional director or call me at 941-657-3464.

There is a five dollar entry fee to cover the costs of the judge's evaluation. ©

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Based on current studies the Association recommends that the breeding short-legged X (to) short-legged animals be avoided because of a genetic condition existing in some Dexters.

Dexter Cattle For Sale

ANDERSONS' ANIMALS

Black cows and calves. Long legged. Will sell bred cows with calves or bred heifers. Prices vary, but reasonable. Can deliver within Iowa and surrounding states.

Paul Anderson
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(515) 961-6772

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FOR SALE: 1997 black heifer and bull calves. Very small and well conformed.

Allan and Elaine Abrams Telephone: 201-327-0740
104 E. Saddle River Road Fax: 201-327-1912
Saddle River, NJ 07458

For Sale: Two very nice calves. One black bull, calved 9-13-96 and one dark brown bull, calved 9-13-96. Both calves are dehorned. For more information contact:

Stillwater Dexters
996 Twp #553 Rd#2
Ashland, Ohio 44805

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

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

For Sale: Herd dispersal - Retirement! Over 60 head to select from. Most Black, some Red/Dun, both body types available. All from certified disease free herd by Mo. Dept. of Agriculture. Delivery available.

James Mitchell
Rt. 2, Box 71
Paris, Mo. 65275
(816) 327-5585

Calves, cows, and bulls. Embryos also available. All from certified and accredited herd by Ohio Dept. of Agriculture.

Briar Hill Farm
James G. Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd.
Richfield, OH 44286-9605
(330) 659-4861

10 Mature cows for sale: All bred to red Bull. All Cows carry Red gene - we now have one Short Legged Red Bull calf (3-14-97) for sale. Several Medium & Long Legged Heifers and Bulls available.

Rainbow Hills Dexter Farm
Rt. 13, Box 75
Poplar Bluff, MO. 63901
(573) 785-2719 or (660) 827-5085

For Sale:

3 heifers, 1 tall, 2 short.
2 bulls, 1 tall, 1 short.

All healthy stock born in 1996 and 1997.

Ernst Gulzau
P.O. Box 75
Reliance, TN 37369
(423) 338-2203

Dexter Cattle For Sale

**P.O. Box 120
Laquey, MO 65534**

**Jeanie V. Douglas
(573) 765-4626**

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Registered Dexter cattle - Choice of well-bred stock available for your selection.

YOU are welcome to visit
this gentle disposition herd of all-black
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HIGHER QUALITY BEEF-MILK GIVERS-BEAST OF BURDEN

Selling four proportionate black heifers, Knotting - Woodmagic bloodlines, several bull calves, also two young cows bred to a red Knotting bull.

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For Sale: Very nice short well proportioned Black Bull. D.O.B. 7/21/96. Also a select few two years old Black Cows - some bred. All horned.

Taking names for spring & summer calves.

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

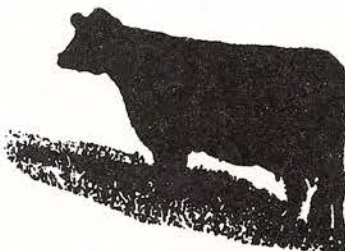
Please call in the evening

Registered Dexter Bulls For Sale

Please make us an offer we cannot refuse, or else it is off to the McBurger Ranch. We bought an additional herd, and have too much bull. Two (2) approximately 3 y/o bulls must go.

Singing Springs Farm
P.O. Box 529
Elkton, OR 97436-0529
(541) 584-2550

QUALITY DEXTERS



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

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Registered Dexter cattle. Cows, bulls, and calves.

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

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Phillip Martz
1229 Leister Rd
Fairhope, PA 15538
(814) 267-5052

Bull Wanted

Approximately 40". Looking for an older bull with a verifiable breeding history. Prefer a bull with horns.

(503) 747-2053



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under 40". Choice breeding
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Breeding for the ultimate
in flavor and low fat
for the health conscious
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Registered Dexter cattle for sale: heifer & bull calves, bulls, and bred heifers & cows, red/dun or black, short or tall, large number to choose from.

Dave Friedrich
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Antelope, MT 59211
(406) 286-5219

Dale Friedrich
PO Box 111
Antelope, MT 59211
(406) 286-5289

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Delivery services available.

**Larry Higgins &
Gwen Casey-Higgins**

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Horned, medium height.

Rails End
Box 13
Matheson, CO 80830
(719) 541-2676

Registered Dexter bulls for sale:
Black, horned, short or tall, 6 to 14 months old.
1 dun bull, 6 months old - \$600 to \$800.

Hammer Ranch
(719) 683-2307
25450 Myers Rd.
Colorado Springs, CO. 80928

FOR SALE:

Two registered heifers bred to good red/dun bull due to calf in March & April 98.

Hillview Farm
Evelyn Anderson
P.O. Box 3032
Idyllwild, CA 92549
(909) 659-5802

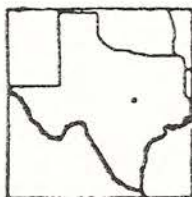
FOR SALE:

5 black cows bred to red/dun bull.
4 black heifers (1996) short & tall.
3 bull calves, 1 tall red/dun (5/25/97); 1 short red/dun (4/19/97); 1 short black (8/30/97).
1 tall black heifer (4/7/97).

Larry Yale
Memphis, TN
(901) 756-1040

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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.

Briscoe's DBL D Stock Farms

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817-939-6016

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FOR SALE: UNEWEEP KAY CEE

Red/dun Bull (dehorned)
\$500

Calved 1/97 - 36" tall
Long-legged / Great Disposition

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Carol Ann Traynor
Ph: (970) 241-2005

"Healthy Dexters for sale; cows, heifers and a bull calf, come and see them."

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Ithaca, NY 14850
NY phone: (607) 347-4295

Dexter Cattle For Sale

SHAMISTIN ACRES DEXTER CATTLE

HERD BULL, HIYU SCARAB FOR SALE

DOB: July 29, 1994

Sire: Riverhill Saturn's Galaxy

Dam: Hiyu Scilla (Grand Champion Female Calgary Stampede '97) ADCA & CDCA registered, Black, proven bull, semen tested, has produced excellent calves. His heifer calf '96 Shamistin Franny placed 3rd at Calgary Stampede '97, his bull calf '97 Shamistin Galileo placed 3rd at Calgary Stampede '97.

HERD REDUCTION SALE FALL '97

A good selection of bred cows, bred heifers and '97 heifers. Sired by Hiyu Scarab. Vet. Preg. check and vaccinated and Ivomex.

For inquiries: **Bruce & Monique Schmaltz**
Box 353 Beiseker, Alberta T0M 0G0
(403) 947-2155 Fax: (403) 947-2291



1998 Annual Membership Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Annual renewal for membership is \$20

Dexter Semen For Sale

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

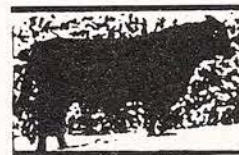
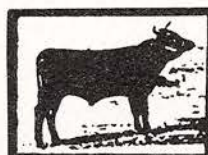
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 James G. Johnson
 4092 Broadview Rd.
 Richfield, OH 44286-9605
 (330) 659-4861

Collected from Glencara Paddy, #3864 EX. Black, 44 1/2" tall, 1050 lbs. @ 4 yrs. \$15 / straw + s & h. Note his offspring do not carry EX.

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

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. 13, Box 75
 Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
 (573) 785-2719 or (660) 827-5085



Semen for United States and Canadian use:

BEDFORD ROMARC RAMBLER #5449, black, 39" @ 18 mos.

RIVERHILL SATURN'S GALAXY #5255, black, 43" @ 4 yrs.

WEE GAELIC MR. O'TOOLE #5741, red/Dun, 45" @ 4 yrs.

The above bulls are \$20 US / straw, \$25 Cdn. / straw, + S & H.

CORNAHIR OUTLAW #6703, RED/dun, 44" @ 4 yrs. (Irish import)

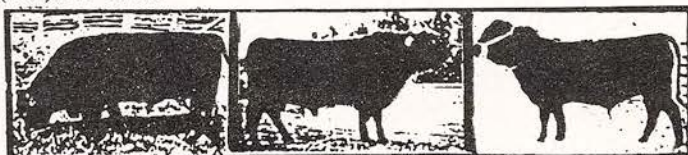
\$35 US (\$45 Cdn.) 1 - 5 straws, \$30 US (\$40 Cdn.) 6 or more, + S & H.

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

(English import w/Fred Chesterley, WA), \$30 US (\$40 Cdn.) per straw.

Note: orders for 6 or more straws of Platinum get free ship/handling.

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

1996 sales of Llanfair calves:

Fire Ball, black, polled to Mark Youngs WA.

Finnigan, red, horned to Stephen Camplin, Australia.

1997 available a very very few red or black, polled or horned bull calves and horned red heifers.

No polled heifers or duns.

Don't you feel just a little silly surgically removing horns when you can accomplish the same genetically with no pain to the animal or the purse. It is the way to go!

Saltaire Platinum, polled, black, recessive red. Straws \$30 each, 6 or more shipped free. Write or call:

F. D. Chesterley
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Blaine, WA 98230
Phone - (360) 332-8579

Canadians wanting Platinum see Carol Davidson's ad.

Platinum is more valuable than gold.

Collected from Anton of Mt. Carmel, #2871. Red/dun. 40½" tall, 8 yrs. old and 975 lbs. Proportionate, long bodied, fleshy. Producing clean - uddered heifers and fleshy bulls. \$15 per straw + shipping.

Phillip R. Martz, Sr.
1229 Leister Rd.
Fairhope, PA 15538
(814) 267-5052

Dexter Products For Sale

DEXTER AI BULL REVIEW

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

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

\$15 cdn / \$10 U.S. includes shipping and postage. Order from:
Bright Meadows, RR 1
Ladysmith, B.C., Canada
VOR 2EO

There are only a few large commemorative 1997 Calgary Stampede t-shirts remaining. They can be purchased for \$14 from Carol Davidson.

From the Editor

I want to especially thank Liz Starnes for her time and effort in contributing her article and photographs *twice* due to a glitch by the U.S. Post Office. I'm particularly fond of receiving photographs of children with Dexters, so despite the delay, I believe it was worth waiting for. I also want to thank everyone else that contributed to this issue.

Last issue there was a labeling glitch at the printers and a Canadian postal strike. The strike is over and hopefully the labeling problems. To keep them current, Rosemary diligently sends the addresses on a computer disk each issue to the printers. The printers were in the process of relocating so may have used an old disk by mistake but if it happens again, I'll ask "George" about the labels.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Directors! Your time and service to the association is appreciated. I'm looking forward to taking your photograph this summer in North Carolina, during one of the Board's donut breaks. So hope to see you there!

If you haven't already sent in your survey that was published in the last issue, please do so now. The more members that return the survey, the more accurate the results.

Hopefully everyone has survived the holiday festivities and is making it through the winter in good shape. Some areas have had some harsh weather this year. Around here we've had a fairly mild winter except for what seemed like weeks of cold gray gloomy days. On those days when the sun did manage to shine brightly, it picked up everyone's spirits. The Dexters' would all kick up their heels and be more playful and frisky in the pasture during the celebration of a sunny day. We haven't had much snow but some off and on freezing rain. It's made dad stare at his feet and take little baby steps doing chores but the boys always seem to slide through them quickly and haven't complained about missing a few days of school during closing.

I managed to find a judge for the contest from outside the association. She's a published poet and practicing artist and so we should have the results for the next issue.

The printer's always asks how soon I need the Bulletin printed and I always tell them "yesterday". The same is true if you have an article and/or photographs. Don't worry about deadlines because we'll get you published as soon as possible and so your story/photographs are welcome anytime.

Thanks again, I enjoy hearing from you.

Richard Henry



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 February 25



*Happy Valentine'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 64083

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

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Send letters and articles to the editor:

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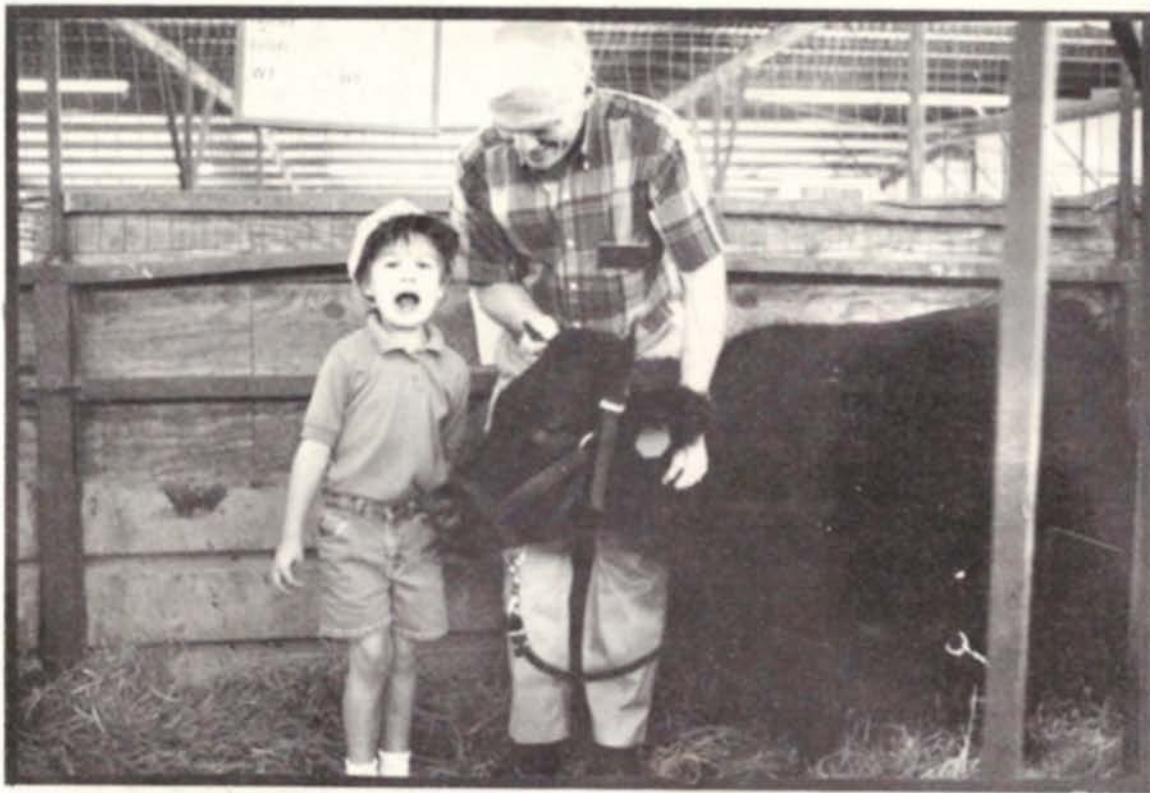
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Cost of Registrations:

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 (Bulletin only)	\$10.00
Names for registration cannot exceed 21 characters	
The tattoo code letter for 1998 is "H"	



Taking the bull by the horns! Dick Dalton of Rainbow Hills gets friendly with John Foley's bull Tilden and a little Dexter fan.. Photograph courtesy of Lizabeth R. Starnes.

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