



The Dexter Bulletin

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Dexter Awareness at the Zoo

**By: J. Shaffer, T. White, M. Bryant, J. Dopkowski, Preservation Acres staff,
Baltimore Zoo, Baltimore, MD.**

In 1998, the Baltimore Zoo decided to keep their Farmyard section (Preservation Acres) open all year long. To do this we needed to select a permanent breed of cow which would fit our exhibit. Of all the breeds of cows in the world, we decided on Dexters as our choice of cattle for our Farmyard. They fit all our desires and needs. As the smallest breed of cattle, they would not out grow our stall/exhibit as the Holstein calves we usually got each year had done.

Their size has other advantages also. Guests of Zoological Parks are always looking for baby animals. The size and cute facial features of our Dexters make them seem to be young even as they grow into adults.

The Dexter's hardy nature would allow them to be comfortable in Maryland's variable weather conditions. Our weather is anything but predictable and we need animals that can adapt well to the radically changing conditions which occur, and Dexters fit the bill.

We have two adorable Dexters here at the Baltimore Zoo. "Brenna," was born 7/98 at Dog Run Dexters in VA. "Brenna" is a Celtic name meaning dark haired. She is black in color and of the short legged variety. Her half brother, "Bailey" (an obvious Irish name thanks to Bailey's Irish cream!) was born 8/98 at Token Farm in MD. He is dun in color and is also short legged. We are not currently breeding (Bailey is neutered) but will probably find Brenna a "boyfriend in a straw" when we are ready to breed and have an outlet for the calf.

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Bailey the Dexter giving Tanya White a kiss while Brenna and Jen Dopkowski look on.



Bailey, Jen, Brenna and Margaret enjoying their walk.

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At Seeing Our Dexter Cattle For The First Time

By Kathy Smith

The cattle in our pasture,
Most folks don't recognize.
They stop their cars; they sit and stare.
They can't believe their eyes.
For folks with all the answers,
Asking questions is exercise.
"What could be the use of cows so small?"
"They can't give too much milk."
"Who'd ever want such puny things,
'Stead of cows of greater ilk?"
"They're not like the cows at our house,
You know the real ones, black and white,
Can't understand why anyone
Would keep cows around so slight."
"So, how old would you say they are?"
"And what is it that you feed 'em?"
"Oh, grass and water, or hay and water,
And a little grain 'ill keep 'em."
"Don't see how you're gonna do it
Without some fancier pens.
Winter 'll come and cold and snow
Just what'll happen then?"
"About the same as always does
With the wind and rain and snow
They have a place to run in and out
They decide when to come and go."
"And what about their calving?"
Why that must be quite some worry!"
"No, not for the most part
'Cause to see it, you have to hurry."
"But those cows aren't big and tall

Like cows are supposed to be.
Who's ever seen such animals?"
Are comments made to me.
"Them cows 'ill starve,
They can't survive,
You'll smarten up and realize."
"Looks like they're doin' fine to me,
As they have before,
I guess you'd make me worry,
If they were skinny, sick, or sore.
But winters never phase them,
Nor ever does summer's heat;
They do quite well whenever
Even though they're so petite."
"And what about that cow out there?
I'll bet she's not with calf."
Seeing just which one he meant,
I couldn't help but laugh.
"Even if she isn't
She's still a good old friend
'Cause she's raised her share of young ones,
Way over the number ten."
Maybe running out of questions,
Or running out of time,
They roll back up their windows,
Feeling sure that I'm
Wasting all my efforts,
On cows that really won't survive.
Folks with all the answers keep stopping
And looking as they go;
And I have to wonder sometimes,
Just how much it is they know. ❖

*Annual Meeting
July 14-16, 2000
Marshfield, Mo.*



Ah ha, look who's out with the girls? We put the purebred Piedmontise bull out with 15 Dexter cows. We'll wait and see what happens next spring! Submitted by W.C. Kaoatz.

Dexter Awareness at the Zoo

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Both our cattle are halter trained. We have trained them to come to us when asked, which makes haltering a much easier task. They take walks throughout the Zoo with their keepers in tow allowing guests to get up close and personal. They are a big hit with guests, staff and the other animals, who watch intently as we walk by.

Bailey and Brenna are the perfect ambassadors for the breed. Everyone who meets them wants to get Dexters for their farms, unfortunately most

don't have farms yet. They are friendly, walking right over to the fence to get a scratch on the neck or deliver a big wet lick! I'm sure all the 4H people and anyone who has been to a show knows how excited people are to see you walking your cow on a leash. That moment is the perfect time to start educating. We always talk to the Zoo's guests about our cattle and about the need for conservation of farm breeds.

We have all minor breeds (except for the petting/contact yard) in our Farmyard. We have found that many people are not aware that there are endangered

domestic animals. The tendency is to think of wild animals as endangered and not the various breeds of farm animals. We kept this thought in mind as we started to look at which breeds of livestock to bring to the Zoo.

Bailey and Brenna remind us and our guests of how important the differences in the breed characteristics can be. They promote conservation just by being themselves. When you encourage people to look at the small farms of the past, you begin to realize that as the population grows, we may only have small farms in the future. Dexters, if preserved, may be the perfect animals to fill this niche. **Keep up the good work everyone! ... Dexters Rule!!!**



Bailey gets some attention from some zoo guests.



CALGARY STAMPEDE NEWS

In December I had the pleasure of being accepted by the Calgary Stampede Board as the replacement representative for Dexters on Cattle Committee, taking over from the very capable hands of Allyn Nelson. Allyn accompanied me to the December meeting and I was gently introduced to the procedures. It was extremely interesting and rather intimidating when you consider the logistics of putting on a show of this magnitude!

On January 27th, I attended another meeting when it was decided (among other things) that Dexters and Tarentaise will share a judge, Mr. Bill Hartall, and our show will start at 10:00 am on July 11th in the outdoor ring. Move-in day is Monday July 10 at 8:00 am and we have 27 spaces reserved for Dexters so please start sending me your entries as soon as possible. We need 24 animals to make it a paying show and it is so much fun! I look forward to seeing as many Dexters as we can possibly fit into the available spaces. We also will need assistants of all kinds on show day so do come and join us - it's a blast!

**Ruth Stone, Dexter Representative
Beef Cattle Committee, Calgary Stampede**

IRISH DEXTER 2000

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

HAPPENINGS

New Announcements

A new motel has been added to our list. The Budget Inn just recently opened and is about 5 miles from Marshfield, located in Conway, MO (417) 589-2503.

The Branson Packages have been mailed. If you did not receive your package, please let us know and we will see that you get one.

The raffle tickets are going very well. If you need or want more tickets please let us know or you can contact Betty Waller at (573) 358-3260 or mdba@jun.net, or 9648 Tower Road, Bonne Terre, MO 63628. You will need a bull if you win Marvin Johnson's calf, for it will soon be ready to breed. All of the proceeds go to the ADCA in the general fund.

Region Six Meeting Adanal Ranch - Yorktown, Texas April 29 1 PM - 6 PM

Hosts: Ken & Jody Gabbert

The cost is \$5.00 per person for evening meal paid to Jody Gabbert or Marvin Johnson. We will discuss the annual meeting, the direction that the Association is going and what needs to be done to benefit all the members. For more information please contact:

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See You At Grand Junction 2000 Southwest Fest

On April 15, Carol Ann Traynor plans to display a yearling short-leg bull, ElNino, (aka Junior), during the Southwest Fest/Chili Cook-Off on Main Street in Grand Junction, CO. She plans to share information about Dexters and hand out ADCA materials.

Our trophies for the Show and Sale are being handmade by John Foley. Trophies will be given for the Show and Sale only. Ribbons and Certificates will be given for the Video Show. Several Dexters have already been entered and have been placed in the catalogue. Please try to get your entry in early so we can go to press and get a catalogue to everyone before the Show and Sale. We have a group of 4-H folks from Arkansas that plan to bring some steers and we have several entries of steers from other people.

Several people have already asked for a copy of the catalogue, and they plan to purchase Dexters at our Sale, so it is to your advantage to:

1. Enter early.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy Annual Conference April 28 - 30, 2000

"Driving Rare Breeds into the Future" is the title of the ALBC's Annual Conference this year. It will feature living examples of equine breeds that are in danger of extinction. The conference will be held at Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia, in conjunction with the Carriage Association of America conference. For more information or to register for the conference contact ALBC at (919) 542-5704 or visit our web site at www.albc-usa.org. Register by April 7 to receive a discount: registration deadline is April 19 to be assured meals.

Conservation 21st Century Project

I have been asked to share agricultural concerns from my perspective as a 'small acreage' owner as to natural resource issues for Colorado in this century during the Grand Junction session of the Conservation 21st Century Project on March 17. It promises to be an interesting exchange of opinions from a wide variety of individuals representing all walks of life regarding the future of

2. Have your Dexter ready to show.
3. Come to Missouri for just a good time.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of getting your registration for the meeting to Rosemary early. We need a count on how many to prepare for. Please, if you plan to attend, call or write the Association and let Rosemary know. The numbers are important for the planning of the meals, transportation and the setting up of the facilities.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Meeting, please contact Jerry Starnes at (573) 785-2719, starnesj@semo.net / John Foley at (417) 833-2186, JFOLEYARC@aol.com.

Hope to see you in Missouri. We'll leave the light on for you.

Western Small Acreage Association Meeting April 29

Intermountain Veteran's Memorial
Park (Fairgrounds)
Grand Junction

For more information please contact:
CSU Extension Service
Tri-River Area
2775 Hwy. 50
Grand Junction, CO 81503
Phone: (970) 244-1834



our Colorado natural resources.

My membership in Mesa County and Colorado Cattlewomen's has allowed me to continue promotion of Dexter Cattle to other interested cattle growers and a wider cross-section of the public sector. I encourage you to take advantage of organizations in your area which would give you the opportunity to tell others about our Dexter breed.

Carol Ann Traynor

Abortions

From Keeping Livestock Healthy: A Veterinary Guide to Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Goats & Sheep by N. Bruce Haynes, D.V.M.

Once a viable pregnancy has been established and confirmed it's just a matter of time until the calf is born - if an abortion doesn't occur. Abortion may occur at any time and there are many possible causes. If you have a cow that aborts, don't attribute it to bad luck and forget about it. There is always a reason and any money and effort spent to find the reason can pay big dividends even if you only have one cow. If the abortion is due, for example, to brucellosis, that cow will shed *Br. abortus* organisms in her milk. If he is your only milk supply there is thus a possibility of your getting undulant fever unless the milk is pasteurized. For the protection of the rest of the herd it's vitally important that a diagnosis be made.

At the very least, segregate the aborting cow from the rest of the herd until a diagnosis has been made because her vaginal discharge may be teeming with pathogens. Put the aborted fetus in a plastic bag and hold it in a cool place until your veterinarian can get there to do a necropsy and collect samples for laboratory diagnosis. Last, thoroughly clean and disinfect the area where the abortion occurred to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

What is the most important component of a cow's diet?

Water is the most important part of a cow's diet, although it is seldom thought of as such. A cow can go several days without feed but one day without water will cause a precipitate drop in milk production, two days without will make a very sick animal, and three days without will likely kill the animal. ❖



Chondrodysplasia Research Update

by Julie Cavanagh & Imke Tammen

Imke and I travelled to Western Australia to attend the Association for the Advancement of Animal Breeding and Genetics (AAABG) Conference from 4th -7th July. We thought that the trip to WA would be a great opportunity to inspect some Dexters and meet their owners, as well as see a little bit of Perth and surrounds. We took three days after the Conference to head south of Perth. All the breeders we met were very enthusiastic and keen to tell us about their Dexters but unfortunately we had limited time, so we could not get to everyone in Western Australia - thank you to those who invited us and sorry if we couldn't make it. We did get to Chittering Downs, Stoneybrook, Waterfall, Glenwarlock, Bundilla, Billabong, Crest Hill, Speewah, and Kirup Park, and want to thank the owners of these studs for preparing their animals, allowing us to take samples and measurements, and providing food/accommodation for hungry researchers. We enjoyed meeting so many people and discussing the breeding of Dexters.

As you would already know from previous Bulletins, we are very interested in bulldog samples as well as relatives of bulldogs. We still require more bulldog calves for our research, so please let us know immediately if you have one. It is essential that we arrange to pick up the bulldog calf as soon as it is born, as we require at least one very fresh sample for a new technique we are planning to use. We need the samples from bulldog calves and their relatives to identify the gene causing bulldogs in Dexter cattle. This will lead to a DNA-based test that will allow us to identify animals carrying the defect.

We are also interested in the genetics involved with short leg (SL) and long leg (LL) animals. For this work we have started collecting blood and hair samples as well as measurement data from SL and LL animals from all over Australia. We are particularly interested in multiple matings/embryo transfers

between SL and LL animals that produce both SL and LL offspring. We are also interested in both SL and LL offspring from Kalinda Angus, Saltaire Guinness and Meadowpark Charles.

We hope that later on this data will be useful in understanding how the chondrodysplasia gene affects leg length and we need a large sample of the Dexter population to be able to do this. We have visited a few studs in NSW and intend to visit more in the future. During our Western Australian trip we collected samples and measurements from 102 animals; other WA breeders have also sent us hair samples and a visual description or photo of animals that we couldn't visit.

At the moment, it is thought that SL animals are probably carriers of the chondrodysplasia gene. As reported in Dexter Bulletin No. 33 (p. 11-12), M.V. Symes conducted a study in England and came to the conclusion that there are a number of measurements that may be helpful in distinguishing between SL and LL animals. However, when we measured the animals here we did not get two distinct groups, indicating that just measuring will not be sufficient to identify SL and LL animals in all cases. We are convinced that we need a conclusive DNA test.

Once we have identified the chondrodysplasia gene and analysed the measurement data, we will find out if there are any 'short' animals out there that are not carrying the bulldog defect.

We intend to keep collecting more measurement data over the next few years and hope to meet more of the friendly Dexter breeders. Please remember that all the data remains entirely confidential.

Chondrodysplasia vs. Achondroplasia

You may have noticed that we are now using the term *chondrodysplasia* instead of *achondroplasia* to describe the bulldog calf disorder in Dexter cattle.

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Chondrodysplasia Research Update

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During our trip to WA we were asked why the name has changed. Peter Harper has decided that chondrodysplasia is a more accurate description of the disorder than achondroplasia.

According to Peter: "Disease names are always a problem and just as two parents often disagree over naming a child, diseases often have many 'parents', so names of diseases are often controversial. In pathological terms, chondrodysplasia means abnormal development of cartilage and so nicely describes the disorder in general; achondroplasia means absence of development of cartilage and thus is not really accurate, as there is some, albeit deformed, cartilage developing in bulldog calves."

Short Leg vs. Long Leg:

What percentages do we expect?

Imke recently gave a presentation at the Hawkesbury Judging School. For

her presentation, she prepared the following diagram showing the *expected* outcome from various matings.

The proportion of LL, SL and bulldog calf offspring is based on over 1700 matings that were monitored between 1970 and 1997 by A.J. Sheppy in the United Kingdom. (Proceedings of the World Dexter Congress, 1998).

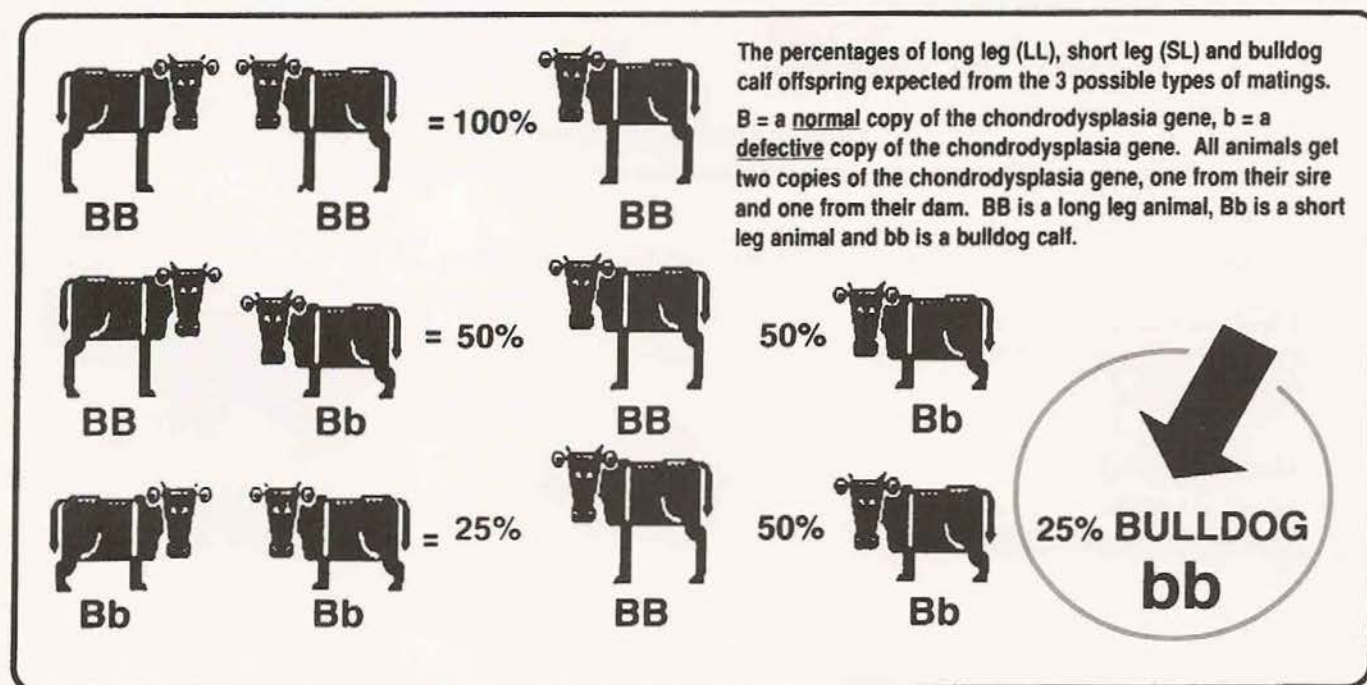
It is interesting to note that regardless of mating a SL and a LL animal, or two SL animals, you can always expect 50% of the offspring to be SL; but if you mate two short-legged animals you also have a 25% chance of getting a bulldog calf, i.e. every 4th calf of such a mating is likely to be a bulldog. Unfortunately, as we mentioned earlier, it is not always easy to determine which animal is SL and which is LL. Therefore, small long legged animals and large short legged animals can cause some confusion. ❖

Article courtesy of the Australasian Dexter Bulletin, Spring 1999 Edition.



Above: A bulldog calf of approx. 4-5 months gestation.

The Expected Mode of Inheritance of Chondrodysplasia



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THE GREAT WHITE DEXTER SALE

At the 1999 Annual Meeting, one of the many highlights was the auction of items that were brought to the meeting by members. It was so successful that we plan to try it again.

The **GREAT WHITE DEXTER SALE** is planned for Saturday, July 15, after the Annual Banquet. If you have any White Dexter items that are around the house, bring them to this auction.

Some of the items brought to the sale last year were shirts with hand-painted Dexter cattle on the pockets, craft items such as a small truck that had the 1999 show logo on it. And yes, some people brought rose rocks from Oklahoma and sold them. There were several pictures and ranching supplies such as halters and show equipment.

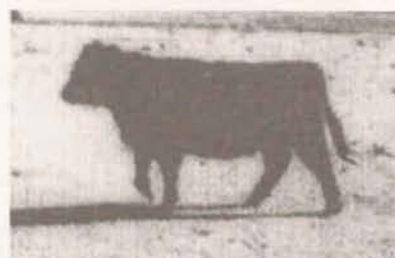
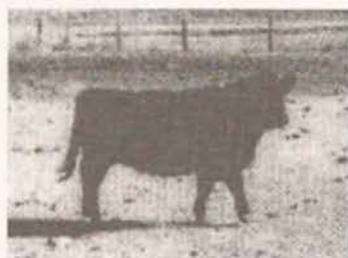
This year we hear that a blanket is being made, an Oxen-drawn cart with the 2000 Show logo on the side of the wagon, a Dexter Bell for ringing (outside we hope) and several other items.

It all goes to a good cause - our Association. These items will be auctioned off after the awards ceremony on Saturday night. There will also be a drawing for door prizes at the auction, so if you need a new door be sure and be there.

If you have any questions about the sale, contact Brenda Stringham at 913-755-4704.

This year, two heifer calves will be donated :

Smiling Papa Johnson Ranch, Elkhart, Kansas, will donate a black heifer.



**Calved February 25, 1999
Will be short and blocky. See you at the Meeting!**

Rainbow Hills Irish Dexter Farm, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, will donate a red heifer.

First calf of the millennium!

Calved January 7, 2000

Name: Millie

**Sire: 1999 National
Show Reserved
Grand Champion Bull**



Financial Statement
American Dexter Cattle Association
 January 1 - December 31, 1999

Balance on hand (1-1-99)		\$20,287.04
Income:		
Transfers	\$12,698.00	
Registrations	12,649.00	
1999 Dues	7,002.00	
New Memberships	4,070.00	
Late Registrations	2,281.00	
Herd Books (Ordered)	2,060.00	
Annual Meeting	1,792.85	
2000 Dues	880.00	
Advertising	875.00	
Promotional Items	831.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower) sold	555.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Hays) sold	467.50	
Subscriptions	410.00	
Inner Herd Transfer	400.00	
Donations	261.00	
A.I. Registrations	230.00	
Refund on Bulletin Printing	150.00	
"Kerry & Dexter Cattle" Books sold	150.00	
Interest	85.41	
Total Income	\$47,847.76	
Grand Total		<u>\$68,134.80</u>
Expenses:		
Bulletin Expense	\$ 8,715.39	
Secretarial Stipend	8,018.00	
Herdbook Printing	5,606.42	
Computer Software and Programming	4,500.00	
Annual Meeting	3,624.66	
Postage	3,533.34	
Membership Book Printing	2,219.14	
Advertising	1,854.30	
Insurance Premium	1,565.00	
Printing Costs	1,557.33	
New computer	1,500.00	
Supplies	1,041.32	
Promotional Items	1,012.50	
Bulletin Editor Stipend	1,000.00	
Registration, transfer & membership overpayment	811.50	
California State Fair	500.00	
Regional Meeting Expense	426.41	
Returned Checks	364.00	
Computer Hardware Update	243.28	
Canadian Exchange (Adjustments)	182.97	
Copy Machine Maintenance Contract	175.00	
Missouri Dexter Breeders	150.00	
Computer Support for Bulletin	150.00	
CPA Fees	125.00	
ALBC	125.00	
NPLC Fee	100.00	
Bank Fees	52.00	
Phone Calls	47.76	
Corporation Fee	20.00	
Total Expenses	\$49,220.32	<u>\$49,220.32</u>
Net Loss -\$1,372.56		
Cash on hand January 1, 2000		\$18,914.48

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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

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Twainland Dexter Farm
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Paris, MO 65275
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From the Editor

Anthony Robbins once said: "To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others."

What is an editor? These days, computers do the work of checking grammar and spelling. I find it preferable to do as little editing as possible because every person has a certain tone to the way they say things that's unique to them and maybe their region. Mostly an editor assembles material and tries to present it without any major mistakes. For example, you don't want to put a picture of a beef carcass next to an obituary unless the two are related. In order to assemble material you have to have material to assemble. That's why every issue the editor tries to find a different way to ask people to send articles, no matter how big or small that we can share with everyone. If you can't write, then maybe you've come across some useful tip somewhere that might be helpful to other breeders. Whether you have one Dexter or a hundred, everyone likes looking at Dexters so the next time you have pictures of your Dexters developed get two copies made and send a photograph to the Bulletin. All of this will make a better publication and a better editor.

I have some ideas that I'm working on to make a more comprehensive and better Bulletin that I'm going to propose. I don't have all the answers. For instance, why is it that someone who lives only 60 miles from where the publication is mailed gets their Bulletin two weeks after someone who lives 1200 miles away? I don't understand why the post office is proposing to raise postage when last year their profits were 300 million dollars more than they expected. There are some things that we can do to simplify and be better organized because I know deadlines always seem to confuse everyone, so we need a better schedule that will work for everyone whether you live in the U.S. or Canada.

I read somewhere that 15% of newborn calves don't survive for various causes. This is one of the misfortunes to raising livestock but it gives us all the more appreciation of watching frolicking, healthy, young calves at play on a warm spring day in our pastures. The Bulletin is the one service the association provides that can disseminate information to *all* members. It should not and should never be strictly just for breed propaganda. We have brochures for that. Animal husbandry can sometimes be both life and death.

On a happier note, the Dexter publications in Australia and England are also called Bulletin, so just for fun if we were to rename ours I'd like to hear our members' suggestions. If you have an idea for a new name you can email it to me at Rchar@toast.net or mail it to the Bulletin. Who knows? Maybe you'll win something.

Thanks go to Joanne Shaffer and the Baltimore Zoo staff for sharing with everyone the article and photographs of how Dexters have fit in with their conservation efforts. We'll look forward to hearing about the further adventures of Brenna and Bailey in the future; being Dexters I'm sure that they'll have a few. ❖

Richard Henry, Editor

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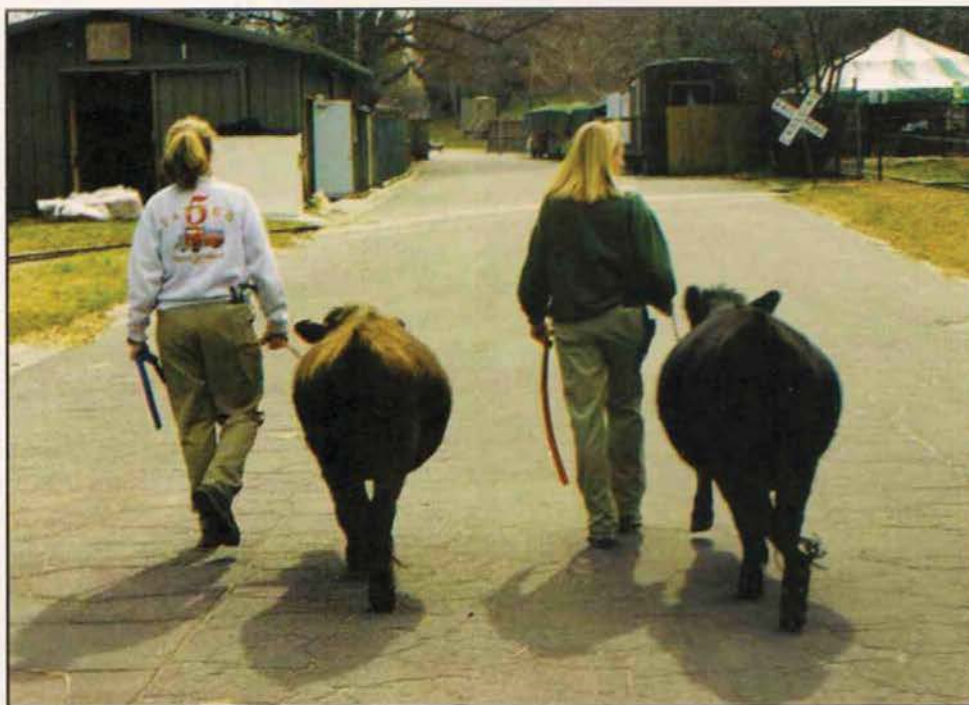
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