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Message from the President

The snowy winter has brought us to a rather rainy, dreary spring here in the East. Those white snow drifts did indeed leave behind piles of brown stuff that needed shoveling. Between the rains we seem to have gotten it done, though now our hands resemble the talons on birds of prey since we've been gripping forks and shovels so much.

Calves are arriving almost daily and they certainly make great entertainment as they learn to walk, to nurse, and to become part of the herd. A couple of cows may have heard about gravity. (Some physical science books have come up missing where I teach. Maybe I did leave them in the barn one time.) These clever cows headed up hill as they gave birth. Maybe it helped with the parturition, but the calves must have felt like bowling balls as they rolled down the hill in their first standing efforts. None the worse for the experience, now they're jockeying for position with their peers, and cavorting around the pastures in mock fights and races. With tails held high they proudly posture and prance around their mothers. Enough exercise and they need some liquid refreshment for another round. Got milk?

In just a few weeks, the annual general meeting (AGM) of the ADCA will be held in Oklahoma. In advance, let me extend our collective gratitude to all who have helped with this event. I would again encourage everyone to participate in some fashion. If you're bringing cattle, please be vigilant about paperwork and deadlines, both for proof of health and pedigree. Make applications early enough to allow Rosemary Fleharty time to process the registrations. Just as a reminder, clipping the animals prior to the show is acceptable this year, though it is not necessary. Dexters with natural hair coats are also fine for the show. Clean, healthy, registered, and well-behaved are the most important concerns.

For the continuing good and productive growth of the ADCA, it is incumbent upon me to mention vital housekeeping details. We need to always move in the same direction.

Checks for participation in the AGM, or ads in the Bulletin, or promotional items, or anything to do with the ADCA, must be made out to the ADCA. It is a matter of good business practice that we do this. Moreover, it is a matter of how the IRS views our non-profit status and our books in an audit that is of our concern. We have an accountant review our financial records regularly.

If you haven't sent in your membership dues, please do it. In particular this needs to be done prior to your participation in the AGM.

Be careful with paperwork. In selling animals, please know and explain the difference between an application for registry and the actual registration paper. These are quite different things. The green and white, or tan, registration papers entitled Certificate of Registration are the actual proof that an animal is verifiably registered.

Be a righteous student of your herd's genetics. If you are dealing with cattle that you feel are red, be sure that the appropriate DNA color testing has been done on the parents or the animal itself. Proof of color must be sent to Rosemary Fleharty so that the registrations can be processed properly and expeditiously. There was even the recommendation in the last Bulletin (pg. 7) from the Genetics Committee that all non-black breeding animals be color tested. To avoid any paternity questions in the future, it is a prudent measure to have all bulls' DNA on record. John Potter, Regional Director of Region 14, is the chair of our Genetics Committee and is a wonderful resource on such matters. I would encourage you to speak with John and Rosemary if you have

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any questions. Plucking a few hairs from your animals sure beats paying a vet to draw blood to do such testing!

Communicate with your Regional Directors. Echoing the representative democracy of the United States, the governance of the ADCA is done by a group of Regional Directors who represent your interests. The Officers and Directors will be meeting in Oklahoma to consider some important issues. These include adding another region in the Southeast, the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and planning for future growth of the ADCA. Before your Director comes to the AGM, please speak with, or email, him/her to present any concerns that you may have.

I should mention that each year at the AGM, two people are chosen to be "directors at large." Every effort is made to have these people be from any region whose respective Director was unable to attend. These people are elected by those in attendance at the actual annual meeting on Saturday. Those chosen sit with and vote at the Directors' meeting on Sunday.

Sally Coad of Freedom Dexters in Connecticut is running to fill the Regional Director vacancy in New England. She and her husband, Warren, are enthusiastic Dexter owners/breeders who frequently exhibits their animals. We anticipate that this election will be completed prior to the AGM so that this region will have representation.

A last, but important, concern is to continue to keep Dexters in public view. It is indeed unfortunate to hear people say that they've been looking for Dexters for years and couldn't figure out how to find any. We aren't hitting our target audience if this is the case. Advertising, publicity, and exhibitions are the keys to surmount this problem. Mark Muir is doing a fine job advertising the ADCA. The McCreadys of Texas helped us all with a television program about Dexters that has aired in many places since last fall. *Countryside Magazine* (Vol. 87, No. 2; March/April 2003) in Wisconsin recently

published a fine article written by Diane Mills-Frank that discusses how Dexters have so fondly fit into their lives. I was recently privileged to have a photo of our oxen, Tom and Dick, hauling a skid of manure, printed in the current *ALBC News* (Vol. 20, Issue 3; May-June 2003). It also included excerpts from the president's message that appears on the ADCA website.

I'm confident that Dexters will be well-represented at various fairs and other public venues this summer. Though you may be anonymous in this writing, your efforts in exhibiting cattle are important and appreciated. Having hands-on experiences touching Dexters helps to touch the lives of people who may someday have Dexters themselves. This first-hand, on-the-ground work is at the heart of what we do for Dexters. You are to be commended for the hard work and commitment it takes to keep cattle out in public view.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Oklahoma. It is a grand opportunity for us all to share information and experiences raising Dexter cattle. Here's hoping your calvings are easy, your pastures are high, the sun shines warm upon your fields, and the water runs freely all summer. It's summer time and the living is easy. Enjoy it with your Dexters!

- Kathy Smith, President

Naturally...

Here are a couple of books for those who like to do things 'naturally.'

Natural Cattle Care and Healthy Cattle Naturally, both by **Pat Coleby**

These books are available on eBay, Amazon.com, or from:

Grass Roots Publishers
PO Box 117, Seymour, Vic 3661
Australia

Secretary's Report

Well, it appears the summer is already moving upon us. The annual meeting is fast approaching. If you have never attended an annual meeting, we encourage you to do so. There will be lots of information presented and a chance to meet lots of breeders, plus this year you will have the benefit of seeing cattle at the show and sale.

The herd books have been printed and mailed. If you did not receive one and paid for one, let me know. We received a book back with no envelope, so someone out there may have received an empty envelope or perhaps received nothing. Also, every member should have received a membership book as well.

Registrations and transfers are pouring in again this year. Last year we registered and transferred 1,000 animals each. Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds. And, we are adding about one new member each day.

Remember the Association cannot enforce breeder integrity. We ask that all breeders transfer papers and do appropriate registration paperwork for any animals that are sold. I continue to receive incomplete paperwork and complaints from buyers about not knowing the animals they are buying are not registered (having only the white application). I am cautioning all buyers not to purchase animals without completed registration certificates—we are having problems with some paperwork on animals that cannot be registered. Please assist in any way you can to keep your paperwork current.

I am trying to complete all paperwork in a two-week turn around time period. That is from the time I receive the paperwork. If you need papers for shows, etc. this summer, please make sure you get your paperwork to me in a timely manner. I do some rush papers, but this is unfair to other breeders who send their work regularly.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma in July.

- Rosemary Fleharty, Secretary

Fee Schedule

(Effective January 1, 1995)

Cost of Registrations and Transfers

Registrations

Cows up to 1 year old	\$20.00
Bulls up to 2 years old	20.00
Cows over 1 year old	40.00
Bulls over 2 years old	40.00

Transfers

Regular Transfers	20.00**
Inner-Herd Transfers	10.00**

** Regardless of age

*Registrations and transfers
for non-members: 100.00*

Effective **November 1, 2002**
REJECT FEE: \$10 for any returned
paperwork for correction to the
breeder/owner

Please note: Names of animals to be registered cannot exceed 21 letters and spaces.

New Memberships in the ADCA (for individuals who own a registered Dexter)	\$30
Associate Members (new membership) (for individuals who do not own any Dexters, or who live outside of the U.S. or Canada)	\$30
Annual renewal of dues (due January 1 of each year for all memberships)	\$20
Herd book available for purchase each year	\$10
Subscribers (will receive the quarterly Bulletin)	\$10

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION
Financial Statement (January 1 - December 31, 2002)

Balance on hand (1-1-2002)	\$23,549.27	
Encumbered (World Congress)	(4,740.87)	
Income:		
Transfers	\$19,470.00	
Registrations	18,236.00	
Annual Meeting Show & Sale	12,975.00	
Member Dues for Current Year	8,030.00	
New Members & Dues for Current Year	5,720.00	
Late Registrations	5,610.00	
Member Dues - Prepaid for Next Year	3,860.00	
Herd Books (Ordered)	3,840.00	
Annual Meeting (Current Year)	868.51	
Advertising	731.00	
Classification	570.00	
Promotional Items	555.50	
Inner Herd Transfers	490.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower) sold	477.50	
Donations	150.00	
Non-Member Registration Surcharge	140.00	
Dexter Cattle Books (Hays) sold	54.40	
Interest	45.00	
Kerry & Dexter Cattle Books Sold	45.00	
Subscriptions	35.00	
Reject Fee	30.00	
A.I. Registrations	<u>8.00</u>	
Total Income	\$81,940.91	
Grand Total	<u>\$110,231.05</u>	
Expenses:		
2002 Annual Meeting	\$12,010.42	
Secretarial Stipend	10,783.00	
Herd Books	8,429.54	
Membership Books	6,076.90	
Bulletin Expense	5,261.39	
Advertising	5,083.40	
Postage	4,434.53	
World Dexter Congress	2,340.09	
Supplies	2,235.61	
Promotional Items	2,235.00	
Insurance Premium	2,103.00	
Registration, transfer & membership overpayment	1,627.90	
Printing Costs	1,310.91	
Telephone	1,158.01	
Brochures	960.00	
Classification	878.87	
Web Page	805.00	
Regional Meeting Expense	536.87	
State Fairs	500.00	
CPA Services	250.00	
Bulletin Editor Stipend	250.00	
Bad Check	164.00	
Canadian Exchange (Adjustments)	114.00	
Delaware Sec of State	99.30	
Flowers & Such	64.34	
Safety Deposit Box	30.00	
Bank Fees	<u>25.13</u>	
Total Expenses	\$69,767.21	<u>\$69,767.21</u>
Net Income +\$12,173.70		
Cash on hand January 1, 2003	\$40,463.84	

Promotional Items

Please make checks or money orders out to ADCA, and mail them with your order. Prices do not include shipping.

Mark Muir

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Hats

Assorted Colors,
with Dexter logo
\$8.00

Shipping

1 to 3 items	\$ 5.00
4 to 8 items	\$ 8.00
9 to 12 items	\$12.00
13 to 17 items	\$17.00



Crew-Neck Sweatshirts

Made by Fruit-of-the-Loom™
Medium weight
90/10 Blend
Full Dexter head logo
Ash with black logo
Sizes available: Small, Medium,
Large, XLarge, XXLarge
\$20.00 (Please add \$2.00 for
the XXLarge)



Denim Shirts

Made by Wrangler™
Embroidered head (please specify either red or black head)
Short sleeved (faded blue) - **\$25.00**
With your farm name - **\$30.00**
Long sleeved (dark blue) - **\$28.00**
With your farm name - **\$33.00**
Sizes available: Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge
(Please add \$2.00 for the XXLarge)



Hooded Sweatshirts

Made by Fruit-of-the-Loom™
Medium weight
90/10 blend
Full Dexter head logo
Ash with black logo
Sizes available: Small,
Medium, Large, XLarge,
XXLarge
\$25.00 (Please add \$2.00 for
the XXLarge)

T-shirts

Fruit-of-the-Loom™
5.6 ounces
50/50 Blend (easier
to clean out stains)
Full Dexter head logo
Ash gray w/black logo
Sizes available: Small,
Medium, Large,
XLarge, XXLarge
\$10.00 (Please add 2.00
for the XXLarge)

Dexter Feed Requirements

Thomas Gray

I am writing to see if a bit of information put out in the Breeder's Directory and the Bulletin could be changed to reflect more realistic and accurate information on the amount of feed and pasture that a Dexter would need. It states, in the above mentioned publications, that a Dexter can get by on 12 to 15 pounds of feed per day. If a Dexter is fed this amount of feed by someone who is not knowledgeable of livestock feeding and nutrition, the animal would starve.

A lot of how much an animal will need to be fed will depend on the age, weight, sex, stage of pregnancy, or lactation. A young, growing, pregnant, or lactating animal will need a higher nutritional intake than a dry cow or bull.

The formula used is a percent of the body weight of the animal. For maintenance, it is 1.8 to 2.2 percent of the live weight of the animal. This is usually figured on a dry matter basis, which is 100 percent dry matter with no water. This presents a problem, since feed measured on an as-fed basis contains water. This increases the percent feed to body weight ratio to 2.1 to 2.5 percent. Another factor is the waste or loss - feed which is not eaten for one reason or another. This can be estimated at between 10 and 15 percent. This again increases the fudge factor to 2.3 to 2.75 percent of the body weight.

As an example, a mature Dexter cow, three years of age, at 750 pounds weight, would require 20.62 pounds of as-fed feed per day just for maintenance. If she were pregnant or lactating, she would require more nutrition. This could be added with a top dress of 1 to 2 pounds of soy bean meal to the hay.

An animal will require between 1.5 and 2.2 pounds of protein per head per day. If fed the above 20 pounds of 9 percent protein hay per day, this would meet the necessary needs of the animal for maintenance.

A cow would need some more protein in the form of top dress. When figuring protein, use the percent in a ration to figure out the pound of protein.

A Dexter cow can thus get by on 9 percent grass hay at 20 pounds per day without supplementation, unless pregnant or lactating. Feeding a high carbohydrate such as corn will not benefit the animal, and it will put on excessive weight which can cause health problems. If you see an animal that has loose stools, the ration could be too high in protein or carbohydrate.

Another problem that can occur is the fast-growing pasture in the early spring or during high periods of rainfall. This puts as much as 90 percent of water in the forage, and the animal cannot get enough nutrition from the grass. In this type of situation, the feeding of dry hay may be necessary.

With good renovated pasture, a Dexter can be fed on half an acre per animal. If the pasture is poor, dry, or sparse, then the animal will require more acreage.

Know the animal's weight, the waste-age, the water content, condition of the animal, and the stage that the animal is in, and feed to meet her needs.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submission of articles, photos, and advertising for the Bulletin are as follows:

Spring Issue: **February 15**

Summer Issue: **May 15**

Fall Issue: **August 15**

Winter Issue: **November 15**

Ideally the Bulletin will be mailed:

Winter Issue - December 15

Spring Issue - March 15

Summer Issue - June 15

Fall Issue - September 15

DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!



DEXTER CATTLE BREEDERS WILL MEET FOR OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA • JULY 18 & 19, 2003 PAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EXPO CENTER EAST SIDE OF CITY, ON 6TH STREET (HWY. 51) DEXTERS ON DISPLAY BOTH DAYS

THE HOST MOTEL IS: BEST WESTERN STILLWATER 1-800-353-6894
JUST 4 SHORT MILES FROM THE EXPO CENTER (TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED)
DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR ROOMS IS JUNE 24TH,
BUT DON'T WAIT THAT LONG (WE HAVE 40 ROOMS BLOCKED) • ROOMS ARE \$62 + TAX

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DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT TO INCLUDE IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE AUCTION THAT ALWAYS HIGHLIGHTS THE SOCIAL TIME AT OUR YEARLY MEETINGS.

IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US, PLEASE CUT OUT THE CONFIRMATION FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT TO:
JOANIE STORCK, 401 W. 89TH ST. SO. HAYSVILLE, KS 67060

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE AND/OR MEAL RESERVATIONS FOR THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ADCA REGION 6

YES, PLAN ON _____ PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING. THE PLANS AT THIS DATE ARE TO HAVE DEXTER BURGERS ON FRIDAY EVENING. SATURDAY'S MENU WILL INCLUDE SOME NATIVE QUAZINE AT NOON AND BRISKET ON SATURDAY EVENING. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.

PLAN ON _____ PERSONS FOR THE FRIDAY EVENING MEAL @ \$10 EACH AMOUNT _____

PLAN ON _____ PERSONS FOR THE SATURDAY NOON MEAL @ \$10 EACH AMOUNT _____

PLAN ON _____ PERSONS FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING MEAL AT \$10 EACH AMOUNT _____

TOTAL _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF ALL THE ATTENDEES SO WE CAN HAVE NAME BADGES PREPARED.

2003 AGM Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 17

12 Noon to ??? Director's Meeting (at Best Western)
 12 Noon Check-In of Animals at Expo Center

Friday, July 18

- Check-In of Animals All Day -

7 am to 11:30 am Director's Meeting (at Best Western)
 12 Noon Trade Show
 Concession & Hospitality Booth Open
 (Don't forget the Concession Stand as you make your plans for lunch)
 2:00 pm Region 6 Spring Meeting (at Expo Center)
 3:30 pm Genetics Presentation - John Potter (at Expo Center)
 4:15 pm Steer Feedout Presentation - Fred Ray (at Expo Center)
 5:00 pm Placement of Vaccinations - Bill Moore (at Expo Arena)
 5:30 pm Classifier with Live Animals - Leonard Johnson (at Expo Arena)
 6:30 pm Dexter Burgers Served**
 7:30 pm Social Time and the White Elephant Auction

Saturday, July 19

9:00 am Cattle Show (at Expo Arena)
 11:00 am Cattle Auction (at Expo Arena)
 Noon Lunch Served** (at Expo Center)
 Social Time Freshen Up for Evening Events
 3:00 pm Awards Presentation (at Expo Center)
 4:30 pm Annual General Meeting (at Expo Center)
 6:30 pm Banquet Meal Served** (at Expo Center)
 7:30 pm to ?? Continuation of AGM (at Expo Center)

** Meals to be paid for in advance

Sunday, July 20

8:00 am Directors Meeting (at Best Western)
Removal of exhibits and animals from Expo Center

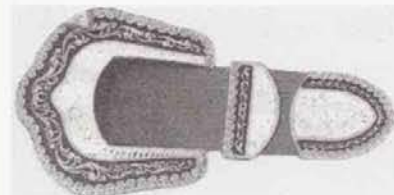
2003 AGM Drawing

A drawing will be held at the 2003 ADCA Annual Meeting to be held in Stillwater, Oklahoma. A Montana Silversmith's men's belt buckle and a ladies' watch-band with watch have been donated by the B Moore Ranch for the drawing. In order to allow all members to participate in this drawing, donations of \$5 or more will be accepted by mail, as well as those donations accepted during the meeting. Your name will be entered one time for each dollar donated. Make your check payable to Region 6 TOK. You need not be present to win, as each item is easily mailable. Thank you for your support.

Send donations to:

Gail Moore

Route 1 Box 95 • Kenefie, OK 74748



2003 ADCA Annual Dexter Video Show

The 2002 Video Show was held in Oregon in conjunction with the ADCA Annual Meeting. Once again, the video show was a very important and entertaining part of the meeting. It allowed members who were present and those who could not make the trip an opportunity to compete on an association-wide basis and see how their animals compared. The FFA judging team from Oregon judge did an outstanding job of placing and critiquing the show, and they made it into a very educational and entertaining event. It certainly renewed our faith in Dexter cattle and the youth of our country.

Please Note!! This year the meeting is going to be in July, so you will have ample opportunity to video your animals at their best. The entry deadline is going to be June 25, 2003, so everyone should have a chance to compete. The age of the animals will be as of June 15, 2003.

As in previous years, emphasis will be placed on the quality of the animals, but the better they perform for the camera, the better they will look to those judging. It is not necessary to have them on halter when they are videotaped, but if they are halter trained it may take less time to get the perfect shots. It is important that they be shown next to a fence, measuring stick, or some other device to give those judging a height reference.

Any ADCA member can enter. Only one animal can be shown per tape and it is not essential to enter every animal in your herd, except in the Best Herd class. The tapes will not be mailed back to you, but they can be picked up at the annual meeting, and the ADCA reserves the right to use any or all tapes for promotional purposes.

Video Rules:

1. The animal must be identified in the video through signage or audio identification indicating:
 - a. Class
 - b. Animal name
 - c. Registration number
 - d. Date of birth
 - e. Height at shoulder (real or estimate)
 - f. Weight (real or estimate)
2. The videotape must be the standard (large) size that will play in a normal VCR. No small cassettes please! If you have a small one, have the tape copied onto a large size before sending it in.
3. The first shot should be a **30 second side view** from about 20 feet away.
4. The second shot should be a **15 second view of at least two feet** (front and rear) while the animal is standing on a hard surface.
5. The third, a **20 second rear view** from about 12 feet away showing the rear quarters, legs and udder or testicles if applicable.
6. The fourth, a **20 second front view** showing head, shoulders, and front legs.
7. The fifth and final view is a **30 second side view of the animal moving** in a clockwise direction.

The entire tape should not exceed 2 1/2 minutes. The class, animal I.D., DOB, and exhibitor name and address should appear on the tape. If the animal is for sale, that should be indicated on the tape label.

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Green Afternoon

The mother cow looked up
and great surprise
Darken her soft eyes
To see a spotted fawn come out to play
With her young calf that day...
- Frances M. Frost
The Little Naturalist

Committee Report - Show and Sale Committee

By Pat Mitchell

The Show and Sale Committee has wrapped up preparation of show and sale regulations for the 2003 Show and Sale. This document is intended as a "work in progress" that will be evaluated and modified if needed after the conclusion of this year's event. If there is a need to change or expand an area, it will be done at that time. If something was omitted from this year's requirements, it can be added. The Board of Directors can use this blueprint to finalize rules and regulations for future shows and sales so that consistency from event to event is assured.

One of the most discussed items in the show/sale regulations was the grooming requirement. The majority of the committee members favored showing the animal in as natural a state as possible, with minimal clipping and no shaving allowed. Some members felt that not allowing clipping would cause some breeders not to bring animals to show.

We have come to a compromise position that will allow clipped animals to be

shown, providing they have been clipped prior to coming to the 2003 show. We want to provide a "level playing field," where the novice breeder who washes and brushes his cattle can compete with the breeder who does a lot more to prepare the animal. After all, the show is all about the Dexter cattle, not how fancy they can be "dressed up." This is one area that will have to be addressed at the conclusion of the event, so that future shows meet the desires of the majority of the membership.

Please take time to review the new guidelines. If you have any input (good suggestions for changes that will benefit the Association as a whole) you are encouraged to forward them to one of the members of the committee, or directly to me at shamrockacres@hotmail.com

The members of the Show and Sale Committee are Joanie Storck, Sandi Thomas, Dean Fleharty, John Foley, Mark Muir, and Wes Patton. Pat Mitchell chairs the committee.

Video Show Rules Con't

Classes: (ages will be as of 6-15-2003)

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. Cows up to 4 years
8. Cows over 4 years
9. Cow/calf pair, any age
10. Best herd (separate tape of entire herd, including bull if you have one)



Entry date: Postmark 6-25-03

Mail to: Wes Patton, 7069 County Rd 20
Orland, CA 95963

Questions: Call Wes at 530-865-7250 or
email at jpatton@orland.net

Entry fee: \$10 per entry.
Make payable to ADCA

Judging: Judging will take place during
the annual event and the classes will be
critiqued and awards given.



American Dexter Cattle Association

2003 SHOW AND SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Revision 4; 2/13/03)

The following are rules and regulations that will pertain to the Dexter Cattle show and/or sale that are sanctioned by the American Dexter Cattle Association for the 2003 AGM at Stillwater, OK.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. Exhibitors at ADCA sanctioned events must be current members of the Association.
- B. **All** animals must be properly identified using ear tags, neck chains, brands etc. **and** must be legibly tattooed with the exact alpha-numeric identification that appears on the registration papers. Failure to have a legible and accurate tattoo will be grounds for dismissal from the event.
- C. All animals shown at the ADCA-sanctioned events must be halter broke to lead (with the exception of pen classes, where animals should be broke to tie at halter). Any animal deemed unmanageable by the Show and Sale Committee before or during the show will be required to leave the show arena. Cattle dismissed in this fashion are not eligible for sale or show placing, and all entry fees will be forfeited.
- D. **All animals will compete in the same show, regardless of sale status. There will be one show, with one final set of placings, for all entries. There will not be any separate shows for animals that are not for sale.** Animals may compete in the show but not be sold. This is designed to encourage breeders to bring their best animals to the show, without the requirement to sell them.
- E. All cattle (except steers) must be registered with the American Dexter Cattle Association prior to entry. A copy of the Registration papers, in the sole name of the Exhibitor or the Partnership, must be furnished with the entry form for the show and sale. Calves under six months of age that are to be shown in cow/calf class do not need to be registered. However, if they are not registered, they are not eligible to be shown in individual classes.
- F. All entry forms and fees must be received by the deadline designated for the event. No exceptions will be made. No animals will be accepted for ADCA sanctioned events that have not been properly entered. Entry fees for animals not brought to the show/sale will not be refunded.
- G. Health certificates will be required for all entries, and will be checked and approved by the designated show veterinarian prior to unloading. Animals from quarantined areas are not permitted to enter the show. Out-of-state entries must comply with the regulations of the state in which the show/sale is taking place. See "Health Regulations" for further explanations.
- H. Each ADCA-sanctioned event will have a designated Show and Sale Committee. This Committee will have final authority to uphold established rules and regulations. The Chairman of the Committee will decide questions and/or disputes.
- I. Females advertised as "Safe in calf" must have a veterinarian's pregnancy check certificate. Bulls over 18 months of age must have a veterinarian's fertility exam report.
- J. All bulls 12 months and older must have an affixed nose ring or nose clamp.
- K. All cattle must be double tied (neck rope plus a halter). All cattle and stall areas must be kept clean and presentable during the event.
- L. No drugs are to be administered **except** under the guidance of the Show Veterinarian.

M. Every precaution will be taken to protect participants and their animals. However, neither the ACDA, the Show and Sale Committee for the location of the event, nor the supervisors or their assistants, will be responsible for accidents or loss associated with the participant and their animals.

N. The American Dexter Cattle Association and the auctioneer(s) act only to bring the buyer and seller together. Any warranties or claims pertaining to any animal are strictly between seller and buyer. Buyers should satisfy themselves regarding the soundness and condition of an animal before bidding on that animal.

II. SHOW GUIDELINES

A. Entry fees and/or commissions will be established by the Show/Sale Committee and published in advance.

B. Exhibitors are encouraged to show cattle in their natural state. All animals are to be washed clean and brushed. Painting or polishing of horns or hooves is prohibited. Trimming, cleaning and light oiling (with clear oil, not colored polish or colored oil) of horns and hooves is acceptable. Teasing or balling the tail switch is not acceptable. Limited trimming of long, stray or guard hairs along the top and bottom lines, udders, sheaths and lower side of animals where the hair changes directions is acceptable. Ear, poll, or body clipping is prohibited at the show site. Animals that have been clipped prior to coming to the show will be accepted, but clipping is not required or encouraged. No other physical or cosmetic alterations may be made. No artificial coloring of any part of the animal is allowed. Adhesives are not acceptable. Sheen and sparkle additives are acceptable, but not required. Sprays or concentrates specifically formulated and sold as fly inhibitors are acceptable for use.

C. The Show and Sale Committee will advise the judge regarding grooming requirements and expectations prior to the show. This will encourage the judge to look at the animal closely, not at the grooming capability of the exhibitor.

D. All cattle will compete in the same show, regardless of sale status. There will be only one set of show classes, and one set of show placings.

E. All animals must be broke to show (lead) at halter (with the exception of animals entered in pen classes, which shall be broke to tie).

F. All cattle (except calves at side) will be measured in inches at the shoulder. Measurements will be performed by the Show/Sale Committee and will be published at the time of the show.

G. Classes for each event will be established by the Show and Sale Committee and will be determined by the number and ages of the entries. Suggested classes are as follows:

1. Heifer calf less than 6 months of age
2. Heifer calf 6 months to one year
3. Yearling heifer
4. Young cow two to four years of age
5. Mature cow over four years of age
6. Cow/calf pair
7. Grand and Reserve Champion Female Dexter
8. Bull calf less than 6 months of age
9. Bull calf 6 months to one year
10. Yearling bull
11. Mature bull
12. Grand and Reserve Champion Male Dexter
13. Market steer
14. Pen classes as necessary per the above (depending upon quantity and type of pen entries).

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III. SALE GUIDELINES

- A. Each sale entry must include the signed, original ADCA registration certificate. A short description and a photo may be required for sale animals to be used in the Sale Catalog. A photocopy of the original registration paper is to be sent with the entry forms, but the signed original ADCA registration form is required at time of sale for proper transfer to the new owner.
- B. Sale animals will be identified via colored stall cards or number cards furnished by the Show and Sale Committee for the particular event. The Show/Sale Committee will establish Sale commissions in advance. The Show and Sale Committee will establish sale order. The sale order and other pertinent information regarding the sale will be communicated in the flyer announcing the event.
- C. Sellers will have the opportunity to establish minimum sale requirements upon entry. Sellers will have the option, after all bidding is completed, to accept or decline the sale price if it is lower than the established minimum sale price. This option will be announced at the time of the sale.
- D. Changes to established minimum pricing will not be made without written consent of the seller.
- E. All buyers' numbers will be issued upon proper verification of identification. Pictured identification is desired. Anyone issued a buyer number is considered liable for all accepted bids and purchases made under that number.
- F. The Show/Sale Committee for the particular event will establish payment terms.
- G. The Show/Sale Committee will settle all disputes.
- H. No animal may leave the barn or be removed from the grounds without **LOAD OUT ORDER**, which will be issued by the cashier at the time of payment.
- I. Owners of animals that do not meet the minimum bid price and are not sold will pay 5% of the last bid or \$25, whichever is less.
- J. Sellers are responsible for animals until the show/sale is completed (when the animal leaves the sale ring), then the buyer is responsible.
- K. No private treaty sales will be allowed during the show/sale event. All animals offered for sale must go through the auction ring. If the animal fails to bring the established minimum during the auction and does not sell, the owner may opt to sell the animal at private treaty after the sale, at a price agreed upon by both buyer and seller, off the grounds of the event.

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. HEALTH CERTIFICATES

- A. The term "Health Certificate" or "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" means a legible record made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animal(s) listed meets the testing, vaccination, treatment, and requirements of the state of destination. Unless otherwise stated in the following rules, a health certificate or certificates of veterinary inspection must accompany all animals to be exhibited and be available on request by animal health officials.
 Brucellosis: All breeding animals must meet the requirements for the state in which the Show/Sale occurs, except: Animals from a certified brucellosis-free herd: The certified herd number and date of the last test must be shown on the health certificate.
- B. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair or

warts easily visible without close examination will not be permitted to sell or show and shall be subject to isolation or expulsion depending upon the nature of the disease.

- C. The show and sale will have accredited veterinarians or other state regulatory personnel for processing animals and health certificates for change of ownership as well as health papers for transport across state lines. Any additional costs for health papers will be at the buyer's expense.
- D. The minimum health and testing requirements may not qualify livestock that are to be sold or moved to a new owner or destination. The Show and Sale Committee will investigate and comply with any added requirements for livestock that are to be in a sale in their particular location. The Show and Sale Committee will print the hosting state's specific health requirements on the entry form that is to be signed and returned.

*Important Things to Get Done (for the 2003 AGM)**

- Send in confirmation of attendance / meal reservations
- Make your motel reservations
- Send in your entry form, if entering show/sale (before June 1)
- Send in your business card advertisement for catalog (before June 5)
- Send money to Gail Moore for the AGM drawing (Montana Silver-smith watches). This helps pay for the meeting.
- Fatten and halter-break those show and sale cattle. We need some steers showing this year!!!
- Video tape the animals you are putting in the video show (see instructions).

* Some of these dates will be past when the Bulletin is received. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Dexter (bull) x Angus (cow)

Roger M. Shaw

For two years now, I have been mating or breeding Dexter bulls to Angus or Angus-crossbred cows. This cross makes for a small, 42 to 50 pound calf. The main reason for crossing Dexter-Angus is calving ease for the heifers.

The calves from this cross are hybrids with hybrid *vigor*. I've had calves born at 4 a.m., and at 4:10 they're up and nursing the cow. Ten minutes may seem a very short time, but I've seen this time and time again. I have had calves that can outrun this 50-year-old man twenty minutes after they're born.

This cross is slower-growing than an Angus, but faster than a straight-blood Dexter or full-blood Dexter. I'm starting on my third year of breeding Dexters to first-calve Angus or Angus-crossbreds, or any other breed. Two seasons of calving first-calve heifers bred to Dexter bulls has resulted in calving ease. I'm starting on my third year and I haven't pulled any calves from this cross. As for a growth or gain on this cross, I've had calves that were born first of February and sold them around the first of August, with an average weight of 435 pounds for steers and 385 to 400 pounds for heifers. I was very pleased with this type of growth.

After these calves hit the ground, they're up and going. Their mothers are not stressed because of a big calf that needed pulling. These cows will breed right back. I've had cows or heifers that I have bred to low-birth-weight Angus bulls, that had 90 to 105 pound calves. I had to pull 60 to 90 percent of these calves. With the Dexters, I haven't pulled one.

Additionally, the heifers bred to Dexters have their calves, and breed right back to whatever breed of bull I prefer. I've bred heifers back to Angus Gelbvieh and Braunvieh bulls, with some calves coming eleven months or sooner after the last calf. These cows breed sooner, which is what every breeder likes to have.

As for meat from these animals, it is just a treat, as some people tell me. I'm just getting mine ready to eat.

So why don't more breeders use Dexters? We Dexter breeders haven't gotten the word out to other breeders, or to our neighbors or other cattle men and women. Perhaps we should get the word out - or maybe the Dexter Cattle Association should put more information, advertisements, or literature at cattle shows such as the Denver Stock or Cattleman Classic in Kearney, Nebraska.

How many of you cattle breeders breed your animals to any bull? I still know a few old-time cattlemen that go to the sale barn and buy a bull. They like how he looks. These cattlemen then use their bull to breed their cows, and even heifers. Come calving time, they end up pulling calves and might lose two or three calves and maybe a cow or heifer. Dead calves have a poor sale value. Any cows and heifers that are stressed with a big calf sometimes don't breed back, or they are late breeders.

So cattle people, why don't you think about a Dexter bull next time? Remember, a live small calf has a better return on your dollar than a dead big calf and a cow that doesn't breed back.

If you would like to know more about this cross or using Dexters on other breeds, please contact me:

Roger M. Shaw
9275 W. Blue Hill Road
Bladen, NE 68928-2806
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Parting Thought

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd,
take a look back every now and then
to make sure it's still there.

Issues in the Future Development of Dexters on the Internet: Breeders' Views

*John Paterson (University of Waikato and Crofter Mains Dexter Stud,
Hamilton, New Zealand) (Reprinted with Permission)*

Extracts from "Dexters Online: The Present Situation and Future Potential for Promoting and Marketing Dexters on the Internet", Paper presented at the World Dexter Congress, 12 October 2002, Surfers Paradise, Australia.

Using the Internet for Dexter Cattle

Over the period between May and August 2002, I sent email questionnaires to about 50 Dexter breeders in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada. Responses were received from 28, most of them from New Zealand and the United Kingdom. They offered a wide range of reasons why they used the Internet to visit Dexter-related websites. Some had to do specifically with Dexter-related information and services, but some were more generally to do with cattle or farming issues. One of the most popular uses of the Internet was for the buying and selling of Dexters. Advertisements for cattle for sale were placed by some on sites like Dexter Cattle For Sale (www.dextercattleforsale.co.uk), Dexter Cattle Society UK (www.dextercattlesociety.co.uk), and the American Dexter Cattle Association (www.dextercattle.org). Others consulted these sites to buy cattle, or to check out market trends.

Specific information important to a stud and its breeding programme was often sought. A number of respondents looked for pedigree information from the website that has the Canadian stud book (www.clrc.ca/dexter.html). One respondent had used the Internet recently to check out Australian AI Sires, another to find out about show results.

Some of the reported use of the Internet had to do with the Dexter community. This included catching up on news, views and helpful hints on discussion boards, checking out news from

national organisation websites, and getting information about the up-coming World Congress. Many had used the Internet out of general interest or curiosity about what was on it concerning Dexters, to look at photos of Dexters, or to learn more about fellow breeders. Two had used it for specific purposes - to find out more about bulldog calves, and to find out about registration regulations in a particular country. One had recently done a general search to find out introductory information about Dexters, as well as information useful to her smallfarming operation in general. Another had recently looked for information about diseases in cattle.

Those who had their own website were generally seeking to promote their stud, by publicising their herd and advertising their stock for sale. Some of these stated that they also had the aim of promoting the Dexter breed in general. One respondent viewed his website as a way to develop contacts with other breeders.

Respondents from the UK and US who had stud websites were usually very positive in the evaluation of their success in attracting customers. This applied also to selling Dexter beef and running accommodation services. For example, Dexter breeder Jody Gabbert estimated that 50 per cent of the business of their Adanal Guest Ranch, Texas, came through their website (www.adanalranch.com).

Respondents were asked about which Dexter-related websites they visited most often. Top of the list was Dexter Cattle For Sale (www.dextercattleforsale.co.uk), followed by the main national organisation sites - Dexter Cattle Society UK (www.dextercattlesociety.co.uk), American Dexter Cattle Association (www.dextercattle.org) and Dexter Cattle

Australia (<http://dexter.une.edu.au>). The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation website with Dexter pedigree information (www.clrc.ca/dexter.html) was also very popular. A few Dexter stud websites were also mentioned by individual respondents.

Future Developments

The breeders who responded to my email questionnaire listed a number of additional things about Dexters that they would like to see on the Internet. Among the positive suggestions were:

- Global on-line pedigree information. Many respondents were impressed with the value of the Canadian on-line herd book and wished that all national herd books were on-line and accessible to everyone.
- Greater use of Dexter discussion boards to exchange information between breeders from different countries. This should in fact occur as more breeders learn to use the Internet and come to see the value of the discussion boards.
- Further development of the websites of national organisations. The range of information and services available on the American Dexter Cattle Association and UK Dexter Cattle Society sites make them useful models.
- Establishment of a worldwide email directory relating to items of relevance to Dexter breeders, such as semen sales, vet knowledge, cattle for sale, and farms available for visits.
- Worldwide listing of bulls being used for AI, along with their pedigrees and basic information about their characteristics. The AI Sires listing on the Australian website has proved useful to a number of respondents.
- National organisations should post news and announcements on their websites so these can be read by members in a more timely way. Some organisations are starting to do this.
- More information is needed on the Internet about Dexters, including their potential as a commercial dual-purpose

cattle breed, veterinary topics, and information about genetic issues.

A number of suggestions were made specifically to assist breeders to use the Internet more effectively. For example:

- More publicity should be provided about Dexter websites, such as listings in Bulletins.
- National organisations should provide some advice to aid members in finding out more about Dexters on the Internet.
- Someone should provide a page of useful websites to save the time and frustration involved with personal searching.
- A website could be developed to provide links to other useful sites.
- There should be more links on Dexter sites in general.

Among the critical suggestions made by respondents were:

- There should be less repetition on the Internet of the same information about Dexters.
- Websites should not be too complex as this can make it difficult to view them and can put off the novice Internet user.
- More websites should be up-dated more often, especially with different ways of presenting basic information about the breed.

Conclusion

There is no doubt that the Internet will become more important in the future as more people come to use it. However, more effective use of it is just as important. Website developers need to construct easily-navigable sites. Resources like specialist subject directories need to be put together. Internet users need to develop skills and confidence to make use of search tools and discussion boards.

The Internet offers national organisations an opportunity to promote

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News From Directors

Region 11 Herd Dispersal

Shaun Lord, Region 11 Director

The weather, at least in western New York State, has been sunny and warm with just the right amount of "growing rain." Any year that oats are in by the end of April is deemed as off to a great start. Calves and foals on clean pastures are a pleasant sight that delights anyone who owns livestock.

I received word that three foundation herds of Dexters in New York State are being sold, two due to health reasons of the owners – one of them urgently needs to be dispersed.

The herd most in danger of simply being unloaded at a cattle auction barn belonged to Dr. S.G. Campbell of Ithica, NY. Association members will recognize

the names in the background of these Dexters – Yellowbird, Peerless, Old Orchard, and Colorado. Anyone interested in information about the Dexters being sold can call me and I can direct you to the current owners. It would be a shame to lose the genetics of these cattle. Dexters are listed as rare on the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy priority list.

The annual ADCA Meeting is getting closer and I urge members in Region 11 that have questions, concerns, or simply comments to contact me so I can represent New Jersey and New York issues. I'll be leaving for the ADCA meeting from Buffalo on July 16th, and hope to hear from Region 11 members by then!

Internet Future *Con't from previous page*

Dexters widely. It offers individual breeders a variety of ways to advertise their cattle, their studs, and their products. It offers the world-wide community of Dexter breeders a means to exchange news, advice, information and research.

Note

Other parts of the Paper examined "Getting Information from the Internet", "Profiles of Dexter Internet Users" and "Dexter Cattle Websites" (13 types of websites on Dexters or of use to Dexter breeders). A full copy of the Congress Paper is available on the Internet at: www.waikato.ac.nz/wfass/subjects/sociologyandsocialpolicy/staff/john/research/smallfarming1.shtml or a hard copy can be requested from the author (johnp@waikato.ac.nz or Waikoha Smallfarm, 31 Fillery Road, R D 5, Hamilton, New Zealand).

Diary of a Cow

- Mon: Grazed. Chewed Cud. Followed everybody else. Pretty uneventful.
- Tues: Found a salt lick. Very tasty.
- Wed: Stood in the shade awhile. Followed everybody back to the other side of the field.
- Thurs: Mooed a lot. Gossiped with Daisy and Bossy. Had fun.
- Fri: Swatted flies. Scratched on a fence. Very relaxing.
- Sat: Car honked at me. I didn't look up. This frustrated them. Had a good chuckle.

News From Directors

Region 10 Show Those Cattle

Mark Muir, Region 10 Director

It's the beginning of June, traditionally time for the first cutting of hay in north-west Pennsylvania. This year Mother Nature has blessed us with plenty of rain to get the grass/legume hay fields flourishing. Concerns of getting enough dry days in a row to make hay is a touchy subject. I don't want to sound pushy and have the good Lord turn off the water spigot entirely for the rest of summer. Yes, I'd rather settle for first cutting being a little late, and have enough regrowth for a second cutting (and dream of a third cutting).

On June 7th there will be a Dexter Show and Region 10 Meeting at the fairgrounds in Garrett County, MD during the 16th Annual McHenry Highland Festival. Their website is <http://highlandfest.info>. The Annual Meeting in Oklahoma will be attended by several breeders from Region 10. Please feel free to contact me for information about this entertaining and learning experience.

When you look at your herd of animals, and try to decide who to keep and who to sell this year, please keep in the back of your mind that in July of 2004 the Annual

General Meeting of the American Dexter Cattle Association will be held in Meadville, PA. May I suggest that you consider holding back a few of your finer animals to showcase at next year's event? You will be able to show your animals to a larger audience, which will give your farm and breeding program more recognition. The show is open to all registered Dexter cattle. You can either show and sell your animal, or show and bring them back home. My wife and I plan on doing both. By showing and having the opportunity to bring them home, we plan on showcasing our better animals. This becomes a win-win situation. It's good for the Dexter breed to show the best, and it's a win for our farm, for repeat business as I can return these animals back into the production that I am proud of.

Continue to look on the website www.dextercattle.org for Dexter breeders in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Delaware, and DC. Check out the show listings for Dexter cattle being shown in your area. I hope that your summer is filled with fun and time with your DEXTERS.

The Cow

The wise old Mother Superior from County Tipperary was dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. Then one nun took the glass back to the kitchen.

Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into

the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more. Before they knew it, she drank the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some wisdom before you die."

Barely audible, and with a serene look on her face, she said, "Don't sell that cow!!!"

News From Directors

Region 6

Join Us in Oklahoma in July

Joanie Storck, Region 6 Director

We are only weeks away from the 2003 Annual General Meeting, Show & Sale here in the heartland. I know I have been trying to rally your support for over a year for this meeting. I am still at it, ha ha. This is an opportunity that many Dexter owners and breeders don't have very often, to have the business meeting (only one a year) in their region. It's a rare opportunity and I hope many of you will find time to take advantage of it.

The White Elephant Auction is always so much fun. Don't miss this!!! Everyone is encouraged to bring something for the auction. The funds generated help pay for some of the costs of the meeting such as the name tags and gifts that will be in your meeting packets, to name a few. The auction will be on Friday evening in conjunction with the social time after the presentations.

This year's meeting will address some

very important issues to the future of the Association, including voting matters on the By-Laws, and Show & Sale Rules. My interest in you attending this meeting is not just for an impressive head count. The future functions of the Association hinge on some very important decisions to be made this year.

As I have said before, I am so proud to be serving as your director. When we started this newsletter in June of 2000, we were mailing to 71 addresses. We now mail out over 200 newsletters each issue. Of course, some of those addresses are outside of our region (Directors/Officers of ADCA), but the number of owners in this Region is doubled in three years. Thank you to all owners that were willing to sell some of your breeding stock to others so they could get started in this rewarding experience of breeding the most unique breed of small bovines.

Region 4

Don't Miss the Utah State Fair

Carol Ann Traynor, Region 4 Director

The April Basics of Small Acreage Management weekend in Grand Junction was attended by several Dexter breeders. Topics included Managing Small Acreages with Limited Water, Weeds, Establishing & Renovating Pastures with Limited Water, Pests and Pesticides, and Disease Issues.

Region IV will again have its annual exhibition and show at the Utah State

Fair in September. Contact Pat Sorensen at littlebitsfarm@yahoo.com for information and inclusion on the premium mailing list.

A very special thanks to Lyle Coombs for his generous monetary donation to Region IV. We are planning to get some promotional materials (i.e. caps, bumper stickers, etc.) to sell as well as use some of the money for awards at State Fair.

News From Directors

Region 2 Celestial Farms Hosted the Spring Meeting

Anna Poole, Region 2 Director

On May 17th, Chris and Paige Ricard opened their ranch and home to about 35 Dexter enthusiasts for their 1st Annual Celestial Farms Dexter Field Day.

Hayden, Idaho was beautiful in the sunshine and the snow. There were guests from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana.

Chris had a great line-up with something to interest everyone. We started the day with a great, up-close view of the champion Celestial Farms Dexters. After introductions, all in attendance spoke on what have drawn them to the Dexter breed.

Sandi Thomas gave a very informative presentation on the history of the "EX" in the ADCA registration. There was also a discussion about DNA testing for color and parentage.

After a terrific lunch, Wendy Fultz led a demonstration on the basics of showing livestock in the show ring. This included the different classes, the movement of the animals around the judge, and how to set up your animal for judging.

The Region #2 meeting was an informal affair with welcome participation by everyone present. Some of the discussions involved members from Montana and Washington expressing a desire to be included in Region #2. There was some discussion about having annual shows and sales in the Northwest. I think we pretty

much decided that we would reach more potential Dexter people if we would participate in fairs and events that already have a large attendance.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the AGM in Oklahoma by attending, entering the video contest, or sending items for the White Dexter Auction.

There was a discussion about tattoos and how best to prepare the ear and get the ink into the holes. That prompted a suggestion from those in attendance to include a "Helpful Hints" section in the Bulletin.

The ADCA is in the process of updating their rules, regulations, and By-Laws. Suggestions along these lines can be submitted to Donna Martin (864-457-4916 or dmartin630@aol.com). She can also send you a copy with the proposed changes. After the business meeting, there were delicious desserts, and a drawing for some nice Dexter prizes.

The final speaker of the day was Dr. and Mrs. Dean Koseal from Deerpark Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Koseal is a leader here in the Northwest on embryo transplants. He gave a very education presentation about embryo transplants in cattle, and he also provided us with a first-hand view of fertilized embryos through the microscope.

Diane Newcomer's meeting minutes are available upon request.



News From Directors

Region 13 New Regional Website

Rick Seydel, Region 13 Director

Greetings from the Midwest. What a wonderful time of year! The pastures, trees, and lawns are starting to turn green and the new spring crop of calves are on the way.

First of all I would like to thank everyone in Region 13 who took the time to respond to the informational survey that I sent out. The majority of the responses indicated that they would rather have a website instead of a newsletter. With this in mind, Chuck Daggett and I are working to get the site up and running by the end of the summer. For now you can reach this website at:

www.pressenter.com/~chuckd/dist13.htm.

To be listed on the website, you must contact Chuck Daggett or myself via phone or e-mail. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if you choose. If you would like to list some cattle for sale, please provide us with detailed information.

Since taking over as Region 13 director, I've visited with some of you within the Region and have found an abundance of knowledge concerning our breed. I feel very fortunate to be associated with so many great people within our Region. Hopefully, some of you will be willing to share your information with others via the website.

We would like to try to update our website at least once a month. In order to do this, we are asking for our members to become active. I think it would be great to have as many pictures of our herds as possible so that we can promote the cattle in our area. Send any pictures you have to Chuck Daggett. We also would like to include some cute stories about your cattle or other educational information you'd like to share, such as halter-breaking calves, feeding out steers, weaning, etc. We do ask that when you express an opinion on the website, be positive about all types of Dexters. Tall, short, black, dun, red - they are all Dexters. If you submit an article that is against the by-laws of the ADCA, it will not be printed. Remember, a lot of people do not know what we have to offer, so we would like to make this website as informative as possible and promote the Dexter breed to the fullest. For those members that don't have computers, you can still send us any information that you would like to have on the website.

I am looking forward to representing Region 13 at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in Stillwater, Oklahoma. I strongly encourage as many members as possible to attend. If you are unable to attend and have any concerns that you'd like me to address, please contact me as soon as possible.

Basic Truths

Q. What's the most important use for a cowhide?

A. It holds the cow together.

Basic Truths

Country girl: "If you treat a cow with affection, it'll give more milk."

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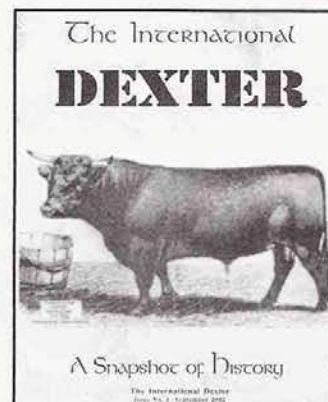
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The International Dexter

The magazine "The International Dexter: A Snapshot of History" is available in limited quantities from ADCA's Prairie Home, Missouri office. The cost is \$5.



Editor's Corner

Boy, did I pick a lousy time to move...just *after* the Bulletin comes out.

I'm writing this a mere two weeks before our move to Idaho. We found twenty acres - as opposed to our current four - and a larger house. We're currently Dexter-less (gasp!), unless you count the half-steer in our freezer (fabulous meat, by the way).

The address and phone number listed below are final, but the email address is temporary. If for any reason you have trouble reaching me in the next few months, contact your Regional Director for updates - I'll keep them abreast of all my current contact info. The Fall issue of the Bulletin will have my permanent email address.

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Patrice Lewis

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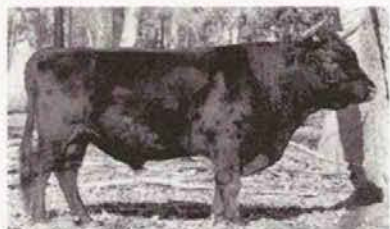
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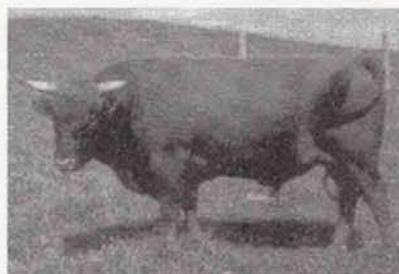
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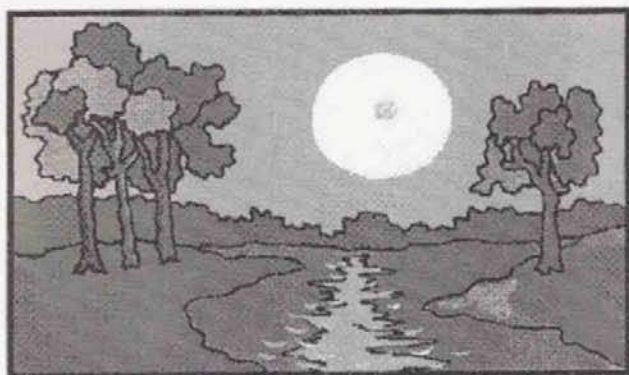
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Liberty belongs to Anna Poole of Happy Hoofs Ranch, Eagle Point, Oregon.

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