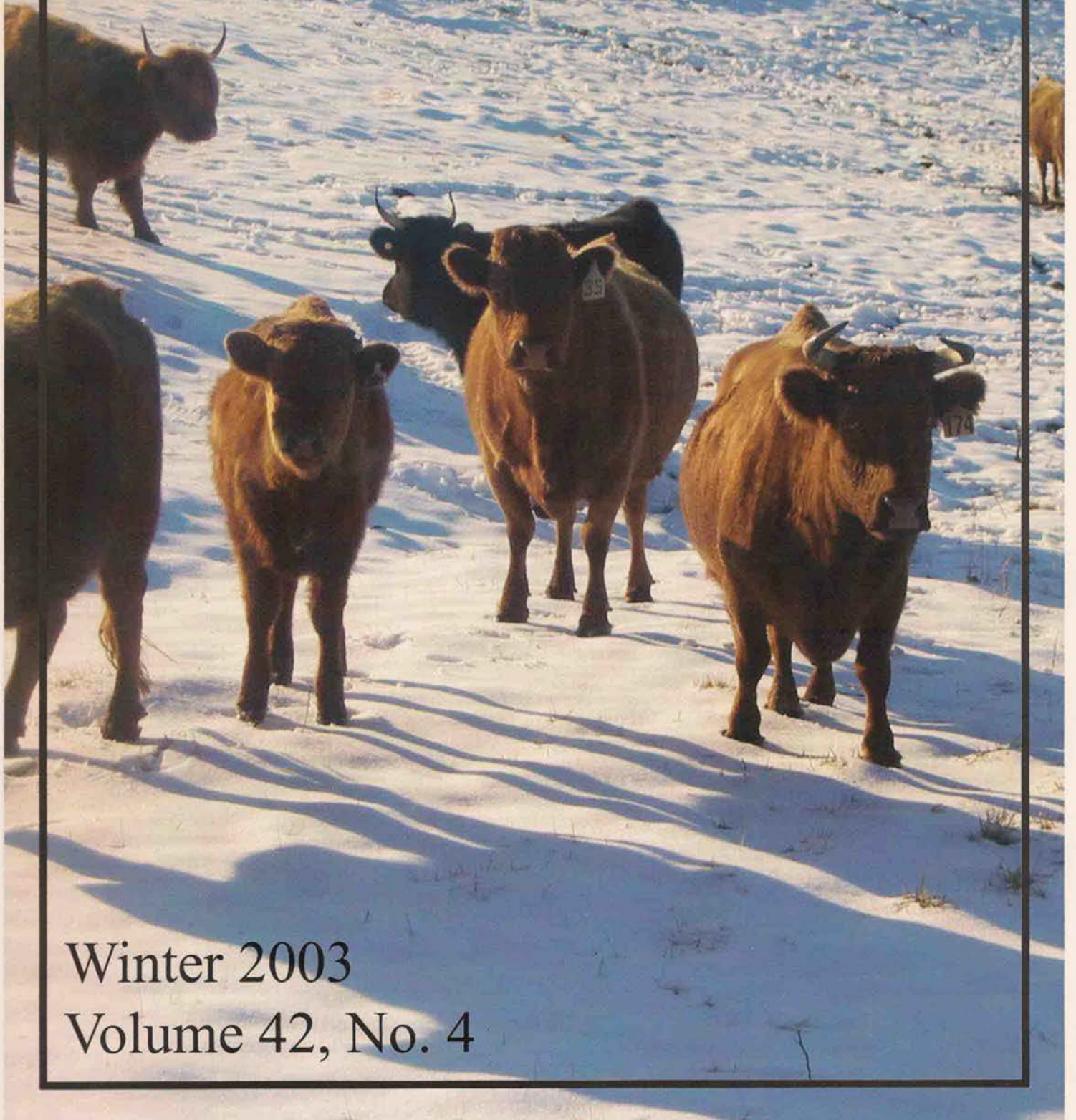


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Message from the President

Hello to everyone from here in central New York State! The geese have all gone the wrong way and I'll surely be waiting for their early return in the spring. If it's wet or white it has fallen from the sky to make some impressive mud pretty much everywhere that mud can appear—on the kitchen floor, on dogs' feet, and in volume out in the barnyards. Let's hope for an easy winter. At least snow is prettier to walk in.

And on to the business of the ADCA.....

First, we need to thank Anna Poole from Oregon, our only retiring Director. She certainly has served us well and hosted an AGM in 2002. Her efforts are appreciated and we hope her voice will still be heard in Region 2.

Voting for a director from your region is one of the most important functions of ADCA membership. Please cast a vote for who will represent you. In addition, do keep in contact with your Regional Director. We can rely on them for a great deal of encouragement, advice, counseling, and commiserating. A conference call among Directors is scheduled for mid-January. As always, please share your ideas with your Regional Director. We can't be all things to all people, but we do try to be responsive to concerns.

Though we can rely on Directors for many things, I would still suggest that more technical questions concerning issues such as registrations, transfers, or classification be addressed directly to the ADCA office. In addition to maintaining our registry in a fine order, Rosemary and Dean Fleharty have years of Dexter experience. Moreover, it's imperative for us to maintain the same standard protocols on technical topics. I've yet to see an issue that we can't work out.

Voting for a director and properly maintaining your paperwork are essential, but not as crucial as keeping well-fed, well-cared-for Dexters. It has recently come to my attention that some new owners may

take the wording about Dexters' foraging abilities a bit too literally. If we're leading people to believe that Dexters should survive on leaves and tree bark, then we're certainly not doing the animals a service. They're bovines, not beavers, even if the latter could make it on such a meager diet. Dexters can take brushy land (not devoid of grasses) and do a lot of clearing in a hurry, but they're still ruminants and need grass or its equivalents. As we sell cattle, we need to be sure that questions are answered and confusion is eliminated for the good of the animals. Ribs aren't good to see except on a plate. We need to encourage and keep good cattle and good owners in the ADCA. Common sense should prevail as we care for our cattle.

Speaking of new members/owners/breeders, there was some discussion in Oklahoma among the Directors that we need to compile a guide of sorts for new Directors. The minutes call for Rick Seydel's work on this and I hope that everyone will send him ideas about how Directors can best serve the membership and the ADCA organization.

Another point that I should mention from our Oklahoma meeting is that if you're intending to ask for coverage under the ADCA insurance umbrella for a show, please notify the office during the month of January. Yes, this calls for some early planning, but it will allow for proper notice to the insurance company. In general, plan ahead on paperwork that is needed from the ADCA office.

Donna Martin has worked tirelessly on updating the Rules and Regulations. Please read through them. Thank you, Donna, for your efforts.

The 2004 AGM will be in Pennsylvania. Mark and Edlyn Muir are taking the lead in planning this year's event. Please direct your comments and questions to

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them, and do try to participate in some fashion.

I'm please to announce that the ADCA was successful in getting the bid for the 2006 World Congress. Only two other such events have been held. The first was in England in 1998 and the second was in Australia in 2002. We have been represented at both by Wes Patton and Rosemary Fleharty. The ADCA Board is considering venues in the Upper Midwest for this event that will be scheduled for either late July or early August of 2006. We want to make it as convenient as possible for Dexter owners in Canada to participate. This is a huge undertaking and will require the support of the entire ADCA. It is our opportunity to welcome Dexter enthusiasts from around the world. More specific information will be shared as it becomes available.

Unless you're one of the few people I've ever known who enjoys getting blood out of cattle, there's some good news about the chondrodysplasia (bulldog) test. (I've yet to see any animals that exactly volunteer their blood samples.) Plucking tail hairs is a whole lot easier for all concerned and is now acceptable for this test. John Potter, the Director from Region 14, has worked tirelessly coordinating all of the testing for the ADCA. He can give the details on how the hairs need to be prepared. I would just emphasize that clean hairs are preferred for obvious reasons, and that the tests are batch-processed to make it cost effective. Thus, it isn't information that will generally be returned within a few days.

Let me close with a personal note. Though calving season is long-since over, we were just blessed with our first grandchild. She was born at the time of this writing, November 18, and arrived at the impressive weight of 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Obviously she'll be ready for farm work soon. She had a little trouble finding the exit, which landed her mother in surgery, but all are doing well, the sire included. Now I'll be showing granddaughter and Dexters photos to everyone I meet!

Kathy Smith

2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is the tentative schedule for the 2004 ADCA Annual General Meeting, Meadville, Pennsylvania at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

July 16 Friday

7:30 a.m. till noon - Director's Meeting

8:00 till 4 p.m. - receive cattle

11:00 set up oxen obstacle course

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

(home barn)

1:00 pm Oxen Obstacle course

(race track)

Afternoon seminars (extension)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner

8:00 - ? Singing, Square Dancing

July 17 Saturday

6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Home Barn (4H)

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. - show followed by sale

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Annual General

Meeting, with special guest

speaker Mr. Gerald Fry

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Social Time

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner (catered)

7:30 - 9:00 Results of photo contest, video, White Dexter Auction

July 18 Sunday

7:30 a.m. Director's Meeting

9:00 a.m. - ? Clean up

Meadville is located in northwestern Pennsylvania along Interstate 79. Nearby airports are Erie, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; and Cleveland, OH. There is camping on the fairgrounds (electric, water hookups) at \$16.00 per night. Several national chain motels are located in town.

We are planning to have an educational and fun time. Set your vacation schedule around this event!

Secretary's Report

Rosemary Fleharty, ADCA Secretary

Well, by the time you receive this the holidays will be upon us. So happy holidays wherever you are. It has been a busy fall for the ADCA. Registrations, transfers, and new memberships are up as well as inquiries. And, most exciting is many people are using the new DNA test for the chondrodysplasia. Plus, don't forget our classification program. The new schedule is in this Bulletin. Please call the ADCA office to sign up. Do not call the Brown Swiss Association. You will not receive the necessary forms to have your cattle classified unless you contact our office.

If you have problems with registrations or transfers, please contact our office. We will try to help if we can. Some paperwork problems cannot be resolved, but we will try to assist you. Remember sales of Dexters are between buyers and sellers. Make sure you are buying from a reputable breeder who will provide you with the appropriate paperwork. The seller should provide you with registration papers on any animals you are purchasing by sending them into the ADCA for appropriate transfer. We are getting lots of paperwork from new individuals who are receiving papers and applications that have not been appropriately completed and transferred. If you are a breeder, make sure you provide this important service to new owners and members. This will assure that your animals are not lost from the registry.

Regional elections are in progress and will be close to completed by the mailing of this Bulletin. Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are being balloted at this time. The results will be in the next Bulletin.

The new By-Laws that were printed in your last Bulletin have been approved. Please keep your copy of the Bulletin for future reference. If you need an additional copy, please contact the ADCA office. The Rules and Regulations for the new By-Laws are included in this issue of

the Bulletin. Again, please keep this for future reference.

You should have received your herd update sheets. Please remember only individuals who return these listings will be listed in the new herd book. Please return these sheets as quickly as possible. This will allow us to get the book printed in a timely manner shortly after the first of the year.

The on-line pedigree is close to being out on the web. We encountered some security problems and some other minor set-backs. Capable Computing did a wonderful job and we also want to thank Oogie McGuire (our Web hostess) for her assistance in working on this new added service for members. Please note that no pedigrees for Canadian cattle or English cattle are shown except those with ADCA numbers and then only one generation. For pedigree information on those animals, you will need to contact those two associations. Also, we are encountering some database problems with old registrations—very few are showing up prior to registration number 3200. We are working on this problem and hope to have all showing shortly after January 1. Our programmer will work on this and get the bugs removed. If you find problems with assessing information, please let us know. There may be some things we just didn't try and still may have some minor bugs.

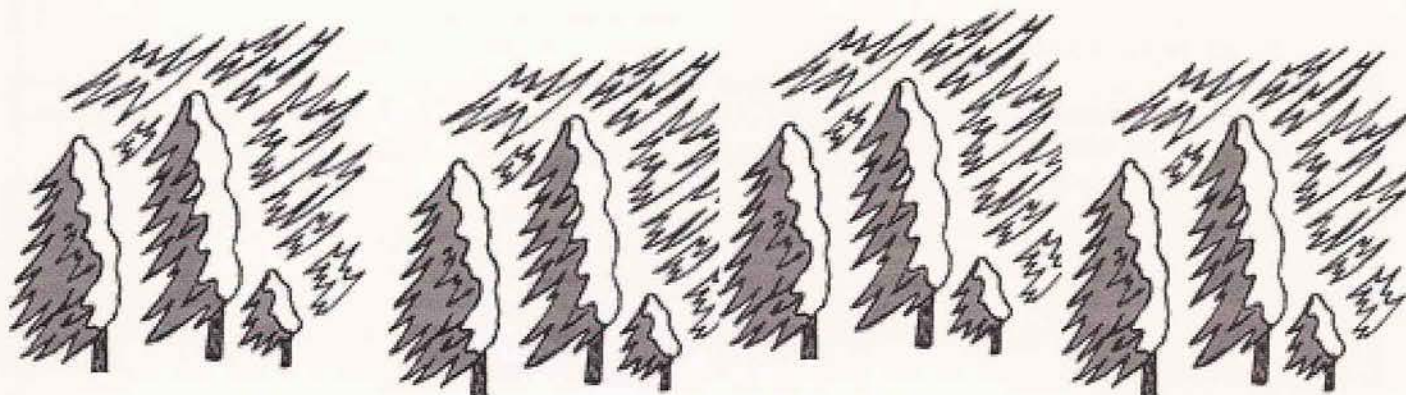
Please, remember although we are available seven days a week, do not expect overnight turn-around time on paperwork. We will try to accommodate when we can, but there are times we may be gone to a show, etc. and may be unavailable. If you need papers for shows, please be considerate and give us at least two weeks. You probably will get them sooner, but then you can be certain you have your papers for shows. And, do not ask us to do paperwork without payment. In the past payment was never received on some paper-

work so we must have payment prior to the paperwork being completed. Also, the same is true for requests for brochures. We will send a large envelope but prefer not to send them first class or priority since this costs the Association additional dollars. We provide brochures at no cost, so be time aware. Get your requests in early. These are color and costly so make

sure you use them in the best manner possible. Make sure lots of them are not ending up in a trash can near your display.

Your renewal of membership is \$20. Don't forget to get yours in. Membership renewal is due January 1, 2004.

Have a wonderful Dexter experience in 2004!



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 \$30
(for individuals who own a
registered Dexter)

Associate Members \$30
(new membership)
(for individuals who do not
own any Dexters, or who live
outside of the U.S. or Canada)

Annual renewal of dues \$20
(due January 1 of each year
for all memberships)

Herd book available for purchase each year \$10

Subscribers (will receive the
quarterly Bulletin) \$10

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ADCA Official Rules and Regulations

I. Officers

1.0 General Information

(a) The officers of the ADCA shall be a President and Vice-president who must be members in good standing of the ADCA or voting representatives of corporate or group members.

(b) The President, Vice-president, and Immediate Past President shall be members of the Board of Directors.

(c) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are nonvoting officers and serve on the Board of Directors.

1.1 Qualifications

(a) The President and Vice-president shall have been an active member in good standing of the ADCA for at least three (3) years prior to nomination and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Board Meeting.

(b) The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Board of Directors and reviewed annually. They can serve indefinitely at the pleasure of the Board. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

1.2 Election Procedures

(a) The President, Vice-president, and Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (excluding officers). The election will take place in a closed Executive Session as part of the Board Meeting which follows the AGM. Included in this Executive Session are all of the Regional Directors present, Immediate Past President, and two Directors-at-Large. The Directors-at-Large are elected at the AGM from the members present, preferably from Regions not represented by a Director at the meeting. One member of the Board will be appointed to lead the Executive Session and nominations will be accepted from Board Members. Also to be considered are any nominations that have been properly submitted to the Nominating Committee. Voting will be by secret ballot.

(b) The votes for any elected office of the ADCA shall be decided by a simple plurality of votes counted.

(c) The President and Vice-president can serve three successive one-year terms.

(d) The President and Vice-president shall take office upon the close of the Board of Directors Meeting following the AGM, and serve until the following year's election.

(e) A transition period for staff members will be determined by the Board Of Directors as deemed appropriate.

(f) In the event that both the President and Vice-president cannot fulfill their duties, then the Board of Directors will appoint an interim President and Vice-president until the next AGM election.

1.3 Duties of the Officers

(a) President

The President shall perform the usual duties associated with this office. This includes but is not limited to presiding at the AGM, and Board Meetings. The President is responsible for assigning to the appropriate Committee(s) cases of policy questions and/or cases requiring interpretation or resolution. If no Committee has been set up for a particular issue, then the President should notify the Board of Directors and establish a Committee.

(b) Vice-president

The Vice-president shall serve in the absence or incapacity of the President, perform other tasks assigned by the President or Board of Directors, oversee election results for the Regional Directors, and oversee Committees.

(c) Secretary-Treasurer

The duties of the Secretary include but are not limited to the following:

1. maintaining all corporate and membership records;
2. recording, preserving, and distributing minutes of all membership and Board meetings;

3. distributing required notices and announcements;
4. other activities which may be requested by the President and/or the Board.

The duties of the Treasurer include but are not limited to the following:

1. maintaining a corporate bank account;
2. keeping the financial records of the ADCA in an appropriate manner;
3. reporting on the financial condition of the ADCA to the Board of Directors quarterly and annually at the AGM;
4. obtaining an annual audit of the ADCA's financial records.

II. Staff

2.0 Staff Positions

There will be staff positions for the ADCA that include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Promotion/Advertising Manager - This person will be in charge of media advertising for the ADCA and selection, purchase, and sale of promotional items.
- (b) Bulletin Editor - This person will be in charge of publication of the ADCA Bulletin and the Membership Book.
- (c) Webmaster - This person will be responsible for maintaining the ADCA Website.
- (d) Registrar - This person or organization may be utilized to handle registrations.

2.1 Salaries

The salary for the staff positions will be determined annually by the Board.

III. Regional Directors

3.0 Requirements and Duties of Directors

- (a) Must have been a breeder and member in good standing of the ADCA for at least three years. In the case of the absence of an available candidate for Director in a Region, the three (3) year rule can be waived upon the approval of the membership of that Region, or the Region may temporarily align with another Region.

- (b) Is required to attend the Annual General Meeting (except in cases of death or sickness in the family or some other legitimate reason).

(c) Must notify the President of the ADCA concerning the aforementioned situation of nonattendance at the AGM and identify a proxy to represent the Region.

(d) Should conduct at least one meeting per year within the region if at all possible. Directors are allowed compensation up to \$150 for postage and meeting costs.

(e) Should keep record of all letters and correspondence pertaining to ADCA business.

(f) Should always encourage potential buyers to join the ADCA.

(g) Should keep in touch with the ADCA officers and make timely responses to correspondence.

(h) Should keep members informed of important issues and always act in a courteous manner, assisting fellow members with problems and questions.

(i) Should keep the ADCA informed of problems occurring within the Region.

(j) Should never get involved in squabbles between fellow members within regions.

(k) Should periodically submit reports pertaining to current news and happenings within the Region to the Editor for input into the ADCA Bulletin.

(l) Directors are expected to provide at least one general communication to their Region each year, typically in the form of a Regional Newsletter. Copies of Regional communications should be sent to the appropriate person(s), such as the Secretary, Bulletin Editor, and other Directors and Officers.

3.1 Procedures for Election of Regional Directors

- (a) North America shall be divided by the Board of Directors into Regions as nearly equal in representation of membership as possible. Such Regions are to be

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evaluated as needed as membership changes warrants. One Director (other than the Officers) shall be elected from each Region.

(b) Members of a Region may contact their Director with recommendations for realignment which then should be presented to the Board of Directors at the AGM. Upon a majority approval vote by the Directors, the new Region(s) will be established, followed by the usual nominating process and voting for the new Director(s) to be conducted in the Fall with terms to begin in January.

(c) To run for office, an individual should submit their name to the ADCA office at the time requested for nominations. Submission should include a resume of the Member's qualifications which will then be mailed to all voting members of that member's Region on a voting form. The membership of that Region shall vote for one individual by returning the voting form to the Vice-president. Votes will be tallied by the Vice-president, who will be responsible for notifying that individual and the ADCA office. The Secretary will notify the Directors and Officers and have the results published in the next edition of the Dexter Bulletin. The term will begin January 1 of the year following the election. The votes for any elected office of the ADCA shall be decided by a simple plurality of votes counted. The President will contact a newly elected Director and propose a mentor to assist in the transition.

(d) In the case the Director is unable to complete their term, notification should be given to the Board of Directors. If the term of the departing Director is within the first 2 years, then a Special Election will be held with the new Director taking office the first of the month following the election. If the term is in the last year, the Board of Directors may appoint an interim Director. In either case, the term shall expire at the prescribed time.

(e) Terms will be for three years, and a Director may not serve more than two

successive term. In the case where a Director was appointed or elected to serve out a partial term, that Director may be eligible to run for two full elected terms.

3.2 Replacement or Expulsion of Director

(a) The Board of Directors can expel a Director who fails to perform a number of the above listed duties, or who fails to observe the rules or regulations set forth in the Official Rules and Regulations and/or whose conduct is prejudicial to the ADCA. Expulsion will require a two-thirds vote of the Board. On report to the Board of Directors of a charge against any Director which may result in expulsion, the charges shall be given in writing to the Board of Directors, and the Director charged shall have fifteen days notice in writing of the meeting and be given the right to be heard.

(b) An interim Director will be appointed by the Board or elected in a Special Election as outlined in Section 3.1 (d) above to serve until the next election.

IV. Indemnification of Directors

Each Director of the ADCA shall be indemnified by the ADCA against claims and liabilities to which he has become subject by reason of serving as Director. The ADCA shall reimburse each Director for legal expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with any claim or liability, provided, however, that no Director shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for any expense incurred in connection with a claim or liability arising out of his own willful misconduct or gross negligence. The amount paid to any Director by way of indemnification shall not exceed the actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the matter involved.

V. Committees

5.0 Executive Election Committee

Shall be composed of the Regional Directors, the Directors-At-Large voted at the AGM, and the Immediate Past President.

5.1 Special Committees

The Board of Directors may appoint members of the Association to special committees for such purposes as shall be designated. The actions of any special committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Any special committee shall have the power to add to its number. Special Committees may include but are not limited to Advertising, Classification, Genetics, Finance, Promotion, Rules & Regulations, Special Funding, Technology, etc. Every effort should be made to comprise the Committee of 50% general membership.

5.2 Arbitration Committee

If resolution of a problem cannot be obtained through the Regional Director then the Board of Directors may each year as needed appoint individuals to serve as members of a committee to oversee complaints and disagreements from the membership regarding issues that include, but are not limited to, questions of registration, farm names, voting rights, etc. Members are encouraged to report the problem in a timely manner. The Committee cannot act until a formal complaint is received in writing to an Officer.

5.3 Nominating Committee Officers

The membership may nominate candidates for President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer by submitting names and supporting information in writing to the Nominating Committee (via the ADCA Secretary's office) at least 30 days before the election.

VI. Memberships

6.0 Membership Option

There will be six membership options in the ADCA.

(a) Individual Member - these shall be those persons who own registered Dexter cattle and pay the prescribed annual membership fee, due the first day of January of each year. These members will have one vote per membership.

(b) Family/Partnership/Corporation Member - these shall be individuals that

own registered Dexter cattle and that form a unit, be it family, corporation or partnerships. Multiple names can appear under the unit's name, however, only one member from this unit has a voting right, and that person will be so designated on the membership application form and reaffirmed when paying annual membership dues in January of each year. The unit's voting member cannot also be an individual Annual Member to avoid a double vote by one person.

(c) Junior Member - these shall be individuals under 21 years of age by Jan 1st of the year seeking membership who own registered Dexter cattle and pay the prescribed annual membership fee each year. They shall have no voting rights. A junior member may apply for adult membership, paying the adult fee, and have voting rights.

(d) Associate Member - these shall be individuals who do not own any Dexters, or who live outside of the U.S. or Canada, and who have no voting right in the ADCA and are not listed in the Membership Book. At such time that an Associate Member registers a Dexter, then full membership will become automatic.

(e) Honorary Life Members - these shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be an honorary membership to acknowledge members who have served in the Association and who have been a Member in good standing for at least 10 years previous to this appointment. There will be no yearly membership fees and the Member shall retain all voting rights.

(f) Subscribers - these individuals shall receive the Dexter Bulletin and have no voting rights.



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	Fees	Renewal Dues
Individual Member	\$30	\$20
Family/Partnership/ Corporation Member	\$30	\$20
Junior Member	\$10	\$5
Associate Member	\$30	\$20
Honorary Member	0	0
Subscriber	\$10	\$10

6.2 Annual Dues

All annual renewals are due by January 1 of each year, and must be received by the January 1 in order to guarantee all the rights and privileges of member status, and inclusion into the yearly Herd Book. There is an additional fee to receive a copy of the Herd Book to be decided by the Board of Directors.

6.3 Requirements for Membership

(a) Application for membership shall be in writing, and each applicant on becoming a member shall be bound by the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations as set forth by the ADCA.

(b) Enforcement or interpretation of the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the ADCA. In cases where there is a conflict in interpretation, the Member shall be able to submit their concern in writing to the Arbitration Committee set up by the Board of Directors to review the case and render a decision.

(c) Members shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the ADCA during any year the annual fee has been paid. No member shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the ADCA if their membership fees are in arrears at the time the official notice was given calling such meeting. Also, if fees are in arrears, all

transfers and registrations will be done at the nonmember's rate until membership fees are paid.

(d) A member may resign from the Association at any time by written notice to the Secretary of the ADCA, and this resignation shall take effect at the end of the current paid membership year.

6.4 Suspension of Members

(a) The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend any member who fails to observe any rule or regulation set forth in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, and/or whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board prejudicial to the interests of the ADCA. Such violations could include but not be limited to matters such as misrepresentation of registration data, misrepresentation of the ADCA, misuse of funds, etc.

(b) A charge against any member shall be given to the President in writing who will then notify the Board of Directors and a meeting will be announced. The member so charged shall have fifteen days notice in writing of such meeting and be given the right to be heard.

(c) Any person suspended shall have no claim against the ADCA or any interest in the property or assets of the ADCA.

(d) Any member whose payment of dues or fees is NSF (Non-sufficient funds) will, after six (6) weeks from notification, have his membership suspended, and also void any registrations paid for by that check.

(e) Members can return to good standing status by correcting the situation to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

6.5 Expulsion of Members

The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any member who fails to observe the rules and regulations as set forth in the Official By-laws and Rules and Regulations and/or whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board prejudicial to the interests of the ADCA. Procedures for Expulsion are the same as for Suspension.



VII. Registration of Animals

7.0 General Information

(a) Application for registration of Dexter cattle will be made to the Secretary/Registrar of the ADCA. A Certificate of Registration will be furnished by the ADCA for all animals meeting registration criteria and will be sent to the owner on the form adopted by the ADCA.

(b) A person does not have to be a member of the ADCA to record pedigrees in the records of the Association and will be charged a nonmember fee.

(c) The Secretary/Registrar of the Association will be responsible to accept or refuse applications for registration or transfer from any person. Any grievance or complaint should be submitted to the Arbitration Committee in writing.

(d) The Secretary/Registrar shall be responsible for compiling a yearly Herd Book. Entry in the Herd Book will require that breeders update their herd listing each year by completing the form supplied prior to the end of the year preceding the new Herd Listings.

7.1 Registration Procedures

(a) A breeder must apply to the ADCA for registration/transfers using the form adopted by the Association, and must fill out all required sections. Failure to completely fill out the forms, including proper signatures will result in the form being returned and penalty fees may be applied upon the second rejection per transaction.

(b) It is recommended that animals be identified with tattoo markings in the right or left ear and this marking must be noted on the application form. The tattoo must include a letter standing for the first letter in the farm name where the cow was bred, a number representing the number of the birth for that year by the breeder, and a letter representing the ADCA year. The ADCA recognizes other means of identification such as branding and permanent ear tag and these must be noted on the application form.

(c) The name of the animal must not be more than 21 letters and spaces. Any registration request sent to the Secre-

tary/Registrar with more than 21 letters/spaces will be returned to the breeder with a reminder of the requirement. After the second submission of the registration request incorrectly completed, the Secretary/Registrar may levy a penalty fee to return the form.

(d) The animal's registration name must carry a prefix reflecting the herd name of the breeder (the farm owning the cow at the time of breeding). The Secretary/Registrar has the right to approve or disapprove prefixes so as not to have duplications in the ADCA database, and to provide a consistent naming of animals identified to a breeder. In registering a prefix, priority in use shall be considered. Any dispute between breeders as to priority right to a prefix shall be referred to the Arbitration Committee in writing.

(e) Herd name prefixes must remain the same for all animals bred on the same farm. The herd name prefix of a breeder may be used with the breeder's consent by a son, daughter, husband or wife, provided the herd is maintained on the breeder's premises. Use of a different prefix requires membership of the person registering the animal.

(f) Included on the registration/transfer form must be the birthdate, color, sex, sire and dam registration numbers of the animal being registered. Notation must be given of excessive white markings on the animal, either by drawing in the white on the cow graphic and/or a written explanation of where the white is located.

(g) Application for registration of more than one generation is to be reviewed by the Registrar.

(h) All registration applications for animals over two years of age are to be reviewed by the Registrar.

(i) There is a special Certificate of Purebred Registration for steers at a reduced registration fee.

(j) A calf that is the result of artificial insemination (AI) must be so noted on the application form with an attached slip

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from the AI technician indicating the breeding date of the cow.

(k) The signature of the breeder should be the person who bred the cow (the person who owned the cow at the time of breeding). The signature of the owner of the dam at time of calving may be different if an individual purchased a bred animal. The signature of the owner of sire would be the owner of the bull who bred the cow.

(l) A transfer application is necessary if an individual is purchasing an animal that is not registered, a calf being sold with its

mother, or a bred cow. A person buying an animal not previously registered is responsible for obtaining any and all necessary past paperwork substantiating the pedigree of the animal. It is, however, a common breeder courtesy that the Seller should provide all necessary information and signatures.

(m) Questions pertaining to difficulties in obtaining registration information from breeders should be referred to the Secretary/Registrar who can then send them to the Arbitration Committee in writing.

7.2 Registration Fees for Members

Cows up to one year old	\$20
Bulls up to 2 years old	\$20
Cows over 1 year old	\$40
Bulls over 2 years old	\$40

Transfers:

Regular Transfers	
(regardless of age)	\$20
Inner-herd Transfers	
(regardless of age)	\$10

7.3 Registrations and Transfers fees for nonmembers

All transaction fees are double for nonmembers

VIII. Standards

8.0 Color

There are three colors accepted by the ADCA - black, dun, and red.

(a) All Dexters are to be registered by their true color. Application for registra-

tion of the color red, or revision of a current registration to list the color red, must be accompanied by a DNA color test of the animal being registered, or by virtue of the dam and sire being previously DNA certified red or certified red parentage. Information and test forms can be obtained by contacting the Registrar.

(b) White on a Dexter is acceptable only on the organs of generation. Animals with white on other areas should be noted on the registration form and shall be coded EW for animals with excess white.

8.1 Polledness

All animals that are registered with the ADCA that are born polled, their registration number will carry the "P" extension following the registration number. "Polled" (which is an inherited lack of horns) is to be differentiated from "dehorned" which refers to the removal of horns or horn buds on the animal.

8.2 Appendix

(a) No upgrading program is available for any animals to be registered with the ADCA. Both parents must be from registered ADCA stock.

(b) Foreign animals must have five generation purebred pedigree to qualify for registration, or have their case reviewed by the Registrar.

(c) The ADCA accepts Canadian registrations the same as other foreign registrations.

(d) Foreign animals must be registered in the ADCA prior to their calves qualifying for registration.

(e) All embryos are to have the same registration requirements as other ADCA stock.

IX. Miscellaneous

9.0 Advertising

The ADCA does not advocate use of the word "Dwarf," and recommends language reflective of current testing programs.

9.1 Shows/Sales

The ADCA does not sanction non-ADCA shows and sales.

A Video Show will be a standard part at all AGM Meetings.

9.2 Regional Support

(a) Each Region of the ADCA can request an ADCA banner to be displayed at Regional meetings, shows, or exhibits.

(b) Limited financial support for holding district meetings will be determined each year by the Board of Directors. Postage expenses may be included in meeting expenses.

(c) Advertising money will be available in the Region where the AGM is to be held each year. Expense allowances will be determined each year by the Board of

Directors, and additional monies can be available as a draw until the show proceeds are available to reimburse the ADCA.

X. Amendments

All proposed amendments by membership to the Rules and Regulations shall be submitted to the Secretary's office in writing no later than 30 days before the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at the AGM. During the Board meeting the proposals shall be considered by the Board and they shall by resolution, either approve or disapprove of the proposal.

Now's the Time to Act!

If you would like to advertise in the upcoming 2004 Membership Book, which will be published in February, now is the time to let me know!

The Membership Book is sent to all current members of the ADCA, as well as anybody who makes inquiries for information on the breed. It's a prime opportunity to advertise your stock or semen!

The cost of ads is as follows:

1/8 page - \$25 • 1/4 page - \$50
1/2 page - \$100 • Full page - \$200

Color advertisements are available at **double the above prices.**

Deadline for the advertisements is January 21, 2004. Feel free to email your ad, along with any photos you wish to have included.

Send to: Patrice Lewis • Dexter Bulletin Editor
1305 Canyon Ridge Lane • Plummer, ID 83851
(208) 686-0627 • plewis@smgazette.com

Promotional Items

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

Small head logo over left breast, light gray w/
forest green logo

Sizes available: Small,

Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge **\$10.00**

(Please add 2.00 for the XXLarge)

Koozies

Green Koozies with white

ADCA logo - keeps 12-oz.

beverage can cool. **\$1.50**

each. No additional charge
to ship Koozies when added
to shirt order. Shipping for
Koozies only \$3.00.

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

Hats

Assorted Colors, with
Dexter logo **\$8.00**



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)



**We have a large stock of long- and short-sleeve shirts - they
make wonderful gifts for the holidays!**



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)

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

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DNA Testing for Dexter Cattle: An Update

John Potter, ADCA Genetics Committee

Two recent additions to the DNA testing program for Dexter cattle provided the incentive for writing this article. This update lists the tests that are now available and gives the basic information about each of them. In an ideal world, a single company would conduct all of the tests that we need. In the real world - especially remembering the fact that Dexters are a minor breed - we must accept the fact that three different companies, each with its own application, conduct our four tests at this time. Applications for all of the tests are available upon request from me by email (jpotter@remc11.k12.mi.us), by telephone (269-545-2455), or by USPS mail (2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113). When requesting an application, please specify whether you want it sent by email (MS Word document attachment), USPS mail, or fax, and provide the information relevant to your preference.

DNA for all of these tests may be obtained from hair, semen, or blood. All of

the applications contain the instructions for using hair and semen as the source of DNA. Since using blood as the source of DNA tends to be considerably more complicated and expensive, we have not included instructions for using blood on the applications. If you wish to use blood, please contact me for the details. Since the testing companies' procedures for packaging, labeling, and sending samples vary, please read each application's instructions carefully. Each application contains the mailing address of the company that conducts the test. Complete applications and full payment accompanying the samples are prerequisites for all of the tests. If you have any questions about the instructions and procedures, feel free to contact me. The following chart contains the basic information about the four tests that are now available. Details about the basic information are given in footnotes below the chart.

Name of Test	Purpose(s) of Test	Test Provider	Cost per Sample in U.S. Dollars	Results Sent To
Red Factor (RF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration¹ • Carrier Identification² 	Genetic Visions (Wisconsin)	\$40	Breeder & ADCA ³
Dun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrier Identification⁴ 	Agrigenomics (Illinois)	\$22 ⁵	Breeder Only ⁶
Chondrodysplasia (Bulldog gene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrier Identification⁷ 	Agrigenomics (Illinois)	\$35 ⁸	Breeder & ADCA ⁹
DNA Genotyping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID record for A.I. Bulls¹⁰ • Parentage Verification¹¹ 	ImmGen (Texas)	\$28	ADCA only ¹²

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Footnotes to Table on DNA Testing

1. In order to register a Dexter as red, it must be tested (DNA verified) as red unless it is the offspring of a registered red sire and a registered red dam. If both parents are registered reds, then testing is not required. Please refer to the article about color genetics that begins on page 22 of the 2003 ADCA Membership Directory.
2. A breeder may wish to test a black or dun animal to determine if it carries a hidden red gene. (A black or dun animal that has a verified red parent does not need to be tested: It carries a hidden red gene.)
3. If the test result is needed for registration of the animal (see #1), then the breeder must sign and date the **Release to ADCA** on the application. *Photocopies of reports furnished by breeders are not accepted for registration purposes.*
4. A breeder may wish to test a black or red animal to determine if it carries a hidden dun gene. (A black Dexter may carry one hidden dun gene, and a red Dexter may carry one or two hidden dun genes.)
5. If the Dun test is requested *from the same sample* as the Chondrodysplasia test, then the cost for the Dun test is \$10/sample added to the cost of the Chondrodysplasia test. Please complete the application accordingly.
6. If you wish to have only the Dun test carried out, *do not* sign and date the **Release to ADCA** on the application. If both tests (Chondrodysplasia and Dun) are requested from the same sample (see #5), then both tests' results will be sent to the ADCA Registry Office if the breeder has signed and dated the release.
7. Mating a carrier bull to a carrier female has a 25% probability of producing a bulldog calf, a 50% probability of producing a carrier calf, and a 25% probability of producing a non-carrier calf. Mating a carrier of either sex to a non-carrier of the opposite sex has a 50% probability of producing either a carrier calf or a non-carrier calf but no chance of producing a bulldog calf. Mating two non-carriers produces only non-carrier calves: no carrier nor bulldog calves. Please refer to the article about chondrodysplasia that begins on page 25 of the 2003 ADCA Membership Directory.
8. If eleven (11) or more samples are submitted *at the same time*, the cost per test is \$28.
9. As of December 1, 2003, no requirement exists for the notification of the ADCA Registry Office regarding the chondrodysplasia carrier or non-carrier status of any Dexter. However, breeders may request that Agrigenomics send their results to the ADCA for the record by signing the **Release to ADCA** on the application.
10. Beginning January 1, 2003, the ADCA requires that the DNA Genotype of all bulls used for out-of-herd A.I. be on file in its Registry Office before calves sired by those bulls can be registered. While any A.I. bull whose blood type was on file in the Registry Office *prior to* January 1, 2003, is exempt from the DNA Genotyping requirement, the person who sells semen from that bull is encouraged to request DNA Genotyping for the sake of future reference or parentage questions.
11. DNA Genotyping can be used to verify the parentage of an animal, provided all appropriate DNA is submitted for analysis. Contact me if you have questions about this option.
12. The service agreement between ImmGen, Inc. and the ADCA for DNA Genotyping stipulates that ImmGen will report the results of their services to the ADCA only. If you wish to have a copy of the report, please request it from the Registrar or from me.

2004 TYPE CLASSIFICATION TOURS

Tour Dates	Days	Area	Send App by	App Due	Send for Herd Inv	# Apps Sent 2003 / 2004	Last Classifier	2004 Classifier
* January	24/16	PA, NJ	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 10		BS, GH, JL	G
	12/6	DE, MD, VA, WV	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 10		BS	S
January	7	AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Dec. 10	95	BS	S
* February	14/8	OR, WA	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Jan. 10		LJ	G
	4/2	ID, UT	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Jan. 10		RJ	G
February	4	AZ, NM	Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Jan. 10	13	RN	G
March	8/4	OK, TX	Dec. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 10	148	BS	S
	10/7	CA, NY	Dec. 15	Jan. 15	Feb. 10	61	BS	S
April	8/5	KY, TN	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 10	90	BS	S
	10/8	IN	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 10	90	RJ	G
	10/6	IL	Jan. 15	Feb. 15	Mar. 10	85	BS	S
May	20/12	OH	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 10	226	JL, LJ	G
	6/2	M	Feb. 15	Mar. 15	Apr. 10	55	BS	S
June	40/26	WI	Mar. 15	Apr. 15	May 10	300	All	All
July	19/10	AR, KS, MO, NE	Apr. 15	May 15	June 10	116	LJ, JL	G
August	18/10	IA	May 15	June 15	July 10	102	BS	S
	28/12	MN, ND, SD	May 15	June 15	July 10	138	RJ, GH, BM	G
August	3	CO, WY, MT	May 15	June 15	July 10	22	RJ	G
September	11/5	CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	June 15	July 15	Aug. 10	125	?	G
	17/10	NY	June 15	July 15	Aug. 10	255	GH	G
October	24/16	PA, NJ	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 10	366	G	S
	12/6	DE, MD, VA, WV	July 15	Aug. 15	Sept. 10	153	S	G
November	14/8	OR, WA	Aug. 15	Sept 15	Oct. 10	61	G	S
	4/2	ID, UT	Aug. 15	Sept 15	Oct. 10	24	G	S
* December	8/4	OK, TX	Sept 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 10		BS	G
	10/7	CA, NV	Sept 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 10		BS	G

* = additional mini-tours

Bold-italic = 12-month rotation tours

Classifiers	No.	City	Classifiers	No.	City
1. BS Ron Johnson	030	Ottumwa, IA	8. G John Batchelder	071	Orland, CA
2. BS George Harris	056	New Milford, CT	9. G Seth Johnson	112	Reynoldsburg, OH
3. BS Bernard Monson	092	Gowrie, IA	10. G Bill Wachtel	119	Big Prairie, OH
4. BS Leonard Johnson	114	Edgerton, WI	11. G Brian Schnebly	126	Reynoldsburg, OH
5. BS Roger Neitzel	117	Beloit, WI	12. G Steve Mills		Saluda, SC
6. BS Jerry Juttrupp	136	Berline, WI			
7. BS David Kendall	137	Beloit, WI			

**Please contact the ADCA to get
your herd scheduled.**

Should I List my Farm on the ADCA Website?

Mark Muir

The opinions expressed in this article are my own, based on doing the accumulation of information to be placed on the ADCA website for 17 months now.

Each month a few people contact me who are interested in getting their farm listed on the ADCA website under the Breeder Listings.

The question that I would like to address to all ADCA members is, "Should I list my farm on the ADCA website www.dextercattle.org?"

If you raise registered Dexter cattle, let's look at options for free advertising: the Herd Book, or the ADCA Bulletin (well, this isn't free, but it's much less expensive than running newspaper or magazine advertising).

The Herd book is sent to new inquiries, and ADCA members who request it pay \$10.00. It contains all current ADCA members that are in good standings. This is the politically correct place to have your farm listed, but has a very limited advertising market potential.

Advertisements placed in the ADCA Bulletin are viewed by ADCA members who have paid their dues, as well as new inquiries.

The public who may be curious, but not enough to commit them to emailing or calling the ADCA. However, they can access the ADCA website, thus possibly allowing your farm access to more Dexter inquires.

Questions about website listing:

(1) Security

There is some concern about anyone able to contact you. If you feel this way, that's okay. Maybe just listing your farm name, city, and state would allow the public to know you are close by, and then the public could contact the regional director in your area to get a message to you. Some members are not in the resell business and therefore are not interested in the public contacting them at all.

(2) Cost

A breeder listing on the ADCA website only requires the breeder to have paid his dues and be a current ADCA member.

(3) Required Information

No formal mandate. What I suggest is:

Farm Name

Name of Breeders/ Owners

Address (either street or mailing)

City, State, Zip code

Phone Number

E-Mail and or website

(4) Do I need to have a computer and/or an internet connection?

No. The Breeder listing may list just your mailing address.

(5) May I advertise what I sell along with my address?

No, that would be considered an advertisement.

(6) Disclaimer

The American Dexter Cattle Association makes no claim regarding the accuracy or validity of the content of the advertising and opinions that appear in its publications, including its website. The ADCA is not responsible for the content at any member site or external link. The ADCA encourages its members to be truthful and accurate, and it encourages all readers, including prospective buyers, to be well-informed before making decisions.

By accumulating all interested ADCA members at one time who would like to be place on the ADCA website, my job would be much easier. We could place the farm names in alphabetical order based on the city name (since some farms have farm names and some don't, and some farms have owners' name listed and some don't).

Please forward your request to have your farm listed to:

Mark Muir

10509 Rte 6 • Union City, PA 16438

www.markedlyn@cs.com

Thank you for considering this. Any comments – feel free to contact me.

Driving the Dexter Trail: Six Weeks in the United Kingdom

John Paterson (johnp@waikato.ac.nz)

On Thursday 27 March 2003, my partner Heather and I landed at Heathrow airport, after a long flight from Auckland, New Zealand, via Japan. We picked up a camper van nearby and embarked on a six week adventure which took us to see 18 Dexter breeders in England and Wales. We also visited Rare Breeds Centres, the Chillingham wild cattle herd, ancient villages and castles, and Neolithic stone circles.

Our trip had its origins as far back as 1998 when I did some Internet research to find which cattle breed would best suit our smallholding. We settled on Dexters for three main reasons: they would do less damage than large cattle to our steep and often wet slopes; their hardiness suited organic farming; and they were a relatively rare breed. At this stage, in 1998, the New Zealand Dexter Breeders Association (now the New Zealand Dexter Cattle Society) had just over 100 members, and there were about 750 registered Dexters of various grades gracing the country's paddocks. In 2000, our very first three Dexter/Jersey heifer calves arrived. We next bought one of the first Dexter cows to be imported live to New Zealand from Australia (Volvo Lodge Dun Wunda, who had started as a Canadian embryo) and then obtained a Dexter bull (Kenilworth Churchill, who has Danish blood on his sire's side) from Christchurch in the South Island.

As a University academic and researcher, I decided to undertake a more systematic investigation into how Dexters were presented on the Internet, and emailed a questionnaire to a number of Dexter breeders. This resulted in a Paper I presented to the World Dexter Congress in Australia in October 2002. I had an opportunity to take some Study Leave this year and decided to travel to the UK to

visit personally a number of breeders who had sent me information.

We were fortunate to strike the UK's driest spring in living memory, suffering only a handful of rainy days. We were provided with unforgettable hospitality - many times we were offered fine food and fellowship along with a bed inside, giving us a welcome rest from the narrow confines of our camper van.

Dexter Breeders with Websites

I visited a number of Dexter breeders who had developed websites with the specific purpose of promoting their Dexter stud or Dexter beef. They included Andy and Sherry Kindred, near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, whose website www.brambledeldexters.co.uk emphasises their specialty in breeding red cattle. I took the opportunity to have a close look at relatives of the Kindreds' excellent red bull, Brambledel Redberry Prince, as he was away at the time of my visit being collected. Some of his semen will soon make its way to New Zealand. Steve and Janice Rawlings have a commercial farm of 115 hectares near Telford in Shropshire on which they run more than 30 cows. Their website www.dexterbeef.co.uk promotes their Dexter beef as a superior meat product. We spent two memorable evenings with Mike and Denise Hasshill (and Peg, their gorgeous Border Collie/Old English Sheepdog cross) near Liskeard in Cornwall. Their website www.gormellick.co.uk was presented to them recently as a Christmas gift - it contains a number of interesting photos of Dexters on the farm and at the show.

I also met up with Dexter breeders who had websites not directly related to Dexters. For example, Jenny Parsons offers B&B accommodation via the Internet at Regency House, near

Collumpton in Devon (see www.blackdown-hills.net/accommodation.htm). She mentions that she keeps rare breeds, which includes Dexters. Diana Lusty, near Staplehurst in Kent, has developed a website www.thorfordhall.co.uk to advertise self-catering holiday accommodation. Her site also has a large section on her cattle, with some excellent photographs. Heather and I think she should also have some photos there of her delightful West Highland White terriers.

Three website owners I was particularly keen to catch up with were Lesley Wickham, Louisa Gidney, and Mark Bowles. Lesley resides near Builth Wells in the heart of Wales. Her website www.lesleywickham.co.uk tells the story of a diverse hill property, with Dexters, coloured sheep, boer goats, and Welsh cob horses, along with craft production (sheepskins, woven woollens, stoneware pottery) and holiday accommodation (in a caravan). Furthermore, like us, Lesley is a host for WWOOF (World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms), so we were keen to meet her. We arrived on a cool, sunny afternoon in early April and were privileged to stay for two days. Lesley and her husband Tony put up with us accompanying them on their daily farm round, even though we might have been more a hindrance than a help at times.

I tracked down Louisa Gidney in peasant costume at Morpeth at the Northumbria Gathering at the end of April. Louisa is an archaeologist at Durham University and a part-time farmer, breeding Dexter cattle and Manx Loghtan and Hebridean sheep. She has developed a small business called Rent-a-Peasant. Her website www.rentapeasant.fsnet.co.uk offers peasants, with accompanying animals, for hire. So people at historic monuments, festivals, and schools can be provided with an insight into everyday aspects of rural life in the past. Unfortunately, Louisa had brought a mule to Morpeth, so I missed out on seeing one of her Zanfara herd Dexters.

Mark Bowles is a well-known name to those of us who spend time on the

Internet looking for information about Dexters. With significant assistance from his son Chris, Mark developed the www.dextercattleforsale.co.uk website, with its very useful discussion board, and then completely overhauled the Dexter Cattle Society UK site, www.dextercattlesociety.co.uk. Mark lives near Barrow Upon Soar in Leicestershire and the Kindreds took me to meet him, looking in on Rob Wendorf's Riverside Dexters near Sutton Bonington on the way. In my Dexter Congress Paper last year, I referred to four different types of people who place material about Dexters on the Internet – personal webpage owners, personal website operators, Dexter cattle promoters, and Dexter Community Service Providers. The latter are key individuals who construct and/or operate the websites of the national Dexter organisations, oversee the Dexter discussion boards, or organise important Dexter selling sites. Mark is one of these key individuals, and his skills, energy and hard work are crucial to the global Dexter community on the Internet. It was a pleasure to meet him and Chris, and to enjoy the warm hospitality offered by him and Darryll, his wife.

Three Historic Dexter Herds

Heather and I were also privileged to be able to visit three long-standing UK Dexter breeders, Beryl Rutherford (Woodmagic herd, near South Molton in North Devon), Veronica Schofield (Harron herd, near Carlisle in Cumbria), and Morna Arkle (Bryn-Y-Pin herd near Conwy in Gwynedd, Wales).

Beryl has aimed to breed small non-short Dexters through inbreeding to her foundation cow, Woodmagic Mudstopper, and has exported Dexters to a number of countries. Despite being unwell, Beryl graciously invited us to visit her and stay the night. We were able to view her herd, distant relatives to our own two purebred Dexters, and discuss a wide range of issues about the world of Dexters. Only

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another Dexter breeder will understand when I say that one of the highlights of my time in the UK was feeding hay to a Woodmagic Dexter.

Veronica Schofield has also adopted the aim of breeding small non-short Dexters, but by selective breeding. We called on her after having a sumptuous lunch with Mary Kay, the current DCS UK President. One of Veronica's cows, Harron Cleopatra, struck us as perhaps the best representative of the breed we have seen. We were sorry that we could not have spent more time with Veronica and her husband Gordon. I have promised to send her some books of the New Zealand farm cartoon series, "Footrot Flats."

Heather had spent some time with Morna Arkle at the World Dexter Congress in Australia. We were generously hosted by Morna and her family in North Wales for the Easter period. For a number of decades, Morna has been interested in breeding back to the "traditional" Dexter, the small hardy breed from south-west Ireland. Her black and dun horned cattle roam amongst the mountain sheep on her farm on the lower Gwynedd hills. We had a number of discussions about rare breeds, and I managed to talk Morna into parting with spare copies of a couple of books by Lawrence Alderson on the topic. Like Beryl Rutherford, Morna's work with Dexters is being restricted by poor health and limited mobility. The breed has benefited enormously from the contributions of these remarkable women.

The Global Dexter Community

In February 2002, I was visited in New Zealand by two UK Dexter breeders. Alison and Trevor Brown run their Grafton herd at Blakesley near Towcester in Northamptonshire. Alison wrote about their New Zealand trip in the May 2002 DCS UK *Bulletin*. I wasn't sure if I would get the chance to see them but found the opportunity in mid-April, when Heather had gone on a side trip to Denmark. Un-

fortunately, Alison was away but Trevor showed me around their wonderful farm. He also referred me on to Dick Munn who has the Needles Hall herd nearby. Heather and I also called in on Margaret Murray at Perranworthal near Truro in Cornwall who had some spare Herd Books to pass on to New Zealand contacts.

Another couple we had met previously was Anna and Patrick Woollard from East Village near Crediton in Devon. We had used semen from their bull, Elmwood Robson, in New Zealand, and caught up with them at the World Dexter Congress last year. Circumstances meant that we couldn't visit them until right at the end of our UK Dexter Trail. By this stage, we had become very proficient at squeezing our camper van down narrow lanes, such as those through the Woollards' neighbouring villages of Puddington and Black Dog. We arrived there rather exhausted, but Anna and Patrick understood our need for some time and space to pause and prepare for the trip home. They were very warm and generous hosts, and we loved the two days we spent there in the quiet countryside.

We have returned to New Zealand with a heightened sense of the global Dexter community. We gained an appreciation of the great diversity to be found amongst Dexters and Dexter people. Some breeders are interested in recapturing the "true" old-type Dexter – dual purpose and hardy; others breed for the show ring, emphasising smallness, and conformation to the breed standard; many are breeding for beef production, with a Dexter dairy herd now being rare; and a number raised Dexters because their land requires a smaller breed. Everyone acknowledged that Dexters have personalities that make them interesting, challenging and rewarding to farm. We look forward to continuing the friendships we made.



Getting the Word Out

S. Walkup

I've had Dexters since February 2000 and, now that I have some to sell, decided it was time to show some off. You have to understand some of the hurdles of the process before you can appreciate what a "big deal" this is. I'm single and do not own nor can I drive a trailer (I've tried a small one behind the lawnmower and don't even succeed at that!), so the thought of taking my Dexters anywhere has seriously limited my ability to "get the word out" about what great animals they are.

But there is a local fair/show which includes food booths, farmers' market, craft booths, a petting zoo, historic craft demonstrations, storytelling, and live entertainment—from American Indian dances to ballet to country singers to modern Christian rock. This year miniature pony rides were to be added. Since I have long thought that Dexters would be the perfect cattle for young 4-Hers to start with and have sought ways to introduce the two, this seemed like a great venue for doing that if I could just participate in the petting zoo.

Well, at first it seemed a "go" and I picked out two calves to take. Then the person in charge said that there were so many FFAers who wanted to contribute animals that it would not be possible to have an "outside person" also participate. But having prepared to do it, I sought another way and found I could "buy a booth" for \$60. A friend and I prepared some dried flowers to sell to pay for the booth (I hoped). I had my 3-panel picture display of my herd and animals for sale all ready. The Flehartys sent me Dexter brochures, the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy sent me ALBC brochures, I wrote for permission to photocopy the Shaw article about using Dexter bulls for first-calving heifers of other breeds, and I made a folder with a price list for my

natural meats.

When the day before the local fair-type show came, I had a neighbor youth with a trailer willing to take my Dexter calves the 12 or so miles to the show for the going rate per mile, so we loaded up my two (unwilling) calves and took them to the park where the fair/show would be held. The nearby petting zoo young people and FFA leaders were very helpful as we led (pulled) my calves down the hill to their pen. My calves adjusted quite well and settled in for the evening. At home they had been comfortable being petted and having their halters put on, but they were not fully broke to lead. Over the course of the weekend, they were petted and led around (by me) and one man wanted to pick one up to guess its weight. Many kids petted the calves and a few fed them hay I had on hand. Though I had to supervise and set limits against some of the older boys/younger men who wanted to grab a horn and wiggle the animal's head, it seems it was a fairly nice experience for the animals overall and wonderful outdoor weather. Both calves walked quite pleasantly on halter up the hill to the trailer for the ride home.

As for the results, I thought it was a really nice kind of activity to take Dexters to. Our booth had lots of visitors of various kinds. I tried to give Dexter brochures particularly to parents and school-age children who might become interested in showing in 4-H. I also had visitors who stopped for a little look - "but we have cattle" - who sounded much more interested in what Dexters contribute to the "cattle world" by the time they left. I gave away a number of copies of the Shaw article (Roger M. Shaw, Dexter Bulletin Summer 2003) to such folks. There was another visitor-type, including some visi-

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tors from Kansas City or St. Joseph, who were interested in the ALBC information.

Did I sell any Dexters? No. Did I pay for my booth with the dried flowers? Yes, barely, but not for the transport. But have people asked me about them since? Yes. And did Dexters make their mark in helping the local fair/show have "something for everyone"? Yes. So much so that I was invited to bring some Dexters to another fair-type show two weeks later with transportation provided! If you newer Dexter owners haven't taken yours yet, you can do it too! Dexters are great little ambassadors! (I still have Dexters for sale, too—hint, hint!).

*S. Walkup
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Editor's Note:

Traditionally, the Winter issue of the Bulletin has had the subsequent year on its cover that was inconsistent with the rest of the year's issues. For instance, there would be Spring, 2002; Summer, 2002; Fall, 2002, and Winter **2003**. In order to eliminate this inconsistency, this current Winter issue of the Bulletin will be entitled Winter **2003**, just like last winter. Additionally, the publication volume and number will be changed to reflect this. This issue will be Vol. 42, No. 4 - again - just like last issue.

Sorry for the inconvenience - but from now on, the years and publication numbers on the issues will be consistent.

Thanks,
Patrice Lewis, Editor

*Country fences need to be
horse high, pig tight,
and bull strong.*

The Facts of Life?

Two cows were standing next to each other in a field. Daisy said to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."

"I don't believe you," said Dolly.
Daisy replied, "It's true, no bull!"

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We're Biased...

What do you call a short Dexter?

A fine cow.

What do you call a tall Dexter?

A fine cow.

Deadlines

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

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Once Upon a Time...

Kathy Smith

I'd like to share an amusing Dexter anecdote. Like most things in life, you need a sense of humor to have animals. If you're naïve enough to think that at some point the animal isn't going to get the best of the situation, then you've got a big surprise coming. Usually animals prefer an audience, generally a large one, to pull their shenanigans. Yet if you're lucky, it'll be in your own backyard with only a few neighbors to watch, and who will then remind you of it later.

As I said, we're in mud right now in New York State. It'll probably all freeze soon, but for now it's like walking in chocolate. Boots are the footwear of choice for most outdoor forays. Mud can have, of course, a certain mystery. It can give the false impression that it will support the weight of a human being, only to surprise the human by sucking him/her down to dirty depths.

We recently sold a bull calf, Killian, to a man from northern Vermont. I don't want to embarrass him, so I'll just call him Jim, who came with his daughter, Kate, to pick up Killian. This bull calf was nearing six months old. Luckily I had put the time in on the calf to get him leading well. He didn't know much handling unless it included a halter. (I called the three 2003 bull calves the Beer Boys: Bud, Mick, and Killian, who was aptly the only dun.)

At our place fall has the herd bull with all of his ladies and this year with the three bull calves as well. Bringing everyone into our small barn at once can surpass the confusion of bargain day at Macy's basement. I decided I would simply catch Killian out at pasture, put the halter on him, and just lead him to the barn. How hard could it be?

With the stealth and speed of a predator I grabbed his collar and slipped a halter on him as he sunned himself next to

his mother. Though he was reluctant to leave the rest of the herd, he didn't do anything bad except move slowly. We stepped our way down to the barn with his dam fussing along behind him. I think that I've seen dead cows move faster.

Though our herd sire has always been fine, I didn't need him in the mix just then, so I was inspired to move along at a quicker pace. On this point, Killian and I disagreed. He would come, but at his speed, not mine.

Jim and Kate arrived to see me urging Killian ever onward. A pull here, a push there, a threatening word or two, were all futilely combined to hurry Killian. What about all of those leading lessons? Kindly Jim and Kate wanted to help and were anxious to meet their new bull calf. At my direction they found their way through the barnyard, which included mud. Everywhere included mud, so there weren't any good choices. Jim and Kate came out and encouraged Killian to move into the barnyard. The gate was closed with the noisy dam outside.

Killian may have taken the trip downhill from the pasture in stride, but crossing the mud in the barnyard was another story. I wish that he'd shared his opinion a little earlier before I was in it up to the tops of my boots. I was zealously holding onto the lead rope and crossing the mud, assuming Killian was proceeding with me. He must have seen his advantage and stopped, which caused me to do a prompt 180 degree turn. My body did it but my boots were sucked to the depths of New York State bedrock. I didn't realize that Jim was following close behind me. Now, please know that he's tall and slender; I'm small and, well, rotund. Theoretically, I should have known where to step in my own barnyard.

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Following my lead should have been a prudent thing to do.

It's not an exaggeration to say that I body-slammed into him and the laws of physics prevailed. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction, which ever law that is. With my boots cemented, I nearly toppled him over in the mud with me on top. The lead rope with Killian on the other end, was our only link to a clean reality. We swayed. We clung to rope. We swayed, first his way, then my way. Kate laughed. We swayed. We rocked. It must have been a great sight for a teenager to see her father nearly thrown into the mud. They had just driven about five hours to get there and now this could have been their reward.

At some point, I gingerly and judiciously gave the lead rope to Jim. I mustered my full strength to move both boots and feet out the mud. Putting my stocking feet into the mud was an option at certain points, but not a favorable one.

With Jim's encouragement from the lead rope and my inspiration from the tail end, Killian disgustedly plowed through the mud. He carried his tail high out of pride or rancor with the situation. Killian was rewarded for his efforts with grain, hay, and water - a little something to help him make the trip a little easier.

Water torture was next for the humans. Events had proceeded faster than Jim had expected and he'd not put his boots on. His sneakered feet were rinsed off at the faucet on the north side of our house. It wasn't a warm place and it wasn't warm water. Wow!

We went on to the cellar, where Jim peeled off his sneakers (tennis shoes other folks would call them) and socks. Kate had gone to the truck to get his boots. Timing is everything and it hadn't worked in his favor. He sat in the cellar cleaning the mud from his feet as I watched. We chatted, laughed, and shook our heads in good humor about the events. Now I ask myself, why didn't I get the man a towel? I made him use tissues. Where

were my good manners? There must be a chapter on social graces that I didn't read that applies directly to such situations, and I missed it. I look back on it and wonder, what was I thinking? Was I thinking?

When the paperwork was done, we were back outside to load Killian. Getting him in the box on the back of the truck was really the least of our problems. Employing a couple of ropes to guard against escapees, Jim lifted one front foot and then the other, and up Killian popped into the calf box. Relentlessly, a brisk, cool, autumn breeze accompanied us through the work of tethering and securing Killian for the five-hour ride. He seemed unconcerned, but his mother bellowed from behind the barn.

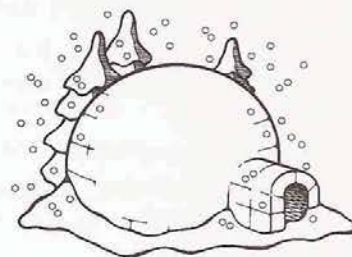
Whew! All was going fine. We all shook hands and exchanged our farewells. Jim and Kate got in the truck, and it wouldn't start. And just when you think everything is going fine! The vision of getting the calf back off of the truck, and then reloading painfully crossed my mind. Killian's inexperience may have helped us on the first load. He might not make the same mistake twice.

The motor wanted to start. It fired. The only thing turning over was my stomach. Over and over, and yet again. About the fifth or sixth time, the truck started. Whoops! The engine stalled. My stomach churned. A couple more misfires, and then success. Jim took off with the speed of a stunt driver and I'll just bet that they didn't shut that truck off anywhere but home.

Kate called about five hours later to say that all had arrived safely.

The things we do with Dexters.

Happy holidays, and continued success with your Dexters.



News From Directors

Region 11 Welcome to Winter

Shaun Lord, Region 11 Director

Ready or not, here comes winter...

This year, dividing the herd, sorting steers out, and tagging weanlings was all made easier by using the new chutes and headlock system that was built in between crops and haying. As the herd grew, management was becoming a problem, particularly when larger numbers of cattle needed a routine vet call. The veterinarian is most fond of the headlocks – no more wild west show, penning and lassoing, just to administer a shot of wormer. These Dexters can hold a grudge for weeks. Since we rotate pastures and rely on top-quality seedlings, the corral and chutes have made moving the Dexters around on both farms much, much easier for all involved.

A reminder to Region 11 members that the National Dexter Show will be held near Meadville, Pennsylvania in 2004, which is a reasonable distance for Region 11 members to transport their show and sale Dexters. The coming months will allow all of us plenty of halter-breaking time. Mark Muir, Region 10 Director, would appreciate a strong showing of Dexters from neighboring regions.

I've had several calls from buyers looking for a suitable family milk cow – if anyone has a cow, let me know and I will give you the phone numbers.

Cindy Williams, of Flint Hill, Virginia, has acquired straws of semen from the English red bull Brambledel Redberry

Prince. "Prince" is classified as an Elite Stage 2 bull, certified Chondrodysplasia negative. "Prince" will not be collected again for the U.S. breeders. Several members have asked about breeding to improve udder and feet on their Dexters – English breeders stress both. Hopefully, more English bulls will be collected in the near future, giving us interesting options for our breeding programs.

The news from many Region 11 members is that they are expanding their herds. Rose Marie Belforti of King Ferry, NY, will have young stock available in 2004, as will the Flemings in Glen Aubrey, NY. Elizabeth Freeland of Cherry Valley, NY, the Graves in Randolph, NY, and John & Lisa Kirby in Morrisville, NY are positioning to increase their herds. Susan Yehl in Portville, NY will have a number of calves available in 2004. Susan and I had fun(?) putting together our ex cattle on a trailer going to Iowa, and another load headed to Virginia. Quite a lesson in sales and transporting! I think we are both capable now of selling and transporting Western New York snow to the Eskimos. We both agreed that a sale and delivery has to be arranged and clearly understood between buyer and seller. Selling a Dexter into the next county is WAY different from selling one several or more states away.

As always, questions, concerns, Dexters available – be in touch.

Words to Live By

- Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps.
- Two can live as cheap as one if one don't eat.
- A bumble bee is faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Don't corner something meaner than you.

News From Directors

Region 13 Traveling and Kudos

Rick Seydel, Region 13 Director

This past fall has been a very busy and exciting time for my wife and I. We have logged many miles in the interest of this breed. We started off by visiting some great folks in the northern section of our region. I wish we could have met more of you along the way, but time kept that from happening. Next year I'll try to meet more of you so at least I can put faces with the voices on the phone! Next, we made a trip to southern Missouri to visit the Missouri Farm Fest. Along with that trip, we had the pleasure of visiting the herds of five different Dexter breeders. I was invited to the Missouri Dexter Association meeting while I was at the Farm Fest, and found it most interesting to hear the ideas and concerns of their members. And finally our last trip of the fall – the marathon one! We purchased some Dexter cattle from New York and made a trip out east to haul them back. We purchased some "old bloodline" calves and are very excited about introducing the new bloodline into our herd.

I hope everyone had a chance to read and vote on the revised ADCA By Laws that the Officers and/or Directors worked on this past summer. Your vote is vitally important to the continuing the strength of this organization.

I've received some interest in trying to organize a Region 13 meeting/luncheon sometime this spring. Due to the large geographic area of this region, we need to get a centralized location. If any member has any ideas, please contact me either by phone or email. Due to all the computer viruses, if you e-mail me, please put "Dexter" on the subject line so if I don't recognize the address, I won't delete it without opening the letter.

I would like to send a huge "thank-you" to the members of our region that had the Dexter exhibition at the Iowa State Fair in August. It was a great success, and hopefully we can make it an annual event because it is a wonderful way to promote the breed. If anyone is interested in exhibiting next fall, please let me know as early as possible so I know how much space to reserve.

Just one more reminder to please use our Region 13 Website for information you'd like to share. We could use some more pictures, also. I constantly am receiving inquiries about purchasing Dexter cattle, so let me know what you have for sale and also put your list on the website.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. If there's anything I can help you with, please contact me.

Bad Cow Jokes

- Do you know why the cow jumped over the moon? The farmer had cold hands.
- What kind of milk comes from a forgetful cow? Milk of Amnesia
- Two cows were out in a field eating grass. One cow turns to the other cow and says, "Mooooooo!" "Hey", the other cow replies.... "I was just about to say the same thing!"

News From Directors

Region 10 Welcome to the AGM

Mark Muir, Region 10 Director

Hello from Pennsylvania, home of the 2004 ADCA Annual Meeting July 16 & 17, 2004. This year's AGM may be held in the eastern part of the United States, but I'm encouraging all ADCA members to participate. The meeting is held in a different place each year to allow more members and new potential members to participate. Everyone is welcome to come regardless if they're coming to show or buy animals, or just to talk with people just like you who enjoy Dexter cattle. If you would like to participate in this year's meeting, feel free to contact me.

Edlyn and I have been going to the A.G. Meetings for five years now, and by lending a hand each year we meet some really great people. This year we will have the

Still Photo Show again. The categories aren't hammered out just yet, but that isn't a reason not to shoot some pictures of your Dexter cattle doing what they do best.

Region 10 is having their annual show at the Garrett County Fairgrounds, coinciding with the Scottish Highland Festival, during the first part of June 2004.

I have in stock a large quantity of both long and short-sleeve denim shirts with the black ADCA head logo embroidered on them. If I receive your check by the 10th of December, UPS should be able to get them to you in time for the holidays.

Please don't forget the reason for the season, enjoy the holidays, be festive, and I'll see next year!

Region 6 How We've Grown!

Joanie Storck, Region 6 Director

2003 has been a banner year in Region 6. We have become the largest region in the Association, thanks to an innovative membership of owners that are willing to share. We have witnessed the increase in members and owners because of our dedication to the breed and the willingness to show, exhibit, and advertise the cattle. For example, in July we put on the most successful AGM to date. The McCreadys opened their Texas ranch to the RFDTV crew to film a very successful advertising venue this spring. Geigers opened their ranch to a reporter from the Kansas Rural Electric Magazine to snap pictures of their cattle and do a story that ran in August. It generated hundreds of inquiries (I am still receiving calls yet

today). June Lawson spent a wet weekend at a Renaissance Fair in Tulsa Oklahoma in October, and of course there are the dedicated exhibitors that train cattle to bring to the Kansas State Fair each September. This year could not have been this successful if it were not for these people and the breeders that are willing to sell their cattle to these new owners.

Thanks to all of you members in Region 6 that have made this such a busy and productive year. Because of our growth, we will start having two regional meetings. For 2004, the spring meeting will be in Iola Texas and the fall meeting will be in conjunction with the Kansas State Fair.

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News From Directors

Region 9 Time for a Regional Meeting

Wes Patton, Region 9 Director

Region 9 is quite large and it is difficult to get everyone together for meetings. At one time I had thoughts of having several regional meetings in different locations, but there did not seem to be enough interest at that time to gather enough people. Because of proximity to other regions, the New Mexico members found it easier to contact the director in Colorado and, seemingly, that has worked out fine. As a matter of fact, at the last AGM, New Mexico was added to Region 4.

I still want to have a regional meeting in the spring and it would be great to get your input on what we should cover and your suggestions for a location. There has been some talk about a meeting and sale at the fairgrounds in Quincy, California. A wide range of topics could be covered, from a workshop for beginners, to genetic selection, the use of ultrasound and show preparation. How many of you could come to something like that? Contact me by email or snail mail and give me your suggestions. Email is jpatton@orland.net and the mailing address is: 7069 County Road 20, Orland, CA 95963.

We now have two powerful tools to use in selection of Dexter cattle. The first is the linear scoring and classification system. If you have not had your herd scored yet, you should consider it. The evaluation by the Brown Swiss classifiers is contributing a lot to the information we

have to use for selection. Bulls can be selected to compensate for the shortcomings of the cows and this will lead to a higher quality, more uniform herd. The other tool, which should be used in conjunction with the linear scoring, is the DNA test that is now available for Chondrodysplasia (bulldog factor). I am already hearing people drop the terms "short-legged" and "long-legged" for the more correct terminology referring to stature, and presence or absence of the bulldog gene. The lab is now accepting hair samples, so you can do the collection yourself at little or no cost.

In addition, the performance and feedlot data that came from the feedout in Oklahoma last year, and more recently from Canada, have provided us with some solid facts that we can show our meat customers. That was a good effort and will certainly benefit the owners of Dexter cattle. I hope that more information of this type will be generated in the near future.

If you would like to receive more timely information about what is going on in our region via email (if you have it), drop me a message and something about what is happening in your neck of the woods and I will share it. It is not too early to start planning your 2004 vacation around the AGM in Pennsylvania next July 16 and 17.

Region 6 con't

We will be planning another year of exhibits, shows, and events for the region. Please plan on attending one of these meetings if at all possible.

Have a wonderful and productive New Year, and I look forward to meeting all of you at one of the meetings.

Blessings from the plains of Kansas,
Joanie



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E - 1995	S - 2006
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G - 1997	U - 2008
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J - 1999	W - 2010
K - 2000	X - 2011
L - 2001	Y - 2012

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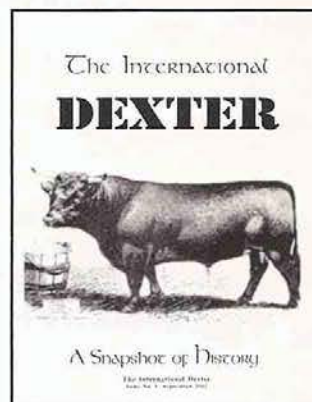
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or by standard mail at 2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113. The number of bulls to be tested must be specified in the request.

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

See Gypsy.
See Gypsy grow.
Grow, Gypsy, grow.
Grow, grow, grow.



We got a new puppy, half Great Pyrenees and half Lab. Ten weeks old and nineteen pounds. Watch her grow!

Along with Gypsy, watch our rather raw piece of property grow into a proper farm. We get two heifers in the spring - finally! Along with the heifers come chickens. In April (if the weather cooperates) we will plow our pasture and sow it with oats.

Best wishes for as blessed a holiday as we are experiencing.

Patrice Lewis

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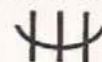
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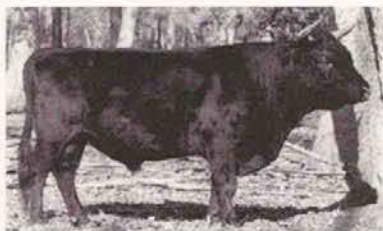
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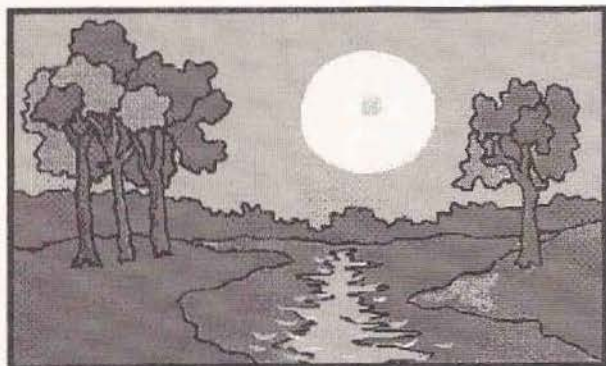
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Dam (red): Pope Farm

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Reg. #6243


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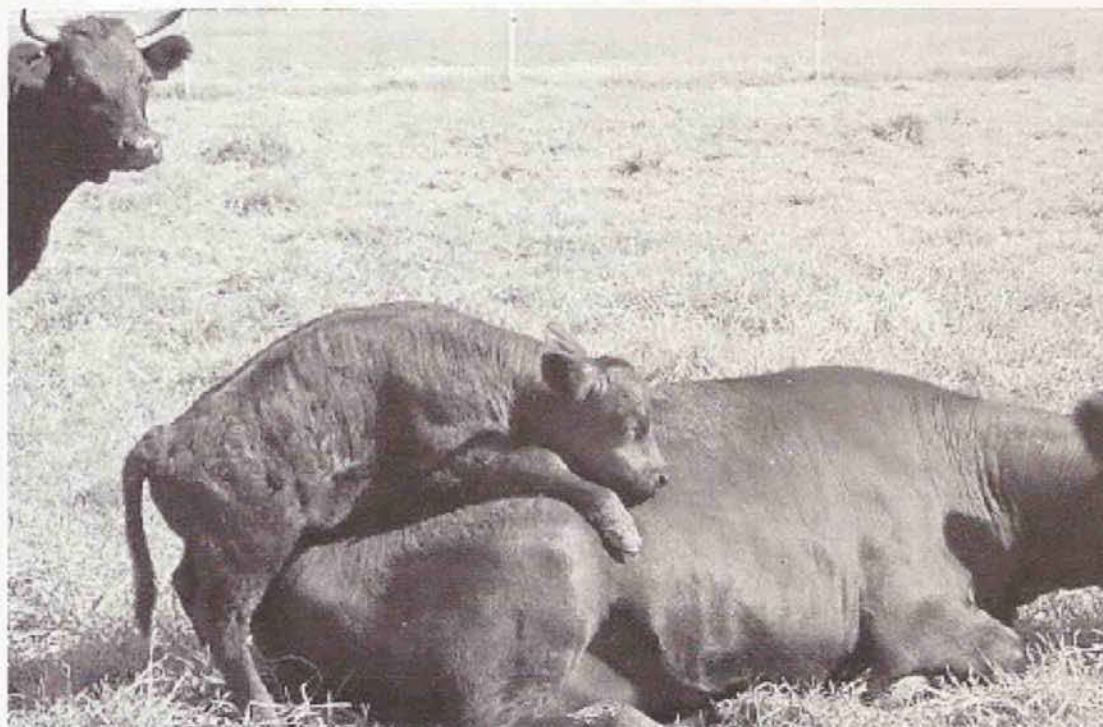
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The Second-to-Last Word

Boys will be boys...and bulls will be bulls, regardless of age. I thought this was a little to risqué to put on the back cover of the Bulletin, but I think it says it all.

Photo by Anna Poole, Happy Hoofs Farm, Eagle Point, Oregon.





The Last Word

Oh, the things our Dexters will let us do to them! This little calf imitates Santa Cow in his holiday get-up. Photo by Anna Poole, Happy Hoofs Farm, Eagle Point, Oregon.

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