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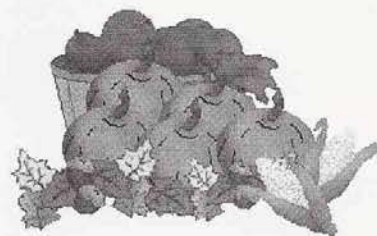
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Message from the President

Chris Ricard, ADCA President

I know that a lot of members are wondering what just happened with the ADCA and I wanted to take a moment and answer some questions that have come up.

What just happened with the ADCA ???

The board of directors for the ADCA wanted to make some changes in the organization and how it does business. One item specifically, they wanted to separate the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar

Why did the Directors want to do this ???

As the ADCA continues to grow the workload is becoming too much for one person to handle. The most important thing to accommodate the membership is the timely return of papers for the stock sold and transferred and the conducting of business in a professional manner.

What of the old saying "If it isn't Broke Don't Fix it"???

Well that is true..... Rosemary has done a wonderful job for the ADCA and its membership. At the Missouri meeting she was asked to stay on as the registrar and the vote was 14 -0 to have her stay on. We as an organization need to put processes and safeguards in place so that should anything happen to one person the business of the association can continue. For instance, did you know that up until now there was only one signature on the ADCA accounts? If anything had happened to Rosemary, the funds of the ADCA would have been frozen. This is why we needed to put some of these changes in place.

Why as a member was I not told what was going on ???

You were not told what was going on because the former president of the organization told the directors not to let you, the membership, know what was happen-

ing. The thought was that if we can keep it under wraps it would be better. This was totally and completely wrong and the directors that were working for you were hung out to dry. This will never happen again.

Was This a "Hostile Takeover" ???

This was not a takeover. This was a majority decision by the ADCA board of directors. The board of directors felt that this action was needed for the organization to grow and move forward.

I heard that the ADCA Delaware Agent resigned. Is that true. ???

Yes it is. Mr. Mark Davis did resign as the Delaware Agent for the Corporation on the night of the AGM. A new Delaware agent for the corporation has been installed in place of Mr. Davis.

Is it true that a number of Directors and officers resigned at the AGM ???

Yes it is. Five Directors did. As an interim situation, existing directors have been installed in their place until elections for new directors can be done. We have not left any region without representation.

Is it true that another Breed Organization has been formed ???

Yes it is. The resigned directors have formed a new breed organization that will be competing with the ADCA. It should also be noted that this organization was started prior to the ADCA AGM in July.

What does that mean for our cows ????

Nothing..... your cows are the same cows with their same registrations. The ADCA is not going anywhere. Should you choose to purchase a cow that was registered with the other organization, we will

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honor it and register it the same as if it was from a foreign registry. A proof of registration with that organization and a (5) generation pedigree will be required.

What does that mean for the ADCA and its members ???

Nothingwe will continue to do what we do best.... Raise, Promote and Sell Dexters. The ADCA still maintains the oldest, most complete Dexter registry for the animals and we will be continuing to make improvements for the membership. One of the pieces of work will be to update and finish the On Line Pedigree System in place on the ADCA website.

How do we move forward ????

The ADCA is still the only American Dexter Cattle Association. We will continue to work both internally and through our international organizations to promote our breed. We are going to be moving forward with a number of items that are going to be important to the membership.

The first of these is the introduction of registration for Steers and Oxen. This was a request from the membership and we have responded to it. Starting immediately Steers and Oxen will be admitted into the herd book based on the rules established. Please have a look at Section 7 of the ADCA Rules and Regulations as well as the additional items for Steers and Oxen.

Another change in the ADCA will be regular quarterly conference calls for the directors and officers. The ADCA has grown too large for all the business of the association to be done in a once a year meeting. These conference calls will have a set agenda, and the minutes of these meetings will be posted in the following quarter's Bulletin. If you would like something placed on the Agenda please contact your regional director.

Moving forward, the business of the ADCA will be totally transparent and above board. This has not always been the case in the recent past, but not because of the

efforts of your directors who serve you. I would urge all of you, if you have any further questions or would like further information on what has happened, to contact your regional director or myself.

We need to get you to get involved!!! Elections in several regions will be taking place. You have a voiceuse it. In addition, we are always looking for members to serve on committees. Please give us the benefit of your knowledge. This is a member-based organization and we want to get as many members involved in the ADCA as we can. These are very exciting times in the ADCA and I am looking forward to being involved as this organization evolves and continues to grow because of your efforts. But it cannot happen without you.

*Chris Ricard
ADCA President*

Attention Oxen Owners and 4H Steer Owners

Effective immediately, the ADCA is accepting both Steers and Oxen for registration. They will be registered under the following rules:

1. *The animals must be from registered Dam and Sire;*
2. *Animal must be a neutered male;*
3. *In order for the animal to be registered as red, both Sire and Dam must be registered reds OR the animal must be DNA-verified as red.*

The cost for this registration would be \$10 regardless of age.

This is being done due to an overwhelming request by you, members of the organization.

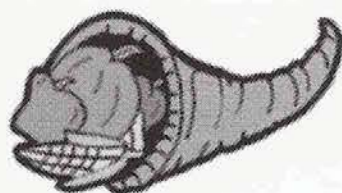
*Chuck Daggett
ADCA Registrar*

FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT

My name is Tom Gray, and at the AGM I was elected by the Board to become your Vice President.

With the recent actions of the membership I would like to assure you, the membership, that I will work with the President and the Board to move the ADCA forward into a great organization for the registry and promotion of the Dexter breed.

You can go on-line and see a short bio of all the officers. With my background and education in education and conservation of livestock, if you have any questions or problems with your cattle or farming, please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or the old snail mail. If I cannot answer your question I will research your question and get back to you with an answer.



Right now we would like to get the membership more involved with the direction which you feel that we should be heading. If you can volunteer for a committee we can use your input. You may contact any of the Officers or Directors. We need ideas, so contact some one with them.

Let us now work for the Dexter cattle and move on into the 21st century.

Tom Gray
Vice-President

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

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Fruit-of-the-Loom™ 5.6 ounces 50/50 blend
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Full Dexter head logo, ash gray w/black logo

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

Sizes available: Small,

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(Please add 2.00 for the XXLarge)

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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
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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

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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,
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\$20.00 (Please add \$2.00 for
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With your farm name - **\$33.00**

Sizes available: Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLarge
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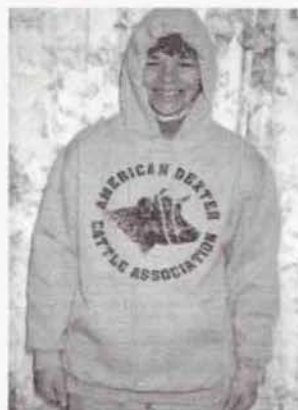
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Purchasing Your First Livestock

Tom Gray

There are many people who are acquiring Dexter cattle for the first time. Many have no farming or livestock background so they purchase the first animals which are for sale in their price range close to home. In many cases they purchase substandard animals because they do not have the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision. In some cases, they end up with animals which have major faults or problems which they do not know how to deal with, and within a few years they are no longer Dexter breeders. In some cases the animals are being sold by persons who have the lack of knowledge that the buyer has.

In this article, points will be made which the reader will find helpful in the evaluation of animals so they may purchase the best that they can afford.

First the buyer should educate themselves to the breed standard. Any animal which does not meet the standard should be rejected. Once the standard is known then, in the case of Dexters, a person has some decisions to make. Since there are many differences in the breed a person should determine if they want polled or horned, long, short or medium leg, and black, red or dun color. All are accepted in the Dexter breed and it is up to the individual as to what they want to breed.

The characteristics which should be evaluated are the same in all breeds and species of animals. First, look at the animal from a distance. Observe the overall appearance of the animal - does it appear proportional and pleasing to the eye? Is it short in overall appearance in relationship to the size of the animal? Animals which are not proportional or are too short in relationship to size should be rejected.

Cows should have a feminine head, and bulls a masculine head which blends nicely into the neck and shoulders. Avoid

animals which have long narrow necks which do not blend nicely.

The back should be straight and level from the neck to the tail head. Tail head should be set at the end of the spine above the anus. In looking at the animal, it should give a square appearance.

A tail which is set too far forward or too far back will leave an unbalanced animal. The tail head too far forward will cause manure to set on the vaginal shelf, leading to vaginal infections which can cause infertility. Bulls breeding animals with this defect will carry contamination into the vagina, which can cause infection. Both incorrect tail set will cause the animal to have a sloping-off appearance rather than a nice square set. A bull with an improper tail set will likely carry this on to his offspring.

The underline should be level and straight from the brisket to the back where the scrotum or udder is located. The scrotum should be set squarely between the rear legs and should have a large circumference. Udder should have four well-placed teats located on the four corners of the udder. Teats should be of medium size and placed so that they hang straight down or at a slight outward angle. Teats which are too large, point outward, or are too high up on the udder will cause problems for the calf or farmer if the cow is to be milked. Calves will hunt for a teat up high and to the outside of the udder. If the above defects are present then the farmer will have to spend a large amount of time teaching the calf where the teat is located. Large teats will be difficult for a small-mouthed calf to get into its mouth.

The rear and front udder attachments are important, for they hold the udder in proper position. If the front attachments are too far back on the underside, or are

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weak, the udder will hang down in the front. The same is true of the rear attachments. In time this leads to an udder which will hang down close to the ground. An udder which hangs close to the ground will cause infections and mastitis.

A well-attached udder will be small to medium in size, and when the cow dries up it will not be easily seen from the side or rear. A large udder does not necessarily indicate good milking ability. An animal which has been over-fed as a calf will put fat deposits in the udder. For each cell of fat in the udder, a milk producing cell will not be formed, leading to diminished milk production as an adult.

Animals should stand squarely on their legs which should be set at the four corners of the body. The legs should have a large enough bone to be able to carry the mature weight of the animal. Back legs should have a slight bend from the hock to the hoof. Animals should be neither sickle-hocked nor post-legged. Hooves should be set at the end of the leg bone to where the animal will walk squarely on their toes. If they are walking down on their dew claw or too far up on their toes, then they should be rejected for breeding.

When observing an animal from the front or back, the legs should be straight, turning neither in nor out.

Animals should be set wide between the legs giving the chest and abdominal floor the capacity necessary for the organs and a calf. Capacity is important for many different reasons. First is so that the animal can eat enough to be able to maintain itself. When a cow has a calf growing inside, she must have enough capacity to be able to breath, eat, store food, and grow the calf.

The spring to the ribs is very important since, when the organs are pushed up against the diaphragm, there must be enough room for the lungs to work properly. The body must have enough room when the stomach is pushed up against the diaphragm that it can still fill with food. An animal with a small capacity cannot eat enough during preg-

nancy to give growth to the calf and maintain the cow.

When a person is looking at animals, they must determine which defects in an animal you are willing to live with. There are many small problems which, when bred properly, can be corrected in a generation or two, such as udder attachments, feet and leg problems, body capacity, teat placement, and muscling.

Look at the udder and testes carefully. Palpate them to make sure that there are no hard places or restrictions in the teats. In the case of the bull, make sure that the testes are not hard or have any abnormalities.

If the udder quarter is hard, the teat canals fibrous, or the testes are hard, reject the animal. If possible, have a breeding soundness exam done by a vet who will check the sperm. If a BSE cannot be done, then a written statement from the owner on the breeding ability of the bull should be obtained.

When looking for breeding stock you should, when possible, see the offspring of the animal being purchased. If the offspring exhibits undesirable traits that the parents have or do not have, then the animal should be rejected. Animals should appear to be in good health, neither too fat nor too thin, should not have any discharge from the nose, have clear eyes, and have a smooth and shiny coat. Check with the owner as to the last date of deworming and the drug used. If a vaccination program is being used, when was it done and what was used?

Even after close observation and evaluation, there are items which will not become apparent until you have had the animal for a time. These are such things as mothering ability, calving ease, temperament, and keeping ability. Keeping ability refers to how the body is maintained in relationship to the amount of feed consumed.

As an old farmer told me many years ago, breed good ones to good ones and you will have good animals. Breed bad ones to bad ones you get bad ones. If you breed good ones to bad ones it can go either way.

Missouri Dexter Breeders Association Show & Sale Results - June 5, 2004

Catalog No.	Class	Animal Name	Owner's Name	Buyer No.	Buyer's Name	Sale \$ Price	Class \$ Total	Sold \$ Avg.
1	1	Boarding House Shaun	Thomas Gray, MN	38	Carl Simpson, KS	1,100		
2	1	Prince of JP Farms	Roger Lein, AR	12	JP Farms, MO	350		
3	1	B&H Darby O' Birchwood	Roger Lein, AR	22	James Mitchell, MO	425		
4	1	Gladhour Laddie	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
5	1	Foley's Conor	John Foley, MO	39	Grotenhuis Stanton, IL	500	2375	594
6	2	Whistle R Harry St.	James W. Smith, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
8	2	SMD Nav Cetus	Jeff Chambers, NE	2	Thomas Gray, MN	500		
9	2	Gladhour Magnum PM	S. Walkup, MO	3	James Hayden, IL	500		
10	2	Gladhour N' Able	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
11	2	Gladhour Night	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
12	2	Gladhour Neal	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
13	2	Gladhour Norris	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0	1000	500
15	3	Cushings Mr. X	Steve Cushing, MO	22	James Mitchell, MO	350		
16	3	Prairie Scout	Bill Werner, IL	33	Jerry Rogers, MO	850		
17	3	Gladhour Nappa	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
18	3	Gladhour Nugget	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0	1200	600
22	4	Fairgrove Sedona	Roger Lein, AR	18	Philip Foster, OK	900	900	900
25	5	End of the Way Bobby J	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
26	5	Rainbow Hills Holiday	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
27	5	June Clover	Bradley Johnson, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0	0	0
28	6	Jubilee Farms Dolly	James W. Smith, MO	24	Barbara McGrail, MO	1350		
31	6	Foley's Una	Roger Lein, AR	15	Roger Shaw, NE	1100		
3	6	Birchwood Martha W	Roger Lein, AR	7	Myles Harthun, TN	775		
33	6	Gladhour Morcie	S. Walkup, MO	13	Gene Pittman, OK	750		
35	6	Lost Forty Snowflake	Rick Seydel, IA	24	Barbara McGrail, MO	1000		
36	6	Twainland Gloss	Bradley Johnson, MO	26	Ellen Eddleman, MO	1000	5975	996

Class Category Notation

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Mature Bull Prior 6/30/2002 | 4 Cow / Calf Pair | 7 Yearling Heifer 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003 |
| 2 Yearling Bull 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003 | 5 Mature Cow Prior 12/31/1999 | 8 Early Heifer 7/1/2003 - 12/31/2003 |
| 3 Early Bull 7/1/2003 - 12/31/2003 | 6 Young Cow 1/1/2000 - 6/30/2002 | 9 Late Heifer 1/1/2004 - 6/1/2004 |

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38	7	Quintana of JP Farms	JP Farms, MO	26	Ellen Eddleman, MO	1125	10700	973
39	7	Quanda of JP Farms	JP Farms, MO	23	Craig Rodenberg, KS	1125		
40	7	Quintessa of JP Farms	JP Farms, MO	26	Ellen Eddleman, MO	1125		
41	7	Quiana of JP Farms	JP Farms, MO	8	Bob Smith, IA	1000		
43	7	Cushing's Lil Valentine	Steve Cushing, MO	32	Sally Coad, CT	1050		
45	7	3 M's Bar Nino's Waifer	Larry Petty, MO	31	William Moore, OK	800		
46	7	3 M's Bar Nino's Angel	Larry Petty, MO	31	William Moore, OK	875		
47	7	Boulder Fork Raven	Boulder Fork Farm, MO	24	Barbara McGrail, MO	1000		
48	7	Boulder Fork Reba	Boulder Fork Farm, MO	32	Sally Coad, CT	1000		
49	7	Whistle R Halle	James W. Smith, MO	26	Ellen Eddleman, MO	1000		
52	7	Birchwood Mary Kate	Roger Lein, AR	10	Maureen McCready, TX	600		
53	7	Gladhour Nonni	S. Walkup, MO		No Sale - Reserve	0		
55	9	Thomas' Biz Red Minit	Sandi Thomas, OR	32	Sally Coad, CT	1800	7325	1046
57	9	Boulder Fork Rebekah	Boulder Fork Farm, MO	8	Bob Smith, IA	1000		
58	9	Boulder Fork Rachel	Boulder Fork Farm, MO	5	Lowell Allen, IN	950		
59	9	SMD Zeta Navis	Jeff Chambers, NE	10	Maureen McCready, TX	925		
60	9	Foley's Maureen	John Foley, MO	10	Maureen McCready, TX	825		
61	9	Foley's Erin	John Foley, MO	32	Sally Coad, CT	825		
62	9	Timberview Eve	Rick Seydel, IA	24	Barbara McGrail, MO	1000		
14	3	White-O-Morn Kieran	Steve Cushing, MO		Show Only			
19	4	Pandora of JP Farms	JP Farms, MO		Show Only			
20	4	Shadows Dee H	Boulder Fork Farm, MO		Show Only			
23	5	Jubilee Farms Abigail	Dick Clark, MO		Show Only			
37	6	Diamond Suzie	Bradley Johnson, MO		Show Only			
44	7	Woodland Corinna	William B Burton, MO		Show Only			
51	7	SMD Alpha Ceti	Jeff Chambers, NE		Show Only			
54	9	GreatEscape Teagan	Dick Clark, MO		Show Only			
63	4	R Hills Noel & W-O-M Jewel	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
64	4	R Hills Red B & W-O-M Treasure	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
65	5	Rainbow Hills Noel	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
66	5	Rainbow Hills Kylie	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
67	7	White-O-Morn Kelsey	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
68	8	White-O-Morn Jewel	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
69	8	White-O-Mor Treasure	Brenda & Ron Stringham		Show Only			
TOTAL						29,475	29,475	893

Fee Schedule

(Effective January 1, 1995)

Cost of Registrations and Transfers

Registrations		Transfers	
Cows up to 1 year old	\$20.00	Regular Transfers	20.00**
Bulls up to 2 years old	20.00	Inner-Herd Transfers	10.00**
Cows over 1 year old	40.00	** Regardless of age	
Bulls over 2 years old	40.00		
Steer & Oxen (any age)	10.00		

Registrations and transfers for non-members: 100.00

Please note that the
REJECT FEE
has been eliminated.

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

Renewals are due January 1 of each year for all Memberships

Membership	Fees	Renewal Dues	Membership	Fees	Renewal Dues
Individual Membership (individuals who own a registered Dexter)	\$30	\$20	Honorary Membership (individuals appointed by the Board of Direc- tors)	-0-	-0-
Family/Partnership/Corpor- ation Membership	\$30	\$20	Subscriber (will receive the quar- terly Bulletin)	\$10	\$10
Junior Membership (individuals under 21 who own a registered Dexter)	\$10	\$5	Herd book available for purchase each year	\$10	
Associate Membership (individuals who do not own any Dexters, or who live outside of the U.S. or Canada)	\$30	\$20			

"The Association reserves the right to require bloodtyping of animals to prove the parentage of the animal in question if at any time in the paperwork transactions, there is question of parentage. The cost for the blood-typing will be paid by the person requesting the registration."

- From ADCA Board of Directors Meeting, 1994; Chico, California



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	N	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.**

DNA Testing for Dexter Cattle: An Update

John Potter, ADCA Genetics Committee (updated 1/1/2004)

Two additions in 2003 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 John Potter by telephone (269-545-2455), by email (jpotter@remc11.k12.mi.us), 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 all of 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.

The procedures and applications for the red factor test and for DNA genotyping remain the same as published in the 2004 Membership Directory except that the application forms will soon be available on the ADCA website at <http://www.dextercattle.org>. Also please check the website for developments and updates regarding the chondrodysplasia and dun tests. We hope to have new information there by mid September.

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

• Footnotes on next page •

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, "Color Genetics and Registration of Dexters," that begins on page 22 of the 2003 ADCA Membership Directory. The article also appears on the ADCA website.
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 or 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 January 1, 2004, 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 required that the DNA Genotype of all bulls used for out-of-herd AI be on file in its Registry Office before calves sired by those bulls can be registered. While any AI 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 John Potter 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 John Potter.

2004 AGM Video Show Results

Class No.	Animal Name	Placing in Class	Owner
1. Bull Calf Less than One Year	Debbyland Mr. D Davin FF Freedom's Corey FF Freedom's Bryan	1 2 3	Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
2. Yearling Bull 1 to 2 Years	Celestial Oberon Wingate Elvis	1 2	Ricard / Celestial Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
3. Bull 2 to 4 Years	FF Freedom's Aidan	1	Coad / Freedom Farms
4. Mature Bull	No entries		
GRAND CHAMPION BULL	Celestial Oberon		Ricard / Celestial Farms
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL	FF Freedom's Aidan		Coad / Freedom Farms
5. Heifer Calf Less than One Year	Cove Branch Cara RFF Red Mariah FF Tryin Our Patience FF Lots O' Hope FF Annie's Dear Abbey FF Good Golly Ms Molly	1 2 3 4 5 6	Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
6. Yearling Heifer 1 to 2 Years	Celestial Terra Nova FF I B Cailin FF Emerald Be A Lady	1 2 3	Ricard / Celestial Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
7. Cows 2 to 4 Years	Heritage Performer Lucy Star Twin Springs Storm Misfit's Irish Rose FF RC Delaney FF QT Quincy	1 2 3 4 5	Ricard / Celestial Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
8. Cows over 4 Years	Irene of Green Valley Bud's Twinkie Annie of LBI Jubilee Farms Abigail	1 2 3 4	Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms
GRAND CHAMPION COW	Glenland Ms. Chocolate		Barns / Cove Branch
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW	Irene of Green Valley		Coad / Freedom Farms
9. Cow / Calf Pair	Glenland Ms. Chocolate / Calf Twin Sp Storn / FF Freedom Hot N Humid Iree of Green Valley / FF Freedom's Fergus FF QT Quincy / FF Freedom Farms QP	1 2 3 4	Barns / Cove Branch Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms Coad / Freedom Farms

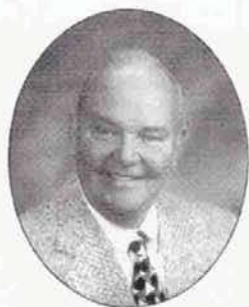
Results from 2004 ADCA Photo Contest

1. **Dexters in a Holiday mood**
"ReinDexter" by Debbie Davis
2. **Individual Dexter picture**
1st place: "Terra Nova" by Celestial Farms
2nd place: "Millie & Frank" by Debbie Davis
3rd place: "Kraz" by Celestial Farms
3. **People and Dexters**
No entries
4. **Working Dexters - Oxen**
No entries
5. **Maternal Dexters - Milking Dexters**
No entries
6. **Dexter Mother - Calf**
"Angel/Kraz" by Celestial Farms
7. **Dexter Father - Calf**
No entries
8. **Dexter Picnic - (herd picture)**
No entries
9. **Dexter Father (herd bull)**
1st place: "Lazy J's Finnegan (Finney)" by Frank & Ginny Miles
2nd place: "Manitowoc Mark's Sam" by Diane Mills - Frank
10. **Dexters on Display (fair, field days, etc.)**
No entries
11. **Dexter with Scenic Setting**
1st place: "Collegiate Peaks" by Debbie Davis
2nd place: "Gladhour Laddie" by S. Walkup
3rd place: "Heritage Performer Cleo" by Celestial Farms

OVERALL WINNER

"Collegiate Peaks" by Debbie Davis

In Memoriam...

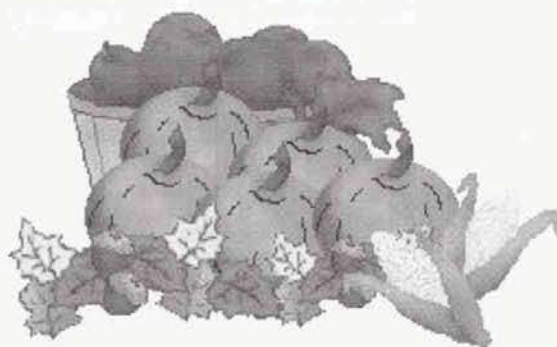


We note with sadness the passing of David Poole, husband of former Region 2 Director Anna Poole. David died on June 22 in his wife's arms. He was on the University of California, San Diego

transplant list awaiting a lung transplant due to pulmonary fibrosis.

A celebration of David's life was held at the Mon Desir Restaurant in Central Point, Oregon, on June 27.

Our deepest sympathies are with Anna during this difficult time.



Tattoo Letters for Years

A - 1991	J - 1999	S - 2006
B - 1992	K - 2000	T - 2007
C - 1993	L - 2001	U - 2008
D - 1994	M - 2002	V - 2009
E - 1995	N - 2003	W - 2010
F - 1996	P - 2004	X - 2011
G - 1997	R - 2005	Y - 2012
H - 1998		

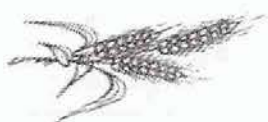
Sale Results from 2004 AGM

July 17, 2004, Meadville, PA

Class	Animal Name	Owner's Name	Buyer No.	Buyer's Name	Sale \$ Price	Class \$ Total	Sold \$ Avg.
3	Jubilee Muirstead	Mark Muir		Marty Skiles	650		
3	Polly Muirstead	Mark Muir		John Calhoun	650	1300	650
4	Franny Muirstead	Mark Muir		Blaine Roelke	650	650	650
5	Yellowbird's Treig	Tupper Sverduk		Steve Burdette	1000	1000	1000
6	Fionna Muirstead & Calf (bull)	Mark Muir		Dale Howell	900		
6	Phoebe Muirstead & Calf (heifer)	Mark Muir		Ray Day	1350	2250	1125
9	Cove Branch's Craig II	Charles Barnes		Tom Belstering	500		
9	CoverBranch's Craig I	Charles Barnes		Dale Howell	550	1050	525
11	Stillwater Drifter	Keith Wertz		Rob Marc	800		
11	Stillwater Ryder	Keith Wertz		Gabriella Nanci	300	1100	550
13	Steer	Evelyn Anderson		Tom Belstering	200	200	200
?	Platinum Lac Belle	?		No Sale			
?	Livestock Karla	?		No Sale			
?	Gregory Muirstead	Mark Muir		No Sale			
?	Ireland-Livestock Co.	?		No Sale			
?	Hillview Morris	?		No Sale			
?	Megan-Livestock	?		No Sale			
?	Belle Fourche Atlas	Gabriella Nanci		No Sale			
?	Stillwater Amigo	Keith Wertz		No Sale			
?	Yellowbird's Livestock	?		No Sale			
?	Belle Fourche Danielle	Gabriella Nanci		No Sale			
?	Megan-Livestock	?		No Sale			
				TOTAL	200	7550	686

Class Category Notation

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Heifer calf born 1/2004 - 7/2004 | 8. Bull calf born 1/2004 - 7/2004 |
| 2. Heifer calf born 7/2003 - 12/2003 | 9. Bull calf born 7/2003 - 12/2003 |
| 3. Yearling heifer 7/2002 - 6/2003 | 10. Yearling bull born before 7/2000 |
| 4. Young cow 7/2000 - 6/2002 | 11. Mature bull born before 7/2000 |
| 5. Mature cow born before 7/2000 | 12. Market Steer |
| 6. Cow/calf pair | |



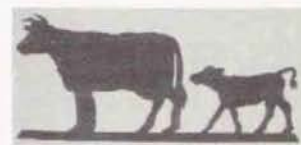
2005 NATIONAL ADCA SHOW AND SALE

Ike Hamilton Expo Center, West Monroe, LA

July 29, 30 and 31, 2005



Make plans NOW to attend!



AIR CONDITIONED ARENA and STABLING!

Built for and by cattle and horse owners

NEW CLASSES

Junior Exhibitors' Costume Class, Get of Sire, Progeny, Showmanship, more!

Outstanding Junior and Senior Exhibitor Trophies

Kids' Competitions and Activities

17 retail vendors with everything from western wear

to RVs and oxen yokes to art

Stock Trailer Raffle

White Dexter Silent Auction

Tons of merchandise donated by national retailers

Horseshoe Tournament Friday Evening - BBQ Dinner

The Wingate Inn is THE place to stay!

Microwave, fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and board in EVERY room!

Across the street from the Expo Center Indoor pool and hot tub, Fitness Center

Continental Breakfast 6 to 9:30 a.m.

53 rooms blocked - King, King with Sleeper Sofa or 2 Double Beds

\$60 a night!!!!!! Make YOUR reservation TODAY!

(318) 387-7395

180 Full hook up RV sites available on Expo Center Grounds \$15 a night

Sign in at Expo Center Office - No reservations needed

Registration form is on the next page

**Deadline for registration, show and sale entries,
and room reservations is June 1, 2005**

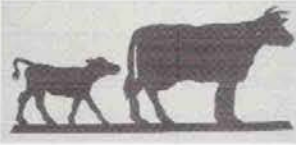
For more information, or entry forms and rules, please contact

Linda Hawkins • Winding Lane Farm • P. O. Box 1012

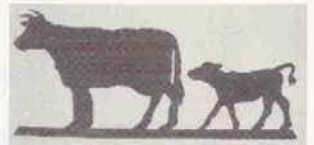
Waldron, AR 72958 • (479)637-9217

All proceeds benefit the national ADCA Treasury

2005 AGM REGISTRATION FORM



Please copy as needed!!
Registration Deadline: June 1, 2005



Name _____ Name _____
 Please Print (for Name Badges)

Name _____ Name _____

Farm, Ranch, or Business Name _____
 Please Print (for Name Badges)

Address _____

Phone _____ Signature _____

Email _____
 (Email receipt will be sent when registration is received)

Friday Evening Meal at the Expo Center: \$7.50 x ____ = \$ ____
 Horseshoe Tournament

BBQ Sandwich, potato salad, chips, pickles and onions, peach cobbler and tea

Saturday Noon Meal at the Expo Center: \$7.50 x ____ = \$ ____
 Between Show and Sale

2 pieces of fried chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, roll and tea

Saturday Night Meal/AGM at Hob Nob's Restaurant:

* **Please note:** Cattle may not leave grounds until load-out on Sunday morning

Filet Mignon and Creole seafood, stuffed potatoes, dessert, coffee and tea

Live Cajun music • Outstanding Junior and Senior Exhibitor trophies awarded

\$27.50 x ____ = \$ ____

Saturday Night Kids' Meal (13 and under)

Chicken tenders, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, tea or milk

\$7.50 x ____ = \$ ____

Total Enclosed \$ ____

(Make checks payable to '2005 ADCA Show and Sale')

(Payment MUST accompany registration)

Please send me entry forms and rules for the Show and Sale! YES NO

(Please circle as applicable)

Mail to: Linda Hawkins • P. O. Box 1012 • Waldron, AR 72958

For More Information: Linda Hawkins • (479) 637-9217

2003 ADCA NATIONAL SHOW CLASSES

Brief Overview of Classes - Details in Winter, 2004 issue of The Bulletin

SHOW RING CLASSES

1. Heifer Calf
2. Young Heifer
3. Yearling Heifer
4. Young Cow
5. Mature Cow
6. Grand and Reserve Champion Female
7. Cow Calf Pair
8. Progeny Class
9. Kids N Kritters Class
10. Bull Calf
11. Young Bull
12. Yearling Bull
13. Young Bull
14. Mature Bull
15. Grand and Reserve Champion Male
16. Get of Sire
17. Market Steers
18. Junior Showmanship
19. Senior Showmanship
20. Outstanding Junior Exhibitor
21. Outstanding Senior Exhibitor

KIDS' COMPETITIONS

- Cow Chip Distance Toss
- Cow Chip Accuracy Toss
- Scavenger Hunt
- Boot Scramble

KIDS' PEN CLASSES

1. Heifer Calf Pen Class
2. Young Heifer Pen Class
3. Yearling Heifer Pen Class
4. Young Cow Pen Class
5. Mature Cow
6. Cow and Calf Pair
7. Bull Calf
8. Young Bull
9. Yearling Bull
10. Young Bull
11. Mature Bull

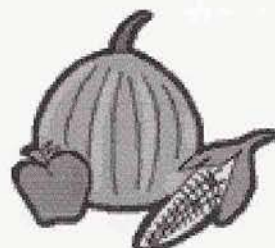
VISUAL ARTS CLASSES

VIDEO SHOW CLASSES

1. Heifer Calf
2. Young Heifer
3. Yearling Heifer
4. Young Cow
5. Mature Cow
6. Cow and Calf Pair
7. Progeny Class
8. Bull Calf
9. Young Bull
10. Yearling Bull
11. Young Bull
12. Mature Bull
13. Get of Sire
14. Best Herd

PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW CLASSES

1. Herd of Dexters
2. Lone Dexter
3. Dexter calf
4. Dexter cow and calf
5. Dexter bull
6. Dexter oxen
7. Dexters and other animals
8. Dexters and people
9. Dexters in scenic settings
10. Comical Dexters
11. Dexters on display
12. Dandy Dexters
13. Dazzling Dexters



News From Directors

Region 1 Farm Fest

John Foley, Region 1 Director

I want to thank everyone for being so supportive in this transition to new management within the ADCA. The officers are working hard to get the current financial and registry information so we can get back to business as usual. Again thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Ozark Farm Fest, in Springfield, Missouri at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds is scheduled for Oct. 1, 2, and 3. The Missouri Dexter Breeders Association (MDBA), a group of ADCA members that have banded together to assist one another in marketing their cattle, has sixteen slots for Dexters to be displayed. This Farm Fest is a great way to educate individuals on the benefits of Dexters. Also, there will be approximately twenty-plus breeders in attendance to talk to individuals interested in Dexters. There

will be approximately 80,000 to 100,000 individuals at the Farm Fest over the three-day period.

MDBA will have their fall meeting at 6:30 on Oct. 2 at Ziggies Restaurant on North Glenstone. There will be a meeting of Region 1 immediately after the MDBA meeting. If you are in the area, please plan on stopping by and visiting during the Farm Fest. If you have time, attend the Region 1 meeting as well.

The MDBA Show and Sale held on June 5 in Lebanon, Missouri was a great success. The results of that show and sale are listed in this Bulletin in another area. There were sixty animals total in the show and sale and many, many buyers. Please review the results as this might help you in setting a price on your cattle.

Region 14 Autumnfest

John Potter, Region 14 Director

Region 14 will have an Autumnfest potluck and meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT on October 23, 2004. ADCA members from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio are invited to attend. The Autumnfest will be hosted by Linda and Jerry Rininger at their farm near Mattawan, Michigan. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass, your own drinks, and your favorite Dexter pictures

and stories. Accommodations for RVs and campers are available. All members who plan to attend are asked to contact Linda by email (lrininger@netzero.net) or by telephone (269-668-3637) no later than October 10th. You can obtain driving directions at that time. Watch the ADCA website for more information as it becomes available.



HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR
CHANCES YET ON THE STOCK
TRAILER FOR THE
2005 AGM?

News From Directors

Region 8 Tough Month

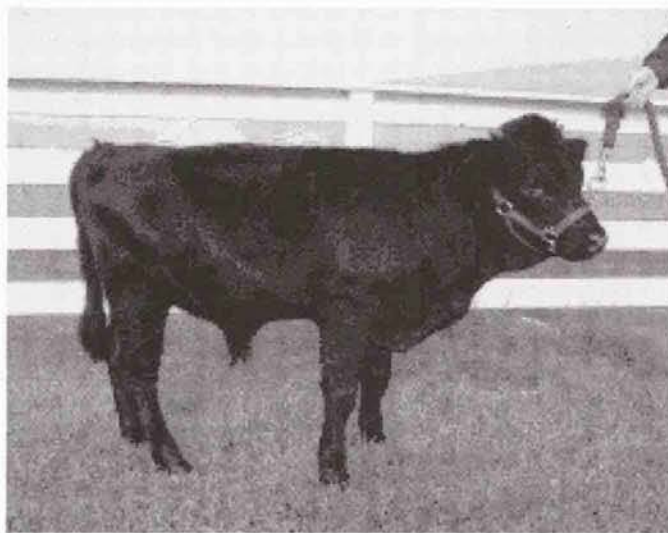
Sally Coad, Interim Region 8 Director

Region 8 has had a tough month! Hurricane Charley (as well as Tropical Storm Bonnie) - had little mercy on some of the areas and my thoughts go out to those that endured their wrath. Hopefully everyone got through the storms without personal losses, especially those in the Punta Gorda area of Florida, who according to the reporters got hit the hardest. We got spared the worst of Bonnie and Charley here (inland) in North Carolina and see the 7" of rain as a mere inconvenience compared to what some of you had to deal with. Hopefully the rest of hurricane season will pale in comparison to Charley for everyone.

Looking forward to better times for all, I hope that everyone is considering exhibiting or better yet, competing with their Dexters at your State Fairs and County Fairs. This does a world of good for the American Dexter Cattle Association as well as for your personal farm and of course the Dexter Cattle. Get them out there to be seen. People love them! I know that the North Carolina State Fair is from October 15 - 24th and I hope to be able to exhibit some of my Dexters there. If you would like to exhibit or compete, contact Chuck Miller at 919-733-7136. He

is the "cattle" contact. Even if you cannot make it for the whole week (+) to exhibit, hope you stop by and say "hey." There is always so much to learn from meeting different cattle people no matter their breed of choice.

Elections for your Regional Director will be coming up soon. PLEASE consider nominating yourself or someone you know that would like to lead the region. Look for nomination forms and meet the deadlines!



"Don't miss this beautiful venue to exhibit your Dexters!"

All I Need to Know About Life I Learned From a Cow

- Wake up in a happy moo-o-d.
- Don't cry over spilled milk.
- When chewing your cud, remember. .
There is no fat, no calories, no cholesterol and no taste!
- The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.
- Turn the udder cheek and moo-o-ve on.
- Seize every opportunity and milk it for all it's worth!
- It's better to be seen and not herd.
- Honor thy fodder and thy mother and all your udder relatives.
- Never take any bull from anybody.
- Always let them know who's bossy!
- Stepping on cow pies brings good luck.
- Black and white is always an appropriate fashion statement.
- Don't forget to cow-nt your blessings every day.

News From Directors

Region 13 Greetings from My Acreage to Yours!

Rick Seydel, Region 13 Director

My, what a difference a year can make. Just last year, my area in Iowa was in a drought. As a matter of fact, the past three years have been considered a drought. As of this time, we have above normal precipitation and I'm mowing my yard every six days. Everything is green and growing and life is great!

I am still learning more and more about this wonderful breed. I'm continually trying to improve my herd. Just when I am satisfied with my breeding stock, I find a quality that I want to incorporate in my herd. Change is good and also very exciting!

I am sure that everyone is aware that there have recently been many changes in the ADCA. The Board of Directors has appointed a very competent staff of Officers to lead our organization into the future. With the help of the membership, I feel the ADCA is headed in a positive direction. As a member of the current BOD, I would like to urge everyone to become an active part of this organization. The ADCA would like to have input from all its members on what direction they want the organization to take and how to achieve this goal. We have many committees that need your input and ideas. Even if you do not want to formally serve on one specific committee, please submit your ideas to me and I will gladly forward any ideas you may have to our current Board. During this past year, I've had an opportunity to visit with many members of this Region and they have shared a host of ideas and opinions with me. I urge all members of the ADCA to talk to their Regional Director and let him know your ideas for the future of the ADCA. In order to keep this organization as strong as in previous years, we need you as members

to help us.

The age of the internet has been discussed a great deal lately with the Board. The internet is an efficient means of communication and can be a vital tool to keep the members informed. I sincerely request that if any of you have e-mail addresses, please drop me a short e-mail message so I can add you to my current list. There are times that I would like to contact the members of Region 13 and mailing costs are very expensive for the ADCA. Some of the directors, including myself, have paid for mailings to their region out their own pockets, so the use of internet communication would help all of us.

When I first ran for director of Region 13, I asked all of the members of the region if you would rather have a newsletter or a Region 13 website? The vast majority of you expressed a preference for a website. Chuck Daggett graciously volunteered to get the website going, but he needs everyone's help. If you have cute cattle pictures, pictures of your herd, items for sale, ideas for better herd management, up-coming events that will showcase Dexters, or anything else of importance, we would like to get those on the website. This website can be a tremendous tool to promote our fabulous region!! If any of you participate in state or county fairs, please let me know so I may include this in future news bulletins and on the Region 13 website.

Chuck Daggett, a member of Region 13, is now the current ADCA Registrar. If you have not had the pleasure of visiting with Chuck, I'd strongly urge you to make a phone call or drop him a letter. He has

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News From Directors

Region 4 "CAT Tales"

Carol Ann Traynor, Region 4 Director

When I started publishing a newsletter for Region IV, I christened it **THE LARIAT** for good reason. The lariat used on the ranch is composed of three cords wound tightly together. Each cord is strong, but the real strength comes from the three strands woven together into one strong rope. We might compare the **ADCA**, the **Regional Directors** and **You** to a lariat. Alone, each is effective, but real strength comes when the three are working together.

Woven together, we can:

- * Inform the public about Dexters
- * Educate the public about Dexters
- * Promote Dexters as a viable cattle breed
- * Stay informed about issues that affect Dexters and the cattle industry as a whole.

A cord of three is not easily broken.

You are needed to take a stand and support the growth of the Dexter breed

Region 13 Message con't

had a bombshell dropped on him with the split in associations, but is doing a fantastic job of trying to make the transition as smooth and painless as possible. If you have registrations that you are afraid have been delayed because of the transition, please get a hold of Chuck or myself and we will get things straightened out as soon as possible.

If anyone would like to receive more information about the events of the past few months, please feel free to contact me, and I would be happy to answer all of your questions.

through the **American Dexter Cattle Association**.

- **The 2004 Utah State Fair ADCA Dexter Cattle Show** will still go on as planned...cattle on display September 12th through 15th, judging at 7 pm on September 13th. In the interests of all Dexter owners and breeders who attend, I am requesting that **NO** meetings be held at the Fair Grounds and that the event be conducted in the spirit of representing the best qualities of owning Dexter Cattle to the public. **Please, leave your association politics at home!**

- **Region IV ADCA Meeting** - Judy and Scott Nocks have offered to have a get-together at their farm in Parachute, Colorado on October 2nd. They are terrific people, have a wonderful facility, and the scenery is spectacular!

Special Presentations:

- Rocky Mease, DVM, embryo transplants in cattle
- Debbie Davis - milking Dexters

Judy Nocks has agreed to publish *The Lariat* newsletter beginning with the Fall/Winter issue in November. Your articles and *especially* your advertisement is needed to support the regional newsletter.



News From Directors

Region 6 Blessings from the Plains of Kansas

Joanie Storck, Region 6 Director

The dog days of summer have been a puppy this year. The rainfall has been above normal and the temperatures below normal. Even when we had our spring meeting at the Morning Star Ranch in Iola, Texas, it was cool and a light rain fell most of the day. Pam & Bernie Malcuit and their adult children were our ever-gracious hosts and we had a wonderful time with the business meeting, white elephant auction, and demonstrations on grooming and showing. Regional or state meetings are the best way to get to know your Director and learn about the current events of the Association. I encourage everyone to consider having these meetings and publicizing them ahead of time in the Bulletin. If you are interested in putting on a gathering of Dexter owners at your ranch, please get in contact with your Director and have a good time.

We would also like to invite you to the Kansas State Fair (Hutchinson, Kansas) on September 15 to see the Dexters in the show ring, and visit with the proud owners of these unique little bovines.

The Region 6 Director was one of the ones that chose to keep the ADCA solvent and serving the entire membership of Dexter owners. I was one of the majority that decided to make sure that the past directors, officers, and members that had built this Association were honored by our actions.

The ADCA has been kept solvent, active, and growing by a continuing chain of devoted owners and breeders for almost 100 years (records of registrations of "American" Dexter cattle were started in 1911, and that registration club became the ADCA in 1957). The ADCA was established by a very dedicated group of Dexter owners. Its registry, by-laws, records, and

promotions were not exclusively built or maintained in the last 18 years by one person. It took ALL of us to build this Association. Let us give proper credit where it is due. There are, have been, and always will be owners that will keep the bloodlines pure and the registrations on record for future owners. The fact that the founders were willing to sell to potential new herd-builders is the real reason the Dexter breed has existed and grown in the U.S., not because of just one person.

Thank you, to the founders of the ADCA.

We Directors take our elected duties seriously and will continue to uphold the By-Laws that were voted on and approved by YOU, the membership. We will continue to encourage you to keep in touch with your Directors and the Officers of the ADCA. Despite the recent splinter group starting a new registry, the ADCA is still the *original founding registry* of Dexter Cattle in the U.S. We are still the Directors elected by YOU the members, and we are still the group of Directors and Officers that are following YOUR By-Laws. Please don't be misled into thinking that the splinter registry is offering you more vote or input. Consider the fact that they have already made rules and *deadlines* for classification and Chondrodysplasia testing. Plus they have composed By-Laws and appointed Officers and Directors - *without your votes*.

The upcoming months will require some extra patience on all of our parts with the elections in the regions with resigned Directors, realignment of the regions, and retrieval of the ADCA records from the resigned personnel. But the

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News From Directors

Region 15 Our Newest Region

Sally Coad, Interim Region 15 Director

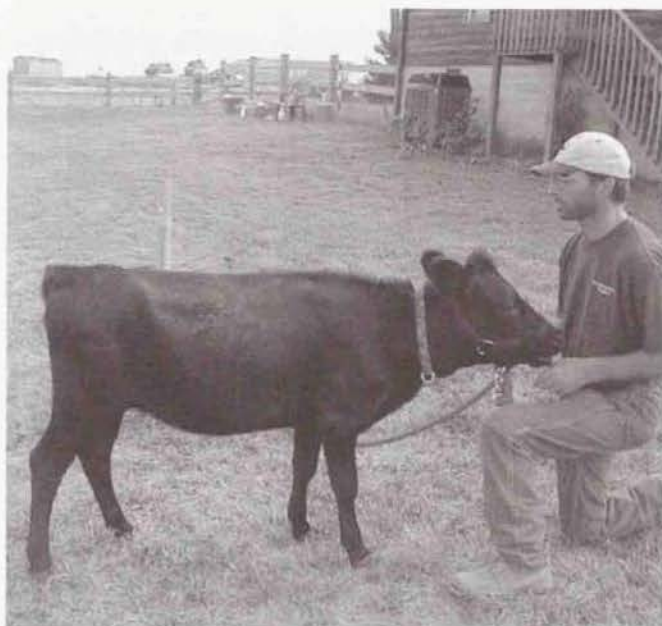
Region 15, the newest of all the regions, appears to be active and very supportive of the American Dexter Cattle Association, and supportive of me being placed as your interim Director. Because Region 15 was supposed to host the 2005 AGM, there is much discussion and planning going on in the Region, which unfortunately and completely surprisingly lost their Regional Director in July when he voluntarily resigned his position and left Region 15 with a lot of unanswered questions and plans.

The ADCA recognizes this and are working together with the Board of Directors and the membership of Region 15 to answer and confirm questions, answers, and plans. If you are willing to help with planning and implementing a future AGM in your Region, please contact me, Sally Coad at (252) 492-6633 or freedomdexters@aol.com; or contact the President of the ADCA, Chris Ricard at (208) 762-7909 or Chris.Ricard@lpcorp.com

While the 2005 AGM planning is taking place, this is the prime time to *get those cattle out there, used to trailer rides, the public and judging*. That way, you AND your cattle will be pros by the time the AGM comes around! I encourage you to hold back on some calf sales, if feasible for you

and your situation, perhaps to sell them as yearlings at the AGM.

Please consider the upcoming electoral process as well as this year's fairs, shows, and the 2005 AGM, and consider nominating yourself or someone willing and able to lead this region.



"Start getting your Dexters ready to strut their stuff - show the world the versatility of Dexters!"

Region 6 Director's Message con't

Dexter breed of cattle and the friendships that have developed throughout the years are far too valuable to throw away because a small number of members decided that they could not live within the Association objectives and by-laws. The Dexter cattle will still be the small efficient bovines we fell in love with and *the ADCA will still be*

the association of the members, by the members and for the members. I look forward to hearing from you and I **thank all of you that have contacted me with your continuing support for the preservation of the ADCA in the last few months.**



News From Directors

Region 10 An Introduction

Shaun Ann Lord, Interim Region 10 Director

Due to Mark Muir's resignation as Region 10 ADCA Director, I have been asked by the ADCA Board to temporarily help with concerns or questions from Region members. These have been tumultuous times for the ADCA involving Board, Officers, and the general Membership. I've responded to the political turmoil that took place over the past several months in the Region 11 Director's Message. I will speak with any of you that care to discuss events leading to the resignation of the Officers and minority of Board members at the AGM held in Meadville, PA. Other than that, the issues are behind the ADCA with far more interesting events and programs for us to pursue as the Dexter Cattle Association.

As an introduction – my husband Michael and I “hobby” farm (never liked that implication) three hundred acres encompassing two farms established and

continually farmed since 1808. Besides a herd of sixty Dexters, we breed and show Percheron draft horses and American Saddlebreds. All grains and forage fed to the livestock is grown and harvested “in house.” The farms are organic and the focus is producing natural beef. It's been a challenge learning to market the sweetest, most tender beef possible!

Our location is as far west as New York State extends, south of Buffalo, so of course wide open to snow jokes.

The ADCA has new Officers, highly qualified, and several new staff members. The Board has established additional committees, and members are asked to contribute their ideas, input, and skills to further improve the ADCA. I know from selling Dexter breeding stock into Virginia that members there are full of ideas and ready to go – and Mark told me Region 10 is quiet! Nominations for a new Director will be coming up, so please be thinking of whom will best represent your region.

Please call with any concerns or questions.



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News From Directors

Region 12 An Introduction

Shaun Ann Lord, Interim Region 12 Director

I have been asked by the ADCA Board to serve as temporary regional Director until a special election is held. I have spoken with some of you over the years locating Dexters for prospective buyers. One of my herd sires was purchased from Gary Williams of Maine, RFF Postal Patron. He's a wonderful young bull. Marcia Read of Old Orchard Farm in Claysville, PA selected him to borrow when one of her herd sires was retired. "Jack" is back home now and has his group of first calf heifers and young cows out on rotational pastures.

Sally Coad introduced me to Region 12 members in her August newsletter. Until you elect a new Director, I'll help with registration or transfer questions, or other concerns.

The Region 12 meeting is coming up in September. Write it down, post it on your fridge, make hotel reservations, do whatever you need to do, but be there on Sunday, September 26th at the Hancock Shaker Village in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The meeting is tentatively at 11 am, but please plan on being there for the day to take part in the New England Heritage Breed Conservancy's Rare Breed Livestock Show and Sale. It is always a wonderful event and I urge all of you to join that Organization as well as take part in this event to show them your support. The agenda for the meeting is still in the works.

I had plans to attend the Region 12 meeting, but prior commitments will prevent this. Sally Coad will take charge of this meeting, so if you would like a specific topic brought up, let her know ASAP so that she can do the proper research and prep needed. More information on the meeting will be in the newsletter going

out late August/Early September to the region.

Please plan on exhibiting YOUR Dexters at this event. It is an excellent opportunity for you, your farm, and the American Dexter Cattle Association. It is also an excellent marketing tool if you have something you want to sell! Remember, at exhibits, the tamer the better! There is a parade each day for exhibitors to walk and talk about their animals and their breed.

For more information on what is needed to exhibit your Dexter go to www.nehbc.org.

The ADCA has undergone changes, as you know. I've commented about the political issues in the Region 11 Director's Message. As I stated, I abide by the By-laws and Rules & Regulations of the ADCA, and will continue to do so.

My interest is in breeding and raising the healthiest and most content Dexters that I can. I am sure your interest reflects the same. Hopefully you will consider contributing to the Association as a Director, committee member, staff member, or simply by submitting ideas.

Look for nomination forms shortly for your next Regional Director. Consider nominating yourself or nominate someone who is willing to do the job. Make sure you follow the rules and deadlines for nominations (and election). Make sure YOUR voice is heard, and vote!

Please feel free to contact me at any time.



News From Directors

Region 11 A Rainy Year

Shaun Ann Lord, Interim Region 11 Director

Much of the east is experiencing one of the rainiest crop seasons in years. Almost everyone has a "horror" hay story. Either late first cut with slim hope of a good second cut, or acres of hay on the ground rotting. Since I dislike seeing horses eating a moldy round bale, all of our hay is stored the old way, square bales by hand. Our Dexters act as the horses do, tossing any hay not up to their standards over their backs and stomping on it.

The plus side of too much rain is a great corn crop, huge spelt harvests in the bins, and terrific pastures going into late fall. Always trade-offs in farming!

The demand for Dexters remains strong. A small herd in Cattaraugus County, NY, sold almost immediately, leaving the two other prospective buyers frustrated. If you have cattle for sale please let me know for contact phone numbers. Here, there was a run on bull calves this year, and I've decided to keep all the heifers to increase the herd. Natural beef prices are holding, and demand can't be met. There has been an increase in calls for a family milk cow.

Now, to unpleasant ADCA issues. Pages could be written discussing the "he said, she said" gossip over the past several months. We are all disheartened by that - let it suffice to say that as a newly-elected Director I observed rigid, obsessive control by ADCA Officers regarding ADCA policy decisions, committee results, and financial records availability. ADCA by-laws state that the Board of Directors manage the affairs of the Corporation and be empowered to act for the Corporation. When the majority of the Board stood firm enforcing ADCA Rules and Regulations, a campaign of propaganda was instigated to demoralize and divide both membership

and Board Directors. When the attempt to privatize the ADCA was failing, a tumultuous AGM meeting resulted in the Officers and minority of Board members resigning. They had already secretly formed a new cattle organization weeks before, and are attempting to raid ADCA membership. Ex-officers delayed and did not follow through on promises to relinquish ADCA property, records, and files in a timely manner as promised. These records were needed for the ADCA to continue accurate business transactions for the membership.

And that is the unpleasantness. I will discuss any of the ADCA controversy with you if you so desire. It is time now to renew and re-energize the ADCA upholding the democratic basis that Rules & Regulations and By-laws impart to an organization. There is a slate of well-qualified staff and officers who ask only for your patience and understanding as the ADCA regroups.

As an ADCA member, you are encouraged to actively participate in the organization. Special elections will be held to replace the Directors that resigned - consider being a new Director or nominate someone with commitment to the breed who will better the organization.

As always, please let me know about any concerns or needed help with transfers or registrations.

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Cow Humor

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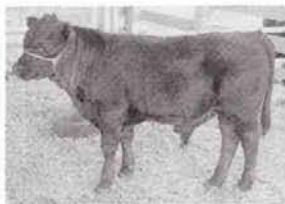
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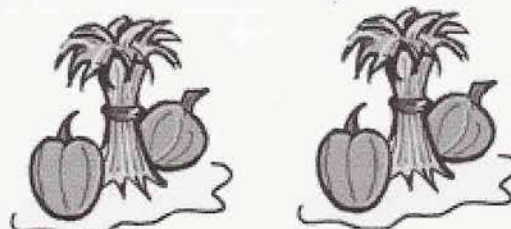
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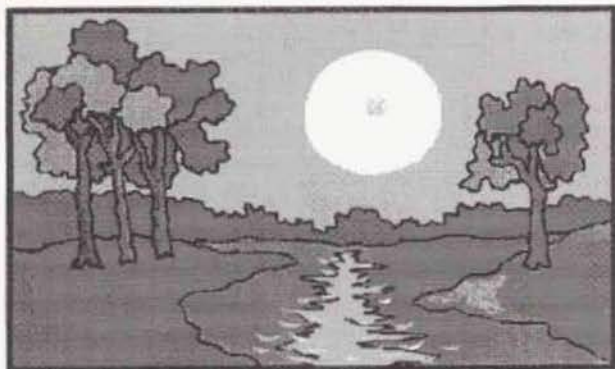
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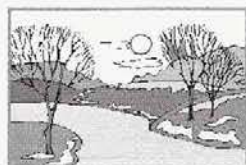
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