

The background of the cover is a photograph of a lush green field with several Dexter cattle. In the foreground, a light-colored cow is grazing, its head down. Behind it, two darker-colored cows are also grazing. The field is filled with tall grass and some small shrubs. In the distance, there are trees and a fence line. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

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Message from the President

Kathy Smith, ADCA President

How are your Dexters? That's what we're all in this for anyway. Keeping our footprints next to theirs is the best thing that we can do for them. ADCA work hasn't recently been allowing me to be foot-to-hoof as much as I'd like.

This second year of being President has reminded me of a story I heard from an old man many years ago. He said that when he was a little boy and his grandmother wanted to keep him busy, she would slather honey on his hands and then give him a feather to play with. Try as he might, he couldn't get rid of that feather until she came back to help him wash his hands. For me as President, it's the support of the membership that helps me get rid of some of the feathers that stick. Thanks for all of your support, folks.

Elections can be one of those sticky issues. To my knowledge we haven't had hanging chads. We do, however, always have improvements that can be made. Elections are an area that Stan Cass, our Vice-President, works on. According to our previous Rules & Regulations/ By-Laws (RRs/BLs), a Director only had to be a member of the ADCA. As of January 1, 2004 it reads that the Director must be a "breeder." The Board needs to discuss exactly what that means. However, I would suggest that this will involve the regular registration/transfer of cattle.

Certainly common sense and ethical conduct would dictate that a Regional Director must reside in the region he/she represents. Not all rules of an ethical society are written down, or should even need to be. Please advise the ADCA office or call me at my home if you have a concern about your representation.

Check the inside cover of every Bulletin to see when your Regional Director will be up for re-election. It's the year printed in the box by his/her name. Because of term limits, some of the directors won't be up for re-election. Contact the

ADCA office or your Director if you aren't sure of your Director's incumbency. Nominate carefully, but please do nominate. Nominate early and often. Sign the nomination forms. Elections aren't generally until late fall, but start thinking about how you'd like your region to be represented. Who is on the Board is so fundamental to how ADCA business is done.

Occasionally, regions are re-aligned for the good of the order, as happened last summer. Relating to this and the selection of Directors, the election in the new region that was established when Region 8 was divided last year still has not been completed. I offer apologies to all concerned. We've worked on it, beginning in November, but it hasn't exactly been the only thing we've had to do. Rosemary Fleharty, Donna Martin, and Rick Seydel have given serious deliberation to finding the most equitable way to divide the region without making a clerical nightmare keeping track of the members. At the time of this writing, nominating forms are on their way.

Another sticky topic has been our new RRs/BLs. The Officers and the Board worked tirelessly on these. Donna Martin toiled for about two years bringing a document to the Board for review. We still need to make improvements on these documents and it will be a large part of Board discussion in Pennsylvania this year.

I'd like to clarify why the name of Patrick Mitchell from Michigan, who left the presidency in 2002, is no longer listed as the Immediate Past President (IPP). Prior to January 1, 2004, being the IPP merely meant having a name published in ADCA publications and later the website. However, the meaning for this title was altered with the effect of the new RRs/BLs which gave the IPP a vote with the

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Board. The topic of IPP was reviewed by legal counsel and it was opined that one is considered an IPP only until the next election, and that it would also fall under new regulations. For example, if a sitting president is re-elected, that president is both the current and IPP. In all fairness to Mr. Mitchell, a clarification seems appropriate. Certainly removing his name from either place is neither a comment on the content of his character or a disparagement of his contributions to the ADCA. Those who have worked with Mr. Mitchell are well aware of the quality of his work. However, leaving the name posted only seemed to cause confusion. I would expect the same to be done to me. I will be the IPP for one year as will all others under the onus of these regulations as they now stand.

It seems that I should allay some concerns about whether Rosemary Fleharty is still serving as the ADCA Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar. Though subject to an annual election like all officers, Rosemary remains performing the same high level of work that she's done since 1987. We also need to recognize that she may someday decide to go on to new challenges. I've been getting a few phone calls asking about Rosemary. Your sentiments of support for her work are greatly appreciated. Please read the story later in this issue entitled "Our Future."

Related to rumors and speculative comments, I would like to recommend caution as one considers Dexter-related topics out on the Internet.

Dextercattle.org is the official site and contains factual information. News groups, chat rooms, and listservs might not offer the same degree of truth and discretion.

In the midst of it all, we remain one strong, growing American Dexter Cattle Association. We have our trials and challenges, one of which is holding it all together across a continent with 900 plus members in 15 regions. The relationship of the ADCA to its regions is a topic that requires full exploration when the Directors meet in Pennsylvania.

Reminders about Pennsylvania can't be said enough. Don't forget to participate in the 2004 AGM in whatever fashion you can. And, let me say it early, and hopefully often, thank you to Region 10 for hosting the event this year.

To bring us back to that initial metaphor, it's the mark you make on things, the positive contributions to the good of the society that matter. It's the footprints that we leave, even if it's in manure, that count.

In Memorium

We note with sadness the passing of Ronald E. Johnson on December 9, 2003. Mr. Johnson worked as a fieldman for the Brown Swiss National Dairy Cattle Association for two years in the late 1950's. After his retirement from Ralston-Purina in 1998, he was acting National Secretary for Brown Swiss Dairy Cattle Association, for which he did classification work in the United States and Mexico. He will be deeply missed.

In Memorium

Margaret Millhouse, beloved by many, passed away December 18, 2003. She was a great source of knowledge regarding and promoting the Dexter breed of cattle. Many people who have raised Dexters have heard from Margaret from time to time. She was a truly great and inspirational lady. She kept in contact with so many Dexter owners and those interested in raising Dexters, sharing with them her great wealth of knowledge.

Should you wish to send condolences, her family's address is:

The Millhouse Family
2232 90th Avenue
Baldwin, WI 54002



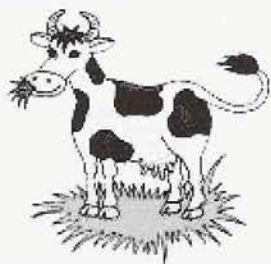
Financial Statement 2003

Balance on hand (1-1-2003) **\$40,463.84**

Income:

Annual Meeting Show & Sale	\$35,305.00
Transfers	\$27,940.00
Registrations	\$23,845.00
Late Registrations	\$9,240.00
Member Dues for Current Year	\$8,197.21
New Members & Dues for Current Year	\$7,606.50
Herd Books (Ordered)	\$5,690.00
Member Dues - Prepaid for Next Year	\$5,091.00
Advertising	\$2,953.00
Dexter Cattle Books (Thrower) sold	\$691.31
Promotional Items	\$672.00
Classification	\$640.00
Annual Meeting Current Year	\$410.00
Reject Fee	\$210.00
Inner Herd Transfers	\$100.00
Subscriptions	\$65.00
Interest	\$39.96
Kerry & Dexter Cattle Books Sold	\$20.00
AI Registrations	\$18.00
Dexter Cattle Books (Hays) sold	\$9.50
Donations	\$9.00

Total Income **\$128,752.48**



Expenses:

Annual Meeting Show & Sale	\$35,305.00
Secretarial Stipend	\$12,095.00
Herd Books	\$11,058.96
Bulletin Expense	\$10,385.05
Advertising	\$8,944.23
Membership Books	\$8,243.09
Postage	\$5,554.53
2003 Annual Meeting	\$2,397.02
Insurance Premium	\$2,367.00
Printing Costs	\$2,277.70
World Dexter Congress	\$2,200.00
Web Page	\$1,993.15
Supplies	\$1,650.39
Bulletin Editor Stipend	\$1,500.00
Publications Stipend	\$1,200.00
State Fairs	\$1,090.44
Classification	\$1,012.00
Registration, transfer, and Membership Overpayment	\$1,174.00
Brochures	\$950.00
Promotional Items	\$655.00
Telephone Expenses	\$553.66
Regional Meeting Expense	\$526.80
CPA Services	\$250.00
Bank Fees	\$226.18
ALBC Donation	\$150.00
Membership	\$100.00
Safety Deposit Box	\$56.00
Canadian Exchange (adjustments)	\$53.98
Delaware Secretary of State	\$20.00

Total Expenses **\$113,989.18**

Net Income **\$14,763.30**

Cash on Hand January 1, 2003 **\$55,227.14**

Words of Wisdom

- Man is the only critter who feels the need to label things as flowers or weeds.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

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		
Bulls over 2 years old	40.00		

** 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.

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

Life is not about how fast you run,
or how high you climb,
but how well you bounce.

You can catch more flies with honey
than vinegar, assuming you
want to catch flies.

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BOOKS FOR SALE

The Dexter Cow and Cattle Keeping on a Small Scale

Dr. William Thrower, England
 \$9.00, postage paid.

Please order all books from:
Rosemary Fleharty, Secretary
 American Dexter Cattle Association
 404 High Street
 Prairie Home, MO 65068

Just a Reminder...

Your registration or Dexter question can be directed to the ADCA home office at:
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Editor's Note

Just as this issue was going to press, it was pointed out that I forgot to include new realignment information concerning Regions. This information was printed in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2003 at the AGM (page 25 in the Fall Bulletin). I offer my sincerest apology that this information was not included in subsequent issues of the Bulletin. Unfortunately, the wrong information was also included in the 2004 Membership Directory, an error I regret deeply. I have attempted to remedy this by having the printers include an addendum on colored paper to be included with each Membership Directory.

Again, my apologies for the oversight.



2004 TYPE CLASSIFICATION TOURS

Tour Dates	Days	Area	Send App by	App Due	Send for Herd Inv	# Apps Sent 2003 / 2004	Last Classifier	2004 Class-ifier
* 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	MI	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.

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, "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.

2003 Utah State Fair Results

Submitted by Carol Ann Traynor, Region 4 Director

Class 1 - Spring Heifers

1. Hi-Country Nikita - Traynor
2. LittleBit Hyacinth - Sorensen
3. Hi-Country Tinkerbelle - Nocks

Class 2 - Junior Heifers

1. Bachelor Button - Sorensen
2. Redmonds Just Magic - Madrill
3. Dreamcatcher Essy - Madrill

Class 3 - Intermediate Heifers

1. Little Bit Duet - Coombs
2. Celestial Dolly - Sorensen
3. Little Big Magnolia - Sorensen

Class 4 - Senior Heifers

1. Double DB Dixie - Bittner
2. Poppy - Sorensen
3. Dreamcatcher Marta - Madrill

Jr. Champion Female:

Little Bit Duet

Jr. Reserve Champion Female:

Celestial Dolly

Class 5 - Young Cow

1. Elkhorn Mocca Dahlia - Coombs
2. Little Bit Violet - Sorensen
3. Chaquita Siena - Madrill

Class 6 - Senior Cow

1. Coyote's Song Julia - Sorensen
2. Hiyu Radiant Lark V - Bittner

Senior Champion Female:

Elkhorn Mocca Dahlia

Senior Reserve

Champion Female:

Little Bit Violet

Class 7 - Cow/Calf Pair

1. Chaquita Siena/Essy - Madrill
2. Elkhorn Mocca Dahlia/Tally Ho - Coombs
3. Coyote's Song Julia/Hyacinth - Sorensen

Grand Champion Female:

Elkhorn Mocca Dahlia

Reserve Grand

Champion Female:

Little Bit Violet

Class 8 - Junior Bull Calf

1. Hi-Country Nelson - Traynor
2. Lazy EA Genebo - Nocks
3. Lazy EA Dennis - Nocks

Class 9 - Intermediate Bull Calf

1. Little Bit Trevor - Sorensen
2. Hi-Country Norman - Traynor
3. Dreamcatcher Tres - Madrill

Jr. Champion Bull:

Little Bit Trevor

Reserve Junior Champion Bull:

Hi-Country Norman

Class 10 - Senior Bull

1. Celestial Zephyr - Sorensen
2. Little Farms Lance - Sorensen

Senior Champion Bull:

Celestial Zephyr

Reserve Senior Champion Bull

Little Farms Lance

Class 11 - Youth Showmanship

1. Monica Madrill
2. Kyle Hales
3. CharliHarker

Junior Herdsman Award

1. Charli Harker
2. Kyle Hales

Senior Herdsman Award

1. CJS DEXTERS - Nocks
2. DREAM CATCHER DEXTERS - Madrill



Annual General Meetings

Kathy Smith, President

Annual General Meetings are a national event for the ADCA. To me, they are the crown jewel symbolizing our cooperation as one cohesive organization with specific objectives for Dexters. Though it is hosted in a specific region each year, profits from these events have always

been returned to the ADCA because it is such a cooperative, national effort. Advances between \$1500 to \$3000 from the ADCA national treasury are often given as seed money to the hosting region to help with planning.

AGM Location	Generated Income
1994 California	\$1,750
1995 Michigan	\$1,338.61
1996 Missouri	\$309.67
1997 Calgary, Canada	\$2,164.42
1998 North Carolina	\$2,336.68
1999 Kansas	\$1,831.81
2000 Missouri	\$3,068.85
2001 New York	\$1,519.23
2002 Oregon	\$766.91
2003 Oklahoma	**\$3,493.88

**(not yet rec'd at ADCA office)

Financial reports from this meeting are still under Board consideration. At the time of this writing, no profits have been received to date from the Region 6 AGM. Hopefully this will be resolved soon. Procedures involved with hosting an AGM are currently under Board discussion and will certainly continue in 2004. We welcome comments from the members on how these events can present Dexters in the best possible venues.

And the last word on AGM's is put the 2004 Pennsylvania event on your calendar so that you can participate in some way. Mark and Edlyn Muir, along with others from Region 10, are working hard to make this a wonderful event. When else do you see so many Dexter people in one place?

See you there.



Reeeeeeally Bad Cow Jokes

Q: How does a farmer cow-nt all his cows?

A: On his Cowculator!

Q: What do cows get when they are sick?

A: Hayfever

Q: What does a cow say while walking backwards?

A: "OOOOOM"

Q: Where do cows go on dates?

A: To the Mooovies

Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don't work!

Q: What do cows sing at their friends birthday parties?

A: "Happy Birthday to MOO, Happy Birthday to Moo

Q: What's a cow eating grass?

A: A Lawnmooer

Q: What do you get from a nervous cow?

A: A milk shake!

Our Future

Kathy Smith, ADCA President

We all have to decide what things are important; which things matter more than others; where we'll devote our time. The continued growth, stability, and integrity of the ADCA are all important to me. I wouldn't have taken the position of President unless I felt that the stewardship of a breed and breed association really mattered. My life is better for having Dexters. Life is about making contributions along the way.

Stewardship of a breed requires a myriad of factors. From doing chores, to putting up fences, to doing accurate paperwork, to service in the ADCA itself... it all matters. The ADCA is fortunate to have over 900 dedicated members committed to Dexter cattle. Stewardship requires a Board working together under the leadership of the Association officers.

Regarding our officers, one has been especially instrumental in the growth, stability, and integrity of our registry - and this is Rosemary Fleharty.

The ADCA has indeed been especially fortunate among rare breeds because we have had the steadfast services of Rosemary as Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar (STR). Since 1987 she has been the head, heart, backbone, and very often the life blood and spirit of the ADCA. Rosemary has been that consistent force for the ethical maintenance of our records. She is often that friendly voice answering the phone, but is sometimes that "tell it like it is" enforcer of the details needed for proper registration/transfer procedures.

When I left the 2003 AGM in Oklahoma last July, I felt that I had two long-term presidential projects: finding a venue for the 2006 World Congress, and looking for a replacement for Rosemary should the need ever arise. I have supplied information to the Board about various World Congress sites, but to this date a decision hasn't been reached on venues or whether the ADCA will undertake such an ambi-

tious project.

Looking for a replacement for Rosemary is much more difficult because there will be so many nuances of her duties that can never be put into a job description. These are the kinds of things that get lost when there is a change in personnel after building the program to such a level. The ADCA is now a \$100,000 a year non-profit organization.

David Kendall of the Brown Swiss/Milking Shorthorn (BS/MSH) Associations kindly met with us last July so that we could discuss the possibility of sending the records and work there. The BS/MSH office in Beloit, Wisconsin is already working with us on classification. No final decision has been made to send the registry or other office work to that location, but this group is familiar with Rosemary's work just as a "stop gap" procedure should the need arise. Because the Board adopted a long-term, three-year process in finding a replacement, we have bought ourselves some time. We would now like to look at what other options might be out there to replace Rosemary. Should new choices need to be made, we want to be ready.

Let me stress that Rosemary regularly backs up the information and stores it securely to be sure that none of it will be lost. This is a procedure that she has followed for quite some time.

Certainly my personal hope and that of many ADCA people is that Rosemary will go on forever providing the certainty and security of ADCA records. However, it would be imprudent not to look further than our present situation or present needs. Contingencies can befall any of us. Decisions of this magnitude should not be done as a series of knee-jerk reactions.

For these reasons, I am asking the membership to respond with the names of people who may possess the aptitudes and

attitudes needed to become a secretary/treasurer/registrar for the ADCA. Please send names, contact information, employment background, and the names of three references to me: Kathy Smith, ADCA President, 351 Lighthall Road, Fort Plain, NY 13339; telephone 518-993-2823. We would also be interested in the names of other breed associations with which we might work. Please submit names to us before May 15, 2004 so that we can check employment and reference information prior to the July AGM.

There are advantages and disadvantages to having these roles filled by people within the organization. Certainly having the zeal for Dexters is important in an-



swering the phone. Yet having a large herd of Dexters from which one derives a livelihood could have the potential for occasional conflicts of interest. Technology makes many things possible, but can't entirely erase the miles separating officers geographically. According to Rosemary, these three functions are interdependent.

Considering all of the options in a decision like this is one of those important things for Dexters. I hope that you'll find it matters enough to contact me with your ideas about how we can provide the high quality of service that has helped make the ADCA what it is today. It is an organization of which we can all be proud.



We're Looking for a Few Good Men and Women...

Occasionally it is necessary to call upon experts for advice, and we'd like to know what experts we have even within our own membership. Lawyers, veterinarians, CPA's, biologists, geneticists, writers, and computer/technical professionals are particularly helpful. We know there are many talented folks out there in our own membership, and we need to receive their contributions of time and expertise. If you have expertise in any of these, or other areas of expertise, or know of someone who does, who may offer his/her help to the ADCA, please send the information to Kathy Smith, President. As outlined and discussed at the 2003 AGM in Oklahoma, those interested or suitable will be reviewed by the Board.

Specifically, we're looking for people who could do the work that Rosemary Fleharty does and has done so well for well over a decade. She has been the backbone and inspiration for the ADCA for years. When she goes on to new challenges, we need to have other people who can do the work of secretary, treasurer, and registrar. If you have an

interest in any or all of these roles, please send complete contact information, an employment history, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references to Kathy Smith, President, by May 15, 2004.

To reiterate, please note:

- A high standard of integrity and timeliness in processing all records must be maintained.
- Decisions regarding who will perform such duties can only be done in a rational and judicious manner.
- Rosemary Fleharty will be an integral part of the hiring process. Anyone who has held a job and built the position will have insights that others will not.
- Expressions of interest in the position need to be received by May 15 so that the President can verify the information and the Board can have a chance to review the material.
- Credentials need to be presented and reviewed.

2004 ADCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DEXTER OXEN OBSTACLE COURSE · DEXTER CATTLE SHOW & SALE

CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS · MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

July 16 Friday

7:30 am - noon	Director's Meeting
8:00 am - 4 pm	Receive cattle (contact Mark Muir if you need to bring cattle earlier)
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Oxen Obstacle Course (race track) - Judged by Dave Peterson of Panama, NY
	Afternoon Seminars (extension)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 - ?	Singing, Square Dancing

July 17 Saturday

6:30 - 8:00 am	Breakfast - Home Barn (4H)
8:30 - 11:00 am	Show followed by Sale
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch (catered)
1:30 - 4:30 pm	Annual General Meeting with special guest speaker Mr. Gearld Fry, and Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Mr. Dennis Wolff
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Social Time
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Dinner (catered)
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Results of photo contest, Video, White Dexter Auction

July 18 Sunday

7:30 am	Director's Meeting
9:00 am - ?	Clean up

Meadville, Pennsylvania 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 and showers nearby) at \$16.00 per night.

Directions to the Crawford County Fairgrounds:

At the Meadville, Pennsylvania exit off Interstate 79, head east on State Route 6 and Route 322. Turn right at fourth traffic light onto Park Ave exit. Go straight on Park Avenue, turn right at the 7th light onto North Street (Burger King on right). Go one block and turn left on Rte 86. Bear right at the "Y" (go up the hill). You will pass Allegany College. At the top of the hill, turn right onto Leslie Road (about 2 miles from turn onto Route 86). The

fairgrounds are less than a mile ahead on the right. Enter at Gate 3. We will be looking forward for your arrival!

Meadville, Pennsylvania has four major hotels and one locally-owned motel to accommodate all Dexter visitors and exhibitors at the 2004 Annual Dexter Meeting.

After reviewing each hotel in the area we have noted our observations.

Holiday Inn Express - Sixty-five newly remodeled rooms, two double bed room or one queen bed room, jacuzzi suites. Rate starts at \$79 per night. Includes alarm clock, hairdryer, air conditioned, cable/satellite TV with 48 cable channels, with HBO and all-news channels, direct dial phone, free local calls, coffee/tea maker, iron and ironing board, free continental breakfast. Hotel is located right off of Rt.

I-79. Three family restaurants surround hotel with easy walking access to each. Large parking lot to swing trailers in and out. There is easy access to highway by traffic light. 1-814-724-6012 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. (The ADCA Directors will meet here for meetings.)

Days Inn - sixty-plus rooms, two double bed room or one queen bed room. Rate starts at \$89 per night. Price includes coffee/tea makers in room, cable TV with fifty channels including HBO, continental breakfast Monday through Friday. Facilities include indoor pool, jacuzzi, and fitness room. "Referees" Lounge & Restaurant located in Hotel. Hotel is located ½ mile off of Rt. I-79. It is within walking distance to three family restaurants. The parking lot is sufficient to turn truck and trailers around. 1-814-337-4264 or 800-275-9093

Town & Country Motel - Limited amount of rooms, but all two double beds, kitchenette with full bathrooms. Rate starts at \$49.95 per night. Located about two miles off of Rt I-79 (in opposite direction of show). It's very clean and quiet area, but has a small parking area to swing trailers around.

Motel 6 - Sixty-three newly built rooms, with either two double bed room or a one queen bed room. Rate starts at \$89 per night, kids under 17 stay free. A room includes complimentary coffee service, cable TV with HBO and ESPN. Hotel is located directly off of Rt I-79. Applebees Restaurant within walking distance, also delivers to hotel. Large parking area to swing trailers in and out. 1-814-724-6366

Super 8 - Basic rooms, two double bed room or one queen bed room. Rate starts

at \$89 per night. Access into parking lot isn't very accommodating for trucks and trailers, with a left hand turn across highway into hotel. Hotel is located on Rte. 322 heading west near Rt I-79 in opposite direction of show.

Visit www.visitcrawford.org for more information about Meadville, Pennsylvania. We are planning to have an educational and fun time. Set your vacation schedule around this event!

Note: In the show arena that we will be using at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, there is a 4-H kitchen that will open starting Thursday morning through Sunday afternoon for all meals. I want to support the youth of our agricultural community, and that is why I am only having two meals catered. The catered meals will need to be paid when you send in your registration entry. The money that the 4-H takes in is their own.

There also will be vendor space available. If you're interested in setting up a table, the cost is \$35.00 for both days (Friday and Saturday). Contact Mark Muir with your request, as space is limited inside.

If you are hauling Dexter cattle to the show, there is plenty of parking at the fairgrounds for your trailer. I would like you to consider the option of back hauling cattle towards where you live. Think of it as a way to pay some of your expenses; but also a way that possibly a "new" Dexter owner may full fill his/her dream this year! We will have a sign-up sheet at the show for all that would be willing to back haul. The fee you charge is up to you, either by the mile or a flat fee.

Words of Wisdom

- Don't name a pig you plan to eat.
- Don't skinny dip with snapping turtles.
- Meanness don't happen overnight.
- Lawyers, bankers, and hoot owls sleep with one eye open.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes with their heads.
- Don't sell your mule to buy a plow.
- Don't go huntin' with a fellow named Chug-A-Lug.
- You can't unsay a cruel thing.
- Every path has some puddles.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.

2004 SHOW & SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

(REVISION 4: 2/13/03)

The following are rules and regulations that will pertain to the Dexter Cattle show and/or sale that are sanctioned by the American Dexter Cattle Association for the 2004 AGM at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

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

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- M. Every precaution will be taken to protect participants and their animals. However, neither the ACDA, the Show and Sale Committee for the location of the event, nor the supervisors or their assistants, will be responsible for accidents or loss associated with the participant and their animals.
- N. The American Dexter Cattle Association and the auctioneer(s) act only to bring the buyer and seller together. Any warranties or claims pertaining to any animal are strictly between seller and buyer. Buyers should satisfy themselves regarding the soundness and condition of an animal before bidding on that animal.

II. SHOW GUIDELINES

- A. Entry fees and/or commissions will be established by the Show/Sale Committee and published in advance.
- B. Exhibitors are encouraged to show cattle in their natural state. All animals are to be washed clean and brushed. Painting or polishing of horns or hooves is prohibited. Trimming, cleaning, and light oiling (with clear oil, not colored polish or colored oil) of horns and hooves is acceptable. Teasing or balling the tail switch is not acceptable. Limited trimming of long, stray, or guard hairs along the top and bottom lines, udders, sheaths, and lower side of animals where the hair changes directions is acceptable. Ear, poll, or body clipping is prohibited at the show site. Animals that have been clipped prior to coming to the show will be accepted, but clipping is not required or encouraged. No other physical or cosmetic alterations may be made. No artificial coloring of any part of the animal is allowed. Adhesives are not acceptable. Sheen and sparkle additives are acceptable, but not required. Sprays or concentrates specifically formulated and sold as fly inhibitors are acceptable for use.
- C. The Show and Sale Committee will advise the judge regarding grooming requirements and expectations prior to the show. This will encourage the judge to look at the animal closely, not at the grooming capability of the exhibitor.
- D. All cattle will compete in the same show, regardless of sale status. There will be only one set of show classes, and one set of show placings.
- E. All animals must be broke to show (lead) at halter (with the exception of animals entered in pen classes, which shall be broke to tie).
- F. All cattle (except calves at side) will be measured in inches at the shoulder. Measurements will be performed by the Show/Sale Committee and will be published at the time of the show.
- G. Classes for each event will be established by the Show and Sale Committee and will be determined by the number and ages of the entries. Suggested classes are as follows:
 1. Heifer calf less than 6 months of age
 2. Heifer calf 6 months to one year
 3. Yearling heifer
 4. Young cow two to four years of age
 5. Mature cow over four years of age
 6. Cow/calf pair
 7. Grand and Reserve Champion Female Dexter
 8. Bull calf less than 6 months of age
 9. Bull calf 6 months to one year
 10. Yearling bull
 11. Mature bull
 12. Grand and Reserve Champion Male Dexter
 13. Market steer
 14. Pen classes as necessary per the above (depending upon quantity and type of pen entries).

III. SALE GUIDELINES

- A. Each sale entry must include the signed, original ADCA registration certificate. A short description and a

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

ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. HEALTH CERTIFICATES

- A. The term "Health Certificate" or "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" means a legible record made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animal(s) listed meets the testing, vaccination, treatment, and requirements of the state of destination. Unless otherwise stated in the following rules, a health certificate or certificates of veterinary inspection must accompany all animals to be exhibited and be available on request by animal health officials.
Brucellosis: All breeding animals must meet the requirements for the state in which the Show/Sale occurs, except animals from a certified brucellosis-free herd. The certified herd number and date of the last test must be shown on the health certificate.
- B. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair or warts easily visible without close examination will not be permitted to sell or show, and shall be subject to isolation or expulsion, depending upon the nature of the disease.

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- C. The show and sale will have accredited veterinarians or other state regulatory personnel for processing animals and health certificates for change of ownership as well as health papers for transport across state lines. Any additional costs for health papers will be at the buyer's expense.
- D. The minimum health and testing requirements may not qualify livestock

that are to be sold or moved to a new owner or destination. The Show and Sale Committee will investigate and comply with any added requirements for livestock that are to be in a sale in their particular location. The Show and Sale Committee will print the hosting state's specific health requirements on the entry form that is to be signed and returned.



ADCA SHOW CLASSES

1. Heifer Calf less than 6 months of age (born Jan. 2004 to July 2004)
2. Heifer Calf 6 months to one year (born July 2003 to Dec. 2003)
3. Yearling Heifer (born July 2002 to June 2003)
4. Young Cow 2 to 4 years of age (born July 2000 to June 2002)
5. Mature Cow over 4 years of age (born before July 2000)
6. Cow/calf pair
7. Grand and Reserve Champion Female Dexter
8. Bull Calf less than 6 months of age (born Jan. 2004 to July 2004)
9. Bull Calf 6 months to 1 year of age (born July 2003 to Dec 2003)
10. Yearling Bull (born July 2002 to June 2003)
11. Mature Bull (born before July 2000)
12. Grand and Reserve Champion Male Dexter
13. Market Steer
14. Dexter Team Oxen

Pen classes as necessary per the above
(depending upon quantity and type of pen entries)

Missouri Farmfest

The Missouri Dexter Breeders Association had a display at Ozark Farmfest in Springfield, Missouri on October 6, 7, and 8. There were 23 Dexters on display from Missouri and Kansas. The Ozark Farmfest is the premier event in South

Missouri for anyone wanting to show their cattle. In a three-day period, 80,000 to 100,000 people will visit Ozark Farmfest. It was also decided that the Spring meeting would be at Mr. Bennet's home in Williamsburg.



Megan Berlin getting her display just right



Mr. Bill Moore discussing classification



Jim Smith feeding his cattle

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Health Certification

- No animal showing evidence of contagious, infectious, or external parasitic disease shall be allowed entrance into the show.
- All animals must be accompanied by an approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and bear unique permanent identification.
- The base date for computing health rules will be the opening day of the show (July 17, 2004). Animals will not be admitted without necessary health papers. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be available at all times as additional inspections of Certificate of Veterinary Inspections will be made.
- **All cattle must have an official eartag or breed registration tattoo.**

Vaccination Requirement

- All cattle must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, signed by an accredited veterinarian that includes a statement that the animal(s) identified have been immunized against IBR, PI3, and BVD.
 - Animals that have never been vaccinated against BVD or have not been vaccinated against BVD during the previous 12 months, must receive one dose of modified live virus vaccine given at least 15 days, and not more than 180 days before the show, or two doses of killed vaccine, two to four weeks apart, with the last dose given at least 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show.
 - Animals that have been vaccinated against BVD within the previous 12 months must receive at least a single injection of modified live virus or killed vaccine given not less than 15 days and not more than 180 days before the show.
- IMPORTANT!** The date of the last live virus vaccination, or the dates of the last two killed virus vaccinations, must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

- Hyperimmune serum may not be used as a substitute for the above vaccination requirement.

Pennsylvania Cattle

- No Tuberculosis test is required
- No Brucellosis test is required

Pennsylvania Health Requirements Governing the Admission of Animals

For more information on current regulations please contact:

Director, Bureau of Animal Industry
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110
Telephone: (717) 783-5301
Fax: (717) 787-2387

Pennsylvania is a class-free state for brucellosis, and accredited free for tuberculosis.

Animals imported, except animals for slaughter, feeder steers, and spayed heifers, shall not be offered for resale until an official release letter from the Bureau has been received by the importer. This release letter will be issued to the importer upon receiving a copy of an approved health certificate from the state of origin which designates that the animals described have met the entrance requirements according to the Commonwealth regulations.

There shall be no diversions of animals to premises other than the destination site named on the interstate health certificate.

1. Requirements for Importation

- a. No animal, including poultry or birds of any species affected with or recently exposed to any infectious, contagious, or parasitic diseases shall be imported into this Commonwealth until a permit

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for such importation is obtained from the Director.

- b. Animals imported into this Commonwealth shall be individually identified on, and accompanied by an approved Interstate Health Certificate

2. Interstate Health Certificates

- a. Contents of Interstate Health Certificates shall be as follows:
 - (1) Name and address of the consignor and consignee.
 - (2) Herd of origin and destination of animals.
 - (3) Accurate description of the animal including species, age, breed, coloration, or other appropriate description, and complete identification, including ear tag, tattoo, brand registration number, ear notches, or other designations.
 - (4) Current disease test dates and results of tests conducted.
 - (5) Date of administration and name of product used for any vaccines administered.
 - (6) Herd health status of herd or origin when required.
 - (7) Dated and signed statement by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin that upon physical examination the livestock are free from any evidence of an infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease, and have not recently been exposed to the disease.
- b. Distribution of Interstate Health Certificates shall conform with the following:
 - (1) The original of the approved health certificate must be validated by the chief livestock health official of the state of origin and shall be forwarded to the Bureau.
 - (2) A copy shall accompany the imported livestock to final destination stated on the health certificate and be in possession of the person in charge of the livestock.
- c. Pennsylvania Health Certificates may be issued from an Interstate Health

Certificate up to 60 days from the date of issue without additional tests.

- d. Interstate Health Certificates shall be considered void 60 days after date of issue.

3. Disposition of Animals Imported in Violation of Regulations

Animals that enter this Commonwealth without an Interstate Health Certificate or that fail to meet health requirements shall be held in quarantine at the expense of the owner until released by the Bureau.

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1. General Provisions

- a. Cattle, goats, and buffalo, except (feeder) steers and spayed heifers, and those for immediate slaughter, imported into this Commonwealth for any purpose must meet the provisions of Subchapter A (relating to general provisions), including an official Interstate Health Certificate from the state of origin.

2. Brucellosis Requirements

- a. An approved laboratory in Canada or the state of origin must conduct an official blood test for brucellosis, and the imported animals must be negative to one of the following approved tests:
 - (1) Buffered Acid Plate Antigen Test (BAPA).
 - (2) Standard Tube Agglutination Test. The imported animals must be negative in the 1:50 dilution.
 - (3) Official Card Test.
 - (4) PCFIA
- (a) Test eligible animals shall be all those unvaccinated animals over 8 months (269 days of age) and all those calfhood vaccinated animals over 14 months (449 days of age).
- (b) Cattle and buffalo (bison) shall be exempt from test if they originate from and are members of a Certified Brucellosis-Free herd.

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(c) For cattle and buffalo (bison) imported from a herd in a Free State, all test-eligible animals must be tested negative within 30 days prior to entry.

(d) The following apply to cattle and buffalo (bison) imported from a herd in a Class A state:

i. All cattle and buffalo (bison) except those imported for feeder-slaughter purposes only must originate from and be members of, or natural additions to, a herd that has been blood or BRT (brucellosis ring test) tested within 15 months (449 days) of entry but prior to 120 days of shipment.

ii. The individual test-eligible animals to be imported must be blood test negative within 30 days of shipment.

iii. The herd test dates and Certified Free Herd number shall appear on the health certificate.

iv. Cattle and buffalo imported for feeding purposes must be identified by official ear tag and be accompanied by an official health certificate. These animals must be kept separate and apart from breeding and, or dairy animals and shall be fed or sold for slaughter purposes only.

b. The following apply to cattle imported from Class B or Class C States:

(1) Prior permit from the Director shall be obtained by the importer.

(2) All animals to be imported must originate from and be members of, or natural additions to, a Certified Brucellosis-Free herd.

(3) Imported animals shall be quarantined upon entry and a post-entry test of test eligible animals shall be conducted no sooner than 45 days nor any longer than 120 days after importation.

(4) The herd test date, certified herd number, prior permit number, and a statement by an accredited veterinarian that the animals being imported were included in the herd test or were natural additions must appear on the health certificate.

3. Tuberculosis Requirements

a. Test eligible animals shall be all cattle and buffalo over 15 months (450 days) of age. No test will be required if the animals originate from and are members of an Accredited Tuberculosis Free herd.

b. Test eligible cattle and buffalo except those for immediate slaughter shall be test negative within 60 days of entry.

4. Exhibition Requirements for Cattle and Buffalo

a. Cattle and buffalo to be imported for exhibition purposes must meet the requirements of Subchapter A (relating to general provisions).

b. No tests will be required if the animal originates from a Certified Brucellosis-Free and Accredited Tuberculosis-Free herd. Animals originating from a Brucellosis-Free State may enter without prior brucellosis tests.

c. Test-eligible animals originating from Brucellosis Class A, B, and C states must be brucellosis-test negative within 60 days of the opening date of the show.

d. Test-eligible animals must be tuberculin-test negative within 60 days of the opening date of the show.

e. Animals imported for exhibition and sale shall meet the same requirements as for animals imported for dairy or breeding purposes.

7. Disease-Free Cattle, Goats, and Buffalo

a. Imported cattle, goats, and buffalo approved for entry as free from tuberculosis or brucellosis or any other infectious or contagious disease shall be assembled, hauled, or confined in public livestock marketing agencies where they are properly segregated in thoroughly cleaned and disinfected pens to prevent their exposure to infected cattle or premises.

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a. Animals that originate in a herd in which tuberculosis infection has been disclosed shall not be eligible for importation into this Commonwealth unless such a herd has passed two tuberculin tests at intervals of at least 60 days and one additional test after 6 months. The herd must also be re-

leased from quarantine.

b. Animals that originate in a herd in which brucellosis infection has been disclosed shall not be eligible for importation into this Commonwealth unless such a herd has passed two consecutive negative blood tests, the first administered 30 days after removal of reactors, followed by a second test conducted 90 days after the first test and the release of the herd from quarantine.

2004 ADCA ANNUAL DEXTER VIDEO SHOW

Send your Dexters to Pennsylvania this summer?? **Wait!** You don't have to send the whole Dexter, just a video so you can compete with other breeders from throughout the ADCA. This is a great way to get an unbiased opinion of your cattle and it is quite inexpensive compared to hauling live cattle to the show and sale. Never entered before? That's fine. New participants are always welcome.

The 2003 Video Show was held in Oklahoma in conjunction with the ADCA Annual Meeting. Once again, the video show was a very important and entertaining part of the meeting. It allowed members who were present and those who could not make the trip an opportunity to compete on an Association-wide basis and see how their animals compared.

Please Note!! This year the meeting is going to be in July, so you will have ample opportunity to video your animals at their best. The entry deadline is June 25, 2004, so everyone should have a chance to compete. The age of the animals will be as of June 15, 2004.

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

stick, or some other device to give those judging a height reference.

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

Video Rules

1. The animal must be identified in the video through signage or audio identification indicating:
 - a. Class
 - b. Animal name
 - c. Registration number
 - d. Date of birth
 - e. Height at shoulder (real or estimate)
 - f. Weight (real or estimate)
2. The videotape must be the standard (large) size that will play in a normal VCR. No small cassettes please! If you have a small one, just have the tape copied onto a large size before sending it in.
3. The first shot should be a **30 second side view** from about 20 feet away.
4. The second shot should be a **15 second view of at least two feet** (front and

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rear) while the animal is standing on a hard surface.

5. The third, **a 20 second rear view** from about 12 feet away showing the rear quarters, legs, and udder or testicles as applicable.
6. The fourth, **a 20 second front view** showing head, shoulders and front legs.
7. The fifth and final view is **a 30 second side view while the animal is moving** in a clockwise direction.

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

**Classes (ages will be as of 6-15-2004):**

1. Bull calf, less than one year
2. Yearling bull, 1 to 2 years
3. Bull, 2 to 4 years
4. Mature bulls, over 4 years
5. Heifer calf, less than one year
6. Yearling heifer, 1 to 2 years
7. Cows up to 4 years
8. Cows over 4 years
9. Cow/calf pair, any age
10. Best herd (separate tape of entire herd, including bull if you have one)

Entry date Postmark: 6-25-03

Mail to: Wes Patton, 6352 County Road 27, Orland, CA 95963

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

Entry fee: \$10 per entry; make payable to ADCA

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

2004 ADCA PHOTO CONTEST

Back by popular demand is the ADCA still photograph contest at the 2004 Annual General Meeting in Meadville, Pennsylvania. This is an opportunity for all Dexter owners to show off their favorite Dexter cattle, whether or not they are able to attend the ADCA AGM in July 2004. This is an event where all the attendees of the meeting vote for the winners, and will select one Grand Prize winner. The winners are announced Saturday night, July 17, 2004. The names of the winners are then published in the Bulletin and on the ADCA website. The winners of each class will receive a ribbon and bragging rights! The winner of the grand prize will receive a one year free membership in the ADCA.

Send 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 color photos of your Dexter Cattle by June 30, 2004 to:

Mark Muir • 10509 Route 5
Union City, PA 16438

Please enclose \$5.00 entry fee (**payable to ADCA**) for each photo entered.

Classes will be offered in the following categories:

1. Dexters in a holiday mood
2. Individual Dexter picture
3. People and Dexters
4. Working Dexters - Oxen
5. Maternal Dexters - Milking Dexters
6. Dexter Mother - calf
7. Dexter Father - calf
8. Dexter Picnic - (herd picture)
9. Dexter Father (herd bull)
10. Dexters on display (fair, field days, etc.)
11. Dexter with scenic setting

The ADCA reserves the right to use photo entries for the purpose of promotion of the breed, but will give appropriate credit to owners if photos are used.

2004 ADCA ENTRY FORM

All animals must have a health certificate to participate. All paperwork will be checked before animals are allowed to unload. Please refer to published Pennsylvania health requirements. Entry form and fees received by June 1st, 2004 will be published in a Show & Sales Catalog. We accept sale-only entries up to June 30, 2004.

Name _____ Farm Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Owner of Animal _____ Email address _____

Animal's Registered Name _____

Animal's Tattoo _____ Animal's Date of Birth _____

Animal's Sex _____ Height of Animal (in inches) _____

Classification Score _____ Minimum bid you require: _____

Circle one: Carrier / Non Carrier Show: Yes / No Sale: Yes / No

General Comments or Description _____

Show Only \$10.00 # Animals _____ Total \$ _____

Sale Only \$25.00 # Animals _____ Total \$ _____

Show & Sale Only \$35.00 # Animals _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday Lunch \$8.00 # Guests _____ Total \$ _____

Saturday Dinner \$12.00 # Guests _____ Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Please accept the entries indicated above, subject to the rules and classifications governing exhibits as published, by which I hereby agree to be governed in exhibiting/selling. I state that all statements made in connection with said entries are true. I hereby release the ADCA, and their members, from any liabilities for loss, damage, or injury to livestock or other property while said property is at this event.

Signature of Owner(s): _____

Make Checks Payable to ADCA

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 1, 2004

Mail to: Mark Muir • 10509 Rte 6 • Union City, PA 16438

All Profits from this event go to the national American Dexter Cattle Association

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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Minutes of Teleconference Call Board of Directors American Dexter Cattle Association • January 17, 2004

Roll Call—called to order at 12:00 noon
CTS on January 17, 2004

Those present on the call were: Sally Coad, John Foley, Dick Gradwohl, Shaun Lord, Donna Martin, Mark Muir, Allyn Nelson, Wes Patton, John Potter, Rick Seydel, Joanie Storck, Sandi Thomas, Carol Traynor, Keith Wertz, and Officers Kathy Smith, Stan Cass, and Rosemary Fleharty. Dave Kendall from Brown Swiss was also included in the phone call.

An update on registrations, transfers, and memberships as well as a report on the financial statement was given by Secretary/Treasurer Rosemary Fleharty. No questions followed the report.

Stan Cass, Vice President, gave a report. The new By-Laws overwhelmingly passed. Results of the regional elections were forwarded to Kathy and Rosemary. New Directors have been notified and were included in the teleconference.

President Kathy Smith gave an update on the Bulletin. Patrice Lewis, Editor, will be working on the Membership Book. Directors should be sure that all information is sent in to meet her deadline.

A suggestion was given that e-mail addresses could be used for Regional communications, saving on postage costs for the Region and the Association.

There will be a listing of bulls for semen in the Membership Book. If Directors know of additional animals that should be listed, please get the information to Patrice Lewis.

Information regarding the new region was given. The proposed realignment included that Tennessee would be divided by time zones. However, Rosemary and Donna have been unable to get the zip codes to make it possible to divide the region geographically. Rick Seydel's wife works for the post office and will see if she can assist. As soon as a system is devised, nominations will be solicited and an election will be held.

A question has been raised regarding the method for elections. Donna Martin will chair a nominating committee. Donna will select other members to serve on the committee.

In reference to the term "needs to be a breeder" to be a Regional Director: What does it mean to be a breeder? This definition needs to be addressed at the annual meeting this summer.

A question was raised if Pat Mitchell as past president should have been a part of this teleconference following the new By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. It was noted that due to other questions being raised, that legal counsel had been contacted and that Pat Mitchell was not eligible because of the definition of one-year Presidential terms.

The new Rules & Regulations will be reviewed at this summer's Annual General Meeting. For any issues that Directors feel need to be addressed, get the information to the Board prior to the meeting by e-mail, or bring the information to the meeting. A suggestion was made that the Board meet on Thursday about noon to look at Rules and Regulations.

The new on-line pedigree program is not showing polled. Rosemary will check with the developer to determine the problem.

Mark Muir gave information on hotels for the Annual General Meeting and information regarding animals for the show and sale in Pennsylvania in July.

Joanie Storck will share information on last year's Show and Sale with Pat Mitchell as chair of the Show and Sale Committee, and Mark Muir as host for this year's Show and Sale. Does Pat want to continue to be Chair - should the Chair of the Committee and Committee members show animals? It was also recommended

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that a person who has done a Show and Sale should be included on the committee.

Everything appears to be going well for this year's events. Mark, Joanie, and Pat should have a conversation and perhaps have the Committee touch base to see if it served well last year and would serve well this year, or if some changes need to be made. Mark will contact the Committee by e-mail and get the conversations going. Mark will also send out the current Rules & Regulations. Mark will contact Pat and if there are questions from Mark, he will include this information. If there are no questions or changes, then that needs to be sent to the Committee by the Chair.

Website and advertising - updates should be sent to Mark. Can the wording of "unique" for taste of meat be addressed? Also the FAQ's need to be updated. How should incorrect e-mail addresses be handled?

Advertising - can the ADCA trade places with other organizations where the ADCA advertises? The ADCA would give other organizations what they give us. These ads would be in the Membership Book. Ads could be in the Bulletin and Membership Directory. January 21 is the deadline for the membership book. Mark and Patrice Lewis will work on these types of ads.

Beef Checkoff was sent out by Carol Traynor. What was sent out was standard information, and right now the beef and pork checkoff has been determined as "unconstitutional" and so it is on hold. Probably not an important issue at this time for Dexters.

Identification programs are still a mess and it was suggested ADCA wait at this time to develop a program.

Should we have a marketing program and committee - is there a need for a committee? Carol Traynor and Shaun Lord would be on the marketing committee and they will choose other members. In Canada each individual markets his or her own cattle. The important thing is that Dexters need to be promoted as

"cattle." Perhaps the committee could look at marketing strategies and share these ideas in the Bulletin. People have to be willing and want it (referring to a marketing program). Perhaps the committee could look at advertising for natural beef and share these ideas. Allyn Nelson has some very good ideas on marketing. Shaun and Carol will get information from him as well.

Budget - John Foley will come up with a 2004 budget and it will be sent to all Directors. What mechanism should be in place when there is a budget if a particular area goes over the budget? Who determines if we should go over certain areas of the budget? John will work with David Kendall of the Brown Swiss Association to assist with budgeting and guidelines for expenditures.

ADCA office-registry move - who can we join or who can join us? No decision has been made if we want to keep the registry within our organization.

World Congress - Wes Patton contacted Piet Wilke in South Africa. South Africa is interested in the 2006 World Congress and Piet gave some ideas about a program. The technical knowledge and exchange of ideas is extremely important among world breeders. Wes and Rosemary will share information with the Board regarding the benefits from attending a World Congress. The ADCA will work toward finding a spot for the annual meeting in 2006 and then also use it for the World Congress if that is the decided option. Mark asked how the ADCA would pay for this type of event? Australia got agriculture sponsorships to assist with the payment of the Congress. Should the ADCA host the World Congress in 2006 or should it be pushed out a couple of years? A budget needs to be developed so the Board has an idea of the total cost to host such an event. No location was determined in the teleconference for the World Congress. Conversations will continue regarding this event this summer.

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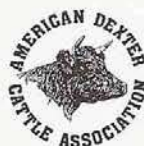
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Concerns have been raised regarding the directorship of Region 6. A letter from Kathy Smith to Director Joanie Storck will be attached to the official minutes of this teleconference. Kathy Smith read the letter (summarizing some sections due to time constraints). Joanie Storck was asked to abide by the directives in the letter including having a financial statement regarding last year's annual meeting to the ADCA office by February 4, 2004.

Consensus of the Board was that the conference call was a good plus and better than one meeting a year.

Call ended at 1:30 p.m.

Wes indicated that he had a barn burn down so he did not have the time to complete the videotape on clipping, etc. He would try to work on it for the spring.



*Submitted by,
Rosemary Fleharty
ADCA Secretary*

Missouri Dexter Breeder's Association Show & Sale

Saturday, June 5, 2004 · 10:00 a.m., Lebanon, Missouri

Cacalede County Fairgrounds

The plans are being readied for the Missouri Dexter Breeder's Association Show & Sale. The following rules and regulations will be enforced for the Show & Sale:

- All animals brought to the event must be shown
- No animals will be brought for display purposes only
- There will be two divisions, pen division and halter-broke division
- No steers allowed
- A minimum ratio of 2:1 females to male animals will insure there will be enough cows/heifers to make the Show and Sale a successful event for every-

one involved

- "No sales" will be allowed if the price needed is not met; however, a nominal fee will be charged

For questions, rules and regulations, or a catalog, please feel free to contact:

John Foley
5668 North Farm Road 189
Springfield, MO 65803
jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org; or

Steve Cushing
11624 Hwy. W • Elkland, Mo. 65644
Cdsqstopinc3@aol.com

Testing Updates

This is our first year of testing for chondrodysplasia with Dr. Jonathan Beever of the University of Chicago, Urbana-Champaign. We're still in our infancy of working with this program, so we're interested in feedback from the ADCA members. If you have any comments or questions about this or other testing (genetics or color), please contact Stan Cass, Vice-President. We'd like to have this information together prior to

the Director's meeting in Pennsylvania.

Just before going to press, we learned that Dr. Beever will be batch processing the chondrodysplasia tests at the end of every month. Thus, samples received within the first three weeks of a calendar month will be reported in the fourth week of the month. All samples received in the fourth week of the month will need to wait for the next time the testing is performed.

News From Directors

Region 10 Welcome to the AGM

Mark Muir, Region 10 Director

Hello from Region 10, host region for this year's American Dexter Cattle Association annual meeting. Elsewhere in this Bulletin is the schedule of events, along with an entry form. Please forward the entry as soon as possible to me, with a check made out to the ADCA. Please list how many people and animals are coming.

This year there will be a Dexter Oxen Obstacle course Friday afternoon. Entertainment Friday night is sponsored by Non-Cents Farm. Steve Burdette is a member of the square dance band that will play. On Saturday morning we will have the ADCA show, followed by the ADCA sale. By having the show/sale in the morning, people who have bought animals can get on the road by early afternoon. I would like for people hauling Dexter cattle to the show/sale to consider back hauling other people's cattle - this might provide you enough income to offset to the expenses occurred in hauling your animals in-bound. You set your own price, either by the mile or entire trip. There will be a sign-up sheet at the show. There will also be a nationwide cattle hauler at the show.

Saturday afternoon will have the ADCA

annual meeting, with guest speakers Mr. Gerald Fry and Mr. Dennis Wolff (Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture). Following dinner will be the results of the Dexter video and still photo contests. Then the famous White Dexter Sale - a time to unwind, kick back and have some fun - all money from 2004's AGM will go to the ADCA. So come on out, bring something to donate, and cheer on the bidders. You never know what might be for sale at the White Dexter Auction. The ADCA should get a fair amount of media attention in July, as the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture will be there.

The weekend is to be both entertaining and informative, but a lot relies on your participation. Check out websites for Pennsylvania and Crawford County, PA for all the family and sport activities in the area.

Region 10 will have a regional meeting at the McHenry Highland Festival, McHenry, Maryland on Saturday, June 5, 2004. Please contact me or Tom Donaldson for tickets to the fair. If you're showing cattle you'll get in free. We will draw for the order of the ADCA sale participants.

Region 1 Lebanon Show & Sale

John Foley, Region 1 Director

We would like to remind everyone that there will be a show and sale in Lebanon, Missouri on June 5, 2004. For information, rules and regulations, entry form, copy of sale catalog etc., please contact John Foley, 5668 North Farm Road 189, Springfield, Mo. 65803 (417-833-2186) jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org, or Steve

Cushing, 11624 State Hwy. W, Elkland, Mo. 65644 (417-933-5010) cdsqtstopinc3@aol.com. Entries must be received by April 15, so please be sure to get your cattle to be shown or sold entered. Entries in the sale catalog will be in the order they are received.

News From Directors

Region 11 Treat Your Cattle Well

Shaun Lord, Region 11 Director

Region 11 welcomes Earlong Farm in Keene, Ontario and the Timberstand Farm Located in Denfield, Ontario, Canada into the revised Region 11 membership. The trend in Region 11 is steady membership growth and increasing numbers of Dexter's.

Hopefully, the bitter temperatures, ice storms, and in some areas record snowfall Ontario, New York, and New Jersey have experienced is behind us. Time for green grass and new calves! Some members lost newborn calves due to below zero temperatures. It's one of those would-a, could-a, should-a situations that having it to do over again, the cow would be in the back room of the house calving.

My county, Chautauqua, had a record number of animal abuse complaints over the winter months. The Humane Society confiscated surviving dairy cows (this is dairy country) that not only didn't have forage, but all water sources were frozen. Some champions of the Dexter breed expound upon how little the Dexter needs, but it ain't necessarily so. The local Humane Society might have a different take on how cattle are fed. Prolonged cold requires food for energy, so use common sense and thaw out that water bucket too.

A continuing problem in Region 11 is unregistered Dexters, slow transferring, and transfers not completed. New Dexter owners are left hanging with cattle that they have been told can be registered. Along the way, purebred Dexters disappear into a la-la land of entangled paperwork.

As a seller of Dexters, please have your registrations in proper order and complete transfers in a timely manner after the sale. Some new Dexter owners are not members of the ADCA, so they need you to

familiarize them with procedure and encourage membership. A little extra effort handling the business end of the sale will go a long way towards eliminating current registration problems.

Natural beef sales are strong. This area's beef producers can't meet the demand. I sent two twenty-month-old finished steers to the processor in January with three more following in March. The sides were sold within a day and I had to direct customers to friends that raise natural beef - one Dexter cross herd, and the other a Watusi herd. BUMMER!

The ADCA will be addressing beef marketing and promotional strategies. Input is welcomed from the general membership. Dexters very much suit the natural beef market. Some Dexter breeders have learned the hard way that you cannot send finished steers to a cattle auction barn. Beef cattle buyers don't think outside the box - you had better be sending Angus to them for top dollar. Dexter breeders that do their own marketing and promotion can command a higher price, too.

The natural beef market is challenging and it will be interesting to learn how others market their steers - what works and what doesn't. Please contact Region 4 Director Carol Ann Traynor or myself with your thoughts and experiences marketing Dexter beef.

Please note my new e-mail address:
caseman@netsync.net

**Most of the stuff people
worry about never happens.**

News From Directors

Region 13 A Variety of Issues

Rick Seydel, Region 13 Director

Greetings from Iowa!

I would like to request that all members of Region 13 please send me your e-mail addresses if you have one. We have an ADCA budget for mailings, but in order to save our organization money, I'd like to be able to contact as many of you as possible through e-mails to keep the cost to a minimum. You can send me your e-mail address at: rmseydel@pionet.net, or write it out on paper and send it to: Rick Seydel, 1011 Chestnut Rd, Coon Rapids, IA 50058. Please write it out as legible as possible so no mistakes are made in my part during the transfer. Of course, this only applies if you have a computer.

Calving is nearing for all of us, and if you want to sell your calves, please use our Region 13 website if you so desire. There is not cost for using our web site.

Region 13 member, Tom Gray of Kettle River, Minnesota, has asked me if anyone would be interested in splitting the cost of taking cattle to the next AGM sale in Pennsylvania. Tom may be taking some cattle to the sale and has room to haul more. He would be willing to pick cattle up along his journey. Please contact him if interested.

I would like to remind everyone in Region 13 that classification is approaching. I know it's not until August, but there is some paper work that needs to be com-

pleted ahead of time, so contact Rosemary if you are planning to get your herd classified.

I received some very sad news just a few days before Christmas. Probably our oldest, and definitely one of the most knowledgeable members in our Region, passed away December 18, 2003. Margaret Millhouse passed away sometime during the late afternoon, doing one of the most treasured things in her life, tending to her Dexters. Her granddaughter, Tara, hopefully will continue with one of her grandmother's passions, raising Dexter cattle with honesty, dignity, and for the love of the breed.

When I first ran for Region 13 Director, I contacted Margaret since I had heard so many great things about her and her Dexter cattle. Needless to say, after our 2-hour phone conversation, she didn't leave any question unanswered in her mind as to whether or not I could live up to her standards in what she expected of a Director. Since that time, I was fortunate to meet Margaret in person and we became friends. If you ever had a chance to meet this special person, I hope she left her mark on you as she has on me. Margaret, I'll always remember our conversations and I know there will always be an empty spot in my heart for you. God Bless you!

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!

News From Directors

Region 4 "CAT Tales"

Carol Ann Traynor, Region 4 Director

After two months of wearing long-johns on a daily basis, they've been washed, folded, and stored until next winter. The Mesa Valley winter has been harsher than usual this year and I'm looking forward to spring...green grass and my first baby calves sired by the polled black bull I purchased at the AGM sale last summer.

I put my first feeder Dexter in the deep freeze in December. At 18 months with 90 days on grass pasture, alfalfa hay, and 2 ½ pounds of grain a day, he weighed 650 pounds and dressed at 384 pounds, for 59% carcass yield. I was not aware of the ADCA web site form until after the fact, and encourage those of you who are in the process of feeding out your own beef to complete it and return it to the ADCA. I'm sure any information will be of help in gathering statistics, since many of us raise beef just for our personal consumption.

I've sent out a questionnaire to all Region IV members to get a better understanding of who they are and what their individual Dexter operations entail. I have gathered some numbers from the web pedigree site and discovered that the majority of Region IV membership have two registered Dexter cows (no bulls). Most members with bulls have 1 or 2, three have 3 and one each 4 and 5. I'm still waiting for the return of questionnaires to gather more information for Regional planning.

REGION IV STATISTICS

Registered Dexters # Members

20 + animals	3
10-19 animals	5
5 - 9 animals	9
3 - 4 animals	9
1 - 2 animals	35

I'm encouraging our membership to have a representative from each state to work with me in setting and accomplishing goals for Region IV. Preferably, each state representative would have the qualifications to run for election as the next Region IV Director (term limits). In this way, communications in the Region should be better and a new Director would assume the position with some knowledge of the duties entailed and the membership would know more about them.

The Utah State Fair has not yet responded on sanctioning Dexter Cattle classes beginning with the 2004 show. Pat Sorensen and I have also been exploring other events (County Fairs) with whom we can team up to put on Dexter events. We are exploring the possibility of Region IV hosting a future AGM, possibly 2006 or 2007.

Roger Shaw, Nebraska member, has lined out two County Fairs for 2004 4-H Dexter youth exhibitors.

In Memorium

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Morna Arkle of the English Dexter Society. Morna passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2004, and will be very sadly missed. Her Bryn-y-pin herd was in the top ten of the oldest established herds. She lived for her Dexters and would travel anywhere to talk about them. Though not in good health, she was able to visit Australia for the 2003 World Congress. This is one lady who will not be forgotten in Dexter Circles for many decades to come.

- Bill Osborne

News From Directors

Region 12 Spring Mud, Spring Calves

Sally Coad, Region 12 Director

Well it's finally Springtime in New England. The mud is even a welcome sign of warmer and dryer things to come. It was a cold harsh winter and many folks went through a lot more difficulty keeping water buckets liquid and hay supplied. We had two winter calves this year in late December and they were surprisingly spry and hardy from Day One. Born with a thick haircoat and a hearty appetite, they both seemed to excel quickly to their feet to start their calf antics - perhaps to keep themselves warm!

As we look forward to another eight calves or so hitting the ground in the next couple of months, we are working on setting up the Region 12 Annual Meeting. It will once again be held in conjunction with the New England Heritage Breeds

Conservancy Rare Livestock Exhibit and Sale. This year it will still be in the Berkshire area of Massachusetts, but an exact location and date (likely September) has not been set. We are excited about the persistent growth of the membership in our Region and look forward to a very busy, Dexter-filled future. Also, don't forget the 2004 AGM in Meadville, Pennsylvania this July! It's not TOO bad of a drive for us all and once that sun starts warming up the fields, July will be here before you know it! Hope to see you all there! As usual you can look forward to more information on local Dexter happenings and more on the upcoming National events in the monthly newsletter. **Happy Spring and as always ... take good care of your Dexters.**

Slightly Risqué Joke

The only cow in a small Iowa village stopped giving milk. The people did some research and found that they could buy a cow just across the border Minnesota for \$200. They bought the cow and she was wonderful. She produced lots of milk all of the time, and the people were pleased and very happy.

They decided to acquire a bull to mate with the her to produce more cows like her. They would never have to worry about their milk supply again. They bought the bull and put it in the pasture with their beloved cow. Finally the cow came into heat.

However, when the bull came close to the cow, she would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull and he could not succeed in his quest.

The people were very upset and decided to ask the vet, who was very wise, what to do. They told him what was happening. "Whenever the bull approaches our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off, and if approached from the side, she walks away to the other side."

The vet thought about this for a minute and asked, "Did you by chance buy this cow in Minnesota?"

The people were astonished, since no one had ever mentioned where they had bought the cow. "You are truly a wise vet," they said. "How in the world did you know we acquired this cow in Minnesota?"

The vet replied with a distant look in his eye, "My wife is from Minnesota."

News From Directors

Region 2 Greetings from your Director

Sandi Thomas, Region 2 Director

Hello to all from Region 2....

Spring has shown her welcome face a couple of times this month, following winter's show of strength to our area. I hope all of our breeders and cattle alike have survived our weather challenges this year!

I presume many of you have new Dexter calves on the ground, or will soon. The joy of watching a newborn calf get up to nurse, and run around the pasture, revitalizes and renews my interest and involvement with this breed. Anyone with Dexters for sale is welcome to submit their information to me. I will provide either a listing of animals, or your name for reference, to those inquiring, interested in looking, or in purchasing stock. We have a Dexter Cattle Yahoo Group set up for owners to post pictures of the animals they want to sell also. That site is:

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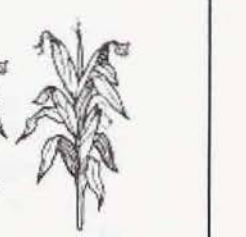
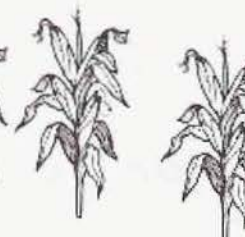
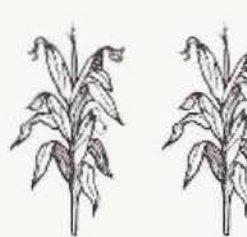
There is a large demand for Dexter steers at this time. If any of you have weanling steers available, please let me know. Repeat buyers are increasing the

number of animals they purchase each year, and I believe we can market together to everyone's advantage. If Dexters aren't available to fill the demand, another breed will be purchased instead!

I am looking forward to serving the Region as Director again, and hope to see many of our Oregon, Idaho, and newly added Montana members in the near future.

A Regional Meeting will be in order before the July ADCA National Meeting in Pennsylvania. Chris Ricard of Idaho is planning a Field Day in May. We will have at least one Fair "Showing of Dexters" for those interested in exhibiting. The Central Washington State Fair in October has been a gathering place for several breeders for the last three years.

I cordially invite other Regions' members to attend any of the functions we will have throughout the year. If you would like to participate, contact me and plan on joining us in our activities and sharing of our Dexter. The more the merrier!



All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From A Cow

- 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.

Announcements

2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2004 ADCA AGM will be Friday July 16 & Saturday July 17, 2004 in Meadville, PA. It is located 1 hour south of Erie and 2 hours north of Pittsburgh, PA along Interstate 79. There are camp sites with showers at fairground and several motels in the area. Contact Mark Muir for additional information.

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D - 1994	R - 2005
E - 1995	S - 2006
F - 1996	T - 2007
G - 1997	U - 2008
H - 1998	V - 2009
J - 1999	W - 2010
K - 2000	X - 2011
L - 2001	Y - 2012

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Editor's Corner

Well...where to begin? Springs seems to be peeping over the hills here in north Idaho. I want to thank everyone out there for helping me to present a Bulletin that is (hopefully) helpful, informative, and timely.

As you know, we are a small organization, but an active one. The Directors and officers of the ADCA work very hard to make our Association useful to the owners, breeders, and aficionados of Dexter cattle, and their pay for this hard work comes from fulfilling these self-accepted duties to the best of their abilities. Some amazing things are happening within the ADCA, and I am proud to be a part of it.

Like any other group of enthusiasts, we encompass a wide variety of people. While differences of opinion can occur in any group, I believe that the Bulletin's Editor should not assume a position with regards to disagreements within the organization, unless those disagreements threaten the purpose of the ADCA.

Some of you may know that I receive a stipend to cover the costs and a portion of the time I spend in getting the Bulletin and Membership Directory out in a timely and professional manner. However, I don't do this work for the money. I do it because I love Dexter cattle and want to share that love of the breed with others. If I were to stop being the Editor tomorrow, I would still raise and enjoy Dexters, and I would still be communicating happily with all of those friends I have made in the Dexter cattle community.

A happy Spring to all.

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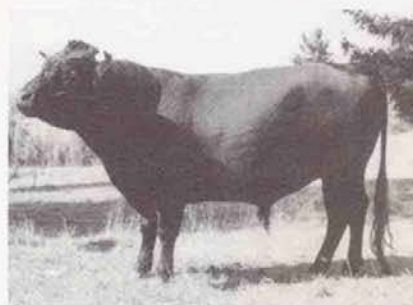
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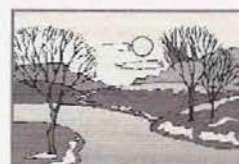
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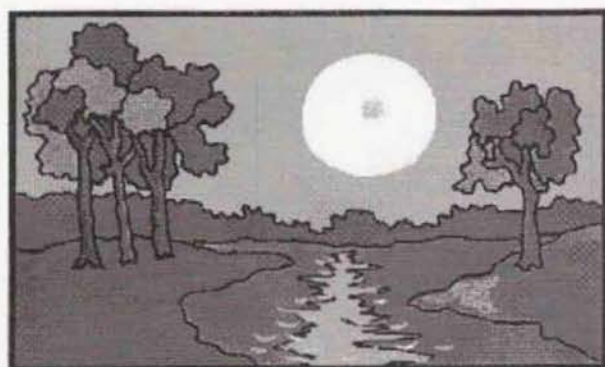
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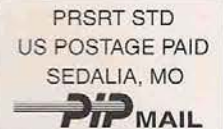
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