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## Summer Bulletin 2005-CORRECTION

In the 2005 ADCA AGM Show results, Class 11, the second place winner is Glenn L and Mr. McRed. The owner listed is Sandi Thomas. This was an error. The owners are Ruby and Mike Fadner, Boulder Fork Farm.

Our apologies for the reporting error and congratulations on your success.

# You are invited to join us at the HOUSTON LIIESTOCK SHOW and rodeo <br> At Reliant Park Houston, Texas 

It is with great pride and pleasure that Region 7, Louisiana and Texas, invites you to join us in a premium Dexter Cattle Show and Sale at the internationally famous Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas, in March of 2006!

We will be part of the Open Cattle Show scheduled as follows:
Friday, March 10: Cattle move-in @ 7:00 A.M. to Reliant Center (Must be in place by 5 P.M. and checked in by 7 P.M.)

Saturday - Sunday, March 11-12: Exhibition of milking cows, oxen, well-conformed animals, video, photographic and printed display.

Monday, March 13: Dexter Show @ 3:30 P.M.
Monday, March 13: Release cattle upon completion of show
Dexter Cattle Sale @ 7 P.M. - Reliant Arena Sales Pavilion (The Reliant Arena is located 150 yards across the parking lot from Reliant Center).

Folks, this is an amazing opportunity offered to Dexter Cattle Breeders to show the world how wonderful these little cattle really are. Your attendance and participation are most important! If we put on a wonderful show and exhibit with breeders there to answer the public's questions, not only will the world become more aware of these great animals, but
we can hope to be invited back in future years to this most prestigious event!
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## HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

## Update:

- Applications to show can be turned in beginning on November 26, 2005. Deadline is January 6, 2006. These are done online.
- Rules are posted on hisr.com (the official Houston Livestock Show website)
- We have NOT established a cow/heifer/bull ratio for this show. We are in hopes that people will bring a representative cross section of all the above to make a well balanced presentation.
- We will not pre-qualify your animals, but would be happy to help if you have questions. If you are not sure if your animal is show quality, ask around. Folks don't have to raise Dexters to be able to determine if an animal is well conformed or not.
- Animals must be VERY manageable. There will be NO pen classes, so all animals must be halter trained and very tame. It is advisable to have nose-rings on bulls that are over 1 year old. There are rings that clamp on and don't require putting a hole through the nose septum. If properly put on, the clamp type are very effective.

ATTIRE Show attire is as follows (for the exhibitor, not the animals!)

* Western attire:
* Dark pants or dark dress jeans with belt (nice looking -- no holes) no overalls!
* Long-sleeved buttoned shirt with collar (Preferably western style - but not required) to be tucked in
* Western or "Cowboy" hat (NO ball caps)
* Boots (NO sneakers or athletic shoes!)

This dress code is applicable to both male and female exhibitors.

Please help us to show the public a great group of cattle exhibited by well-groomed snappylooking entrants who have taken the time to groom and train their animals for this most important world class show!

PLEASE VISIT OUR REGIONAL WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR GO TO HLSR.COM, THE OFFICIAL HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO WEBSITE.

More questions? Call Pam Malcuit 936-394-2606 or email her at mornstarranch@cs.com

## Weccome New ADCA Members

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# ADCA Dues for 2006 

## Membership dues are $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0}$ until January 31st and dues mailed

 after February 1st will be $\mathbf{\$ 3 0 . 0 0}$.The post mark date will be used to determine the amount owed.

## VET'S CORNER

## By Chris Odom

I hope this finds everyone with plenty of hay and grain in the barn as we approach the winter months. We received some very good questions for our first issue and I would like to thank everyone who participated. Remember if you have questions, please e-mail to vetscorner@blockcreekranch.com

When and why should hooves be trimmed?
Hooves should be trimmed at anytime they impede the mobility (walking) of the animal. In some areas of the country, due to wet muddy conditions, the hooves won't wear down naturally and should be trimmed.
Explain NeoSporum Canus and the after effects of vaccination; will future calves suffer neurological side effects?
It is a naturally occurring intestinal parasite (coccidian ) present in all canines. NeoSporum Canus is found in dogs, coyotes and fox. Anywhere these animals leave excrement, and it is ingested by cattle, they can abort. After cattle are vaccinated, there are no problems of carrying full term in the future and no documented evidence of neurological damage to future off-springs. They will titer suspect in future toxic screens, so you should keep accurate records for possible future owners. The vaccine manufacturer, Intervet, has a toll free number for any other specific questions- 1-800-992-8051.
Is repeated TB testing detrimental to the animal long term?
No. there is no documented cases of residual effects in prolonged testing. Most all states require TB testing for interstate shipment of cattle. Some states have TB free status at this time. The second part of this question is requirement of test before purchase in the same state. As in any sale it can be requested by the purchaser, but the purchaser may have to pay for it.

What is the difference between 5,6 , and 10 way vaccines and when should you use what?
All contain black leg vaccine and combinations of other vaccines that effect respiratory and reproductive diseases. Depending upon your individual locale, your personal vet will know which your cattle need to be protected against.

Should my cows be inoculated against rabies?
Cattle can be infected with rabies; in areas of high incidence of rabies inoculation should be considered.

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# Responsible Herd Health Management 

Robert Seddon ADN

This article is a continuation of the article in the previous bulletin on herd health management. We covered basic types of immunity and how the animal gets them, as well as structuring Bio-Safety levels for your individual operation. In this installment, we will cover differences in types of vaccines and how to develop a plan that covers and protects your herd in a responsible way. This can protect your animals most of the time as well as protecting your pocketbook.

There are many different vaccines available for bovines from many different manufacturers, so there are no simple ways to tell you which ones to use. There are two basic types into which most of these falls, and we can look at these now.
how to activate the product and use it. You MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY to obtain the maximum benefit of this vaccine. These vaccines have a modified live organism in them, and your bovine may have a small reaction to the shot, like an elevated temperature or swelling at the injection site or just being "depressed" for a day or so. This is due to the fact that the animal actually gets the "disease" in a very limited way to produce antibodies against the disease, and this is considered to be normal. This type of vaccine also requires a yearly "Booster Shot" to remain active over time.

Now, we will get into the topic of how to formulate a plan for your individual farm or operation. There is NO one size fits all for this one, as the common diseases change drastically from one geographical location to another. Predominant diseases in the southeast are very different than predominant diseases in the southwest, so your plan needs to be tailored to YOUR area to be effective. This requires at least one visit with a veterinarian from your particular area of the country, to ask him/her what they recommend for a vaccination program there. For an example, Potomac Fever is not a problem in a desert area, but if you have a pond or stream on your farm, it could well be. Then, it is up to YOU to follow through on the plan that you create. Make sure that they are aware of your BioSafety level before you have this conversation.

There is NO WAY to guarantee that all diseases will be totally arrested using any herd health plan. Let me give you an example of this. We took in three animals to the farm this year, one we bought and two were there to get bred by our bull. All had health papers and were vaccinated before arrival at our farm, but there are new variants of organisms showing up all the time. The 5 -way vaccine that we use protects against most forms of Leptospirosis, but it does not cover Lepto-bovo-harjo. There is now a vaccine that covers Harjo, but it is given separately from the 5 way that we use. Now, we could just assume that one of the three had the Harjo on board when they came to the farm, but we
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would be wrong to do so, as a deer running across the field and urinating in it could also have been our source for the new problem. Lepto-Harjo is very communicable and spreads easily, so we now have to add the new spirovac to our plan, as well as treating all animals on the farm with a long acting antibiotic to get rid of the problem. What FUN!

Staying on top of the diseases in your area is a primary concern for anyone that owns bovines or any other animal for that matter. Getting a magazine or publication regularly that would cover this type of
information is an effective tool, as well as the internet. Cattle Today is a good site to check (www.cattletoday.com) for information and to ask questions, they do have some Dexter stuff there.

Best of luck with your Dexters. If you keep them healthy, they will give you many years of good service and companionship.

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The summer was long and hot. We are finally getting some rain and hopefully the pastures can start replenishing the grass. It took awhile to recuperate from the 2005 AGM. This years AGM was successful and it was decided that the ADCA wanted the 2006 AGM in the same venue. The Springfield Livestock Exchange has been reserved for June 15 through the 18 for the 2006 AGM and National Show and Sale.

A meeting was held on Labor Day with 5 Region 1 members to start planning for next years AGM and

National Show and Sale. Our goal is to make the 2006 AGM and National Show and Sale bigger and better. We have made several suggestions on how to improve the Show and Sale and those suggestions have been sent to the Regional Directors and Officers for their comments.

Region 1 will have a meeting on Oct 8 , at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ at the Arc of the Ozarks building in Springfield, Missouri. This meeting will be an organizational meeting for the 2006 AGM. Several committees need to be formed.



## Antumn CAT Tales

There's a certain feel in the air the past few days crisp mornings, cool nights, and a whiff of smoke from burning weeds - all sure indications that fall is just around the corner. Our moisture, this year, has seemed to coincide with each hay cutting and though there is a lot of rain-damaged hay in the area, I've managed to put most of what I will need to feed the livestock through the winter into the hay barn. It's also become 'moo city' around here as the calves are being separated from their mothers for weaning and halter-breaking.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, we've all been presented with a lot of information regarding disaster response. How does it all apply to you, personally, in your farming operation? It's a fact that most situations last for a period of no longer than 72 hours before things return to near-normal, and/or a state of repair, restoration, and clean-up.

## How prepared are you for a 72 -hour survival?

- Planhow to respond to a disaster most likely to occur in your area. In my area, the most common evacuations occur for reasons of wild fires and floods from high spring run-off of melting snow. Those don't worry me much, because of my location - but, due to my proximity to an interstate hi-way, I have potential hazardous material spill to consider. Another consideration would be that of an unusual winter blizzard cutting this area off from goods and services for a period of time.
- Be familiar with Civil Defense, Homeland Security, as well as Red Cross Unit disaster plans. Determine Relocation Centers and routes if evacuation is ordered - my area has designated holding areas and facilities for displaced livestock in the event of emergency or disaster situations.

Consider and prioritize your livestock disaster concerns:

- Water is a prime necessity for livestock. I try to keep my tanks filled on a daily basis - it's also saved me some headaches when we've had temporary 24 -hour outages due to damaged or
broken water mains.
- Feed - Don't let your supplies run below a minimum 72-hour level.
- Do you have something written down so that emergency personnel could feed/tend your livestock if you were not allowed back into the area? (Go on a mini-vacation for a day and leave someone else in charge of your feeding operation - I've been amazed at what I forgot to write down. I have a 3ring notebook for family members to use when necessary.)
- If you were ordered to evacuate, which animals (if any) would you consider as priorities - what could you put into your livestock trailer in 10-15 minutes?

If you were evacuated and the gates of your property were opened with the animals left to roam, could you (or more importantly) someone else, easily identify your Dexter cattle (brands, ear-tags, halters, etc.)?

Fear of the unknown and fear of your ability to cope with the situation is usually based on lack of selfconfidence as well as lack of adequate preparation and experience. Guess the old Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared", will never go out of style.


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AGENDA TO BE IN THE WINTER BULLETIN

Plans are being made to have the annual AGM in Springfield, Missouri again next year. This year's AGM was a success and we plan to make next years AGM even bigger and better. Please refer to the Winter Bulletin for more details as to schedule, registration and entry forms. Hope to see you in Springfield in 2006!

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Mother Nature. It never seems that she is very cooperative. My heart goes out to those in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana and all others who took the brunt of her wrath. We feel for them and for all their losses and pray that they are able to withstand this cruel test in their ability to cope.

Hurricane Katrina was of course the big weather news everywhere. I am from New Orleans with many, many relatives there - but thankfully they did escape with their lives - so we are far more fortunate than a lot of other folks.

Here in our section of North Carolina, on the other hand, we hoped that Katrina would at least brush us with some of her outer fringes to give us a few inches of desperately needed rain. She teased us by blackening the turbulent sky and "dumping" less than $1 / 10^{\text {th }}$ of an inch of moisture. I went on a "Dexter" trip last week to lowa and evidence of the dry season was apparent as corn barely hip-high and brown lawns littered the landscape.

This week's "Dexter" trip is to Knoxville, Tennessee where you will soon be able to see one of our precious short legged black heifers in the Kids Cove at Knoxville Zoo which is an educational portion of the zoo dedicated to rare breed animals. I will then be "bull calf collecting" through western NC on the way home. Next week my "Dexter" trip brings me to Connecticut and New York. Unfortunately due to other commitments I will not be able to visit with Shaun Lord at her regional meeting in Sturbridge, but weekend travel is not an option for me with our busy Farmers Market schedule here in NC.

Speaking of busy... I will be teaching a beef class to $8003^{\text {rd }}$ graders on September $29^{\text {th }}$ and will be bringing some of our cattle to exhibit at this event (Animal Agriculture Day), a great way to teach those kids and especially their teachers about how wonderful our breed of cattle are at the same time. The North Carolina State Fair is coming up quick!! I
will be having two booths there! One for the ADCA where I will be bringing a couple of our girls and informing folks how great our Association is and how wonderful our little cattle are. Our other booth is for the "Franklin County Natural Beef Marketing Alliance" to teach people about the moral and health benefits of eating natural beef - luckily I will have help at that booth- I would LOVE some help at the ADCA booth if any regional members are willing and able. Even volunteering to run the booth for an hour would be a great help!


Warren, Sally \& "Cushy"

Soon I will have more calves on the ground and these expectant mothers are the beginning of even more activity as we strive to start a SMALL natural dairy starting with their freshening. With Frank and Dean (our twins) now weaned and ready for more intensive training..., come January $1^{\text {st }}$ we will be using our Dexters for all three purposes; Beef, Milk and Stock work. This was a self-set goal years ago and it is exciting to see it getting closer and closer. Exhausting..., but exciting!
So you can see, if you have been thinking about contacting me (or have tried and hang up on my answering machine) we ARE busy... but we are NEVER too busy to talk Dexters - do leave a message, drop me an email or write to me the old fashioned way.., I WILL respond.

We are currently looking for bull calves and always have folks calling looking for tame heifers and cows so IF you have something to sell, give me a call or email and I will gladly pass your information along. Also if you are trying to buy, sell or trade some Dexters contact Chuck Daggett. The ADCA website is a perfect place to reach many, many ADCA members. Also pictures for the website and for the bulletin are ALWAYS needed.

Hope all your days are Dexter Days.
Saley Coad

# Director's Message <br> Region 7 Pam Malcuit, Director 

At the time of this writing, there is extreme devastation in our region. Hurricane Katrina set a new record for natural disasters in the United States. I have spoken with some of our members who are safe, but there are others that may have lost everything. We ask that you pray for them, donate to the Red Cross with moneys earmarked for this disaster, or help in whatever ways you might help. In a case like this, it doesn't just take a "village," it takes a united country!

Many of the evacuees are in Texas, and there have been many offers of help from our membership here. At our fall regional meeting on Sept. 17, we plan to discuss ways to help. We also will be devising plans and setting up committees to help make the Dexter show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as exciting and impressive as possible. The meeting is to be hosted by Jacky and Rhonda Lewis in Crockett, TX. Good fellowship, good ideas, and great (pot luck) food promise to make this an exceptionally productive meeting.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - All of the information that has been made available is on our website: www.Region7ADCA.com

We surely hope that folks will bite the bullet on the high fuel costs and bring their outstanding animals to this most prestigious arena. This livestock show is huge and internationally famous...let us show the world the wonderful traits of these marvelous little

## cattle of ours!

We are still in the process of updating our regional membership directory. I sent out copies to all the regional members. Please check your information and let me know if there are errors - especially with email addresses. I will update our listings and forward corrections on to Chuck Daggett to correct his master list. Our list will be sent out to folks who contact me with inquiries about breeders in our region, so it helps you if it is accurate.
I hope you like the format of the newsletters, and I promise to get them out in a more timely fashion now that the computer mess at our place has been repaired/replaced. I still haven't finished putting everything back into the new hard drive, but progress is being made! (And backup disks are also being made!)

The last of our spring heifers left today for their new home. The grass is green thanks to some unusual late summer rains. We are baling hay this Labor Day Weekend. Our young people are home to help? And to swim in the pool and eat home cooking. The sun is shining, and it is only supposed to be in the mid 90's today. Although all is right in our world, I wish speedy recovery, resettlement, and enormous strength to folks along the Gulf Coast. We'll help however we can.

Pam Malcuit


# American Dexter Cattle Association Annual Membership Meeting June 11, 2005 Springfield, MO 

The Dexter Show \& Sale started at 8 a.m. at the Springfield Livestock Market Center with 93 animals being showed. Following the show, was the sale with 31 animals being sold. A very good turn out of 166 in attendance.

We had the honor of having Nancy Edge, from New Zealand, as our show judge. Nancy was also our guest speaker, giving us some insight into how to improve our Dexters.

Lunch was served at $1: 30$ p.m. after the sale was completed. This was followed by our guest speaker, Nancy Edge. She had a lot of information for all of us.

There was a break between our speaker and when the meeting was called to order.

President Chris Ricard called the meeting to order at
 4:20 p.m.

Joanie Storck asked to have the floor. She gave a big "Thank You" to Patty Martin and Linda Coad for sitting at the check-in table and for making the additional name tags.

Introduction of officers; Vice President Tom Gray, Secretary Bonnie Boudreau, Registrar/Webmaster Chuck Daggett, Treasurer Jim Smith.

Introduction of Directors: Region 1, John Foley; Regions 2\&3, Sandi Thomas; Region 4, Carol Ann Traynor; Region 5, Carol Davidson (proxy for Allyn Nelson); Region 6, Joanie Storck; Region 7, Pam Malcuit our newest director; Region 8, Sally Coad; Region 9, Robert Seddon; Region 11, Shaun Ann Lord; Region 12, Rick Seydel. Region 10 Director, John Potter was unable to attend and Jim Bennett replaced Cindy Williams (who had to leave before the directors meeting Sunday morning) as director at large.

President Chris Ricard asks that the minutes be read.

A motion was made by Diane Mills/Frank, seconded (Diane Colior), that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

President Chris Ricard asks for the committee reports.

Committee Chairman John Foley addressed the Mission, Vision and Goals of the ADCA. A report was made on what the committee had already accomplished and it was decided that a Goals survey needed to be sent out in the winter Bulletin to get input from the membership as to what they would like added. It was suggested that a "statement of nondiscrimination" be added to the vision statement.

Advertising Committee Chairman Robert Seddon addressed the advertising changes that have been done in the publications that we advertise in. This change will show in the logo of the advertising. He would like new photos to use in the advertising but will need a written statement saying we can use them.

Jim Smith gave the Treasurer's report. He handed out a detailed report of the Bank Summary and balance for 2004. A question from a third generation member of the ADCA was posed to the board. Mrs. St. Clair asked about accounting for AGM moneys following the 2004 AGM in Pennsylvania (at which time the splinter group broke away from the ADCA). Treasurer Jim Smith answered that he had not broken down the AGM's money but by Monday morning (by 9:00) after the AGM he had all ADCA bank accounts locked down so no one could do anything without him knowing about it. He also stated that there had been more then one account but now the ADCA only has one.

Marketing Committee Chairperson Shaun Ann Lord reported on the survey that has been sent to the

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membership. Shaun said that there were over 100 surveys returned. The survey revealed that the main way members marketed the animals was by word of mouth. It was suggested that we needed more live exhibits so people could see and touch the cattle. She also stated that a number of members wanted a "Youth Program" within the ADCA. This would not take away from adults showing, but give the young people a way to be active. (Action taken on the survey can be seen later in the minutes).
By-Laws Committee Chairperson Carol Davidson reported on progress within her committee. It was explained that the by-laws are being rewritten since the ADCA attorney suggested that our by-laws should coordinate closer to the Delaware-Corp laws, as we are a Delaware registered corporation. It will be more in the style of how Delaware-Corp business is handled.

Chuck Daggett reported on the Registrar/Webmaster job, stating that the new computer program is still a work in progress. Members can get the program and he can download their herd information for them. He also addressed some of the changes for using the program.
The Genetics Committee Chairman John Potter was unable to attend so
 committee member Sandi Thomas explained how the Genetics worked, stating that the last Condro samples are back. The next tests will be June $15^{\text {th }}$, followed by Sept. $15^{\text {th }}$ and Dec. $15^{\text {th }}$. She asks that you be very careful with your information so that it can be read and forwarded to the lab. To have your animals Dun Factor tested, it will cost $\$ 48$.

Classification Chairman (Vice President) reported to the membership what he had been working on. An open discussion with the members present at the meeting let the committee know which way they needed to proceed.
A motion (Chris Odom), second (Jim Bennett) that the classification of our Dexter Cattle be keep intact for the memberships use. With a show of hands, it was approved overwhelmingly.
President Chris Ricard stated that with the turn of events last year there is no "old or unfinished"

business. He moved on to the new business.
The first item of new business was a report from Region 7. Director Pam Malcuit introduced Mickey Bush who reported that they had been successful in getting an invitation to display Dexter cattle at "The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo". Mickey reported that the Show will be on March 10, 11, 12 \& 13 of 2006. She said the we need to have no less then 40 head of cattle participating and $100 \%$ cooperation from the membership to help work the booth. There will be more information on our website and in the bulletin. Plan to be there.

The next item on the agenda was the issue of membership dues. The main concern that we need to get the dues in as early in the new year as we can. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by (Mickey Bush), seconded (Chris Odom) to make the dues $\$ 25$ until January 31st and starting February $1^{\text {st }}$ it goes up to $\$ 30$. The post mark date will be used to determine the amount paid. The motion carried with 3 opposed.

The next item on the agenda was a follow-up on the survey results in regards to a Youth Program as part of the ADCA. Does the membership want the ground work done in forming the Youth Program? Gene Pittman made a motion that a committee be set up to see how a Youth Program will work, seconded by Patty Adams. The motion carried. Committee Chair, Joanie Storck, with Patty Adams, Bill Wright, Tammi King \& Gene Pittman.
The next agenda item was about where we want to have the next AGM. A motion (Clay Adams), seconded (Carol Koller) to have the directors set a time and place for the 2006 Show and Sale with the AGM. The motion carried.

President Chris Ricard submitted an idea in regards to the possibility of awarding a "Talisman Cup" as a way to honor long time members John \& Bell Hays. This would be given each year to a Dexter Family. It would be funded by dues and the sale of John's book.
A motion was made (Dick Clark) seconded (Starr Walkup) to pursue the cup as a way to honor the

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memory of John Hays. Motion carried. Chair Shaun Ann Lord, Brinda Stringham, Starr Walkup, Tom Gray.

The next agenda item was about the animal registrations of deceased Dexters. It was suggested that we need to have some way of recording this information in order to keep the records accurate. Shaun Lord spoke about the possibility of sending the registrations in to Chuck and having them stamped "Canceled". Then registration would be returned to the member.

Gredy Mangum made a motion to have the board of directors look into the best way of doing this. Seconded Gene Pittman. Motion carried.

Shaun Ann Lord addressed the importance of getting
your paperwork to the registrar in a 30-day timely manner, the SELLER being responsible for getting the paperwork to the registrar. There are too many cases where the transfers and registrations are not sent in and, with the animals being sold, the next owner cannot get the papers on his animal.

President Chris Ricard asks that we have a motion be made to adjourn as dinner was being set up. Don Storck made the motion, seconded Diane Mills-Frank. A show of hands and the motion carried. The 2005 AGM was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by,
Bonnic Bondrean
ADCA Secretary

## Members who have not ordered a 2005 Herdbook can send $\$ 12$ to ADCA 4150 Merino Avenue Watertown, MN 55388 hurry...supplies are limited!



I have started getting some Region 9 members to tell me what calves they have for sale, and I am starting to hook up inquiries with people who have what they want. I charge nothing for this service, and hopefully I can get interested people to be new Dexter owners!

The Region 9 website is still under construction, and we have run into a few unforeseen difficulties in getting it up and running. I hope to have the initial work completed shortly. I will post a notice on the ADCA website www.dextercattle.org and email all with an email address as soon as it is ready.

There will also be an election in Region 9 over the next few months, and you will be getting nomination forms and voting ballots in the mail. I am running for this position again, and would appreciate any nominations or votes that you are willing to give me.

We need to find a way to make Region 9 more active to give region members more access to services and
information. If you have a good idea about how to accomplish this, PLEASE just let me know!

It is fall again, so have fun (?) racking and stacking hay for the winter and getting the sheds ready, and please send me any comments that you have on the herd health management articles । wrote for the Bulletin.


Robert Seddon ADCA Director Region 9 Robert5721@firstva.com

# American Dexter Cattle Association 4150 Merino Ave Watertown, MN 55388 

FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

## COSTS OF REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS:

## Registrations:

| Cows up to 1 year old | $\$ 20.00^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bulls up to 2 years old | $\$ 20.00$ |
| Cows over 1 year old | $\$ 40.00$ |
| Bulls over 2 years old | $\$ 40.00$ |
| Steer and Oxen (any age) | $\$ 10.00$ |

## Transfers:

Regular Transfers (any age)
$\$ 20.00$
Inner-Herd Transfers (any age)
$\$ 10.00$
*Heifers under 1 year old and Bulls under 2 years old can be registered and transferred to new owner for $\$ 20$ (one fee). Registrations and Transfers for non-members: $\$ 100.00$

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

## MEMBERSHIP FEES:

| New Owner Membership: | New owners that have purchased an animal that is ADCA registered | Free |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Associate Membership: | New membership for individuals who do not own any Dexters or who live <br> outside the USA and Canada | $\$ 30.00$ |
| Annual Renewal of Dues: | Due January 1st of each year | $\$ 20.00$ |
| Subscriber: | Will receive the quarterly Bulletin | $\$ 10.00$ |
| Honorary Membership: | Individuals appointed by the Board of Directors | Free |
| Herd Book: |  | TBA |

The ADCA reserves the right to require DNA testing to confirm the validity of any registration. Such testing may include but shall not be limited to parentage verification and to color.

[^2]Chuck Daggett
4150 Merino Ave
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# The Inheritance of Horns and Scurs <br> By C.K. Allen 

The inheritance of horns and scurs is much simpler than other genetic traits such as growth, fertility, feed conversion and carcass traits because so few genes are involved. However, there have been few research resources allocated to defining the specific inheritance of these traits. We know a lot about them but we are not absolutely sure about all aspects of their inheritance.
In this article, I will discuss the inheritance of horns and scurs (or the lack of them) and list specific ideas that might be used in your selection and mating decisions. I will identify some areas of the inheritance that we are not sure about, but emphasize the most likely inheritance where there is doubt.

## Classification

Errors in classification have impeded research efforts as well as limited progress in selection programs. On one end of the spectrum, you must differentiate between smooth polled cattle and cattle that have very small, almost undetectable scurs. At the other extreme, we must distinguish between heavy scurs and horns. Errors in classification include:

- Scurred animals mislabeled as smooth polled
- Heavy scurred animals mislabeled as horned
- Horned animals mislabeled as scurred

Cattle can not be scurred unless they are hornless because the horned condition covers up scurs. Horned animals can have zero, one or two scur genes but we never see the effect of the scur gene until we produce a hornless animal.
Scurs are defined as horny tissue which are generally loose and moveable but may become attached to the skull in older animals. There is great variation in the size and growth rate of both scurs and horns, but males generally develop scurs and horns faster than females.
At preweaning ages, horns are also loosely attached, especially on heifers. Consequently, breeders or researchers that classify calves at young ages are likely to make mistakes. Those mistakes can be corrected if you leave the scurs intact rather than removing them. If they are really horns, it will usually become clear as they get older. Seedstock producers should be trying to identify genetic differences in their cattle. In my opinion, breeders should not remove
scurs but let them develop so that you know what you really have. Some females don't even show scurs until they are 18 months of age or older, and only a small percentage of scurred heifers have prominent scurs at weaning time. Most heifers that have horny tissue that is prominent enough to justify removing it at weaning are horned, not scurred.
Bulls generally show more prominent scurs than heifers but there are times when scurs on bulls are so small, like a small scab, they are hard to see even on close examination. Careful examination at 12 months of age or older will usually reveal scurs on bulls if they are going to have them. "Careful examination" means that the bull is restrained, the lighting is excellent and that you either clip the head or spread the hair to make sure there are no scabs.

## Polled Inheritance

In the simplest explanation, the polled gene is dominant to the horned gene, and the horned gene may just be the absence of the polled gene. A cow or bull with one polled gene would be hornless but might have scurs. These animals are categorized as heterozygous polled. When a heterozygous polled bull is mated to horned cows, $50 \%$ of the progeny will be polled (heterozygous) and $50 \%$ will be horned. If a heterozygous polled bull is mated to heterozygous polled cows, $75 \%$ of the calves will be polled ( $25 \%$ homozygous polled, 50\% heterozygous polled) and $25 \%$ of the calves will be horned.
Cattle with two polled genes would be classified homozygous polled and should produce only hornless calves (some of the calves may have scurs).
A horned animal has zero polled genes and when mated to horned cows will produce $100 \%$ horned calves.

## Inheritance of Scurs

The inheritance of scurs is more complicated than that of the polled gene because of sex differences, the possible existence of other genes that modify the size of scurs and the suggested existence of incomplete penetrance which would mean some animals might have the genes for scurs but not express them. The expression of the scur gene is also affected by the presence of the horn gene since horned animals cannot show scurs and heterozygous polled cattle (which have one horn gene) are more likely to be
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scurred than homozygous polled cattle.
Several geneticists think it is likely that all scurred animals are heterozygous for the polled gene but this has neither been proven nor disproved by research. Theoretically, homozygous polled bulls and females could have scurs if they have two scur genes, but no one has reported a scurred animal that proved to be homozygous polled. Proving the existence of one bull that is scurred and disputedly homozygous for the polled gene would establish that scurred animals could be homozygous polled. From a practical standpoint, breeders may be able to eliminate the horn gene faster by assuming that all scurred cattle are heterozygous for the polled gene.

Scurred females must have two scur (Sc) genes and most likely have a genotype of PpScSc , but might be homozygous polled with a genotype of PPScSc. Scurred bulls that are heterozygous for the polled gene need only one scur gene to be scurred (genotype of PpScsn , where sn indicates the absence of the scur gene). Again, some people believe that all scurred bulls are heterozygous for the polled gene but there is no data that proves it. Homozygous polled bulls (PP) can carry the scur gene and be smooth polled while have a genotype of PPScsn. Theoretically, a homozygous polled bull could be scurred if he had two scurred genes (PPScSc).

An important fact is that any bull that has one scur gene but is not scurred must be homozygous polled.
homozygous polled bull will have a frequency for the horned gene that is half that of their dams'.

The most accurate way to identify homozygous polled bulls is by mating them to horned cows. If you breed a bull to five horned cows and get all polled calves, you have a $96.9 \%$ chance that your bull is homozygous polled.

This clearly shows that you don't need to breed to a lot of horned cows to prove a bull homozygous polled, but more than five is recommended. Ten polled calves from horned cows gives you a confidence level of 99.9 percent, and 13 calves gives you a confidence level of 99.99 percent. You can also prove a bull homozygous by mating him to heterozygous polled cows, but it takes more than twice as many matings to reach the same confidence level. It is important to note that one horned calf proves the parents to be heterozygous polled.
As previously discussed, you must consider possible mistakes in classification and possible mistakes in parentage with horned bull calves. A horned heifer calf can only be explained by a mistake in parentage or by the calf getting a horned gene from both parents. Newborn calves are difficult to accurately classify, and so it is best to wait until the calves are at least a couple of months of age before declaring them polled and then only after handling their head.

In closing, it is important to remember that the polled trait is a convenience trait that is desirable when combined with profit-making traits. An inferior polled animal is no more valuable than any inferior animal.

POLLED/SCURRED CONDITIONS \& POSSIBLE GENOTYPES

| Appearance | Bull Genotype | Female Genotype |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Horned | pp, (all possible scur gene combinations) | pp |
| Smooth polled | Ppsnsn, PPScsn, possibly PPScSc | PpScsn, PPScsn, possibly PPScSc |
| Scurred | PpScsn, PpScSc, possibly PPScSc | PpScSc, possibly PPScSc |

Gene Abbreviations: $\mathrm{P}=$ polled $\mathrm{p}=$ horned $\mathrm{Sc}=\mathrm{scur} \mathrm{s}=$ =no scur

Further, any bull produced by a scurred cow must have the scur gene as does any bull that sires a scurred heifer.

## Practical Applications for Polled Selection

Many breeders are selecting for the polled trait, and one of the problems they have is determining whether a smooth polled animal carries the horn gene or not. Identifying homozygous polled bulls is especially important because each calf crop sired by a

## Planning for Polled

The following tips and ideas will help identify the genotype of polled cattle. These are not guarantees but a compilation of steps you can practice based on the factors I have discussed, and they should at least improve your odds of locating homozygous polled cattle. Tip \#4 and Tip \#6 assume that any scurred animal is heterozygous polled, which has not been proven.
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1. The label double-polled is applied to cattle when both their parents are polled, and is useful only if there is no doubt in the accuracy of how their parents were classified. Double-polled cattle that produce horned calves have the same genotype as polled animals that have one horned parent.
2. Cattle with two polled parents have a one-third chance of being homozygous polled, and double-polled bulls that are not scurred have greater than a one-third chance of being homozygous polled.
3. A double-polled, non-scurred son of a scurred cow will be homozygous polled and will carry at least one scur gene. To count on this, you must be sure the bull does not have even a scab scur.
4. A double-polled female that produces a scurred calf by a homozygous polled bull is probably heterozygous for the polled gene $(\mathrm{Pp})$.
5. Any bull, horned or polled, that sires a scurred heifer carries at least one scur gene.
6. Scurred cattle are probably heterozygous polled with a genotype of PpScsn or PpScSc .
7. Breeding homozygous polled bulls to heterozygous polled females should produce all polled calves, and 50 percent of these calves should be homozygous polled.
8. Breeding homozygous polled bulls to doublepolled females should produce all polled calves, and two-thirds of the calves should be homozygous polled.
9. Breeding homozygous polled bulls to polled females that are daughters of homozygous polled bulls should produce all polled calves, and three-fourths of the calves should be homozygous polled.
10. Breeding homozygous polled bulls to homozygous polled females should produce all homozygous polled calves and no scurs.

NEWS RELEASE: August 21, 2005 Waldron, AR
A very knowledgeable judge came away from the Scott County (AR) Fair very favorably impressed with Irish Dexter Cattle.

SPD Parenchyma, bred by Anthony Bauer of Sand Prairie Dexters (IL), owned by Linda Hawkins of Winding Lane Farm, calved 4-232004, took first in Open Junior Yearling Dairy Heifers, and Grand Champion Open Dairy Female.

WLF Rubessence, owned and bred by Linda Hawkins of Winding Lane Farm (AR), calved 3-29-2005, took first place in Open Junior Beef Heifers and Grand Champion Open Beef Female.

Dennis Guirdy, of Ashdown, AR was the judge and had only favorable comments about these two Irish Dexter heifers.

Regarding SPD Parenchyma he stated, "Good rib spring; good (leg) bones without being clunky; holds her head well, but doesn't stick it straight in the air as Holsteins do; very proper and correct on her legs; again, I'm very impressed with the amount of rib spring; well balanced overall and not front heavy as most dairy heifers are. Very nice heifer overall. Very feminine"

Regarding WLF Rubessence he stated, "Look at the length on this little heifer! She will make a very nice cow for anyone's herd! Again, as with the last winning heifer (SPD Parenchyma), very good rib spring and very proper and correct on her legs and feet. I'm really impressed with this heifer's length for her age. She too is very feminine and has a well placed and delicate head and neck. I'll be very interested to see how she has developed by next year's fair. Excellent young beef heifer overall."

Submitted by Linda Hawkins, Winding Lane Farm


Mae's Blue and Purple 8-20-05


Rubie's Blue and Purple 8-20-05

## "Focus on Youth"

## Cultivating the interest of the Dexter Breed in today's Youth

Jessica Redmond is a 13 yr old 4 H -er from here in Louisburg, NC who, in her very first presentation competition chose to do her project on Dexter Cattle. Jessica won a Silver on her presentation at the regional level. The competition on the State level, however, proved to be too much for this first time competitor. I would like to extend my congratulations to her in her effort and hard work and encourage her as well as other youth to participate in this and other competitions and programs next year and to thank her for helping spread the word about Dexters! Her efforts proved to bring a lot of 4-H interest in the breed her in North Carolina as well as Virginia.

Sally and Warren Coad, Freedom Farms, Louisburg, NC


# American Dexter Cattle Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 12, 2005 Springfield, MO 

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Ricard at 8:07 a.m. at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center, L.L.C., Springfield, MO.

Those present: Chris Ricard, Carol Ann Traynor, John Foley, Sandi Thomas, Carol Davidson (Proxy for Allyn Nelson), Joanie Storck, Pam Malcuit, Sally Coad, Robert Seddon, Shaun Ann Lord, Rick Seydel, Jim Bennett (member at large), Rick Seydel (Proxy for John Potter), Tom Gray, Jim Smith, Chuck Daggett, and Bonnie Boudreau.

Those absent: Allyn Nelson and John Potter.
The first item brought up was monetary support for regions. It was suggested that these funds be considered "use or lose". The discussion on this included the fact that previous boards had voted to supplement County Fairs with $\$ 150$ and State Fairs with $\$ 500$. In the discussion it was noted that there had never been a per-region limit set for how many fairs would be funded yearly. It was suggested that the money for fairs be considered advertising and thus should come out of the advertising budget. The regional directors should notify the budget committee prior to the preparation of the budget each year so the board of directors could vote on the expenditures.

A motion was made by Rick Seydel to form a committee to get the information on the fairs back to the board by October so that it can be put into the budget. This would be the moneys over and above the $\$ 150$ for the region's stipends. John Foley seconded. The motion carried. Chaired by Joanie Storck and Rick Seydel.

Rick Seydel reported to the board in regards to the replacement costs of the ADCA banners since several of the regions no longer have one. Rick said he could have them made for $\$ 100$ each at a company that had made his earlier. Treasurer Jim Smith said he would do a double-check through the items in storage that were retrieved from the former officers to determine how many we had. Pam Malcuit made a motion to have five banners made. This would give us two extra banners and, by getting them to the directors ASAP, they can be used at this year's fairs. John Foley seconded. The motion carried.

Next item discussed was the stipends for the employees. Treasurer Jim Smith reported that, in
reviewing the records he had received regarding past payments of stipends, he could not tell what the breakdown had been for the Treasurer and Secretary positions. His suggested breakdown for what he assumed had occurred was: Treasurer $\$ 5,000$ and Secretary $\$ 2,000$. The Registrar had received $\$ 4$ per registration and $\$ 3$ for a transfer. Records also showed a payment of $\$ 750$ for webmaster and $\$ 750$ for advertising/promotional. Jim reported that, since he had become Treasurer in July 2004, nothing had been paid out in stipends to the Secretary or Treasurer. Compensation has been paid to the Registrar per the previously agreed amount of \$4 per registration and \$3 per transfers through June 2005. It was also reported that the Bulletin Editor had received the agreed upon compensation for the published issues. The Treasurer offered the books to anyone that wanted to review them.

The board was asked that all stipends be paid quarterly and that the reporting year be set from January 1st to December 31st of each year. The job descriptions will be a work in progress as we split the workload for the three officers.

John Foley made a motion that all stipends be paid as stated. Carol Ann Traynor seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jim Smith donated $\$ 2,000$ of the Treasurer's stipend back to the ADCA.

Joanie Storck made a motion that a committee be formed for job descriptions. Sally Coad seconded. Motion carried. Chaired by John Foley, Jim Smith, Carol Davidson, and Bonnie Boudreau.

Sally Coad asked President Chris Ricard if there was any information on milking and the A.I. bulls that could be put in the bulletin and on the website so the members would have this information. Carol Davidson stated that she had some information already and would put new photos with it and would be glad to get this information out to the members.

Sandi Thomas (as the Genetics Committee attending member) was asked to address the "Foreign Cattle" that are being registered in the ADCA. Sandi said she felt that any animal that is to be registered in the ADCA needs to be registered in the country of origin and have a five generation pedigree. Carol Davidson said it was unfair to Canadian animals as they had
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always been registered as the American Dexters. Sandi said that any animal and offspring of such animal should be grandfathered in as of June 12, 2005. Robert Seddon made the motion and it was seconded by Joanie Storck. The motion carried.

John Foley addressed the *EX and polled questions as to why we had no official statement in regards to these two issues that keep creating such confusion with new owners and breeders. He suggested that we should have a printed history, stating the reason for "*EX on the earlier registration and why it was taken off." Sandi Thomas and Carol Davidson were asked to compose an informational article on both subjects and they agreed. This is to be put on the website, in the directors book, the Bulletin and any place that members may go to find information. John Foley made a motion to have this included in our publications. Rick Seydel seconded motion. The motion carried.

The next item addressed was the meeting site for 2006. Sally Coad made a motion that the AGM be held in Missouri in 2006 and to keep it in June as the membership asked. The information will be put on the website and in the Bulletin. It was seconded by Shaun An Lord. The motion carried. It was verbally agreed upon by the board that we have a directors meeting on Thursday so we could all have time Friday to see the educational demonstrations and visit with our members since the Saturday Show and Sale used up the whole day.
Carol Ann Traynor was asked to get back to the directors about having the AGM in Colorado in 2007.
Rick Seydel made a committee report on a possible Director's Handbook. A sample of the proposed Directors Book was presented to the Board of Directors. It will be in a 3 -ring binder so that new information can be included at any time. A motion was made by John Foley to have the Directors Books put together by Rick for the sum of $\$ 250$. It was seconded by Joanie Storck. The motion carried.

Chuck Daggett asked that new photos be sent in and that they will be used on the website and in the brochure that he is going to update. There needs to be a signed statement that it is okay for the ADCA to use them.

Joanie Storck made a motion that the ADCA get credit cards for the Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar/Webmaster. Rick Seydel seconded. After discussion, the motion carried by a show of hands.
Joanie Storck made a motion that the "Show Committee" be reinstated to update the standards for
showing Dexter cattle. It was seconded by Sally Coad with the motion carrying.
Chair:Pam Malcuit, Chris Ricard, Sally Coad and any other member that is needed.

Joanie Storck asked that $\$ 1500$ be given to the Missouri Dexter Association for hosting the "2006 Show \& Sale." Rick Seydel seconded and, after a lengthy discussion, the motion carried.

Chris called on Carol Davidson. Carol made a request that an "ADCA Herd Book" and any other publications put out by the ADCA be sent to a college in England that Carol is asking to set up a "Dexter Corner" so that information on Dexter Cattle can be kept for years to come. John Foley made the motion and Robert Seddon seconded. It was carried with a request that she get back to the board by the first of the year. Carol Ann Traynor moved to table the request until Carol got back to the Board by 2006.
Robert Seddon seconded and the motion carried.
There was a question from Joanie Storck about whether the ADCA was going to recognize embryo transplants as an approved breeding practice and how they are being handled. Chris suggested that a directive be put forth to have the Genetics/Science committee pursue the embryo transplant information and get back to board. The motion was put forth as such by Carol Ann Traynor, seconded by John Foley. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Joanie Storck to repay Sandi Thomas for Beryl Rutherford's book, "My love Affair with the Dexter". It was seconded by Rick Seydel with the motion carrying.

Rick Seydel made a motion that 100 "My Love Affair with the Dexter" be purchased to sell to the membership for $\$ 25$ each. It was seconded by Shaun Ann Lord with the motion carrying.

Rick Seydel made a motion that the officers stay seated as they are and John Foley seconded. The motion carried with: YES: 9, NO: 2, ABSTAIN: 1.

Rick Seydel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Malcuit seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by:
Bonnic Bondrean
ADCA Secretary


## Mission and Vision of the American Dexter Cattle Association

## Mission (who are we?) -

The American Dexter Cattle Association is a member-driven organization, working together to:

- promote and preserve the breed and maintain the purity of Dexter Cattle
- provide an accurate and up to date registry of purebred Dexter Cattle in North America
- be a professional organization that values prompt, courteous and accurate services to all who express interest in the Dexter breed

Vision (where do we want to go as an Association?) -
The American Dexter Cattle Association will strive to become "THE" Dexter Cattle Association of choice in North America by providing:

- an accurate, easy to use and up to date registry system for the registration of purebred Dexter Cattle.
- A regularly published herd book ofpurebred Dexter Cattle
- Factual information to all members kegarding breeding, breeding practices and proper animal maintenance and upkeep that will promote the improverpent and betterment of the breed.
- Historical and scientific information hat will aflow brgeders to make informed aecisions regarding color, size and conformation of Dexter Cattle
- A well-organized, informqtive and entertaining publication for the membership that will provide an opportunity for all members to contri申ute ideas and be inyolved/in the ongoing improvement of the ADCA. This would be a place for newcomers as well as old-timers to exchange ideas and good witl to support and prompte the Dexter breed.
- An annual general membership meeting held in varying geographic ocations around the country, which may include shows, sales and general information that will promote and eneourage membershlip involvement.
- An "elite" bull registry program that highlights the "best of the bestt so that these sires may be used to improve the Dexter breed without making drastic changes to the breed.

The following are the responses to the four questions proposed by John Foley (edited for length and clarification). I tried to bring out as much individual commentary as possible without duplicating responses and without some of the extra comments that were part of the e-mail responses. The responses are the views of those on the committee who chose to verbalize them, and may or may not be the views of the ADCA. As noted, many of you focused on the same general areas of concern, which is an indicator that some action is (or was) needed in those areas.

## 1. What do we want the ADCA to be?

- The foremost Dexter Cattle registry
- A democratic organization that promotes the awareness, education and growth of the Dexter breed
- Promote the breed and help improve it
- THE Dexter Organization of North America, by becoming the most efficient and dominant association for recording Dexter Cattle information
- To have Irish Dexter Cattle become as well known as Holsteins, Angus, Longhorns and Herefords
- Be the best cattle organization in North America
- To be the association that houses and maintains the integrity of the registration of Dexter Cattle in America (period).
- To be "about Dexters", maintaining guidelines, history, accurate registry and becoming an organization OF, BY and FOR Dexter owners and breeders where all have a voice to speak and a chance to hear.


## 2. What services will it provide?

- Information to all owners and breeders on breeding, responsible breeding practices, care and upkeep that will support the improvement and betterment of the breed. A history and framework to support this improvement.
- An up to date registry of purebred Dexter Cattle and any scientific information which helps to enhance the breed. A well organized and informative quarterly publication. An annual national show/meeting and regional shows if possible.
- A voluntary registry of animal performance records, including birth weights, weaning weights, yearling weights as well as height and length measurements that help breeders select for specific production characteristics.
- DNA testing for chondrodysplasia and color. Publish a herd book. Identify and set standards for all body types.
- More organized support for new members
- Keep the best records possible and make them easily accessible to the membership. Keep the membership informed of proposed changes and reasons for changes being made.
- Information vital to the beginning cattle owner, so that they have enough vital information to help them enjoy the ownership of Dexters.
- Develop information guides for the many different aspects that make Dexters the breed of choice, including breed preservationists, homesteaders, small landowners, small production-minded producers and novelty/pet enthusiasts.
- Develop an attitude of valuing the contributions and questions of all Dexter breeders that breed all types of Dexters.
- Provide materials that will help members mentor new owners who buy from them.
- Have promotional items such as T-shirts, jewelry, calendars, bumper stickers etc.
- Provide training videos: how to house, feed variations, breeding, fencing, etc.
- Provide short, promotional CD to mail to potential customers
- Provide a review mechanism (review board) for review and timely disposition of questions regarding registration of animals, color variations and other issues that might affect the integrity of the breed and/or the Association and its membership.
- Provide an up to date website that has all information pertaining to the operation of the Association - minutes from meetings, show/sale/meeting schodules, fees, registration paperwork, and the ability to provide two way communication regarding issues of interest to Dexter breeders

3. Who will the ADCA serve?

- First, the ADCA membership, then the Dexter breed in the USA and worild-wide
- Any and all qualified members
- The ADCA should serve its breeders as well as prospective customers
- Any owner of a Dexter animal in North Annerica
- The ADCA should serve all those interested in the Dexter breed
- We should serve all members, nosice and professional preeders Aith equa professionalism
- Give top billing to Dexter breeders of all types, and then service to prospective owners


## 4. How will we gauge the success of the organization?

- How many farmers show up for the party!
- Survey of membership no later than 90 days before the AGM, to be reviewed as part of the AGM activities
- Success could be gauged by the overall quality of Dexter Cattle, and by the number of Dexter owners that retain membership in the ADCA
- By remaining THE Dexter organization, building membership. The most registered animals wins!
- Success will be measured by how many new owners come to us and how many of our old members return (that being said, I think that some of the old members should not be allowed to return under any circumstances
- By being more forthcoming with our information to the members, and by seeing which organization gets the World Dexter Congress to acknowledge them. I think having the WDC work with us will tell everyone that the ADCA is THE Dexter association in the USA.
- We can gauge our success by how many owners stay in the business. Not by how many new owners we gain each year, but by how many owners we are keeping each year.
- By measuring numbers of registrations, number of new owners each year and retention of old members, numbers of inquiries to whoever has information packets.
- Evaluation/satisfaction forms could be mailed to the membership prior to AGM time, so members have time to grade/comment on officers, directors, services and/or printed materials
- The success of member networking and mentoring may be indirectly indicated by attendance (and attitude) at regional events.
- Member participation regarding issues and official ADCA responses and responsiveness is another measure of success of the organization.


## 9 Director's Message <br> Region 11 Shaun Ann Lord, Director

Fall in our Region- beautiful sunny days, slightly crisp temperatures all of the woodland colors are vibrant. Perfect days for putting the farms "to bed". All equipment is cleaned, oiled, and hauled to various buildings for winter storage. It always amazes me that what was pulled out in spring manages to get put away again in the fall, where does it all go? It's the time too when I have to figure the combinations for wintering livestock. Juggling barns, sheds, and box stall facilities for assorted horses, Dexters, and Tamworth hogs is always a challenge in this climate.

The new hog building is still under construction which means one boar, two sows and piglets will still be using some box stalls needed for finishing Dexter steers this winter.

Since we no longer attempt "serious" farming with our Percheron horses, we regretfully pulled horse drawn equipment along the roadside to pass along to others that might use it. All of that equipment, including wagons, carriages, bobsleds and sleighs took up tremendous amounts of under cover floor space, area now needed for hay storage. Several sleighs and a heavy "going to the woods" bobsled were rearranged in a hay mow corner. I'm not quite ready to part with them yet- too many fond memories of driving fine horses over glittering hard packed snow. The ever growing Dexter herd demands increasing amounts of winter forage, so that's that, make room!

My term as Regional Director ends in January. It truly was an experience that allowed me to meet interesting, vibrant Dexter owners who so love the breed. Tough times were endured emotionally during the Association split by all of us that cared. I do regret compromised friendships that have resulted in no relationship at all with those on the "other side", a loss indeed.

My "wish list" would include that members of Region 11 contribute articles and photos in future Bulletins. Such a wealth of bovine knowledge, homesteading skills and abilities, plus some of the most breath takingly beautiful background scenery in the country unique assets we choose not to offer on the pages of the Bulletin. I ask too, that you remain available and helpful with one another regarding your Dexter dealings. Be especially patient with new Dexter owners concerns and encourage ADCA membership. A strong breed association benefits all of us.

Thank you for the experience of being a Director. You are always invited to visit when in the Western New York area. We'll drink tea or wine, then look at good, bad, and ugly Dexters and decide what to do about them!

Shaun Lord Forestville, New York



## ADCA To Help Hurricane Katrina Victims


#### Abstract

All of us at the ADCA send our heartfelt prayers to those who have had to endure the wrath of Hurricane Katrina. If you are a current ADCA member and have fallen victim to this storm and have lost your ADCA paperwork or worse yet, your ADCA cattle - please contact the Association so that we can try and assist you. If your paperwork has been lost due to the storm it will be reissued at no charge as needed. If (and we sure hope this is NOT the case) your ADCA registered Dexter cattle have perished in the storm - we can try and help you find suitable replacements and issue the transfers for them (up to the number of cattle actually lost) free of charge and issue paperwork for the perished animals stamped as deceased for remembrance value to each owner.


Sincerely,
Board of Directors, American Dexter Cattle Association

## DIRECTIONS FOR TATTOOING

The success in securing a lasting tattoo mark depends entirely upon the operator.

A few simple rules must be observed:

1. Halter or muzzle the animal, if necessary.
2. Cleanse the area to be tattooed using a cloth dampened with a cleansing fluid, such as alcohol, to remove dirt, grease and wax.
3. Insert the correct symbols in the pliers and press down very firmly over the needles a thin rubber sponge pad. This pad helps to release the needles from the Skin.
4. Check the correctness of the symbols by making a mark on a piece of paper.
5. Smear ink on the needles and on the skin, choosing an area free from freckles and warts if possible. Place the symbols parallel to and between the veins or cartilaginous ridges of the ear. The accidental piercing of a vein may spoil the tattoo.
6. Make the imprints with a quick firm movement and immediately apply a further amount of ink from the container on the ear and rub vigorously and continuously for at least fifteen seconds to ensure penetration. This is very important. The most effective method is to rub thumb and forefinger, though a brush may be used.
7. Remove the rubber pad and rinse it and the needles in water, then dry. The sponge rubber pad should be discarded when it begins to lose its elasticity. The brush, if one used, should also be rinsed.
8. Do not disturb the area until the healing process is complete, which may be from 5 days to 21 days, depending on the age of the animal.
9. Keep a list of tattoo numbers with name of animals and enter same in your private breeding record.


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

## Goals for ADCA

Submitted by John Foley, Director, Region 1

## One-Year to Three-Year Goals

1. To develop a questionnaire to be on the web site and published in the bulletin just before the AGM to survey members as to items they would like to see brought up at the AGM and their opinions as to the job done by the officers, services of the ADCA, regional directors and printed material of the ADCA. Things brought up at AGM through this questionnaire should be reported on through the web site and in the minutes of the AGM.
2. Upgrade the ADCA Web site. More information, slicker presentation.
a. put the herd book on the web site
b. put the Bulletin on the web site
3. Upgrade the registration papers sent to the individual breeder so that they are more professional looking.
4. Develop a herd book on a CD at a reduced price.
5. Development of Youth Programs - cash or special award for any child (15 years or younger) showing a Dexter. i.e. (Special plaque and photo in the Bulletin)
6. Have all pedigree information added to the On-Line Pedigree, and all omissions corrected.
7. Provide statistics on Chondrodysplasia testing, number of animals tested, number of positive and negatives etc.
8. The ADCA should send a statement to the Department of Agriculture to re-open the Canadian border for breeding stock.

## Comment:

There are a lot of comments on improving the breed, and not improving the breed. Maybe we should include in the Bulletin a Pro and Con section for the divergent options on all the different things within the breed.

Due to all the controversy surrounding certain animals should the ADCA make a statement as to the purity of Lucifer, Platinum and Cornahir Outlaw lineages? Possibly a statement that as of a certain date all off-spring are in fact pure Dexter.

## Five-Year Goals

- 1. Develop a bulletin board as part of the ADCA website to facilitate member communication, where new owners could ask questions and more experienced owners could answer their questions.

2. Development of an Elite Bull Registry as well as an Elite Cow Registry.
3. Develop a Management Information System so that performance measures as well as budget information are readily available.
a. New Members
b. Old members maintaining their membership
c. No. of Registrations
d. No. of Transfers
e. No. of Inquires by state
4. Have all paperwork needed on web site and system in place so an individual can register or transfer an animal or join the organization through the Internet.
5. Development of a Trust Fund for ADCA - Encourage members to include a donation to the ADCA in their estate plan, list insurance policy beneficiary as ADCA.
6. In each region of the ADCA, at least one state fair has Dexter's on display and in competition.
7. Each region has Dexter's on display in at least three smaller venues during the year.
8. Develop a Total Herd Reporting format that a small breeder could maintain.
9. Develop a measure for temperament of the Dexter breed.
10. Develop or assemble information that breeders can give to new breeders to educate them on "how to" and "what to watch for". This information should not be developed by ADCA but a compilation of information already available with credit given to the author.
11. The ADCA Board of Directors evaluate the Standards of the Breed as well as the purpose of the breed ie. Should there be dual standard, one for dairy and one for beef?
12. Develop testing programs for all aspects, ie. Milking, Steers etc.
13. Have all A.I. Bulls tested for Chondrodysplasia and encourage all bulls to be tested.


## 2005 ADCA AGM, SHOW AND SALE



2005 TYPE CLASSIFICATION TOURS


* $=$ additional mini-tours $\quad$ Bold $/$ ta/fic $=12$ month rotation tours


## Classifiers

| 1 | BS | George Harris |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | BS | Bernard Monson |
| 3 | BS | Leonard Johnson |
| 4 | BS | Roger Neitzel |
| 5 | BS | Jerry Luttropp |
| 6 | BS | David Kendall |
| 7 | BS | Tom Agnew |

## No. City

056 New Milford, CT
092 Gowrie, IA
114 Edgerton, WI
117 Beloit, WI
136 Berlin, WI
137 Beloit, WI
143 Oconomowoc, WI

## Classifiers

| 8 | BS | Russ Giesy |
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| 9 | BS | Bob Reuter |
| 10 | G | John Batchelder |
| 11 | G | Seth Johnson |
| 12 | G | Bill Wachtel |
| 13 | G | Steve Mills |
| 14 | G | Josey Morris |

## No. City

| 144 | Leesburg, FL |
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| 112 | Reynoldsburg, OH |
| 119 | Big Prairie, OH |
| 139 | Saluda, SC |
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| $\text { REGION } 5$ | All Canadian Provinces | Vacant |  |  |
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| ADCA GOALS | John Foley, Chair | NOMINATION/ | Bonnie Boudreau |
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## Lochinvar 8711 ADCA

Semen now available from this black, horned bull, " 50 " inches at the hip. Excellent temperament and blood lines.

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Lochinvar is a non-carrier, Chondrodysplasia free and a non-carrier of Dun. Red gene test and "Tenderness" gene test not completed as of October, 2005.

| Tuberculosis Tested | negative |
| :--- | :--- |
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| Leukosis Virus | negative |
| BVDV | negative |
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