

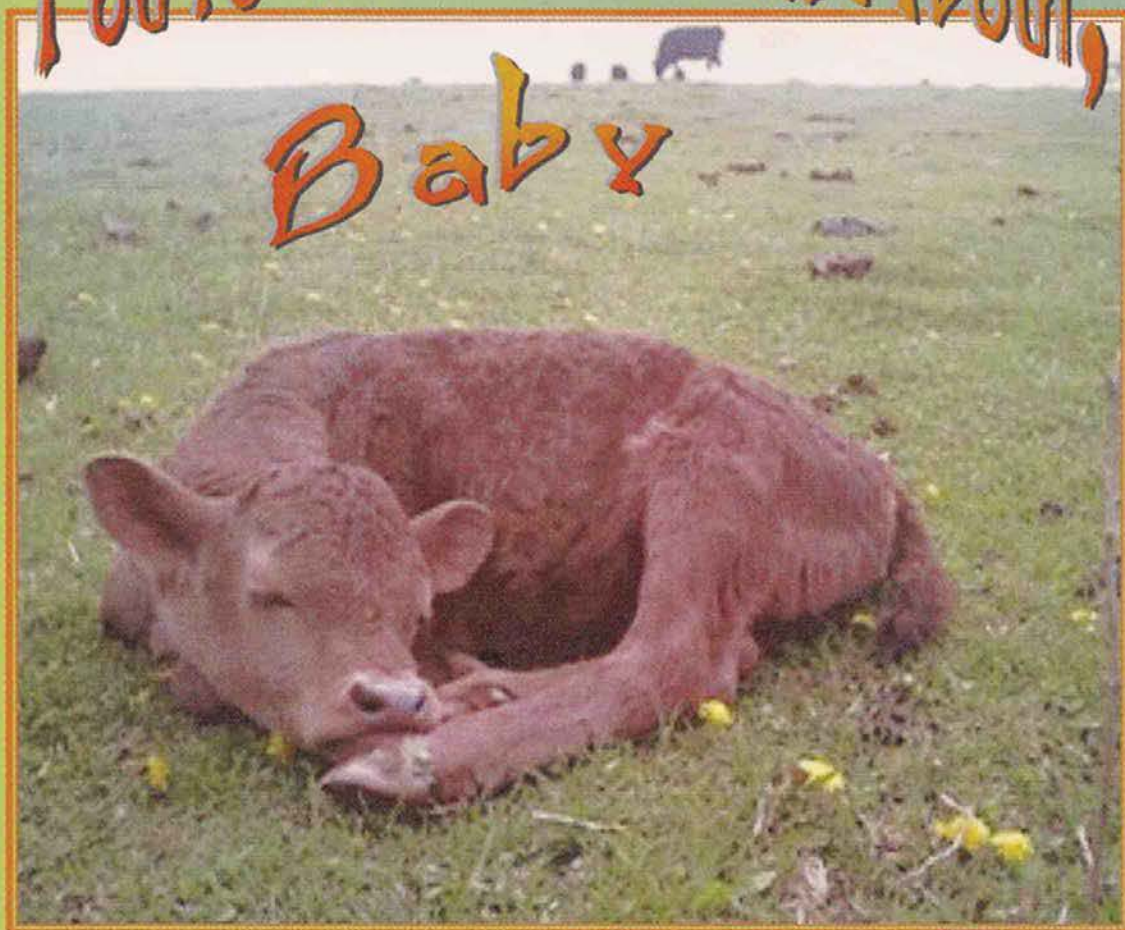


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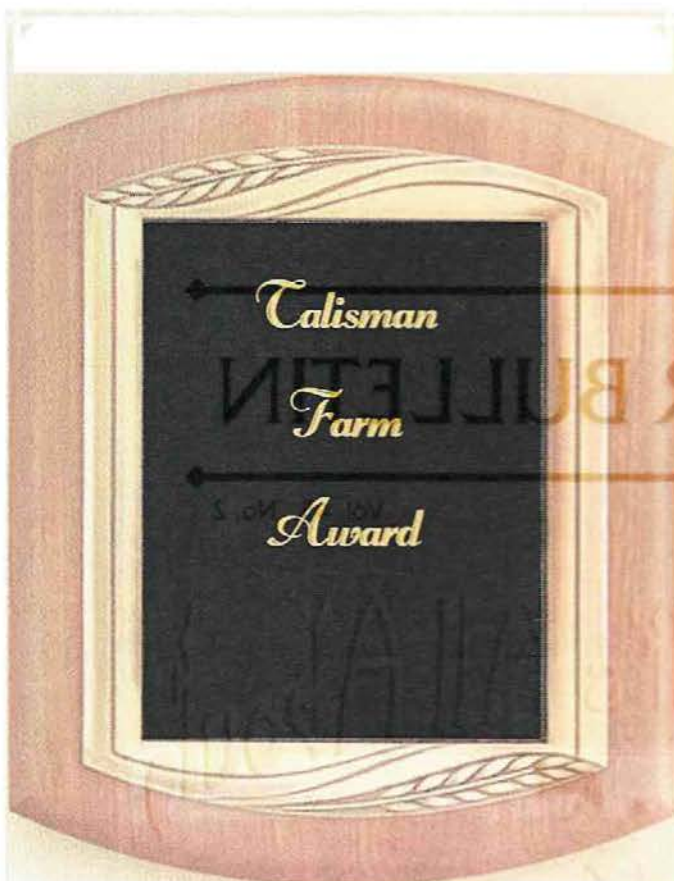
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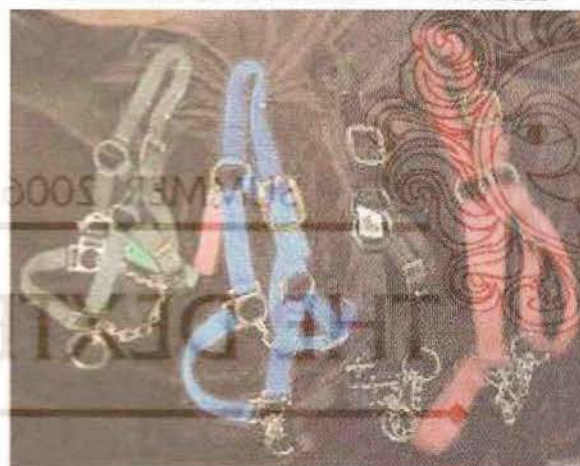
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7:00 **SHOW & AWARDS** Presentation - Gearld Fry, judge

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 Noon: *Feature Speaker* Gearld Fry, and Lunch
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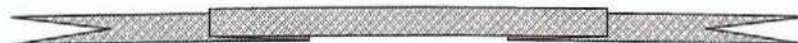


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A Message from the Vice President

by Chris Odom

This writing finds Region 7 coming from a very successful showing at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. We want to thank all those who helped at the Region 7 booth, Directors, officers and especially those who brought all the wonderful Dexters from around the country. It was well represented by excellent cattle, clean well kept booth spaces and of course those friendly smiling faces of our members who patiently answered questions of the many who had never seen "the little Irish cows".

Now we are looking forward to the AGM in Missouri with anticipation of another fine showing of Dexters. I hope that all will try to attend as there are several important issues to be discussed and voted on at the general meeting. The board and officers will need input from as large a member populace as can be mustered for the meeting. Remember that they represent you, so make your opinions and constructive suggestions known to your regional director.

One of the general meeting votes last year was to continue the classification program and there will be updated information presented this year on that subject by the committee. Another of the important issues to be presented is the update of the rules and regulations by the bylaws committee. We look forward to visiting with those in attendance. Have a great summer.

Chris Odom

A Message from the Secretary

by Bonnie Boudreau

What a spring! The first four months we got a good amount of rain here in the northwest. So we have a lot of catching up to do now. For many of you it is haying time and that is a lot of work. But take time to enjoy the spring!!!

With calving well on its way, remember to get your calves off to a good start with shots, tattoos and tagging for identification. Remember to get your paper work to the registrar.

The nominations for the ADCA officers have been forwarded to the directors. They will vote on the nominations at the directors meeting on June 18, 2006.

The ADCA National Show and Sale, along with the AGM, will be June 16, 17 and 18, 2006 at the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center in Springfield, MO. If you are bringing cattle, be sure that you have the paperwork up to date. Hope to see a number of you there.

Bonnie Boudreau
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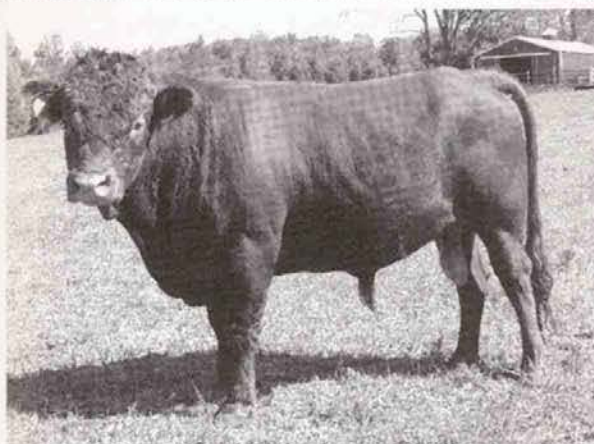
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Region 10

Roberta Wieringa

Happy Spring Everyone!! Calving season is well underway. Spring here has been kind of cool. We have had a few days of warmer weather and a little rain. The pastures and hay fields are growing very nicely. We have turned most of our cows and calves out to pasture.

At the present time we are halter-breaking calves for this year's shows. I'd like to pass along our method of this process. I'm not saying it will work for everyone, but it does for us. We start out by putting halters with control chin chains on the calves and let them get used to them for about a week before we even try leading. Always make sure you check them every few days as they grow so fast you wouldn't want the halter to get too tight. This is VERY important.

When we get ready for leading lessons we get the mom out for her refresher course. It seems to help the calf learn about leading while they are walking beside mom. There is usually quite a bit of gentle tugging and pushing involved the first few times out. During this leading time I try to work at touching and rubbing their legs and bellies. This will help them get used to being touched eventually with a show stick. We always take time for lots of petting and pats on the neck and back with soothing words of how good and nice they are. After about 15 minutes we turn them loose.

The first year of showing we don't worry too much about getting the calves used to a show stick. That comes when they show as a yearling. We try to work with them at least once a week (more if time allows). As I said before this may not be the best method of halter-breaking, but we have been doing this for about five years.

Just wanted to let everyone know I am getting a lot of calls from people wanting information about Dexters. I have been passing along the names off my list of cattle availability.

See you in Springfield!!!

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The Fate of a Few Dexters

By William Wright

When I was a youngster I used to go to the Saturday afternoon matinees at the old Pix Theatre. For a fifteen cent admission and the price of a box of popcorn I could sit in air conditioned comfort, watch a newsreel, see a cartoon or two and a cliff-hanger serial and then see the main feature, a western, where justice was meted out, old west style.

There was never any doubt as to who the bad guys were. They wore black hats of course... and some of them had evil-looking, pencil thin mustaches... and the very worst of the lot were the rustlers. Whenever those sneaky, cattle-thieving rustlers entered the picture, spreading their particular brand of old west misfortunes, we could always count on Roy Rogers saving the day. Good ol' Roy could shoot the pistols right out of those rustler's hands (never spilling a drop of blood) and drive off the rest of 'em with some fancy hoof work by his faithful horse, Trigger.

I sure wish Roy and Trigger had been in my neighborhood recently.

Rustlers visited my farm and left with three of my Dexter beauties.

I must claim some responsibility of course. We had changed our procedures without considering all the possible consequences. Where formerly all our herd had been in one of several small pastures and all those were some distance away from, and concealed from, the road, the most recently opened space paralleled the road and those tasty-looking Dexters were in plain sight. That was a big mistake, as it turned out.

The entrance to our 60 acre Ozarks farm is from a graveled county road. When you are on the road you can see down into a parallel small meadow. Directly facing the farm entrance is a three-bay machine shed. A road to the left of the shed leads up a hill

to the barn; another road to the right leads uphill to the house. Last Fall we threw up an electric fence around a part of the meadow. It wasn't very big, about 350' x 40', with access to it from the barn coming down the lane that led by the machine shed. Since we filled the machine shed with tall stacks of baled hay this past year, we thought that would be a good place to feed. Our little herd quickly adjusted to the changes. We had a good working agreement. We tossed hay over the fence. They ate.

"Little herd" is a correct term. I only had eight animals on the ground. Until very recently my herd consisted of two cows, both recently bred, plus three bred heifers, an open cow and a young heifer and young bull. The youngsters were in the weaning pasture and the remaining six were together in a pasture linked to the barn. Those six had access to the fenced-off portion of the meadow where the hay was doled out.

Three of the six had well-developed curiosity bumps and a deep desire to know what people carried in their hands or buckets or pockets. These three would walk up to anyone - strangers included. These three are gone. The remaining three in that little feeding area are a bit more stand-offish, and weren't taken away.

The three lost Dexters are the open cow and two of the three bred heifers. That was exactly half of my available breed stock. I suppose I really lost five animals if you count the unborn. Where, oh where, was that white-hatted, straight-shooting, rustler-rousting Roy Rogers when I needed him?

The cattle thieves came on April 9, a Sunday. We were gone to Church. We assume the bad guys had previously spotted those cows and realized just how close, and how (con't. on pg 26)

DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Region 12
Rick Seydel

As I am writing this, we are in preparation of the upcoming 2006 Annual General Meeting in Springfield, Missouri. I always get excited about the AGM weekend because I get to see old friends and meet new ones. I love "talking cattle" with fellow Dexter lover's! When I started raising Dexter Cattle, it was going to be a small hobby to add more enjoyment to farm life. It has now blossomed into a fulltime hobby!! My herd has grown from the original 2 cows and a bull to present day, 24 cows and heifers and 2 bulls.


We will be having a 2006 Regional meeting sometime this fall. When I return from the AGM, I'll line up the meeting location, time, and some mini-seminars. If you have any ideas for the seminars, let me know. I will send out a notice when I have everything finalized.

Just a reminder to Region 12 members, we have our own ADCA Banner that you are more than welcome to borrow anytime you are promoting your Dexter's at State Fairs, County Fairs, or other events you are invited to. Just contact me enough time in advance so I can get it mailed to you.

There is a North Iowa Free Fair during the last week of July in Mason City, Iowa. Any member that would like to show their Dexter's there, are welcome. You don't just have to live in Iowa to be part of this large county fair. Any Region 12 members are more that welcome.

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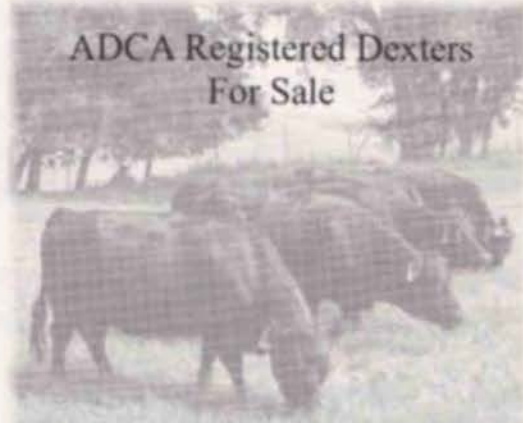
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Your Region 12 Director
Rick Seydel

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Region 6

Joanie Storck

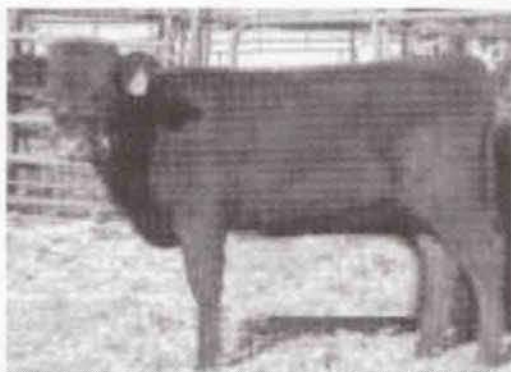
Greetings from the Central States - Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The region is in a bit of a public venue lull right now as we plan for the fall events. The Kansas State Fair, the Oklahoma State Fair and the Sand Springs (Oklahoma) Renaissance Fair will all be in September. The Cowtown Museum exhibit (Wichita Kansas) will be the first week in October. Of course many of us will be at the Annual General Meeting in Springfield Missouri in mid-June and we hope to see you there.

As you are considering buying additional cattle for your herds look closely at the list of breeders in the central states. We are located centrally for everyone and the breeders in the region have been vigilant in their breeding programs. I think you will be pleased with what you can find in these three states. The cattle will be worth the drive.

Blessings from the plains of Kansas,
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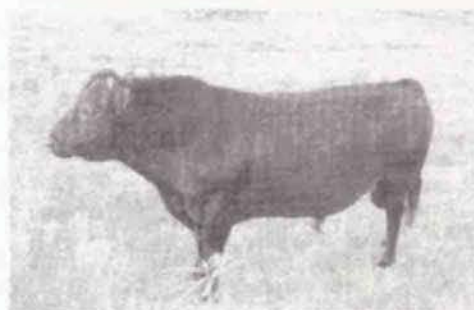
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Summer is already upon us here in the Texas Hill Country as we have already had a couple of 100 degree days in April. With this in mind, please make sure that your cattle have plenty of fresh water and shade if possible. We had a good many questions this quarter with some being quite serious, so if anyone has any of these problems please contact your local vet to assess the severity of the symptoms. We wish to thank all who sent in questions and we will get to the entire amount over the next couple of issues. Anyone else having questions, please e-mail to vetscorner@blockcreekranch.com. The questions are as follows.

1. What is udder edema, how do I prevent it and what is the treatment?

When the cow's udder is gearing or bagging up for milk production the bag will sometimes swell and the tissue in front of the bag will swell all the way to the front legs in the most severe cases. It is treated with dexamethasone and diuretics after the calf is born. Dexamethasone may cause premature labor so you must be extremely careful when using this drug. Always consult your local vet for treatment protocol.

2. What causes mastitis and how do we treat it? What is the worst type and why is it so hard to treat?

All the word mastitis means is inflammation of the udder. It can be due to mechanical damage (i.e. the bag rubbing against the back legs – a kick injury to the bag from another cow), fungal causes or bacterial infection. The worst kind is coliform mastitis which is caused by bacteria found in manure. Symptoms are the bag will have a blueish tint and be cold to the touch—if you experience this call a vet immediately as the cow can die within 24 hours. Needless to say, this is a life threatening situation and must be treated very aggressively with injections of antibiotics, inflammatory drugs and antibiotics in the udder through the teats. Please consult your vet for specific protocol based on the individual severity.

3. What problems occur when the tail head is set too far forward?

The anus will be set in and fecal matter will fall over and into the vagina which can set up an infection that will cause the cow to breed back slower or not at all.

4. Is DE (diatomaceous earth) a good wormer? What is a good anthelmintic? How often should I deworm? Should I

Alternate dewormers?

There is no scientific data showing DE to be a good dewormer. Deworming trials using DE checked fecal samples over several months and it made no difference. Most commercial dewormers work well. The pour-ons—no matter the brand—miss about 20% of the worm total population. It is therefore better to use oral or injectable dewormer. As for timing of wormings, as soon as possible after the first good frost in the fall and in the spring 6 weeks after the grass greens up. If you live in an area of the country i.e. south Florida, south Texas or southern California with no freezes contact your local vet for proper timing. I personally use an oral in the spring for the best results as worms are associated with green pasture grasses and in the fall I use a pour-on to alternate. This is my personal preference.

5. I have a 3 year old heifer who has filled her udder with milk but by palpation does not have a calf. What are the signs/steps in the growth cycle of a calf born by a Dexter?

Gestation for Dexters is the same as a regular size cow (i.e. 9-9.5 months gestation). There are certain grasses and weeds that contain a lot of estrogen (called phytoestrogens) and eating these plants can cause the bag to swell. Another possibility is this could also be from mating a chondrodysplasia carrying cow to a chondro carrying bull producing a bulldog calf. I have personally witnessed two of these and within 2 hours the buzzards had completely devoured the entire calf as there is minimal bone structure. You might want to test your bull for the chondro gene to ensure this is not the problem.

Dr. Laurence and I wish you gentle rains with cool breezes during the summer months.



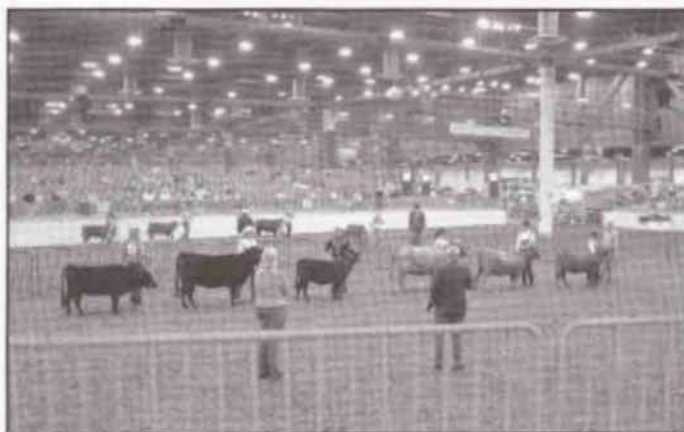
Focus on Youth



Dover, AR - March 2, 2006

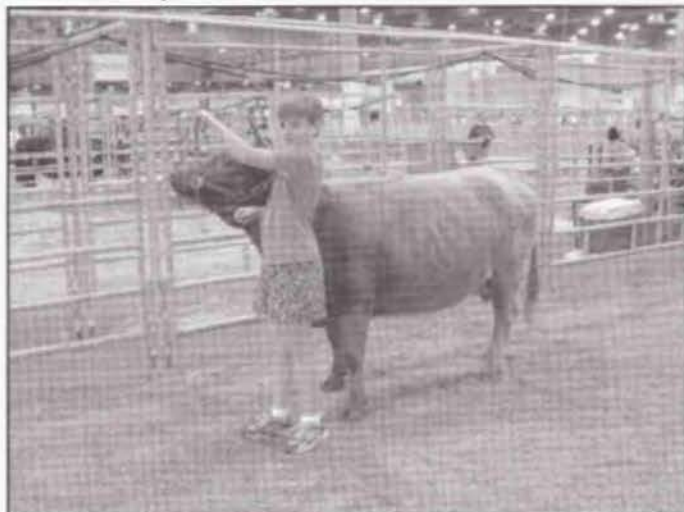
Deer Third Grade Elementary students were visited by Justus Penka and his Dexter bull, Samson. Mr. Penka talked to the students about the care and maintenance of the Dexter cattle breed. Frank Breedlove was also on hand to discuss the larger breeds of cattle so the students could learn the differences in the breeds. The third grade students made a theme day out of it by using the information in literacy, math, science, and social studies classes.

Reprinted from an article in the Newton Country, AR paper.



△ Youth line up in Houston

▽ Miss Kate Lydon and her cow, Beth



Practice Day

at Ted Anderson's farm —

Susan with her heifer, Candy



and

Sean with his heifer, Karmen



Talisman Farm Award

The Talisman Farm Award

is made possible by Belle Hays, in memory of her husband, John Hays,
and the American Dexter Cattle Association.

Nominations for this award can be either a family, or individual Dexter owner,
who has promoted the Dexter breed with tireless passion and integrity,
and were submitted by the membership.

It will be presented in person during the banquet at the National Annual Meeting, June 17, 2006.

Nominees

Judy Sponaugle -- Ijamsville, Maryland

Carol Davidson -- Cassidy, British Columbia, Canada

Sandi Thomas -- Antelope, Oregon

Diane Mills-Frank -- Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

Marcia Read -- Claysville, Pennsylvania

Shaun Ann Cord -- Forestville, New York

(Shaun has respectfully declined since she heads the committee.)

Award Committee

Shaun Ann Lord, *Chair* — New York

Bonnie Boudreau — Washington

Brenda Stringham — Kansas

S.A. Walkup — Missouri

Tom Gray — Minnesota



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Region 2

Sandi Thomas

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the ADCA will be occurring about the time you receive this issue of the Bulletin. I hope you're able to attend and share the opportunity of seeing all the animals and owners from throughout the US first hand. It's a great experience!

I'd like to mention some agenda items :

Permanent ID of individual animals...without proper identification the ability to Sell, Transfer and Register offspring is jeopardized. Be sure to check the number given on the Registration Certificate with the animal you're dealing with to have absolute identity intact before purchasing any Registered stock.

Voluntary inclusion of the DNA test results for Chondrodysplasia and Dun Posted on the ADCA On-Line Pedigree program and printed on the Registration Certificates. This allows breeders to trace the results of these tests down generation to generation eliminating the repeated testing of Non-Carrier animals. It gives breeders the information to make educated choices in mating Carrier animals.

Automatic inclusion of the results of the DNA testing for the color Red on the Pedigree Site and on the Certificates. Since this test is mandatory for the registration of red Dexter's the results should be public information. This would assist in the tracking of red parents and offspring and prevent some breeders from the expense of unnecessary testing and paperwork.

Classification this program is currently in committee hands and a program for the ADCA to evaluate and score will be available. Members have indicated their desire to continue with a means of classification

Our By-Laws need to have some revisions and corrections and need to be reviewed by an Attorney before being voted on by the entire ADCA membership.

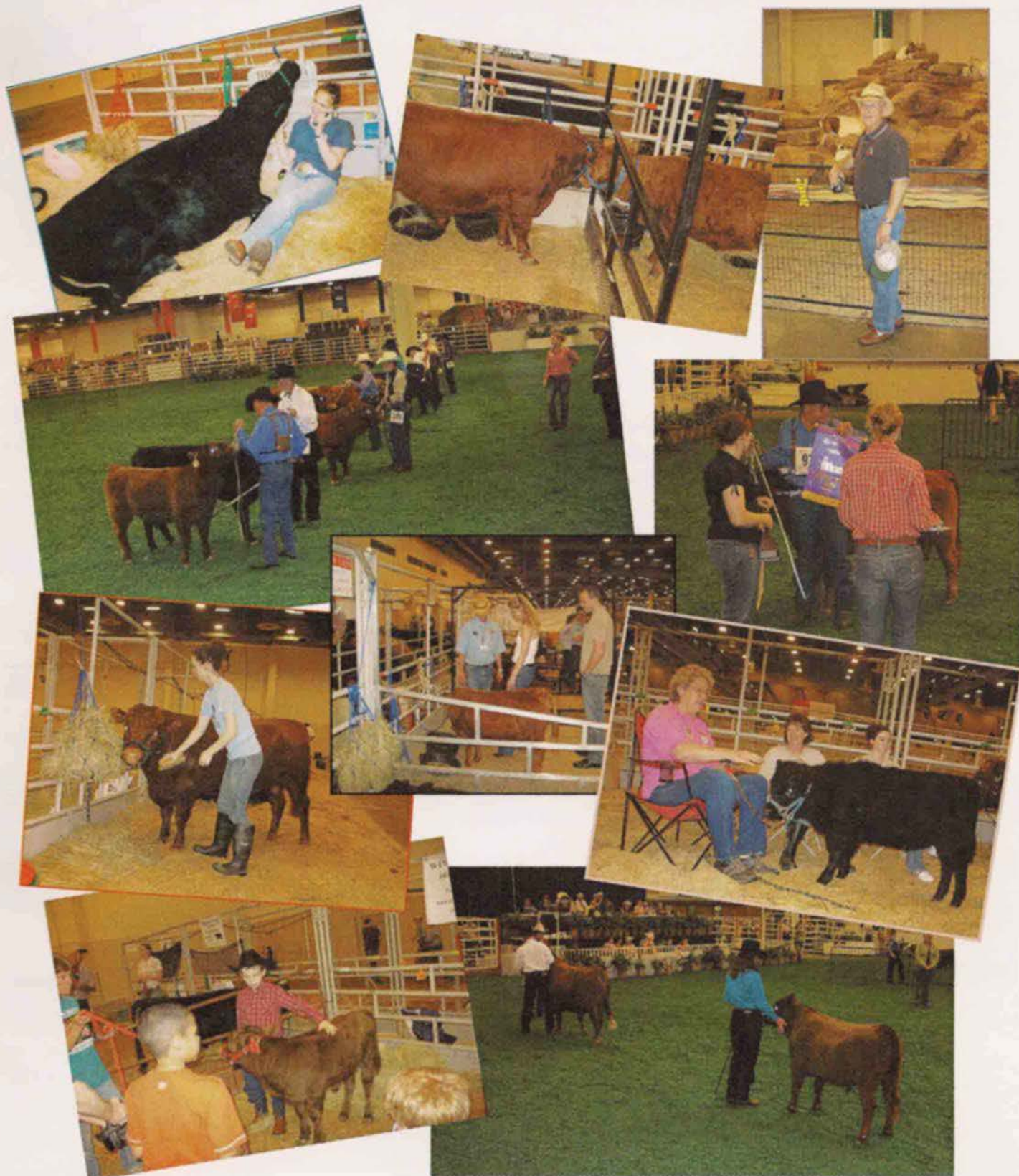
This is a priority item.

Please contact any ADCA Director or Officer to express your interest or opinion in these matters. We also welcome you to share your feelings about any other items of business you feel need attention. If you belong to the American Dexter Cattle Association and own Dexter's we want you to be involved with the decisions that are made!

Thank you,

Sandi Thomas - Director Region 2

Houston Livestock Show



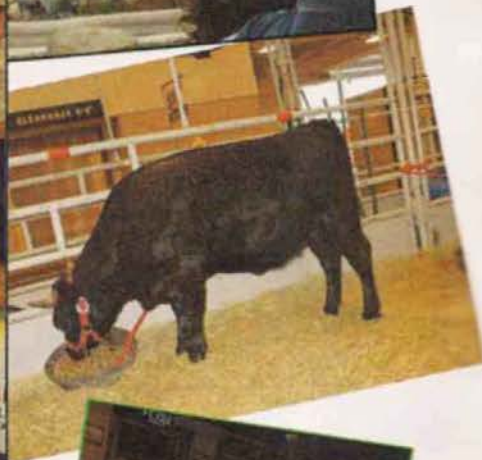
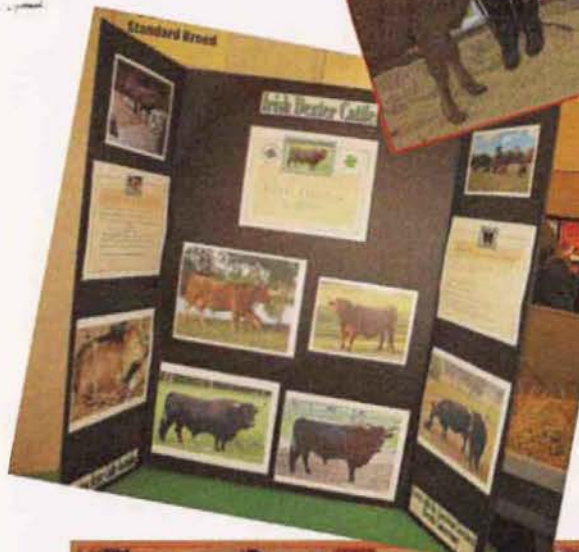
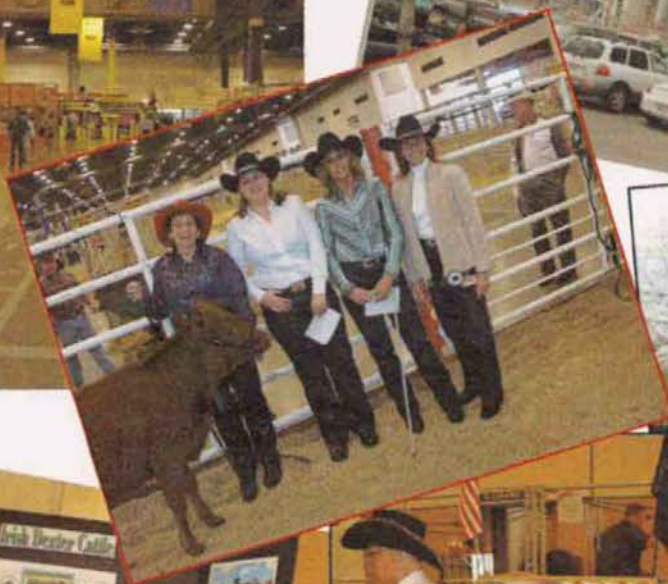
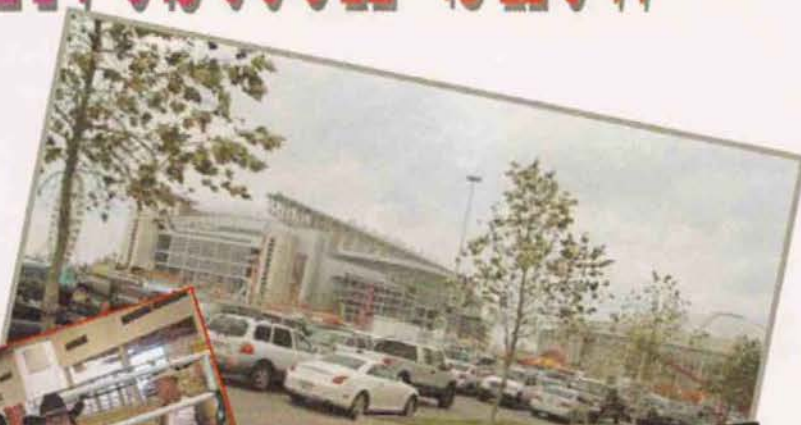
2006 Spring



Calf Debut



Houston Livestock Show



Houston Dexter Show Results

Class 1 — Heifer Calf under 12 mos.

- 1.) *SMD Mirach Flaith*
Jeff & Melinda Chambers
- 2.) *Block Creek Colleen* — Maura Lydon
Mickey Bush
- 3.) *Bar None's Brooke*
David Jones

Class 2 — Heifer 1-2 years

- 1.) *Hilda of Diamond*
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *Block Creek Holly*
Mickey Bush
- 3.) *BMoore Sara J*
David Jones

Class 3 — Mature Cow over 2 years

- 1.) *Thomas' BLZ Red Senna*
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *MornStar Ophelia* — Lesley Hersom
Pam Malcuit
- 3.) *MornStar Shannon* — Ami Nash
Pam Malcuit

Class 4 — Cow/Calf

- 1.) *Thomas' BLZ Red Senna*
Mickey Bush

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Thomas' BLZ Red Senna
Block Creek Ranch
Mickey Bush

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Hilda of Diamond
Block Creek Ranch
Mickey Bush

Class 7 — Bull Calf under 12 mos.

- 1.) *Windfall's Stanley*
Mary Young
- 2.) *SMD Anoran Flaith*
Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Class 8 — Bull 1-2 years

- 1.) *JL Farm Kahn*
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *JL Farm Rory*
Mickey Bush
- 3.) *White-O-Morn Chief*
Ted Anderson

Class 9 — Mature Bull over 2 years

- 1.) *BTF Little Bit of Fire*
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *FF Freedom's Bryan*
Sally & Warren Coad

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

JL Farm Kahn
Block Creek Ranch
Mickey Bush

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

BTF Little Bit of Fire
Block Creek Ranch
Mickey Bush

Class 12 — Steer under 12 mos.

- 1.) *Evans Lil Sid*
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *CJS Yanke's Norman*
Judy Nocks

Houston Dexter Show Results

Class 13 — Steer over 1 year

- 1.) *Rainbow Lucky*
Joanie & Don Storck

GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Rainbow Lucky
Storck's Rainbow Ranch
Joanie & Don Storck

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Evans Lil Sid
Block Creek Ranch
Mickey Bush

OPEN YOUTH DEXTER CATTLE SHOW

Class 1 — Heifer Calf under 12 mos.

- 1.) *Block Creek Colleen* — Maura Lydon
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *Bar None's Briley* — Jeffrey Lundin
David Jones
- 3.) *Bar None's Brooke* — Timothy Lundin
David Jones

Class 2 — Heifer 1-2 years

- 1.) *Hilda of Diamond* — Kate Lydon
Mickey Bush
- 2.) *Rocky Top Tahlequah* —
Julie Merida
- 3.) *Block Creek Holly* — Maura Lydon
Mickey Bush

Class 3 — Mature Cow over 2 years

- 1.) *Chapel Hill Beth* — Kate Lydon
Dana Lydon
- 2.) *MornStar Shannon* — Ami Nash
Pam Malcuit

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Hilda of Diamond
Block Creek Ranch
Kate Lydon — Mickey Bush

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Rocky Top Tahlequah
Rocky Top Ranch
Julie Merida

Class 7 — Bull Calf under 12 mos.

- 1.) *Windfall's Phillip* — Alex Cole
Mary Young
- 2.) *Big Iron Conner* — Maura Lydon
Dana Lydon
- 3.) *MornStar Alsandair* — Ami Nash
Pam Malcuit

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Windfall's Phillips
Windfall Ranch
— Mary Young

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Big Iron Conner
Big Iron Ranch
Maura Lydon — Dana Lydon

Congratulations!
and many thanks to everyone
who participated in the very first
Dexter Show at the
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Special Congratulations!
to all the Youth who participated
and made all of us very proud.
Pam

NEWS FLASH

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- ♦ Pat Mitchell — Missouri
- ♦ Chris Odom — Texas

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- ♦ Gerald Holmquist — Washington
- ♦ Patti Adams — Kansas
- ♦ Richard Clark — Missouri
- ♦ Chris Odom — Texas
- ♦ Jeff Phillips — Missouri
- ♦ David Jones — Texas

For Secretary

- ♦ Bonnie Boudreau — Washington

For Treasurer

- ♦ James Smith — Missouri

Congratulations to Sally & Warren Coad on the Grand Opening of their new store!
In lieu of Sally's Director's Message for this issue, please read below and see that it can be done,
one just has to seize the opportunity!

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The Udder Basics

By Patti Adams

A cow's udder consists of four separate glands. Each gland has one teat and each teat has one opening. The udder is covered with hair, but the teats are hairless. The right and left halves of the udder are entirely separate and milk cannot pass from one side to the other. The rear quarters typically account for 55 to 60 percent of milk production and udder weight. Rear teats are usually a bit shorter than front teats.

Approximately 50 percent of all cows have more than four teats. These extra teats are called "supernumerary teats" (SNTs). Some of these extra teats open into a gland, but most do not. Usually, SNTs are smaller than normal teats and are located towards the rear part of the udder. In dairy cattle, SNTs are typically cut off when a heifer calf is very young. This is done to improve outward appearance of the udder and to reduce risk of future mastitis infections. However, some cattle breeders consider this "destroying evidence" of an udder defect and discourage the removal of SNTs. The tendency to have SNTs appears to be genetic, but it is not consistently expressed from one generation to the next.

Cow udders come in many shapes and sizes. Some are large and pendulous, while others are small and held snug against the body. Some udders tilt up, while others tilt down, and some udders are very level. Udder appearance changes as heifers mature into cows and as they age. The udder on a cow "in milk" looks different than the udder on a "dry" cow. After several calves and lactation periods, a cow's udder may start to physically breakdown and decline in milk production. To be productive and functional throughout a cow's lifetime, her udder and teats must stay healthy, be adequate in size, and be properly supported by strong, well-formed ligaments.

To evaluate a cow's udder, start by looking at the following:

- **Fore Udder Attachment** – Examine the strength and snugness of attachment of the fore udder (front part of the udder) to the body wall. The cow can be dry or in milk when evaluating the fore udder attachment.

Example of "Good" Fore Udder Attachment:



Example of "Poor" Fore Udder Attachment:

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easy to get to, they were. It wouldn't have taken long for them to recognize that we were always gone from the farm on Sundays at specific times - and for predictable lengths of time. I may as well have posted our "hours of operation" on the mailbox.

They had to have been easy to get. The charger for the electric fence was in the machine shed. As the winter progressed the hay supply diminished and eventually you could see all the way to the back wall. Once the hay was cleared out from in front of it, you could see the regular blink... blink... blink... blink of the little red flasher telling the whole world the fence was electrically charged. Of course it was then easy enough to unplug and make it go blink... bli..... When the charger was off, they simply dropped the lines to the ground, walked the three accommodating Dexters to a waiting stock trailer, loaded them, and drove off - except these rustlers gained some extra time by laying the wires on the insulators and flipping the switch back on - so it all looked normal. That extra effort may have consumed as much as a minute of their time - certainly no more.

With the price of meat what it currently is ... you just might be the next victim. I've heard rustling has become a serious problem once again.

Yep, I'm inclined to believe that is so. It is hard, truly hard, to think of the Dexters you have loved on, the ones you have fed by hand, the ones you have visually checked for their well-being on a daily basis, the ones that had a very specific place in your breeding program... It is hard to think of those Dexters now being some bonehead, thieving, jerk's hamburger.

Get smart. Learn from my mistakes. Try to think of what other mistakes you can avoid and then do whatcha gotta do! Don't lose your Dexters to rustlers. I've heard that Roy Rogers is dead. I guess he must be!



DIRECTIONS FOR TATTOOING

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 into the pliers and press down firmly over the needles with 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 onto 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 fore finger, 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 is 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 names of animals and enter same in your private breeding records.

CHONDRODYSPLASIA TESTING

The response to the resumption of testing for the Chondrodysplasia ("bulldog gene") in U.S. **Dexter Cattle** has been excellent. Testing will be done quarterly, and John Potter, the chairman of the Genetics and Science Committee, is the liaison between the ADCA and Bova-Can Laboratories for the testing. Applications, instructions, and the required Bova-Can sample envelopes are obtained by sending a written request specifying the number of samples to be tested to John by USPS mail at 2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113 or by email at jpotter@remc11.k12.mi.us.

Please do not request the materials by telephone. The remaining 2006 deadlines by which samples must be received in order to be processed with the respective quarterly batch

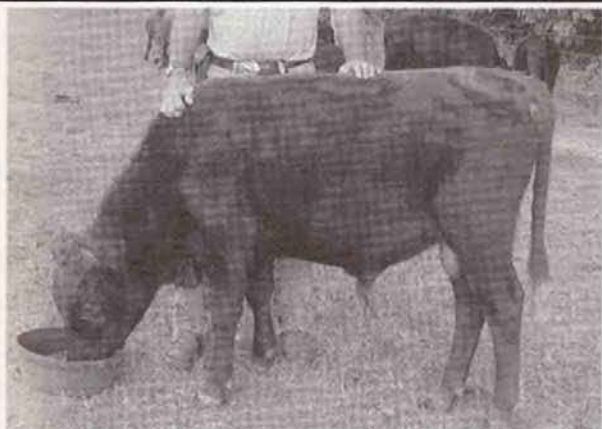
are June 15, September 15, and December 15. Samples and applications received after each deadline will be processed with the next test batch.

The cost per sample of \$35 is contingent upon the following conditions being met: Each sample must be submitted by an ADCA member in good standing, and the sample must be from a **Dexter** that is ADCA-registered or, if not yet registered, from an ADCA-registered sire and dam. A check made payable to the ADCA must accompany each application and its sample (s). Each breeder will receive an individual written report for each sample submitted, and each breeder has the option of receiving a hard copy of the report by USPS mail or a PDF copy by email.

When sending samples, applications, and payments, please use regular first class mail or priority mail with delivery confirmation. The latter service costs \$4.30 per shipment. *Please do not use Express Mail or any other method which requires a signature for delivery confirmation.*

The Dun Factor test is also available from Bova-Can through the ADCA. The same procedures apply to this test as those for the Chondrodysplasia test, and the cost is \$47 per sample. The Dun Factor test can be a valuable and cost-effective tool for the registration of non-black **Dexters**. Contact the members of the Genetics and Science Committee (Anthony Bauer, IL, John Potter, MI, Sandi Thomas, OR) for information. Also, the 2005 Membership Directory will contain information about color genetics and registration.

Be sure to check the ADCA website for deadlines and other information about genetic testing.



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Example of "Poor" Fore Udder Attachment:



Rear Udder Height – Observe the distance between the bottom of the vulva and the top of the secretory tissue of the udder. This distance should be fairly short in order to provide the maximum amount of functional (milk producing) udder volume. The cow can be dry or in milk when evaluating the rear udder height.

Rear Udder Cleft – The depth of the udder cleft is an indicator of the strength and integrity of the central ligament (median suspensory ligament) from the base of the rear udder. The median suspensory ligament partially separates the left and right halves of the udder. It is the most important part of the udder suspensory system and it is located at the center of gravity of the udder to give balanced suspension and support. The udder cleft, when viewed from the rear of the cow, should have deep definition (cleavage) indicating strength and integrity in this ligament. The cow should be in milk when evaluating rear udder cleft.

Example of "Good" Rear Udder Cleft:



Udder Depth – Compare the distance from the lowest part of the udder floor to the hocks on the rear legs. If the udder floor sags far below hock level, then the udder may be too pendulous; thus more likely to get injured and also more difficult to milk and for a calf to suckle. If the udder floor is extremely high above the hocks, then the udder may be too shallow; thus it may not have sufficient volume capacity to produce and contain adequate quantities of milk. The cow should be in milk when evaluating udder depth.

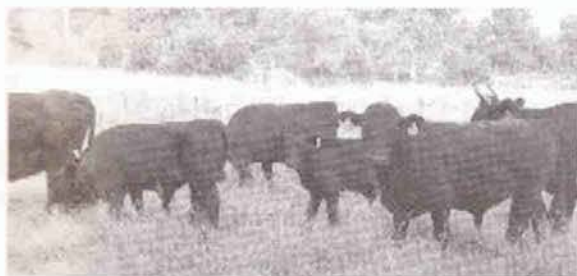
Teat Placement – Look at the location of the front and rear teats relative to the center of each quarter on the udder. If the teats are too far to the outside of the quarters, then they're more easily injured. If the teats are too far to the inside of the quarters, then they're more difficult for the calf to reach and suckle. The preferred placement is near the center of each quarter. The cow can be dry or in milk when evaluating teat placement.

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Sept 8-16TH • Hutchison, KS
Dexter Show dates not set yet
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OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

Sept 14-24TH • Oklahoma City, OK
Dexter exhibit date not set yet
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OLD COWTOWN MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Oct 6-8TH • Wichita, KS

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Region 7's Meeting

REGIONAL MEETING
PALESTINE, TEXAS
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006

Many thanks to Mary Upton for sharing her beautiful piece of Texas heaven with us! Wonderful people, great lunch, and a beautiful day -- just doesn't get much better than that!

We had some decisions to make even though the group was small. We hope to work with HLSR to put on a great show in 2007 - and, if some changes are made in the sale production by HLSR, we will try another sale.

The upcoming AGM was discussed as well as some of the possible topics on the agenda.

We looked over the proposed classification guidelines packet - and were pleased with the presentation.

Quite a few of us plan to attend the AGM -- surely hope we get a great contingent from Texas and Louisiana. We do have fun there! (My reservations are in the Ramada Limited in Springfield near the fairgrounds)

If you haven't ever gone to one, try it out. Springfield isn't too far (even though it can take a full day to get across Texas!!) The next AGM is supposed to be in Colorado!

I will be pulling a trailer to Springfield. If you need animals hauled up there or back, just let me know.

See you at the AGM in June!

Pam

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Example of "Good" Teat Placement:



Teat Length & Shape – Look at the length and overall size and shape of the teats. Is there sufficient teat length for the calf to reach and suckle? Are the teats of uniform size and shape? Is teat width narrow enough for a calf to easily grasp in its mouth and suckle? Excessively long, and very wide or thick teats are to be avoided since they're more easily injured, more difficult to milk, and also more difficult for a newborn calf to suckle. The cow can be dry or in milk when evaluating teat length, size, and shape.

The type of udder and milking ability that a cow has during her lifetime depends partly on her environment and partly on her genetics (sire and dam). A common environmental effect occurs when heifer calves are overfed and become overweight for their age and stage of growth. These heifers will develop fat deposits in their udders that impair proper mammary development and hinder milk production later on.

When evaluating the genetics or bloodlines of a cow, look closely at the bull that sired her and also look at his dam. Bulls that come from cows that milked well, typically will sire daughters with better than average milk production capability. If possible, examine the bull's teats (yes, bulls really do have teats). The bull's teats should be evenly spaced and located near, but not on the neck of the scrotum. According to Gearld Fry, if the bull's teats are on the neck of the scrotal sack, his daughters will have udders that tilt up in front and have lower milk production.

Spring and Fall are important times to frequently check the udders of all breeding stock. Most cows have calves during those periods and are producing milk in quantity. Look for problems that may be developing, especially in first calf heifers and older cows. Recognizing and treating udder infections or plugged teats in the early stages can greatly extend the productive life of those cows.



Dexter Bulls on A.I.

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The number of bulls to be tested must be specified in the request.

Bull Name	Color	Height	Straw Cost	Polled (P) Horned (H)	Contact Information
Brambledel Redberry Prince 14907 HN (4th generation pure red)	Red	46" @ 3 y (hip)	\$45	H	Cynthia Williams · 540-636-4100 P O Box 598 · Flint Hill, VA 22627
Briarwood Blaze O'Glory 10329 HN E ^p /e B/b	Red	44" @ 8 y	\$25	H	Sandi Thomas · 541-489-3385 Box 135 · Antelope, OR 97001
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Woodmagic Hedgehog III 14959 HN E ^p /E ^p B/B (Semen Imp'd from Eng.)	Black	39" @ 3 y	\$50	H	Cynthia Williams · 540-636-4100 P O Box 598 · Flint Hill, VA 22627

DNA Testing for Dexter Cattle

John Potter, ADCA Genetics Committee

updated 2/28/2006

This update lists the DNA tests that are now available for Dexter cattle through the ADCA 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- remembering the fact that Dexters are a minor breed- we must accept the fact that three different companies, each with its own application forms and procedures, conduct DNA tests for us at this time. Applications for all of the tests are available upon request from John Potter by email (jpott@remc11.k12.mi.us) or by USPS mail (2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113). When requesting an application, please specify the number of animals for the test. The DNA required for all of these tests may be obtained from hair or semen, and all of the applications contain the instructions for using hair and semen as the source of DNA. Since using blood as the source of DNA tends to be considerably more complicated and expensive, we have not included instructions for using blood on the applications. If you wish to use blood, please contact me for the details. Since the testing companies' procedures for packaging, labeling, and sending samples vary, please read each application's instructions carefully. 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 DNA tests that are currently 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 US dollars	results sent to
Red Factor (RF)	1. registration ¹ 2. carrier identification ²	Genetic Visions (Wisconsin)	\$40	breeder & ADCA ³
Color Profile (red & dun)	carrier identification ⁴	Bova-Can (Saskatchewan)	\$47 ⁵	ADCA ⁶
Chondrodysplasia (Bulldog Gene)	carrier identification ⁷	Bova-Can (Saskatchewan)	\$35	ADCA ⁶
DNA Genotyping	1. ID record for AI bulls ⁸ 2. parentage verification ⁹	ImmGen (Texas)	\$30	ADCA ¹⁰

¹In order to register a Dexter as red, it must be tested (DNA verified) as red *unless* (1) it is the offspring of a registered red sire and a registered red dam *or* (2) at least one parent is a non-carrier of dun. Please refer to the article, "Color Genetics of Dexter Cattle" that is found in the current Membership Directory.

²A 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.) For registration purposes, this test is the quickest way to verify that an animal is red.

³If 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.*

⁴A breeder may wish to test a black animal to determine if it carries a hidden dun gene and/or a hidden red gene. A breeder may wish to test a red animal to determine if it carries one or two hidden dun genes. (A black Dexter may carry one hidden dun gene and one hidden red gene, and a red Dexter may carry one or two hidden dun genes.) Since this test is available only four times per year, it is not the preferred test for a breeder who needs or requires quick verification of red for registration purposes, and it is a waste of money and time to use it on an animal that is known to be dun. The color profile test is most useful to breeders for planning matings of their animals and calculating progeny color probabilities. *With respect to registration of progeny, a non-black calf whose sire or dam is a proven non-carrier of dun must be red and, therefore, does not require DNA verification of its color.*

⁵The Color Profile test may be requested *from the same sample* as the Chondrodysplasia test. In that case the cost of the Color Profile test is added to the cost of the Chondrodysplasia test. Applications for both tests must be submitted, and please complete the sample envelope accordingly.

⁶Bova-Can Laboratories sends a summary of the DNA tests in spreadsheet format by email to the ADCA liaison as soon as they are completed and sends the individual test certificates to the ADCA liaison by courier as soon as they are printed. The liaison telephones each breeder to provide verbal results of the tests as soon as possible after receipt of the spreadsheet and sends the certificates to each breeder by USPS mail as soon as they are added to the records of the ADCA as electronic copies.

⁷Mating 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.

⁸Beginning 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. Storage of all samples is provided by ImmGen and is included as part of the \$30 cost of the test.

⁹DNA 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.

¹⁰The 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.

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*Feb	18/10	IA	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		SM	B
	28/12	MN, ND, SD	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		LJ,BM,TA,GW	G
Feb	4	AZ, NM	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		BR	G
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	17/10	NY	Dec 15	Jan 15	Feb 10		RG,GW,GH	All
April	24/16	PA, NJ	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 10		SM, BS	B
	12/6	DE, MD, VA, WVA	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 10		RG	G
May	14/8	OR, WA	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		BS, SM	B
	4/2	ID, MT, UT	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		SM	B
June	8/4	OK, TX	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 10		BM, GW	G
	10/7	CA, NV	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 10		RG	G
July	8/5	KY, TN	Apr 15	May 15	June 10		BR	G
	10/8	IN	Apr 15	May 15	June 10		BS	B
	10/6	IL	Apr 15	May 15	June 10		JL	G
Aug	20/12	OH	May 15	June 15	July 10		G	B
	6/2	MI	May 15	June 15	July 10		JL	G
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