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# A busy and productive time Message from the President

W is the new V!

The tattoo

letter for 2009

has changed.

See p. 3.

This issue of the *Bulletin* may represent the spring edition, but many of you north of the freeze line are far from putting winter behind you. Having grown

up in the Midwest, I know how difficult this time of year is, especially when caring for livestock.

Best wishes for an early spring, and Happy New Year to all Dexter owners.

The final quarter of 2008 was a busy and productive time for the ADCA. Elections were held for three regions (9, 10 and 12). Welcome to returning director Roberta Wieringa for Region 10 and to Dan Butterfield and Mike Vaughn, newly elected directors for Regions 12 and 9, respectively. The entire membership of the ADCA should extend a welcome and a thank-you to these members for their willingness to serve.

A huge thank-you also is owed to our two

directors who just completed six years of service to the ADCA, Rick Seydel from Region 12 and Robert Seddon from Region 9. Serving on the board can be time-

consuming. These two gentlemen deserve a break from the governing process and an op-

portunity to relax and enjoy their Dexters.

That said, both of them continue to serve the ADCA. Robert is acting as WorkYoke administrator and oversees the ADCA advertising. Rick is busy pulling together the 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM), Show and Sale, which will be held in Iowa this summer.

As was discussed extensively in the last *Bulletin*, the membership vote was conducted to add a DNA genotype requirement for the future registration of bulls used for breeding in the ADCA registry. The board is pleased

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Meeting of the minds: Snickers, a yearling heifer, greets Taylor, a 13-year-old lab, at Warren and Sally Coad's Freedom Farms, Louisburg, N.C.

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(Cont. from p. 1) that the members recognized the important advancement this represents for the integrity of the breed and the registry and voted to support the requirement.

There are many members who still have questions as to exactly what the process is and/or the importance of it. One of the most common misunderstandings about the requirement is which animals must be genotyped.

This program requires only the DNA genotype of the animal being registered and only relates to bulls. It does not require the DNA genotype of the parents.

Parentage verification was discussed and voted on at the 2008 AGM (members expressed a desire to continue to move forward with a proposed random parentage verification). This procedure continues to be explored; however, this process has many potential outcomes that must be carefully analyzed, discussed and resolved prior to this being a viable program.

If you have questions about the new requirement, please consult a director or officer of the association. He or she will be happy to explain the process as well as the benefits of the program to the breed and the ADCA Registry.

The month of February will be dedicated to completing updated standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the board. This document represents the remainder of the old rules and regulations document, which had not been updated for over five years.

The majority of the document was incorporated into the new certificate of incorporation and bylaws. This was done because (although allowed) the Delaware corporate structure typically does not have two governing documents (bylaws and rules and regulations). The remaining procedures simply clarify processes, timetables and items that may change on a frequent basis. The new SOPs will include items such as membership dues, requirements for AI sires, election timetables and guidelines for special meetings and member votes.

Please mark your calendar for the 2009 AGM. It is a great opportunity to learn about Dexters as well as to support the ADCA and add your input into your organization. Plan a summer vacation around it; the Midwest is a great family-friendly retreat.

Question to the president: Why does the ADCA fall under the guidelines of Chapter 8 of Delaware corporate law as opposed to Chapter 6 (not for profit)? Although the ADCA is a non-profit organization, the founding fathers incorporated under Chapter 8. Either regulation is acceptable and could apply, but the organization is governed by the chapter under which it was originally incorporated.

# Money in the bank Report from the Treasurer

To fellow Dexter owners: 2008 has ended, hope springs eternal, and I wish you a better 2009 with spring just around the corner. Snow will melt and grass will begin to grow, making green pastures for us all.

We ended the year with funds of \$110,700.82 in the bank plus a legal retainer of \$5,000 with our attorney, which puts us on track with our 2008 budgeted ending balance projected to be \$114,470.

Adjusting out the \$5,000 retainer that has been expensed, we would have ended the year with a loss of \$6,988 compared to a budgeted loss of \$8,219.

We are into the budgeting process for 2009, and the budget will be presented to the board for approval in February.

If you have questions about the financial operations of the ADCA, feel free to contact me.

James W. Smith

Tattoo Letters and Their Years					
1991 - A	1996 - F	2001 - L	2006 - S		
1992 - B	1997 - G	2002 - M	2007 - T		
1993 - C	1998 - H	2003 - N	2008 - U		
1994 - D	1999 - J	2004 - P	<b>2009 - W*</b>		
1995 - E	2000 - K	2005 - R	2010 - X		

\*Consistent with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation guidelines, the ADCA has deleted the letter V from its year designations because it could be misread as U.

### **Regional Directors**

#### Region 1

Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois (Next election: 11/2009)

#### Region 2

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington (Next election: 11/2009)

#### Region 3

Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii (Next election: 11/2010)

#### Region 4

Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming (Next election: 11/2009)

#### Region 6

Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma (Next election: 11/2010)

#### Region 7

Louisiana, Texas (Next election: 11/2010)

#### Region 8

South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee (Next election: 11/2010)

#### Region 9

Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia (Next election: 11/2011)

#### Region 10

Indiana, Michigan, Ohio (Next election: 11/2011)

#### Region 11

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont (Next election: 11/2009)

#### Region 12

Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota (Next election: 11/2011)

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### Region 2 Director's Message

Greetings! It was a recordbreaking event when the ADCA membership returned its ballots requiring genotyping of all bull calves registered beginning Jan. 1, 2009! More mail-in ballots were submitted than in any previous ballot offered in our association's recorded history.

It's encouraging to see the interest in our first steps as an organization to establish the foundation of our Dexters' identity and integrity in the ADCA Registry. The Canadian Dexter Cattle Association and the Australian Dexter Cattle Association are among the registries requiring genotyping for registration of Dexters.

More mail-in ballots were submitted than in any previous ballot offered in our recorded history.

Genotyping of all bulls registered after Dec. 31, 2008
All bulls registered by the ADCA after this date shall be genotyped and have the report on file in the ADCA Registry office prior to completion of their registration. All testing for bulls registered after Dec. 31, 2008, must be performed at the ADCA lab of contract, Texas A&M. These samples will be handled in the same manner as all the tests we currently have available to us through Texas A&M.

The application for genotyping and the hair sample from the bull you wish to register (along with a check for \$25 made out to the ADCA and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the results) should be sent to —

Pam Malcuit 17087 Dixie Farms Lane Iola, TX 77861.

The two original result copies, with the lab's embossed stamp for identity, will be sent to you personally. You must submit one copy of your DNA genotyping results to the ADCA registrar with your registration application.

Genotyping of all herd sires to register offspring born after Dec. 31, 2009\*

Existing herd sires (all bulls used for breeding) shall be genotyped and have the report on file prior to the registration of any calves sired by those bulls and born after Dec. 31, 2009. (\*There was a typo on the ballot; the date was intended to be Dec. 31.)

Adding the sires of all calves entering the registry will enable us to begin the parentage verification phase of the genotyping program. If you wish to add genotyping results for your mature Dexters from UC Davis or BovaCan, you may request the lab to send your copies directly to Texas A&M for inclusion in the ADCA Dexter records.

If you purchase a Dexter bull

from Canada, its mandated genotyping is performed at BovaCan; you can arrange for a copy of those results to be transferred to Texas A&M and the ADCA for recognition in our files.

Some individuals in the U.S. are testing their Dexters at UC Davis as part of a research promotion. You can merge these records into the Texas A&M record as well. Check with these outside labs to request their assistance.

I wish you the best in 2009. Sandi Thomas

#### **Region 3 Members**

Nominations are now being accepted for Region 3 director

In order to be eligible, the nominee must have been a member of the ADCA for at least three years and cannot be a member of a competing U.S. Dexter cattle registry.

If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please contact:

Carol Ann Traynor Secretary 1427 17 Rd. Fruita, CO 81521 (970) 858-1931 secretary@dextercattle.org

More information will be coming in a special mailing to Region 3 members.

### Region 6 Director's Message

Dexter owners and breeders in Region 6 have much to look forward to in 2009. New opportunities, new events and new ADCA members continue to bless the central states in Region 6 (Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma), and demand for our region's cattle remains steady.

Paula Sims, a new ADCA member and Dexter owner in Walton, Kan., has volunteered to be the editor of our central states Dexters regional newsletter. I'm very grateful for her willingness to serve our region

#### What

Oklahoma Dexter Owner/ Breeders Meeting

#### Where

Shawnee Public Library http://www.pioneer. lib.ok.us/shatop 101 North Philadelphia Shawnee, OK

#### When

Saturday, April 25, 2 - 4 p.m.

#### Whv

- Meet other Dexter owners from around the state.
  Discuss setting up a state-level show.
  Come up with ideas on promoting the Dexter breed
- in Oklahoma.

  •Share stories and information.

  •Get updated on the new

  ADCA genotype testing

  requirement for bull registrations and upcoming events.

in this important job.

Several Oklahoma ADCA members have scheduled a Dexter owners meeting to organize an ADCA Region 6 committee for having a Dexter show at the 2009 Tulsa State Fair, to get to know other Dexter breeders in Oklahoma and to meet with me in April. Debi Hawkins, a new ADCA member and Dexter owner in Wellston, Okla., has initiated this opportunity, and she is working diligently to contact people and get this meeting organized (see box).

Please RSVP to Debi Hawkins by e-mailing debstites@ msn.com or phoning (405) 226-6456) with the number of people you plan to bring so we can set up the room and buy refreshments. Feel free to bring farm photos to share and information on cattle you might have for sale. **Everyone is welcome to** attend.

I'm looking forward to meeting with the Oklahoma owners and breeders in April, participating at the Annual General Meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa, in June, going to the Nebraska State Fair in August, seeing lots of familiar faces (and new folks) at the Kansas State Fair and ADCA Region 6 meeting in September and then going to the Tulsa State Fair in October.

Clay Adams

### Region 7 Director's Message

Hello to all. With the advent of the new year comes the Houston Livestock Show. We hope many will either show animals or come and cheer on those who do show.

We always have fun (and work hard) and do our best to promote Dexter cattle at this international event. The Texas Dexter Breeders Association has worked hard to raise funds to support premiums, especially for the youth who show. Please lend them your financial support for this if you are able. We hope to see you there!

This event takes place at Reliant Center in Houston on March 14-15. The actual shows (Youth and Open) are on Sunday afternoon, March 15.

Last year's exhibitions and shows were outstanding. We look for even better things this year. Good luck to all!

Parts of Texas are still under severe drought, and people are struggling to keep their animals. We all hope that Mother Nature will get over her snit and help the land to recover. It's not only dry, but we also have experienced unusually cold weather — including snow in places where it just never seems to snow.

Hopefully, the economy will start recovering, and we can again enjoy raising and caring for our delightful Dexters.

Good wishes to all in this new year.

Pam Malcuit

### Region 8 Director's Message

It's February, and in just a few weeks spring will be here! Now is the time to make sure your herd is not affected with EMF (empty mineral feeders).

Here in our region, if Mother Nature cooperates good spring grasses come up fast and furious, so it is very important, especially in this region, that High Mag minerals be used to prevent grass tetany. Most feed or ag suppliers offer this as spring minerals or simply Hi-Mag. Check with your local veterinarian for his/her suggestion on when to start your herd on these spring minerals, the timing of which will be somewhat dependent on your soil, grass and precipitation levels come late February or early March.

Speaking of March, once again we will be heading to Houston, which is the first of many shows that we will attend this spring. If you would like assistance or advice on shows, getting to shows, working with youth to show your Dexters or anything else, for that matter, you are encouraged to let me know, and I may be able to point you in the right direction.

As many of you have heard, we will be moving our farm to Eastern Tennessee, where we have purchased land. We will have to start the fencing, barns and house building projects, so if you e-mail, don't worry if we don't answer right away. We hope to have our farm moved by August 2009.

Since we are relocating within the region, there will be no change except my home phone number and mailing

address, all of which will be published on the ADCA web site and the Bulletin when the time comes.

Region 8 will be hosting the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and plans on having a location and dates ready for publication by April or so. I will be sending out a questionnaire

to see where our regional membership stands with opinions on speakers, vendors and events

for the AGM. We also will need numerous volunteers for all the different jobs, and there is something for everyone – whether you can volunteer ideas, time or what have you.

Let's all attend the 2009 AGM in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and show that region our support and get ideas on different topics, etc. It is always a great opportunity to meet other Dexter folks

who have the same interests and issues as you do.

Regarding current issues, the ADCA just recently started mandatory genotyping of bulls. If you have any questions, concerns or comments or did not receive your voting proxy back in December, please let me know.

> It also has my attention that some members have

been brought to not been send-

ing the registrar updates to their herds (for instance, when bulls are castrated and should be recorded as steers or when an animal dies or is slaughtered). Please notify Chuck Daggett with these updates so that the registry can be kept accurate, because inflated numbers of bulls and/or live animals is not good for anyone.

Warren Coad



**Region 8 will host** 

the 2010 Annual

General Meeting.

Freedom Farms welcomed its first 2009 calf, a red bull, born Jan. 7. Mom is Mini Moola, and he is (pending) In The Red.

### Region 12 Incoming Director's Message

Hi, everyone! I hope this *Bulletin* finds you doing well.

I wanted to thank Region 12 members for their support for my run as regional director. I want to thank Diane Mills-Frank for running for director and supporting the ADCA. I want to thank Rick Seydel for all of his work over the last six years and his continued support to the ADCA hosting the 2009 National Show and Sale and Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June.

I encourage each and every one of you to make copies of the forms in the *Bulletin* and get them submitted right away. Commit to making this the best event we have ever had. All animals placed for sale and submitted properly will be posted at

www.dextercattle.org and promoted as being entered in the sale at the 2009 AGM.

This is a big feature, so the sooner you get your animals registered for the sale, the more they will be promoted and the more likely people will attend to purchase those animals.

Commit to making the AGM the best event we have ever had.

As time goes on, please check www.dextercattle.org for updates on the AGM and, specifically, the schedule of events. We will be keeping the most upto-date information right there.

When you have a chance,

check out the ADCA web site, www.dextercattle. org. There have been many things posted on the site, including *Bulletins* from 1911 to 1919.

Over 100 new pages have been added, not just the *Bulletins*, but also basic information, merchandise for sale, DNA testing and a picture archive. (Please submit pictures; all three colors are needed to expand the archive. Side profile photos are the best.)

Also on the site are current ADCA news and a Dexter archive with so much information, and more information being added all the time. Check it out and check back often.

See you in June at the 2009 AGM.

Dan Butterfield

### Region 12 Outgoing Director's Message

Greetings and farewell, Region 12 members! I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to represent this region for the past six years.

I ran for this office back in 2002 for a few reasons. I loved this breed of cattle, really wanted to learn as much as I could about it and also wanted to help make a difference. My term has been an interesting, challenging and, most of all, enjoyable adventure. I have dealt with everything from the simplest cattle questions from new members to helping the ADCA rebuild after the split into two associations.

As the ADCA continues to grow, there will challenges. We need to work together as a team for the common good of the breed. When you take your concerns to your new director, Dan Butterfield, remember that he will represent the wishes of the majority of Region 12 members. He has a great passion for Dexters and will be a great spokesperson for our region.

Our region is growing by leaps and bounds. This is a testament to the breed and the wonderful people of Region 12. The best part of this job was meeting so many of you over the years. I am blessed to be able to

call you friends.

I still have one big task to help complete – the 2009 Annual General Meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa – so get ready for my phone call to help show off Region 12 and our cattle. I am going to rely on many of you to help welcome members from around the country to Iowa this summer.

I'll end by wishing each and every one of you the best in health and happiness. I will enjoy my retirement from the Board of Directors but would be lying to you if I said I won't miss it . . . a little.

Rick Seydel

### **Committees**

#### ADCA GOALS TASK FORCE

John Foley (Chair), Matt DeLaVega, Wendy Fultz, Pat Mitchell, Judy Nocks, Julie Phippen, Gene Pittman, Robert Seddon, Star Walkup and Susan Yehl

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#### YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CHRIS ODOM AWARD

Warren Coad (Co-Chair), Sally Coad (Co-Chair), Don Giles and John Derrick

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Tentative Schedule of Events

The agenda, seminars and times are subject to change if conflicts arise.

Check the ADCA web site for updates.

Wednesday, June 24

Before 6 p.m. Cattle check-in (fairgrounds) by appointment only

6-9 p.m. ADCA Board Meeting (Best Western Starlight); hospitality room and socializing

(Best Western poolside)

Thursday, June 25

9 a.m.-noon1:30-5 p.m.ADCA Board Meeting (banquet room at fairgrounds)

All day Cattle check-in and registration (fairgrounds); vendor set-up (fairgrounds)

6-7 p.m. Seminars and educational sessions, followed by hospitality room and socializing

(Best Western poolside)

Friday, June 26

8 a.m. Registration hosted by Region 12 (fairgrounds); vendor booths open (fairgrounds)

9 a.m.-noon Dexter Cattle Show – Youth and Open (arena)

Noon-1 p.m. Lunch on your own (concessions available on site); Dexter beef cook-off, if enough

participation (banquet room at fairgrounds)

1-6 p.m. Seminars and educational sessions6-6:30 p.m. Cash bar (banquet room at fairgrounds)

6:30 p.m. Catered dinner (banquet room at fairgrounds) followed by White Dexter Sale

(fundraiser); hospitality room and socializing afterward (Best Western poolside)

Saturday, June 27

8 a.m. Registration hosted by Region 12; vendor booths open

9 a.m. Video and photo show results posted (banquet room at fairgrounds)

9-10 a.m. Seminars and educational sessions 10 a.m.-noon 2009 ADCA Dexter Sale! (arena)

Noon-12:45 p.m. Lunch on your own (concessions available on site)

12:45-2:30 p.m. Seminars and educational sessions

3 p.m.-completion Annual General Membership Meeting (banquet room at fairgrounds)

6-6:30 p.m. Cash bar (banquet room at fairgrounds)

6:30 p.m. Catered banquet (banquet room at fairgrounds); 2009 Talisman and Chris Odom

Awards; hospitality room and socializing after AGM and banquet (Best Western

poolside)

\*Animal checkout will begin sometime late Saturday afternoon, depending on the availability of the veterinarian.

Sunday, June 28

8 a.m.-noon ADCA Board of Directors Meeting (tentatively set up at Best Western Starlight)

Noon on Have a safe trip home! See you in 2010!

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Registration Form

	Meeting Dates: June 25-28 Registration Deadline: June 1		
Name	5		
Farm, ranch or business name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Phone			
E-mail address	-		
All meals will be served at the Webster Friday dinner meal and Saturday banque 2 meals and book@ \$ Guest meals (Friday night)@ \$ Guest meals (Saturday night)@ \$ **If you want the ADCA program and day/meal, select the meals on the day/meal selecting guest meals.	uet meal.*  Total amount  Total amount  Total amount  Total amount  both meals, select the \$35 option.	If you want to	attend only one
Check number	Check total		
	e to ADCA. Payment must accomp		_
•	forms and rules for the show and savailable on <a href="https://www.dextercattle.org">www.dextercattle.org</a>		No
I will be bringing somet	hing to donate for the White Dexte	r Sale. Yes	No
Mail to Rick Seyde	el, 1011 Chestnut Road, Coon Rap	oids, IA 50058	
•	Rick Seydel, (712) 210-1119, or rm (319) 533-5059, or GrandmasDext	•	-

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Host Hotel Information

#### **Best Western Starlite Village Inn and Suites**

Junction of Highways 169 & 7 Fort Dodge, IA (515) 573-7177

Cost - \$79.97 plus tax/night

Request American Dexter Cattle Association rates when reserving one of the 40 poolside rooms that have been reserved for ADCA.

On-site camping at the fairgrounds available for \$12 per night.

Other motels in the area

AmericInn - (515) 576-2100 Budget Host - (515) 955-8501

#### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Show and Sale Class Category List

#### **OPEN CLASSES**

Class	Description	Age Range	Born On- After	Born On- Before
1	Heifer Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/2008	06/01/2009
2	Heifer Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/2008	12/01/2008
3	Yearling Heifer	1 year to 2 years	06/01/2007	06/01/2008
4	Young Cow	2 years to 4 years	06/01/2005	06/01/2007
5	Mature Cow	Over 4 years	-	06/01/2005
12	Milking Cow	Must be in milk and milkable	-	-
13	Potential Milking Heifer	Less than 2 years	06/01/2007	06/01/2009
6	Cow/Calf Pair	No age requirements	-	-
7	Bull Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/2008	06/01/2009
8	Bull Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/2008	12/01/2008
9	Yearling Bull	1 year to 2 years	06/01/2007	06/01/2008
10	Mature Bull	Over 2 years	-	06/01/2008
11	Steer	Any age or weight	-	-

#### **YOUTH CLASSES**

		Age	Born On-	Born On-
Class	Description	Range	After	Before
16	Heifer Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/2008	06/01/2009
17	Heifer Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/2008	12/01/2008
18	Yearling Heifer	1 year to 2 years	06/01/2007	06/01/2008
19	Young Cow	2 years to 4 years	06/01/2005	06/01/2007
20	Mature Cow	Over 4 years	-	06/01/2005
24	Bull Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/2008	06/01/2009
25	Bull Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/2008	12/01/2008
26	Steer	Less than 1 year	06/01/2008	06/01/2009
27	Steer	Over 1 year	-	06/01/2008

#### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

Class	Description	Age Range
28	Showmanship	Youth 12 or under
29	Showmanship	Youth 13 to 18
14	Adult Showmanship	18 years and up

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Show and Sale Entry Form

All Animals MUST be halter-broke to lead. No exceptions. Entry Fees: Show Only – \$25 Sale Only – \$25 Show and Sale – \$35

Animals shown in multiple classes require an entry fee for each class.

Use separate lines for each class entered.

If you have questions about filling out this form, please call or e-mail Dan Butterfield at GrandmasDexters@aol.com or (319) 533-5059.

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Herd name \_\_\_\_\_

Address		City_		State	e Zip	
Phone (	) E-ma	il address				
ADCA Registration Number	Registered Name		Birth Date	Show Class Number	Show, Sale or Both	Sale Reserve Price
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### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Show & Sale Guidelines

#### **General Guidelines**

- Exhibitors must be current ADCA members.
- ▶ All animals must properly identified using ear tags, neck chains, brands, etc., and must be legibly tattooed with the exact alphanumeric identification that appears on the registration papers or have a permanent metal ear tag (calf hood vaccination for females); this number MUST appear on all health papers. Failure to have a legible, accurate tattoo will be grounds for dismissal from the event.
- ▶ All animals shown must be halter-broke to lead and tie. There is NO pen class. Animals MUST be tied. Any animal deemed unmanageable by the Show and Sale Committee before or during the show must leave the arena and be confined to a livestock trailer (no holding pens will be available) and will not be eligible for sale or show placing; all entry fees will be forfeited.
- ▶ The show and sale are two separate events. Animals may be entered in the show for \$25. Animals may be entered in the sale for \$25. Animals may be entered in both the show and sale for a special rate of \$35.
- ▶ All cattle, including steers, must be registered with the ADCA prior to entry. A copy of the registration papers, in the sole name of the exhibitor or partnership, must be furnished with the entry form for the show or sale. Junior exhibitors do not have to be owners to exhibit. If a person is physically unable, animals may be shown by any non-professional person. If an owner wants to show two or more animals in the same class, he or she MUST show ONE; the additional animal(s) may be shown by any other individual in attendance.
- ▶ All entry forms and fees must be received by the deadline designated on the form. Late entries will be accepted for the sale event up to the day before the sale; however, animals whose entry forms are received after the deadline will not be in the sale catalog, and an additional late fee of \$10 will be charged. Entry fees for animals not brought to the show or sale will not be refunded.
- ▶ Health certificates will be required for all entries and will be checked and approved by the designated show veterinarian before the show and sale. These certificates will be surrendered at unloading to the individuals supervising the check-in of animals. If an animal is to be sold, the original registration and transfer papers also must be given to the individuals supervising the checking-in. For animals to be sold, the original registration and transfer papers also must be given to the individuals at the time of unloading. Animals from quarantined areas are not permitted to enter the show or sale. Out-of-state entries must comply with lowa regulations. See health regulations on p. 17 for further explanation.
- ▶ The 2009 Show and Sale Committee will have final authority to uphold established rules and regulations. The committee chairman will resolve questions and/or disputes.
- ► Females advertised as "safe in calf" must have a veterinarian's pregnancy check certificate. Bulls over 18 months of age must have a veterinarian's fertility exam report.
- ▶ All bulls 12 months or older must have an affixed nose ring or nose clamp.
- ► All cattle must be double-tied (neck rope plus halter). All cattle and staff areas must be kept clean and presentable during the show and/or sale.
- ▶ No drugs are to be administered except under the guidance of the event veterinarian.
- ▶ Every precaution will be taken to protect participants and their animals. However, neither the ADCA, the Show and Sale Committee, the event site nor the supervisors or their assistants will be responsible for accidents or loss associated with participants and their animals.
- ▶ The ADCA and auctioneer(s) act only to bring the buyers and sellers together. Any warranties or claims pertaining to any animal are strictly between seller and buyer. Buyers should satisfy themselves regarding the soundness and condition of the animal before bidding on that animal.
- ▶ Bedding (shavings) will be supplied.
  - •Exhibitors may not bring their own shavings.
  - •Replacement bedding may be purchased on site.

- Hay and feed also may be available for purchase on site or from a nearby feed store.
- ► Electrical outlets will be available for fans and other needs.
- ► Wash racks will be available outside in a covered area.
- Exhibitors may bring their own grooming chutes.

#### **Show Guidelines**

- ► For more than first-place premiums to be paid, a class must have more than one exhibitor. If a class has only one animal, only the first-place premium will be paid.
  - Premiums per class
    - •First (to be determined later)
    - Second (to be determined later)
    - Third (to be determined later)
  - •Grand champion and reserve grand champion: male and female, open and youth
    - •Grand champion (to be determined later)
    - •Reserve grand champion (to be determined later)
    - •Steers will have only class premiums, not grand and reserve grand champion premiums.
  - First and second places in each class will compete for grand champion and reserve grand champion, male or female.
  - •Calves from Open, Photo and Video Show cow/calf pairs must be registered with the ADCA. Show the pride in your Dexters' breeding. Keep in mind that placing in the class is the best form of advertising. How better to represent your breeding by the steer being registered!
  - •Youth showing in youth classes must be 18 years or younger.
- ► Exhibitors are encouraged to present their cattle in a professional manner that will show pride in their animals and the breed. All animals **must** be washed and brushed.
- ▶ The same grooming guidelines will apply to the AGM Video Show.
- ▶ Grooming is at the owners' discretion as long as they abide by rules regarding prohibited items.

#### Prohibited grooming items

- Painting or polishing of horns or hooves with colored polish
- Artificial coat coloring
- Growth implants
- Drugs to alter the animal's disposition
- •Total body fitting, which includes sculpting hair when clipping and using adhesives, wax or mousse to shape the coat to hide animal flaws.
- ▶ Showmanship attire will be required and enforced in the show ring for anyone presenting cattle.
  - •Collared/buttoned shirts with sleeves (length of the sleeves will be determined by the season/ weather)
  - •Long pants (jeans or slacks) that are dark and have no tears or holes.
  - •Boots or fully enclosed heavy footwear must be worn for safety reasons.
  - •Long hair must be tucked in a hat or tied back for safety reasons.
  - •Optional: belt, western hats, gloves or the use of show sticks and combs.
  - Prohibited items include the following:
    - Baseball caps
    - •Baggy, low-riding pants that drag on the ground, for safety reasons
    - •T-shirts or crop top shirts that leave the midriff skin showing
    - •Sandals or canvas shoes, for safety reasons
    - Overalls



- ▶ Before the show, the Show and Sale Committee will advise the judge regarding grooming requirements and expectations. This will encourage the judge to look closely at the animal, not the exhibitors' grooming.
- ▶ All show animals must be broke to show (lead) at halter. There are NO PENS. Unruly animals must be confined to a livestock trailer. Remember, one of the selling points to this breed is its temperament and ease of handling.
- ► Classes will be determined by the animal's age as of June 1, 2009.
  - Open classes
    - Heifer calf less than 6 months old
    - •Heifer calf 6 months to one year
    - Yearling heifer
    - Young cow two to four years old
    - Mature cow over four years old
    - Cow/calf pair
    - •Bull calf less than 6 months old
    - •Bull calf 6 months to one year
    - Yearling bull
    - Mature bull
    - Steer
    - Milking cow class
    - Potential milking heifer
    - Youth classes
      - •Heifer calf less than 6 months
      - •Heifer calf 6 months to one year
      - Yearling heifer
      - Young cow two to four years old
      - Mature cow over four years old
      - •Bull calf less than 6 months old
      - •Bull calf 6 months to one year
      - •Steer Less than 1 year old
      - •Steer More than 1 year old
    - Showmanship
      - •Showmanship 12 years and younger
      - •Showmanship 13 years and older
      - •Showmanship adult
- ▶ A grand and reserve grand champion female Dexter and a grand and reserve grand champion male Dexter will be chosen for each show. A grand and reserve grand champion steer also will be chosen; however, additional premiums will not be paid in the steer divisions.

#### Sale Guidelines

- ▶ The ratio of males to females for sale shall be 1:3. This applies to entries from one seller, or sellers may combine entries to maintain the ratio. Entries not meeting this ratio may not be accepted.
- ► Each sale entry must include a copy of the original ADCA registration certificate. A short description also may be submitted for the sale catalog; lengthy descriptions may be shortened at the Show and Sale Committee's discretion. At unloading, the seller must surrender the signed original ADCA registration as well as the signed transfer papers as appropriate for proper transfer to the new owner.
- ▶ Sale animals will be identified by neck tags, furnished by the Show and Sale Committee, that correspond to the catalog numbers. The Show and Sale Committee will establish the sale order. The sale order and other pertinent information regarding the sale will be communicated prior to the sale.

- ▶ Sellers can establish a minimum sale requirement upon entry and will have the option, after all bidding is completed, to accept or decline the sale price if it is lower than the established minimum price. This option will be announced at the time of the sale.
- ► Changes to established minimum pricing will not be made without written consent of the seller. All buyers' numbers will be issued upon proper verification or identification. Pictured identification is desired. Anyone issued a buyer number will be liable for all accepted bids and purchases made under that number.
- ▶ The Show and Sale Committee will accept cash or check.
- ► The Show and Sale Committee will settle all disputes.
- ▶ No animal may leave the barn or be removed from the grounds without a LOAD-OUT ORDER, which will be issued by the cashier at the time of payment.
- ▶ Owners of animals that do not meet the minimum bid price and are not sold will pay 5% of the last bid or \$25, whichever is less.
- ▶ Sellers will be responsible for animals until the sale is completed. (After the animal leaves the sale ring, the buyer is responsible.)
- ► The ADCA transfer fee will be waived for animals sold in the sale ring! (This will offset the commission paid by the seller.)
- No private treaty sales will be allowed during the sale event. All animals offered for sale must go through the auction ring. If the animal fails to bring the established minimum during the auction and does not sell, the owner may opt to sell the animal at private treaty after the sale, at a price agreed upon by both buyer and seller, off the grounds of the event, or to sell the animal on the grounds and pay the commission.
- ► Seller's settlement date will be approximately two weeks after sale and verification of buyer's check clearing the bank.

#### **Animal Health Regulations for Participants (HEALTH CERTIFICATES)**

- ▶ The term "Health Certificate" or "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" means a legible record made on an official form of the state of origin, issued by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animal(s) listed meet the testing, vaccination, treatment and requirements of the state of destination. Unless otherwise stated in the following rules, a health certificate or certificates of veterinary inspection must accompany all animals to be exhibited or sold and be surrendered at time of unloading. **Brucellosis:** All breeding animals, except animals from a certified brucellosis-free herd, must meet lowa requirements. The certified herd number and date of the last test must be shown on the health certificate.
- ► Each animal must have a separate health paper attached to the original registration paper at the time of check-in and unloading. These papers (registration and health) must be given to the staff checking in the animals.

Owners should keep photocopies of ALL documents.

- ▶ Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting hair loss or warts easily visible without close examination will not be permitted to sell or show and shall be subject to isolation or expulsion, depending upon the nature of the disease.
- ▶ The event will have accredited veterinarians or other state regulatory personnel for processing animals and health certificates for change of ownership as well as health papers for transporting across state lines. Any additional cost for health papers will be at the buyer's expense.
- ▶ The minimum health and testing requirements may not qualify livestock that are to be sold or moved to a new owner or destination. The Show and Sale Committee will investigate and comply with any added requirements for livestock that are to be sold in a sale or their particular location. The Show and Sale Committee will print the hosting state's specific health requirements on the entry form that is to be signed and returned.

#### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting **Photo Show Entry Form**

#### Start taking photos today! Show off your best photos of your best Dexters for only \$5 each.

#### Rules

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- ▶ All Dexter pictures entered MUST be of an animal registered with the ADCA; no exceptions.
- ▶ Entry fee is \$5 per photo. No limit on photos per class. Get those photos in!

**Working Dexters** 

"Udder Shots" (Milking Dexters)

- ▶ Full registered name and registration number of the animal and the class you are entering must be placed on the back of the photo.
- ► Photo should be 8" x 10", but 5" x 7" will be accepted.
- ▶ The ADCA reserves the right to use the photos on the web site and other promotional material.

Checks MUST be made out to the ADCA.

Questions? E-mail Dan Butterfield at GrandmasDexters@aol.com or call (319) 533-5059.

Name of ov	vner submitting photo		
Photograph	ner name		
Farm/ranch	name		
Address			
City		_ State	Zip Code
Phone		E-mail	
	Class		Number of Entries
1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Individual Dexters Cow/Calf Pair Like Father – Like Son (herd bull with his male offspring) Dexters with Scenery Cute Calves		
6. 7.	Dexters Enjoying the Holidays Kids and Dexters Herd Shots		

\*Udder Shot is a new category this year. It can be side profile or rear profile.

Mail entries with information, this form and payment to: Rick Seydel, 1011 Chestnut Road, Coon Rapids, IA 50058

(Checks MUST be made out to ADCA)

For information, contact Rick at (712) 210-1119 or rmseydel@iowatelecom.net Please e-mail or call with questions.

We look forward to the picture show display at the 2009 AGM Show and Sale!

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Video Show Entry Form

Video: \$15 Entry Fee
Deadline: May 1, 2009
No late entries will be accepted.

Make additional copies of this form as needed.

#### **Video Show Rules**

- ▶ All entry videos MUST be on CDs (standard video format); no tapes allowed.
- ► Animals must meet grooming standards as set by ADCA.
- ► Each animal video may not exceed 2½ minutes.
- ▶ The ADCA reserves the right to use any and all CDs for promotional purposes.
- ► Each animal must be identified in the CD by signage.
- ► Class (see entry form), animal name, registration number, date of birth, estimated hip height and weight also must appear on the CD.
- ▶ If the animal is for sale, indicate this as well.
- ▶ Animals must be ADCA-registered; send a copy of the animals' registration papers.

#### **Content of Video**

- ► The video should be filmed in this order:
- ▶ 30-second side view from about 20 feet away
- ▶ 15-second front and rear view showing at least two feet while the animal is standing on a hard surface
- ▶ 20-second rear view from about 12 feet away showing rear quarters, legs, udder or testicles
- ▶20-second front view showing head, shoulders and front legs
- ► Final side view of 30 seconds with the animal moving in a clockwise direction.

Open Class Number*	Animal Name	Registration Number	Birth Date	Hip Height	Weight
2	Otter Creek Kate (Example)	018262	10/24/08	32"	225#

*MUST USE OPEN CLASS NUMB	ERS (See Class (	Category List on	p. 12.)
Number of videos	@ \$15 = \$		

Send video, form, copy of registration and payment to: Rick Seydel, 1011 Chestnut Road, Coon Rapids, IA 50058. (Checks must be made to ADCA.)

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Sponsorships

### Support the Show and Sale! Sponsor a Class!

#### 2009 AGM Show and Sale Show Sponsor - \$1,000

- •Display your signage at both the show and sale.
  - •Display your product or service at the AGM.
- •Recognition will be provided at the show and sale as well as at the Annual General Meeting banquet.
- •Recognition also will be provided online and in the program sale catalog.
- •Receive a FREE copy of the ADCA 2009 Show and Sale catalog and program.

#### Premium Sponsors – \$250-\$500

- •Display your signage at both the show and sale.
- •Recognition will be provided at the show and sale as well as at the Annual General Meeting banquet.
- •Recognition also will be provided online and in the program sale catalog.
- •Receive a FREE copy of the ADCA 2009 Show and Sale catalog and program.

#### Class Sponsors - \$150

- •Recognition will be provided at the show and sale as well as at the Annual General Meeting banquet.
- •Recognition also will be provided online and in the program sale catalog.
- •Receive a FREE copy of the ADCA 2009 Show and Sale catalog and program. See p. 21 for class options.

If you are interested in sponsoring a class or sponsoring the whole show, Contact Dan Butterfield, 2009 AGM sponsorship chair, at GrandmasDexters@aol.com or (319) 533-5059.

Send checks, payable to ADCA, to Rick Seydel 1011 Chestnut Road Coon Rapids, IA 50058 (712) 684-5753 rmseydel@iowatelecom.net

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SPONSORED A CLASS SO FAR!

CLASSES AVAILABLE	COST	CLASS SPONSOR				
Show Sponsor	\$1,000					
	OPEN CLASSES					
Grand Champion Male	\$500					
Grand Champion Female	\$500					
Reserve Grand Champion Male	\$250	Bar None's Miniatures – David Jones, TX				
Reserve Grand Champion Female	\$250	Sant' Angelo Farm – Dan & Paula Maras, OK				
Heifer Calf – less than 6 months	\$150	Duke Dexters - Dennis & Marilyn Duke, IA				
Heifer Calf – 6 months to 1 year	\$150	Midhill Dexters – Carol Koller, NY				
Yearling Heifer – 1 to 2 years	\$150	Beaver Tree Farm - Charles Townson, SC				
Young Cow – 2 to 4 years	\$150	Wieringa Dexters - Roberta & Lee Wieringa, MI				
Mature Cow – over 4 years	\$150					
Cow/Calf Pair – calf less than 8 months	\$150					
Bull Calf – less than 6 months	\$150					
Bull Calf – 6 months to 1 year	\$150					
Yearling Bull – 1 to 2 years	\$150	High Pines Ranch – Jim & Peggy Woehl, SD				
Mature Bull – 2 and above	\$150	CJS Farm – Judy & Scott Nocks, CO				
Milking Cow	\$150	(Sponsor Pending)				
Potential Milking Heifer	\$150	(Sponsor Pending)				
Steer – any age	\$150					
Showmanship – Adult	\$150	Hi-Country Achers – Carol Ann Traynor, CO				
	YOUTH CLAS	SES				
Youth Grand Champion Male	\$500					
Youth Grand Champion Female	\$500					
Reserve Youth Grand Champion Male	\$250					
Reserve Youth Grand Champion Female	\$250					
Heifer Calf – less than 6 months	\$150	Lil O'TEXish Dexters – Carol Johnson, TX				
Heifer Calf – 6 months to 1 year	\$150					
Yearling Heifer – 1 to 2 years	\$150	(Sponsor Pending)				
Young Cow – 2 to 4 years	\$150					
Mature Cow – over 4 years	\$150					
Bull Calf – less than 6 months	\$150	Little Cow Farm – Tammy & Richard King, IA				
Bull Calf – 6 months to 1 year	\$150					
Steer – Less than 1 year of age	\$150					
Steer – Over 1 year of age	\$150					
Showmanship – Youth 12 and Under	\$150	Freedom Farms – Sally & Warren Coad, NC				
Showmanship – Youth 13 to 18 yrs	\$150					

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Vendor Space Form

#### Vendor booths are available!

Deadline for registration: May 20, 2009

This remarkable facility has wonderful space for vendors! Vendor space is available indoors or outside.

#### Requirements and Information:

- ► You must bring your own tables and chairs.
- ► No vendors may sell food items.
- ▶ You will not be required to pay a percentage on items sold.
- ▶ Vendors are asked to donate to the White Dexter Sale.
- ▶ Vendor space is available outside (no space limitation).
- ▶ Vendor space is available inside (some space limitation).
- ▶ Items being sold do not have to be cattle-related but are subject to approval.

#### **Vendor Space Form**

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Signature			Date
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By signing, you agree to abide by the rules on this page. No guarantee or warranty is expressed as to the number of sales you will make. The ADCA and the Webster County Fairgrounds are not liable for ANY Damage or Loss associated with the show and sale vendor space.

#### **Booth Price**

Booths are FREE if you put an ad in the show and sale catalog (\$15-\$120). You are asked, but are not required, to donate to the White Dexter Sale. If you choose not to place an ad, booths are \$25 each. Electricity <u>may</u> be available upon request in advance.

Circle one: ADCA member Yes No.

### 2009 ADCA Annual General Meeting Ad Rates

#### Buy an ad in the 2009 Commemorative AGM Show and Sale Catalog!

Full page \$120 Quarter page \$30 Half page \$60 Business card \$15 Covers are already sold out.

Contact Dan Butterfield at GrandmasDexters@aol.com or (319) 533-5059.

### 2009 Talisman Award

#### Talisman Award Nominations Deadline: May 1

The Talisman Award is made possible by Belle Hays in memory of her husband, John Hays, and in honor of 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.

The 2009 Talisman Award will be presented on June 27 at the ADCA Annual General Meeting.

Nominees MUST be current paid members in good standing with the ADCA.

Nominations must be submitted by ADCA members.

Send in your nominations now!

I would like to nominate	for the 2009 Talisman Award.
Comments	
Submitted by	Date

#### Mail or e-mail nominations to

Roberta Wieringa 5260 N Whitneyville Road Middleville, MI 49333 (269) 795-4809 wieringadexterfarm@yahoo.com

#### **Past Winners**

(2008) Marcia Read, PA (2007) Carol Davidson, BC (2006) Diane Mills-Frank, WI

### **Focus on Youth**

At the December meeting of the Franklin County (N.C.) Cattlemen's Association (NCCA), Sally Coad was called upon to give a presentation on children who had shown the previous year in affiliation with her farm, Freedom Farms. All of the youth received praise for their commitment to showing Dexter cattle and for their sportsmanship practices in showing this small

breed many times against large, more popular breeds of cattle.

Their hard work and diligence was duly noted, and the importance of fostering a love for livestock in today's youth was highlighted. Many of the youth received checks from the NCCA for their participation in the Four County 4-H Livestock Show last spring. The showmanship skills of all of these youths

prove their dedication and hard work, and all are wished a very successful 2009 show season.

Children recognized at the meeting included Lindsay Edwards, Caitlin Graham, Amy Smith, Jackson Lewis, Kimberley Womble, Madalyn Dunn, Selina Bullock, Lauren Edwards, Samuel Lewis, Chloe Dunn, Abby Graham, Jackson Neal and Matthew Graham.



### ADCA Forming Youth Committee

An ADCA Youth Committee is starting to come together to promote our youth and their activities involving Dexter cattle.

We need members to participate in this endeavor, not only on a national and regional level, but certainly on the local level as well. We need members and their families to become active and involved to make this exciting new area of the ADCA succeed and flourish.

# Please help make the ADCA Youth Program a success.

More information on activities, programs and incentives will come soon, but right now we need ideas and suggestions from you, the membership. Updates on the progress of this committee will be available on the ADCA web site and in the next *Bulletin*.

Please contact Warren Coad, committee chair, at (252) 492-6633 or AdcaRegion8@aol.com with your thoughts and to express your interest in such a program. Any ideas and contacts of other youth programs will be pursued to make the ADCA Youth Program a success.

# Your ADCA Board in Motion: WorkYoke

#### October-December 2008 Summary of Activity

### Information: Breed Standards/Guidelines

Pat Mitchell is updating the old guideline information, addressing heights, weight, color designation, polledness and anything else that might be revised in a document on breed standards/ guidelines.

The problem compounds itself when judges at shows try to interpret the old guidelines as a breed standard and place cattle with superior conformation and body type lower solely due to the fact that their size may be outside the recommended 36-42" box, mistakenly thinking that the guideline is a standard.

The proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Directors (BOD) for review and approval, then to the membership for input. Pat requested comments on the proposal in order to begin working on it.

#### AGM Board Minutes, August-September WorkYoke Summary

Both the minutes from the 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) BOD meetings and the Work-Yoke summary for August-September were approved as corrected and released for publication on the ADCA web site and the *Bulletin*.

#### Information:

#### CafePress.com (continued)

Discussion continued on the use of CafePress.com as the vendor

of promotional items. The BOD has decided to try using this venue in order to streamline promotional item sales.

### Information: Regional Director Elections

In response to member input regarding this first round of regional director elections using a proxy form, we are working to improve the procedure:

- ► The form *does need a signature* to be valid.
- ► All returned forms need to be archived.
- ► The title "Proxy Ballot" was misleading; "Proxy" needs to be clarified on the form.
- ▶ Proxy forms must be mailed to a designated person, who should be given proxy power and simply report to the regional chairman and secretary the votes cast (i.e., X votes for candidate #1, X votes for candidate #2, etc.).
- ► In addition to the Nominating Committee and Board of Directors candidate recommendations, candidates may be nominated from the floor (or from write-in on proxy form) during an election meeting.
- ► Any/all candidates (including write-ins or nominations from the floor) must meet the established criteria used by the ADCA Nominating Committee.
- ► The regional meeting must have a designated chairperson and secretary.
- ► The officers as well as regional directors also need to have a copy of the director's manual, which contains standard operat-

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(Cont. from p. 25) ing procedures for the ADCA, including the eligibility requirements for director positions.

### Judges for AGM Shows (continued)

Discussion about judge selection for AGM shows continued. The consensus was:

- ► First and foremost, select a good cattle judge.
- ► Second, educate that judge about the fine points of the Dexter breed.
- ► Show judging is definitely different from classifying.

### Information: WorkYoke Future (continued)

In an attempt at getting voting from the chat site approved:

- ► A written explanation of the process and the reasons it is believed to be the same as a conference call is needed.
- ► That information would be forwarded to the attorney to get an initial response and then get on a call to discuss.

#### **Teleconference Minutes**

The minutes of the teleconference were sent to the BOD for approval and corrected to release for publication on the web site and *Bulletin*.

#### Interim Director, Region 3

Bill Kirkland resigned as director of Region 3. Judy Nocks volunteered to assume the responsibilities of directorship until nominations for a new director and election could be held.

### Information: Chondrodysplasia and Genotype Testing

Pam Malcuit reported that people repeatedly call or e-mail asking what to do if the animal is not yet registered. The answer is a permanent ID, usually the tattoo, as is required for registration and noted on the application, not just the name of the animal. The sire/dam and birth date are required as well. Members who choose not to register an animal until its chondrodysplasia status is known can put "pending" in that blank as long as they provide the animal's specific and permanent identification.

### Information: Youth Committee

There was discussion on developing a Youth Program Committee to encompass the Chris Odom Award. The presentation at the AGM outlined a vision for the future of youth in Dexters and the ADCA.

Incorporation of a committee that involves the individuals already working in this area with a BOD as a chair/co-chair would eliminate a duplication of programs. President David Jones has proposed this as a new ADCA committee and has asked for membership participation.

The Talisman Award would remain separate with the prior year's recipient as co-chair with a BOD co-chair (Roberta Wieringa).

### Information: Random Parentage Testing (RPT)

At the 2008 AGM, a motion was made to go forward with RPT; it was seconded and passed. It was then turned over to the Pedigree & Genetics Committee (PGC) for development of a process to implement.

The purpose of RPT is to make breeders more careful and responsible while establishing integrity within the registry.

Warren Coad submitted a

draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to the BOD for input. It was pointed out that the final SOP will be submitted through the PGC Committee.

#### BOD Commentary:

- ► The membership has been informed about RPT over the past year.
- ► The program is a stopgap measure and will be useful only for about five or so years until the genotyping of ALL bulls is established.
- ► The differences between RPT and bull genotyping are that:
- •RPT is paid for by the ADCA, whereas genotyping is paid for directly by the breeder.
- RPT demands three hair sample tests (dam, bull and calf), whereas genotyping requires only the calf.
- •There are a lot of "what ifs?" in this program that are not present in the genotyping of bulls. That is why time is needed to get the "what ifs?" figured out and agreed to before proceeding. •The PGC or its designated subcommittee needs to develop proposed answers for frequently asked questions regarding RPT and add others that may not have been thought of . Once the
- •The final SOP for the RPT process should go to the entire membership for a vote to determine if this is what they want the association to do.

questions have answers, the proposed policy will be complete.

### Information: Membership Directory and Herdbook

The *Membership Directory* is a handbook that is included in the annual membership fee and given to new members. Registrar Chuck Daggett reported that the ADCA now has 1,232

members, and the price of publishing the membership book is about \$5 per copy. The *Herd-book*, which is paid for by members requesting it, is \$25-\$35 per copy and is getting very large.

Registrar's Recommendations:

▶ By putting only basic information in the Membership Directory and limiting the Herdbook to basic records for the past year (no change), the cost would be about \$20 each.

► The *Herdbook* information would be free on the web site for those who don't want to purchase a hard copy.

#### BOD Comments:

- Somehow we are going to have to cover this cost, including postage/shipping.
- ► Order 100; if they cost \$20, price them at \$25.
- ► It's too late now to require a fee, but next year start charging any member who still wants the *Membership Directory* a fee for a hard copy.
- ► In the past, the BOD tried to push a CD of the *Membership Directory*, but at that time the members didn't want it.
- ▶It seems senseless to subsidize all of these unwanted books. Post something online and in the *Bulletin* that the *Herdbook* will be available by prior order only —@ \$20 each with a final due date and that is it. Order a few extra copies for our archives.
- ► The problem with the online *Herdbook* is that it gets replaced each year and the old *Herdbook* goes away.
- ▶ Publish transfers only in the *Herdbook*; show the sellers and not the buyers.
- ► The *Herdbook* should be a complete record of sellers and buyers, dates of transfers, tattoo

numbers, etc.

- ▶ Publish all information. I think it is a great idea to take orders and just have a few extras on hand for archive or new members. That way, we can sell them close to cost.
- ▶ It was suggested that the *Bulletin* be on the web site, keeping at least four issues on file there that can be accessed individually in an archive. This CAN be done (depending on how much server space we rent). We could easily do the same with the *Herdbook*, so last year's does not go away when the new one comes out.

#### **DNA Genotyping Proposal**

A Region 11 member strongly objected to a section of the genotyping proposal as published in the Winter 2008 Bulletin. It was asked how and why it was determined that bulls previously genotyped by a certified laboratory other than the ADCA current laboratory will not be accepted. Following discussion among BOD members and registrar, President David Jones stated that "agree or disagree, the board voted on and passed the proposed genotyping program in its entirety and is obligated to support the program."

He requested that the BOD either:

- ► agree if the BOD wants to vote the program in as it stands and then deal with the fallout by not "grandfathering" in prior tested animals, or
- ▶ by unanimous consent of the BOD, include the verbiage that animals tested by an accredited agency prior to Jan. 12, 2009, with certified copies are grandfathered in from the requirement to test at Texas A&M.
- ► I support the acceptance of compatible/comparable test re-

ports from labs other than the one designated by the ADCA (Texas A&M) if those test reports are dated prior to the implementation date of the bull genotyping policy. (Clay Adams) ► (Texas A&M) genotyping done by other labs will be accepted if: •testing was completed prior to the implementation of this ADCA program (suggested date Jan. 1, 2009).

• when the outside test results are fully compatible (for determining parentage) with the testing of the ADCA lab of contract.
• test results must be submitted directly from lab facility to lab facility, not by/from individuals.
• Texas A&M will charge a processing fee of \$5 to enter outside test results into the ADCA data bank. (Sandi Thomas)

### Information: Regional Director Elections

Election meetings were conducted with the following results:

- ► Region 9 membership elected Mike Vaughn as director.
- ► Region 10 membership elected Roberta Wieringa as director.
- ► Region 12 membership elected Dan Butterfield as director.

All proxies have been archived with the secretary.

#### Region 3 Vacancy

Judy Nocks has been recommended as interim director. Region members will be notified with one mailing that this is what has been done with a call for nominations for a replacement. Regular election procedures will be followed when nominations are received.

#### 2009 Regional Director Elections

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The following regions will have elections in 2009:

- ► Region 1 (John Foley unable to run again due to term limits)
- ► Region 2 (Sandi Thomas unable to run again due to term limits)
- ► Region 4 (Judy Nocks, incumbent)
- ► Region 11 (Carol Koller, incumbent).

#### Information: DNA Genotyping Ballot

The final tally of the membership ballot regarding the DNA genotyping of bulls submitted for registration was 123 in support and 85 opposed.

Seven proxies were postmarked *after Dec.* 17. All proxies have been archived with the secretary.

Some problems occurred with members not receiving their ballots. According to our governing documents and widely held legal statute, notice is considered delivered when deposited with the USPS. Unfortunately, the only two viable options available for a vote by members of the ADCA are via the USPS or one time per year at the AGM. Neither is perfect.

Standard operating procedure on meetings will include more realistic time frames for postmark date vs. meeting date.

### Information: Youth Committee (continued)

Warren Coad has been recommended as the BOD co-chair representative for the newly formed committee.

### Information: WorkYoke and Advertising Coordinator

Robert Seddon will continue in this position as appointed by the BOD and will continue to serve at the BOD's pleasure. His position with Advertising has a stipend.

It was suggested that Robert write the guidelines for Work-Yoke, as he knows its inner workings. This information would make it easier to discuss various topics.

### Information: Formation of an Arbitration Committee

- ► To this point, an arbitration committee has been appointed by the president to resolve issues on an "as needs basis."
- ▶ It might be a good idea to make it more formal, but it should not be a standing committee, and composition would depend on what/who the concern is about.
- ▶ Due to the complexity of issues when action is required regarding an ADCA or BOD member, it should consist of BOD members only.

### Clarification for Making BOD Motions

Many actions of the BOD do not require a motion or vote. The topic can be discussed and the motion drafted on WorkYoke; a vote cannot be taken at this time. Then, there are two options following full discussion with most of the BOD: the motion can be passed by complete consensus of the BOD, or a special meeting (in person or via conference call) can be called; 48-hour notice is required. Only at a meeting can a vote be taken.

#### Oct. 18 Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Participants: Carol Koller, Judy Nocks, Robert Seddon, Roberta Wieringa, David Jones, Sandi Thomas, Clay Adams, John Foley, Pam Malcuit, Rick Seydel, Marcia Read, Carol Ann Traynor; Pat Mitchell unable to participate; Warren Coad, absent.

Robert Seddon was concerned that we might be negating the membership vote on geneotyping of bulls. An e-mail to the BOD from John Potter, cochair of the Genetics & Pedigree Committee, regarding bull genotyping, membership voting and leadership responsibility was read.

Motion: Pam Malcuit moved, John Foley seconded. The ADCA BOD supports the 8H31 proposal, recommended by the Genetics & Pedigree Committee Sept. 2, 2008, for genotyping of all bulls as a requirement for registration. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: John Foley moved, Judy Nocks seconded. Proposal that the recommendation of the BOD on standard operation procedures regarding genotyping of all bulls be presented to the membership for vote prior to implementation. Motion approved by majority vote.

BOD roll call vote for effective date of the requirement for genotyping beginning with applications for all bull registrations made after Jan. 1, 2009. Motion carried by majority vote.

Robert offered to sit in as Region 9 interim director until a replacement can be found.

Acceptance of resignation of Bill Kirkland, Region 3. Roll call vote: unanimous. Motion carried. Secretary is to send an acceptance of resignation letter to Bill with regrets of the BOD. Sandi suggested regulations for replacement of directors be reviewed in order to replace the Region 3 director.

#### The Facts about Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA)

This fact sheet addresses the most commonly asked questions about a genetic defect that has recently been confirmed by DNA testing in several breeds of cattle, including Dexters. The questions and answers are based on the conclusion that Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA) is the result of a mutation in a specific gene on cattle chromosome 6.

Dr. Jon Beever of AgriGenomics, Inc., has developed a genetic test that identifies the presence of the mutation in this specific gene.

### Q: What is Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA)?

A: "Pulmonary" refers to the lungs, and "Hypoplasia" means incomplete formation; thus, "Pulmonary Hypoplasia" means incomplete formation of the lungs. "Anasarca" means a general accumulation of serum fluids in various tissues and body cavities; thus, anasarca results in swelling and a swollen appearance.

In order to be PHA-affected, a calf must inherit a PHA gene from both its sire and dam. Since the PHA gene is recessive, the lethal form of this condition is expressed only when the calf is homozygous for the PHA gene.

PHA-affected calves are either aborted or stillborn. Because of the anasarca that is associated with this condition, the PHA-affected calf also may swell tremendously with fluid, making delivery difficult and potentially endangering the life of the cow.

## Q: What is a gene? What is the difference between a gene and an allele?

A: A gene is a sequence of DNA which provides the basic instructions, or "code," for a certain trait or function. Genes are the basic units of the hereditary information that is passed from one generation to the next, and they can have alternate versions. The alternate versions of any specific gene are called alleles.

Genes occur in pairs. For each pair of alleles, one is inherited from the sire, and one is inherited from the dam. Alleles can be dominant, co-dominant or recessive relative to each other.

The allele for PHA is recessive to its normal, non-mutated allele. The PHA allele does not have the normal sequence and number of base pairs needed to code properly for its functions.

Since alleles occur in pairs, an animal that has one PHA allele and one normal allele will not be affected by PHA, but it will be a carrier of PHA. Since the normal allele is dominant, it will code properly for its functions, and normal development of the lungs will occur even if the animal is a carrier of the PHA allele.

#### Q: What is a mutation?

A: A mutation is a spontaneous change in the DNA sequence that makes up a gene. Mutations can range in size from a single DNA building block (a base pair) to a large segment of a chromosome.

The PHA mutation in Dexter cattle occurs in the same gene as

the PHA mutation in Maine-Anjou and Shorthorns, but it is a different change in the DNA sequence, so it is considered to be a different mutation. It results in the same outcome, because the same gene is damaged and cannot perform its intended function.

### Q: Is PHA in Dexters due to a recent mutation?

A: We don't believe so, but the ability to conduct a DNA test for the PHA mutation is very recent. The *Journal of Anatomy and Physiology* in Great Britain, published in 1906, p. 293, refers to the following: "Lesbre and Forgeot describe another achondroplasic calf which was born dead in an extraordinarily anasarcous condition."

Since Lesbre and Forgeot were dealing with "bulldog" calves that were found only among the pure Dexter-Kerry breed, they may have confused a PHA-affected fetus with a Chondrodysplasia-affected fetus, or it may have been a fetus affected by both conditions.

The first publicly-identified PHA carrier in the Dexter breed is Trillium Chabotte, ADCA #3168. His semen was tested in Australia, and the test result was reported through Dexter Cattle Australia, Inc. on Dec. 5, 2008.

This bull was born in Canada in 1985. He was collected for artificial insemination, and his semen was used in Canada and exported to Australia. Although Chabotte has only nine ADCA-registered progeny, according to

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### Q: What is a PHA-affected calf?

A: A PHA-affected calf is a calf born dead with underdeveloped lungs (Pulmonary Hypoplasia) and swelling caused by excessive fluid retention (Anasarca). When genetically tested, this animal has two alleles for the PHA mutation, so it is termed homozygous for PHA.

#### Q: What is a PHA carrier?

A: A PHA carrier is an animal that has one PHA allele and one normal allele, so it is termed heterozygous for PHA. A PHA carrier Dexter appears normal, and there is nothing in its phenotype (appearance) that indicates it is a carrier of the PHA mutation.

#### Q: Can an animal be a noncarrier of Chondrodysplasia and still be a PHA carrier?

A: Yes, the two genetic conditions are not related to each other. Two different tests are used to determine the status of these two unrelated genetic conditions. An animal can be a carrier of both mutations, or it can be a carrier of one or neither of them.

### Q: Can a "bulldog" calf also be a PHA-affected calf?

**A:** Yes, a severely affected Chondrodysplasia ("bulldog") calf can also be a PHA-affected calf, but only if it is homozygous for both mutations.

In a dead, deformed Dexter fetus, it may be difficult, if not impossible, for a layman breeder to discern which condition, if either or both, led to its death.

Other factors may result in aborted or stillborn calves, so those factors should not be ruled out without a DNA test of the fetal tissues to confirm its PHA and Chondrodysplasia status.

### Q: If a bull sires a PHA-affected calf, what does that mean?

A: If a bull sires a DNA-confirmed PHA-affected calf, it means that the bull is a PHA carrier and that the dam of the calf is also a PHA carrier.

# ADCA is promoting PHA testing of all Dexter Al bulls.

#### Q: If a cow sires a PHAaffected calf, what does that mean?

**A:** If a cow has a DNA-confirmed PHA-affected calf, it means that the cow is a PHA carrier and that the sire of the calf is also a PHA carrier.

#### Q: If I've never had a PHAaffected calf, does that mean that my cows are non-carriers of PHA?

**A:** No, a cow's status as a noncarrier of PHA can be determined only by genetically testing the cow.

### Q: How do I test to determine the PHA status of my Dexters?

A: The ADCA is actively promoting PHA testing of all Dexter AI bulls to build the initial knowledge base needed to determine the extent or potential extent of the number of PHA carriers that may currently exist and to allow breeders to make informed decisions regarding their

own breeding programs. This is a recently developed test, and, at the present time, only semen or blood samples can be tested in the United States. The ADCA hopes that a test procedure that uses tail hair samples will soon be available.

The instructions and application form may be obtained from the DNA Testing link on the ADCA web site (http://www.dextercattle.org/genetics/PHA-TestInstructions & Application.pdf). Please note that semen samples from half of the approximately 75 ADCA AI bulls have been submitted for testing by members of the ADCA's Genetics and Pedigree Committee (GPC) and others who have volunteered to submit samples.

Some of these bulls have already been tested in Australia. Owners of past or present AI bulls who are willing to participate in the testing program are encouraged to contact John Potter of the GPC by e-mail at j.potter@att.net with the name (s) of the bull(s) which you are volunteering to test. Owners of recently or currently advertised AI bulls are being contacted if the GPC does not yet have samples from those bulls.

## Q: What can happen when a PHA carrier is bred to another PHA carrier?

A: Every time a PHA carrier bull is bred to a PHA carrier cow, there is a 25-percent probability of producing a dead PHA-affected calf, a 50-percent probability of producing a live calf that carries the PHA gene and a 25-percent probability of producing a live calf that is a non-carrier of the PHA gene.

#### Q: What can happen when a

### PHA carrier is bred to a PHA non-carrier?

A: Every time a PHA carrier is bred to a PHA non-carrier, there is a 50-percent probability of producing a PHA carrier calf and a 50-percent probability of producing a PHA non-carrier calf. You will not produce a PHA-affected calf if you breed a PHA carrier to a PHA non-carrier.

# Q: What are the recommended "best practices" to breed the Dexters in my herd that are confirmed to be PHA carriers and conserve their desirable genetic traits?

A: As with any trait, PHA can be managed in a sensible manner. Dexters, like all cattle, can be bred in a careful and deliberate program to eliminate any undesirable trait.

The ADCA recognizes and respects the concept that there is no need to "throw the baby out with the bath water" with respect to any trait that has been identified in our breed.

- •Breed PHA carriers <u>only</u> to PHA non-carriers.
- •Test any calves that you produce from PHA carrier animals to determine their PHA status if you intend to retain or sell them as registered breeding stock. Make careful selections based on that knowledge.
- •Inform prospective buyers of the PHA status on any registered breeding stock that you offer for sale.

Retain the offspring that are PHA non-carriers that have the desired traits you wish to propagate within your herd. Gradually replace your PHA carriers as they become old and unproductive with their carefully selected PHA non-carrier progeny.

#### **Instructions for Sample Submission for PHA Test**

AgriGenomics is accepting samples of blood or semen only at this time.

#### **Blood Samples**

- ► Collect at least 2cc of whole blood (not serum) in an EDTA purple top tube. An anticoagulant is used in the purple-top tubes to keep the blood from clotting. If sent in any other type of tube, the sample will NOT be processed.
- ► After collecting the blood, the tube must be mixed thoroughly by inverting 5-10 times. Severely clotted blood samples received will NOT be processed and must be resubmitted.
- ▶It is also important that a new needle/syringe be used for each animal. The sensitivity of the test can detect very small quantities of contamination, potentially producing invalid test results.
- ▶ Please label the blood tubes with the animal's permanent identification and/or registration number (if available). It's also extremely important that tubes are not mislabeled. If sending in more than one sample, please be very cautious and make sure to label tubes for the animal in which they belong.

Blood samples should arrive at the laboratory within 48 hours of collection for best results. Second-day shipping via UPS, U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail, Federal Express or DHL is recommended. Samples that are collected a day prior to shipment should be kept in the refrigerator prior to shipment.

Hot Weather: When temperatures exceed 90°F for extended periods, please include a cold pack with the samples. DO NOT FREEZE.

*Cold Weather*: When temperatures are below 35°F, please pack the samples in an insulated container to avoid freezing.

#### Semen Samples

- ► Send at least one straw of thawed semen
- ► Semen straws should be protected from breakage during shipment by placing them in a semen cane or goblet and packaging it in a padded envelope or small box.
- ▶ Please refrain from shipping semen straws in standard-sized mailing envelopes. When processed by the U.S. Postal Service, these samples often are crushed by the rollers in automated mail handling equipment.

#### Further Instructions

Enclose all relevant information needed to process your request for testing and payment in a zip-lock bag to protect it from damage. Samples will NOT be processed until payment is received. Make checks or money orders payable to AgriGenomics, Inc.

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### **Vet's Corner**

Starting with this issue, Vet's Corner is back. Jeff Collins, DVM, has graciously agreed to restart the column.

In the future, Vet's Corner also will be posted online for others to view. Previous columns by Chris Odom and Dr. Laurence will be posted online as time permits. This should be a great resource, especially for members who have never had cattle before.

Please send your questions to vetscorner@live.com. Note that only a limited number of questions and answers can be posted online and included in future Bulletins. For urgent questions, contact your vet.

#### Introducing Dr. Collins

"My wife Kelley and I have four boys and live on acreage near Gary, S.D. We bought our first Dexter heifers in 2007 and a couple of cows in 2008. We enjoy the fresh milk, and we're looking forward to trying Dexter beef in the future.

I've been with the Clear Lake Veterinary Clinic for almost six years and have the privilege of working with cattle, both dairy and beef, every day. We feel very fortunate and blessed to live where we do and to be able to raise our own cattle."

#### Q: When should I use an oral/injectable wormer vs. a pour-on wormer, and why?

**A:** There are a few things to consider when deciding on the right wormer to use on your cattle. Most topical/pour-on wormers are labeled for both internal and external parasites. The external parasites we're mainly

concerned about are the sucking and biting lice that are primarily a problem during the fall and winter months.

Any fly control that a pour-on wormer may provide really does not last as long as a specific fly control pour-on. I would recommend using a topical wormer in

#### We may need to rethink our management of parasites.

the fall when you pregnancycheck your cows and/or work your calves. This should take care of any lice and also lower the level of internal parasites going into winter, which, in turn, maximizes your cows' feed efficiency during the cold months. It's important to do everybody at once, because most pour-ons will kill lice for 14 days, and any un-poured animal may re-infest the herd later.

The best time to use an oral or injectable wormer is in the spring or early summer before you turn your cattle out to pasture. There is also a bit of a debate that injectable dewormers may actually improve your conception rate if done a month prior to bull exposure.

Another added benefit of deworming in the spring is that some products actually will kill fly eggs in the dung piles out on pasture, thus lowering the fly density. I'd recommend worming your cattle twice a year, alternating the drugs you use at least every three years.

There are a lot of Ivermectin wormer products out there with various names; your local veterinarian would be a great source for information on which product would work best in your herd. Depending on the fly problems in your area, you may need to use some type of fly control during the summer to help prevent pinkeye problems.

The future use of wormers in livestock most likely will become more challenging as we deal with drug-resistance in parasites. If sheep and goat parasites are any indication of what we'll see in the cattle industry, we may be in for quite a challenge.

With that being said, we may need to rethink our management of parasites. The ideal situation is rotational grazing, which requires frequent rotation before pastures are overgrazed. Also, "resting" a pasture for one year will help break the parasite lifecycle. This may be difficult for some Dexter owners who do not own enough land, but even some additional fencing will help maximize the use of your

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grass and help prevent parasites from getting a strong foothold in your herd.

Another important point is to follow the label directions on our wormers. The first step is to get an accurate estimate of your animal's weight and, if you need to, "round up." Under-dosing can be ineffective and may also lead

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to resistance.

Pay attention to the milk and slaughter withdrawals if you are milking or planning on butchering any steers in the near future. Most wormers have anywhere from a 30- to 50-day meat withdrawal, and only a few are approved for lactating cows.

Also, it is important to note that some generics do not have any approved "adverse weather" application, but I would avoid using any pour-on when it's raining or there's a lot of snow on their backs. Contact your local veterinarian for his or her preference on the right wormers to

use in your area.

Views and opinions contained in "Vet's Corner" are not necessarily those of the ADCA. The ADCA encourages you always to seek professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment from a qualified veterinarian in your

#### **Bovine Tuberculosis**

**Submitted by Judy Nocks** 

Tuberculosis (TB) is a contagious disease of both animals and humans. It is caused by three specific types of bacteria that are part of the Mycobacterium group.

Bovine TB, caused by M.Bovis, can be transmitted from livestock to humans and other animals. No other TB organism has as great a host range as bovine TB, which can infect all warm-blooded vertebrates.

Bovine TB has affected animal and human health for many, many years. Once the most prevalent infectious disease of cattle and swine in the United States, bovine TB caused more losses among U.S. farm animals in the early part of the 20th century than all other infectious diseases combined.

#### The Disease

In general, disease-causing mycobacteria live only a few weeks outside a host's body, because they cannot tolerate prolonged exposure to heat, direct sunlight or dry conditions. Under cold, dark and moist conditions, the organisms can survive longer.

Mycobacteria do not grow outside of a host except in cultured media. Because of the relatively slow rate of growth, the disease usually takes many months to develop.

Bovine TB is a chronic disease, seldom becoming apparent until it has reached an advanced stage. Some infected livestock seem to be in prime condition, showing no evidence of infection until they are slaughtered.

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#### **TB** Transmission

Bovine TB can be transmitted from animals to humans and vice versa. Although young animals and humans can contract the disease by drinking raw milk from infected dams, the most common means of transmission is through respiration. Invisible droplets containing TB bacteria may be exhaled or coughed out by infected animals and then inhaled by susceptible animals or humans.

The risk of exposure is greatest in enclosed areas, such as barns. Livestock also are more

likely to infect each other when they share a common watering place contaminated with saliva and other discharges from infected animals.

#### **Clinical Signs and Diagnosis**

The symptoms of bovine tuberculosis usually take months to develop. Infections also can remain dormant for years and reactivate during periods of stress or in old age.

Early infections usually show no signs of the disease at all. In the late stages, common symptoms include progressive emaciation, a low-grade fluctuating fever, weakness and loss of appetite. Animals with pulmonary involvement usually have a moist cough that is worse in the morning, during cold weather or during exercise.

In the terminal stages, animals may become extremely emaciated and develop acute respiratory distress. Greatly enlarged lymph nodes also can obstruct blood vessels, airways or the digestive tract. If the digestive tract is involved, intermittent diarrhea and constipation may be seen.

Humans and animals with TB develop an immune response, which can be detected by the tuberculin skin test. About 72 hours after tuberculin is injected into animals affected with TB, a characteristic swelling reaction appears at the point of injection.

This reaction is a positive test result, indicating exposure to one type of mycobacteria. Further diagnostic methods are necessary to confirm the presence of bovine TB.

The course of treatment for humans with bovine TB takes six to nine months, and the success rate following treatment is more than 95 percent. In live-stock, bovine TB can be controlled within an affected herd through regular testing and slaughter of any single animal that tests positive until the entire herd tests negative for this disease.

#### What You Can Do

As a livestock producer, there are certain things you can do to protect your animals from TB.

The first and most important is to be aware that TB is not gone! Too many farmers falsely believe that TB in cattle has already been eradicated.

# Have your livestock tested for TB by an accredited veterinarian.

Remember that this chronic disease will continue to be a threat to animal health until the last infected animal has been eliminated. To be safe, have your livestock tested for TB by an accredited veterinarian to make sure the disease isn't present in your herd. Here are some other tips:

▶ One of the best ways to avoid TB, as well as other diseases, is to keep a closed herd. Doing so involves raising your own replacement stock. If this system isn't practical for you, demand

that sellers give you historical health information about the herd of origin. It's best to buy from accredited TB-free herds.

- ▶ If you cannot obtain health histories, make sure any prospective livestock are tested before purchase. Isolate these animals and have them retested 60 days later by an accredited veterinarian.
- ► Maintain fences in good repair to keep your animals from mingling with neighboring animals.
- Cooperate with state, local and federal animal health officials who are carrying out investigations.

As with all health issues concerning your animals, always talk with your veterinarian. Check with state and federal agencies before moving cattle across state lines.

(Sources: USDA/APHIS, Veterinary Services; College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University.)

#### The Banded Steer

**Submitted by Diane Mills-Frank** 

What would you do if one of your steers started acting very interested in your cow's jumping and playing?

Ralph is now a yearling steer I bought as a banded weanling. He started bellowing and running the fence next to the cows. He was very vocal and active when a cow was in with the bull for mating.

The next thing I knew, Ralph was out of his pasture and running down the field road toward the barn and closer to the pen with cow with bull. I was so angry to think a steer that I bought and was told was well cared for (dehorned, vaccinated

and banded) WAS ACTING LIKE A BULL!

My pasture plan is the finishing of two-year-old steers, the yearling and weanling steers, PLUS the weaning heifer calves spend the winter together. How can I do that with a bull included?

I was angry. My choices were to butcher Ralph before he was finished or to sell him to someone with a better pasture setup than I have.

OK, Ralph is safe in a pen in the barn.

The first thing I did was to consult my cow veterinarian, Dr. Kristy Kennedy from the Waterloo Veterinary Clinic. She came out the next morning.

I told her, "They told me he was banded."

She said, "I could write a book on banded animals from ignorance to failure."

As she gathered her supplies, she explained the worst-case scenario of no scrotum and a testicle adhered to the abdomen, which would require major surgery, or if there were any scrotum, maybe a testicle would be loose to remove.

Remember, Ralph was not mean or upset. He came when called, took alfalfa treats and

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(Cont. from p. 35) went right into a barn pen.

We got into the barn, and Ralph greeted us with a head over the pen. Dr. Kristy rubbed his neck, saying, "I see testosterone."

She placed her rope halter on him and snubbed his neck into the corner post of the pen. The examination revealed a scrotum with one large testicle.

For Dr. Kristy's safety, she injected Ralph with a knockout drug. After he was down and almost snoring, she cut the scrotum with a sterile scalpel and removed the testicle, which was larger than my fist. My veterinarians rip the testicles out instead of cutting, which lessens the bleeding. After wakeup injection and an antibiotic vaccination, my problem was solved.

Why? Dr. Kristy showed me the mark where the band had failed.

YES! Bands fail. They break or roll off before the blood supply is cut off.

A band may not be placed properly. Don't just place a band on the top of the scrotum without checking that both testicles are inside the scrotum.

Please, have someone with training in successful banding teach you, or have your veterinarian do it properly.

Most of all, be aware that your banded little bull calves could be breeding your cows and young heifers if their bands have failed before the blood supply has successfully stopped the testicles from functioning.

I hope this article helps someone else with a bully acting steer!

#### A Tribute to Maebell

**Submitted by Diane Mills-Frank** 

I regret to inform those who knew my cow Maebell that she died in November, three days after delivering a perfect black heifer calf. The heifer is a daughter of Ben of Old Orchard.

Maebell was a special cow to me, not just because she was a Legacy cow. I purchased Maebell as a four-month-old weanling from my Dexter cattle mentor Margaret Millhouse of Baldwin, Wis.

Maebell was 10 years old and the mother of eight calves. Two calves are the progeny of Woodmagic Hedgehog III.

### OK, now it's an emergency!

I'll tell you how this tragedy happened. Our next-door neighbors have a large – HUGH – belted-type bull (at least one-half Holstein). This bull walked through his poor fence and was in my cow's pasture.

My cows ran and played around the bull, but Miss Maebell took him on to defend the herd. She was never a fighter and was never aggressive toward any animals before. Maebell was 10 days from her due date.

Yes, I saw the fight. I disregarded my own safety and gathered up my other cows into a pipe gate pen with hay. I chased off the bull from the fight and forcefully dragged Maebell, now limping on her left front leg, shaking and profusely sweating, having severe diarrhea. Then I called my veterinarian for an

evaluation.

I didn't know how badly my Maebell was injured. Dr. Jennifer and an assistant did the evaluation. They took her temperature, checked the leg, listened to heart and lungs and did a palpation of the calf. The report stated that Maebell had suffered a trauma; she was still with calf of unknown state of health and displayed a large air bubble on her left side.

I immediately placed Maebell in a pasture by herself. A week later, Maebell delivered a black heifer calf that took me over an hour to carry, stop and rest, carry, stop to rest and carry to the safety of the big barn. My cows seem to have their calves the farthest out in their pastures as possible.

Maebell and the little heifer appeared to be healthy and bright. Two days later, Daryl came running in the house to say Maebell was unable to get up and to call the vet.

OK, now it's an emergency! First, call the vet (on a Sunday we get the vet on call). She called back and was 20 miles away on another cow emergency and would be there as soon as she could. Second, mix up electrolytes and put them into a large syringe to drench Maebell. I noticed Maebell had not drunk any water from her water bucket that was hung in her stall.

Maebell did want to get up, so we walked her outside the barn. The day was warm and sunny.

Soon, Maebell was down again in severe pain. She tried

to roll over and lay on her side. NO! I knew we must keep her on her sternum to prevent air from accumulating in her stomach.

Daryl placed a small hay bale against her left side as we stroked and spoke to her while waiting for the vet. Once, Maebell even got up, started to walk and tried to graze.

I pulled the grass from her dry, sticky lips. I was afraid she would choke. I drenched her with more warm water (about 60 cc at a time). Maebell got weak again and lay down. She appeared comfortable.

It now seems like a bad dream; reality of time gets distorted from here. Maebell went from being comfortable to horrible anguish, from being OK to stiffening out both back legs to lying comfortably again, then trying to get up. Once, she lay calmly and licked me as if to say, "Thank-you for being here

with me."

I remember seeing the life light leaving her eyes. I was distraught.

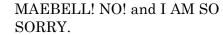
The VET ARRIVED! I was screaming, "HURRY! PLEASE HURRY!"

The poor girl vet had never met me before and didn't know our cows. She ran down with buckets and equipment for a cow with milk fever (lack of calcium after calving).

Maebell could no longer hold her head up, so I cradled her head off the ground as the vet placed the IV of calcium directly into her neck vein. Within seconds, Maebell's eyes went lifeless as the vet was listening for her heart saying, "She's alive."

I knew better. The vet was pushing on Maebell's chest, even hitting her chest to maybe restart Maebell's heart.

Then I lost all my composure, screaming and sobbing NO!



I couldn't stay as the vet tried other measures to revive her and eventually pronounced Maebell dead. Daryl found a large barn towel and covered Maebell's head.

My bulls Patrick and Eckert were watching, and so was the little heifer. I ran to the house, blew my nose and cried it out.

The vet was still packing her truck, and I went out to her. I gave her a hug after I noticed she was also crying. I told her I did not blame her. These things happen.

I want to explain what I believe happened to Maebell. Yes, she had suffered a trauma from a fight and had symptoms of milk fever. The use of intravenous calcium will put a cow on its feet within minutes, BUT that's maybe 50 percent of the time. The other 50 percent, the cow can still die. In Maebell's case, she suffered a heart attack from the jolt of calcium.

Now for the first time in the 10 years we have had Dexter cattle, we are bottle-feeding a calf (no other cows due until spring). N PARADISE MAEBELL will be Daryl's cow and hopefully will be with us for many years as the LEGACY of MAEBELL OF VALLEY FARM.

Now for the lesson of this story: Love and enjoy every day with the ones you love, and that includes your Dexter cows, calves, bulls and steers.

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Above, left: Rescue and her calf, Undun, at Carol Ann Traynor's Hi-Country Achers, Fruita, Colo. Above, right: Shelby Burns, 12, will show this summer calf in the 4H Fair in Springfield, Mo. The calf is a rare double-polled red heifer, an AI calf out of Hillview Red Wing and Emerald Springs Farm's polled black cow, Prairie Night.



Above, left: Rick and Rita Browning of western New York had so much snow that when it came off the barn roof, it trapped some cows in the barn and some outside of it. There was so much snow that they had to tunnel through it, but the cows just took it in stride and used the tunnel to reunite! Above, right: Cushing's Lil Valentine and FF Crash The Party at Freedom Farms.

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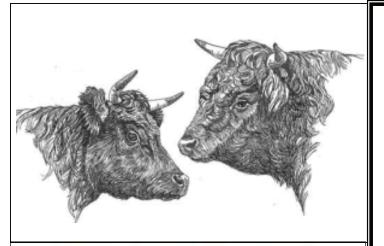


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