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We're growing!

Message from the President

The ADCA continues to grow and become even stronger as an association. Jim Smith reports the association is also doing well financially. We have just elected three new directors, Vance Matteson from Region 1.

Monica Dexter from Region 2 and Linda Rininger from Region 10. Welcome to all of you, and thank you for stepping up to take on these positions.

Hopefully, all of you

and your Dexters are doing well this winter. Calving season is just around the corner for many of us. With this also comes the subject of genotyping. There have been many questions regarding the genotyping of all herd sires.

This new requirement was implemented in 2009 with bull calves and with the typing of all herd sires by Dec. 31, 2009. In order to register any calf born in 2010, regardless of sex, the sire of the calf must

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have his DNA genotyping done and on file with the registrar. If you have any questions regarding this requirement or the procedure to do the test, you should contact your

director.

Some of our members are gearing up for the Houston Livestock Show

> and Rodeo in March. Best of luck to all those who are planning on attending. Let the world know what great cattle

our Dexters are.

I know June sounds like a long way off, but the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Athens, Tenn., will be here (continued on p. 5)

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before we know. Please take time to think about what this association means to you and what changes, if any, you would like to see. If you are unable to come, please contact your director with your thoughts and suggestions so he or she can bring them to the AGM for discussion.

The ADCA continues to grow and become even stronger as an association.

Also, get training those cattle so we can have another outstanding Show and Sale.

Warren and Sally Coad are working hard to make this AGM a great one. We need your participation to achieve this.

Be sure to read all the rules and regulations for entry. Check with the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture for its rules and regulations for entry into the state. These may differ from our show's requirements.

In closing – see you in Athens in June!!!!!

Roberta Wieringa

Tattoo Letters and Their Years

1991 - A	2001 - L
1992 - B	2002 - M
1993 - C	2003 - N
1994 - D	2004 - P
1995 - E	2005 - R
1996 - F	2006 - S
1997 - G	2007 - T
1998 - H	2008 - U
1999 - J	2009 - W
2000 - K	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' Messages

Regions 1, 2, 10 and 12 have

opened pages on Facebook.

Hello, everyone. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Vance Mattson. I am the new Region 1 director. I am both glad and a bit hesitant to be in this new role. I will not pretend to be an experienced leader, but I do want to do a good job and be of service to the Region 1 Dexter breeders.

With the help of Dan Butterfield, Region 1 has just opened a page on Facebook. I would like to invite all of you to become fans of Region 1 there. Here is the link to go to after you are in Facebook: http:// www.facebook.com/home.php?#/ pages/ADCA-Region-1-Dexter-Cattle/417338425028?ref=ts, or search for us under ADCA (pages).

Please post any good tips you have for

helping others to raise and care for their Dexters and anything else that seems appropriate as time goes by. I hope it becomes a great tool for us to get to know each other better. I only wish farming was as easy as they say FarmVille is!

I would like to remind all of vou that the Annual General Meeting Show and Sale is coming up in June and will be in Athens, Tenn. It will be here before we know it. I am hopeful to meet a lot of you there, and it should be a great time.

I hope it stays warm, and, remember, spring is not far off. If I can be of any help in representing you with our ADCA organization or answer any questions that you may have, feel free to contact me at SacValleyRanch@yahoo.com or call me at (417) 788-2728.

Don't forget Facebook. Until next time . . .

Vance Mattson

REGION 2

As most of you know, we had a director election for Region 2. which is Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta. Thank you to everyone who supported me through both elections. I am verv excited to be the representative for you. I would enjoy hearing from any of you. I can be contacted at (425) 359-4948 or by email. Monica@monicadexter.com.

We have started a Facebook page for Region 2, so if you go to www.facebook.com and in the search box type in ADCA Region 2, you should find a link to the

> new page. The goal with

that page is to keep eve-

ryone in touch with what we have going on. We can post photos of our animals and talk about milking trials and successes, how we went about finishing our steers and what the end result was like, breeding issues and upcoming events that any of you feel others could benefit from. Let's see if we can become a network of cattle owners who want to work together on promoting, improving and brainstorming ways to take the Irish Dexters to the next level.

During the Spring Fair at Puyallup, Wash., we have had a Dexter show for the last two years. The dates for that show are April 15-18. If you would like entry forms for the show or more details, you can contact me at (425) 359-4948 or by e-mail at Monica@monicadexter.com.

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We will have a Dexter demo class mostly geared toward the public; it will touch on draftwork, milking, colors and carrier or noncarrier cattle. We hope to have demonstrations for all four topics.

The draft Dexter is just starting his training. For a judge this year, we are also trying to secure a dairy judge. As most of you know when showing around here, we are normally judged by beef judges.

Monica Dexter

REGION 8

It is already February, and June and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and National Show and Sale are right around the corner. Once spring hits and we all get busy outside again, this event will be here before you know it!

I sure hope that everyone will be able to attend and participate by showing, selling, buying or just coming out to see old friends and to make new ones. As the next couple of months progress, we will be busily working on the AGM, so if anyone has any questions or suggestions or would like to volunteer or sponsor a class or two, please contact me. We need all the help we can get, and don't forget to hold back some of those spring sale animals to bring to the AGM and support the ADCA.

Warren Coad

REGION 10

Greetings from the white-covered Region 10. I would like to thank all who have had faith in me for Region 10 director. I am looking forward to serving you as best I can.

By now everyone has their cattle all snuggled in, ready for the calving season to come to a start. May you all get all the heifers that you need, and I hope that no problems arise from mishaps. I would like to take this time to let all members know that we voted at our election meeting, and we are in the process of looking for places and people to host the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2012.

Region 10 will host the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Please, if anyone has any information about a place to host such an event, contact me so we can proceed with the plans. We have several people looking into different locations in our region.

This is also a good time to remind our region, if you have never been to an AGM, please consider checking out the one in Athens, Tenn., this June. It is very good to get a start on procedures for hosting an AGM.

I also want to inform the members that we have started a web page on Facebook. The address is http://www.facebook.com/pages/Region-10-dexters/177043706673? v=wall. We will post the current information available for all to see. I would also like to start doing a newsletter for our region on upcoming events, special interest stories and cattle for sale.

Please feel free to post to the Facebook page if you have anything to advertise. It is for our region to use as best we can. Reminder, if you haven't paid membership dues, they are due. The Facebook page is the best place for me to keep track of our members, so your names and addresses need to be on there and accurate. Please take the time to check and make sure all information on there is correct.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. May all your calving go well.

Linda Rininger

REGION 11

The bulletin notes below are writ-

ten by a 15-year-old who never thought she would ever own a Dexter, but a very generous breeder from our region made it all happen. My thanks go to Shaun and Michael Lord for making Katie's dream come true and encouraging the youth of today.

Carol Koller

Hi, my name is Katie Gray. I'm 15 years old. I live in a small town called Groton in New York. I live on a sheep farm, and we raise Clun Forest. Well, that's mainly my grandma. I pushed my way into it because I love animals so much. Well, I'm going to tell you about my Dexter story.

It all started with a wild dream . . . to one day get an Irish Dexter. Well, how did this dream start? It started with my grandma telling me about this multipurpose cow. This was crazy to me. I always heard of dairy or beef, never both. I was raised on a sheep farm with multi-purpose sheep, but that's it.

This was probably the one of the best days of my life.

Later after talking about it, we went to a Dexter farm in King Ferry. I went there and fell in love with one named Silki. Later to find out, there was no way to pay for it. I was so down for a couple of weeks, and then I thought about this thing Tompkins County does called a calf scholarship. Yet again, I hit another bump, finding out it's ONLY for Holsteins.

Then I e-mailed a bunch of people, only to get a response from Carol Koller. This is where my story begins. . . .

On Aug. 4, 2009, I got a message starting like this: "Hi, Katie, guess what????? I think we have a heifer for you. She's dun, very sweet, and that's all I know!!"

Carol had found someone to donate a heifer! This was probably one of the best days of my life. I called my grandma before I even finished the sentence. I was so excited. I contacted the breeder Shaun Lord as soon as I got her email.

After that, it was for sure I was getting my very first Irish Dexter. Her name was Grâinne, meaning the loved on or grain of corn. It was truly an Irish name. Shaun and I talked on and off and

finally said sometime late October I could travel down to get her. After she got back from her trip in London, she called me, and the next weekend I was on my way to get my Dexter calf. It was actually November 14 we got down there. I was speechless down there. I kind of felt bad about that, because I felt like I was in a dream. Shaun was such a sweet lady. Any animal on that farm gets a chance in life.

She gave us also two piglets

that got stepped on and needed healing and bottle feeding. Well, so far they are still with us doing great. I also got this AMAZING cow who didn't want a thing to do with people, but a little work and she would settle in to her new home.

That's my shortened story about my Irish Dexter. I hope to see some Irish Dexter breeders at the New York State Fair, where I will be showing my Dexter, Grâinne.

Vet's Corner

by Jeff Collins, DVM

Q: What are some specific management practices that would help minimize calf scours during the calving season?

A: The most effective method I have seen to minimize calf scours and other disease cycles is a method developed in the Sandhills of Nebraska. It basically involves separating cows into different calving pastures, paddocks or lots based on when they are due to calve.

This is done either by knowing the actual due dates or by moving all cows that have not calved after a specified time frame (usually two weeks) to a different segregated spot. The main goal is to segregate calves by age, reduce the level of pathogen exposure and minimize contact between the early-born calves and the lateborn calves.

Although the cows serve as the initial source of calf scour pathogens from year to year, it is the calf that becomes the pathogen multiplier and the primary source of exposure to the younger, more naïve calves. The ideal situation would be to have enough pasture

ground so that cows could spread out, thus minimizing pathogen load and allowing for better "pairing" up of the cow and calf. Once the calves reach 4-6 weeks old, they can be brought back together.

Realizing that most Dexter owners may not have the space nor numbers that would warrant such a calving method, it is the idea behind the method that is important. We need to break the

We need to break the disease cycle somehow to prevent other calves from becoming sick or dying.

disease cycle somehow to prevent other calves from becoming sick or dying.

I would suggest, that even if calf scours has not been a problem with your herd, take an outside look at your setup and see if you can identify any "holes" that would allow a disease pathogen to compromise the health of your herd.

Cleanliness is key, especially for newborns. If you are limited to a small yard or lot(s), take special care to offer a clean, dry environment for your calving mothers, especially in the face of a scour problem.

There are scour vaccines that can be given to cows prior to calving, but not every scour pathogen has a vaccine to help prevent it. That is why management is key.

Calving heifers also need special attention, as often first-time mothers may have issues calving, bonding or allowing their newborn to suck. In addition, heifers produce lower-quality and quan-

tity colostrums, making it even more important that the calf sucks within the first six hours. Managing your

operation to minimize infectious disease is vital to the health of your herd and more effective than any vaccination protocol by itself.

For more information regarding "The Sandhills Way," see the two-page pdf at http://www.angusjournal.com/ArticlePDF/Sandhills_Micky%2011.09.pdf.

Just a reminder that if anyone has any specific questions or topics they would like to see in the next bulletin, please shoot me an e-mail at vetscorner@live.com Happy 2010 calving!

Remembering Beryl Rutherford, 1924-2009

Beryl Rutherford, a suburban Londoner, was first introduced to Dexters while working as a member of the Woman's Land Army during World War II. The Land Army did farm work to keep production going during the war, with the men away fighting in Europe. This started a lifelong love affair with the breed.

Beryl started in the early '50s with Dexter cows from Parndon, Balksbury, Raby, Belbroughton, Cashel, Exeter and Grinstead. The initial bulls were Pigeons Barberry and Grinstead Plover.

Woodmagic Mudstopper was born in 1966 and proved to be the start of a new type of Dexter: a non-dwarf with significantly shorter cannon bones, giving the animal a short appearance without the chondrodysplasia gene. Beryl had the eye to see this cow was substantially different from the norm and used her in a stringent line-breeding program to develop a distinct herd of small, shorter-legged, non-dwarf cows and bulls with excellent body length, muscle and good udders and milk yields.

Beryl was operating in an era when only the dwarf was really considered the "true" Dexter. She started to spread the word that it was possible to have small, compact animals without the dwarf gene. Working against entrenched belief, her efforts, on the whole, were passed over by the English Dexter establishment. Beryl knew she wouldn't be able to convert everyone to breeding small nondwarfs, so she settled for promoting not breeding two dwarfs together to avoid the whole bulldog calf issue, and in this she was mostly successful.

However, overseas interest in Dexters was on the rise, and with these newer owners, her initial message was well-received. Ten Woodmagic heifers and a bull were exported to Canada between 1978 and 1980 to form the foundation stock for that country, and from there, offspring were sent on to Australia, forming the foundation female stock there. Several major U.S. owners purchased Canadian stock, and Beryl herself was invited to North America to share her knowledge and opinions.



Photo by Robin Hunt, courtesy of DCAI

Beryl was active within the Dexter Cattle Society and had served as both council member and president. Few people are aware that Beryl worked a great deal behind the scenes on the major Dexter events of the last 20 years and provided insight and unstinting assistance.

Early in the `90s, the first real attempt to identify the genetic locus of the chondrodysplasia gene was undertaken at Roslyn Institute, near Edinburgh, and

Beryl was a tireless worker on behalf of the Society on this occasion. (The correct locus was later identified by Dr. Julie Cavanagh of Australia.)

Again behind the scenes, she was involved in helping with the first World Dexter Congress, held in 1998, and she should share in the kudos for a job well-done.

A recent study at Cardiff University in Wales looked at potential genetic differences between "original population" Dexters and "modern" Dexters. Despite her age and physical limitations, Beryl was in the thick of it, helping with research and selection of bloodlines. (While no appreciable difference was found between the two, Woodmagic Dexters proved to have a unique profile within the breed, due to having been line-bred for so long.)

Beryl also established dun as a legitimate Dexter color. Previously, the occasional dun animal would turn up but would hastily be disposed of as an aberration. On the strength of her reputation for integrity and breeding record accuracy, Beryl convinced the Society to accept dun as an accredited Dexter color. The rest of the Dexter world slowly followed. Thirty years later, Dr. Sheila Schmutz of the University of Saskatchwen correctly identified the dun coat color as actually brown and, so far, unique to Dexters.

Several years ago, with the help of Ellen and Ron Howes of Australia, Beryl published an autobiography, *My Love Affair with Dexters*, a must-read for anyone interested in the breed.

Beryl has left a legacy of change, change for the better, conducted with sincerity and honor. No one could do more.

Carol Davidson

One Mean Hombre! by Judy Nocks

My husband Scott showed up early at our other ranch one day last fall. The ranch hand came running up to him and started teasing him, "You have a cow that grew a beard last night." Not knowing what he was talking about, Scott asked for clarity, as the ranch hand wasn't known for his knowledge of ranching.



"Well, I went up the hill to change the water," he said, "and a cow was standing there with a bunch of long hairs all over its head and legs."

Scott knew immediately that a porcupine had been harassing the Dexters. If one had been stuck, there were probably more. Cattle tend to get in trouble in multiples. If one does something, everyone near has to try it, too.

Scott hopped on his horse and rode up to see the damage. After riding around in the pastures and trees, he found three of our Dexters that had been stuck. Two were seriously hurt with quills up their nostrils, in their eyelids and through their lips. The other just had a few on both front legs. He sorted them out and headed them to the corral with his cutting horse, Larry, doing all the work.

Scott likes to brag about his expertise of herding his cows, but his knowledge seemed to appear the same day his *trained* cow horse showed up. However, that's another story.

Once he had them corralled, he called and said for me to bring the doctoring stuff and get down here quick. He has no patience and must correct or fix everything before noon. He always says the bar opens at noon, and he doesn't want those guys drinkin' alone.

When I arrived, he already had Ashley (one of our first Dexters) in the squeeze chute. I couldn't believe what I saw; she had at least 200 porcupine quills in her face. Some were even through her lips and stuck in her tongue.

Scott took a pair of needle nose pliers and started pulling them out. At first, Ashley bucked and snorted, but after she realized that Scott was helping her, she settled down. She would only moan, as a cow talking to her calf, when Scott continued to pull them out.

After he finished removing them, he washed her up with hydrogen peroxide and gave her a shot of antibiotics. Then he started on the second cow, Ruby, and the process started all over again.

This was one of the most difficult things that I had ever helped Scott do to a cow. We have cut off testicles on bulls, dehorned grown cows, done C-sections for calves and other things you probably don't want to hear about, but to see a cow in such pain from these quills is the worst thing to watch.

Scott has removed quills from his dog, his horse and now his cows. He always jokes as he goes. I only hope he doesn't add Judy to this list. . . .

What is a porcupine? It's a rodent with a coat of sharp spines, or quills, that defend it from predators. Porcupines weigh 12-35 pounds and are round, large and slow. Their quills are modified hairs coated with plates of keratin. They are released on contact, or they may drop out when the porcupine shakes its body, but they cannot be projected at attackers, contrary to popular belief.

Removing quills from cattle
Quills stuck into flesh keep working deeper because of muscle action, so they must be removed.
The best way to remove quills is to immobilize the animal and pull the quills out with needle-nose pliers. A straight, quick jerk works best. Don't pull to the side, or they will break off.



Once you get them out, feel the skin to see if there are broken-off pieces hidden in the hair. Rubbing the nose and muzzle eases the pain where quills have been removed. Feel inside the mouth, around the lips and gums. Keep track of quills you pull out. Don't leave any lying around where they can poke something or get into hay or feed.



Nominations Deadline: May 1, 2010

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

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

Get the nominations in now!

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Submitted by:	Date:	

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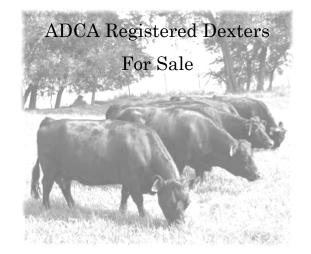
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AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION 2010 CHRIS ODOM MEMORIAL AWARD FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR



An award sponsored by the American Dexter Cattle Association and the Texas Dexter Breeders Association

Exhibitor age 13 to 18 – Award \$1,000 Exhibitor age 12 and under – Award \$500

This award celebrates and honors the memory of a beloved Dexter owner/breeder and ADCA leader.

Chris Odom was a Dexter breeder for only three short years before his untimely death. In this short time, he overwhelmed the Dexter world with his strong desire and initiative to create a vibrant youth program. Not only did he want it, he made it happen. He and the love of his life, Mickey Bush, went above and beyond, and because of their generosity and devotion in both time and money, Dexter cattle became part of one of the largest international livestock shows in the nation. Chris and Mickey recognized that the future success of the Dexter breed in the United States depended on a young generation learning the skills needed to promote, care for and exhibit our unique breed of small cattle. It is for that reason this award is being offered to Dexter cattle junior exhibitors throughout the United States in appreciation and memory of Chris Odom.

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The Award Committee has established a point system application, essay and questionnaire designed to evaluate youth who show and exhibit Dexter cattle and their commitment to furthering their education and knowledge of the Dexter breed. We believe that our Junior Exhibitor Award winner should be able to talk intelligently about the breed and be committed to expansion of the youth program within the American Dexter Cattle Association.

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New for 2010, finalists of each age group may be interviewed by committee members. The interview may include quizzing of knowledge, clarification of experience and future goal expectations.

If you would like to be considered for this award, please use the forms available on the ADCA web site at www.dextercattle.org or in this bulletin and follow the instructions provided. All applications should be sent by e-mail to charles@beavertreefarm.com. For USPS mailing, applications should be sent to:

Charles Townson 261 Cash's Peach Rd Cowpens, SC 29330 (864) 680-3042

All e-mail applications must be received by midnight, May 15, 2010. All mailed applications must be postmarked on or prior to May 15, 2010

The awards will be announced and presented to the winners at the ADCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Athens, Tenn., on Friday, June 25, 2010. (All applicants are urged to attend the 2010 AGM. However, you need not be present to win.)



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APPLICANT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1. This application and questionnaire is to be completed by the applicant ONLY without adult or mentor assistance.
- 2. The recognition award will be conveyed based upon a combination of a point system of the three portions of the written application and may include deciding points based on a telephone interview.
- 3. The maximum age of applicant eligible to apply is 18.
- 4. This application has three parts for a total opportunity of 100 points.
 - a. Section I, Breed Knowledge, point value 50
 - b. Section II, Essay Requirements, point value 25
 - c. Section III, Exhibition Experience, point value 25

Do **not** leave any questions blank.

- ** The top four or fewer finalists of each age group may be interviewed by telephone and quizzed on general knowledge, show experience and/or future expectations for involvement in Dexter cattle. Scoring based on these interviews will conclude in final decisions made by the judges and are FINAL.**
- 5. Include a photo with your favorite Dexter.
- 6. When complete, e-mail to **charles@beavertreefarm.com** or mail to **Charles Townson, 261 Cash's Peach Rd, Cowpens, SC 29330.**
- 7. Applications must be received (e-mail) or postmarked (mail) by 12 midnight, Saturday, May 15, 2010.

APPLICANT INFOR	RMATION:		
Name		Date of birth	
Address	City	StateZip code	
Grade level	Phone number	StateZip code E-mail	
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I am in full support of for Junior Exhibitor of application as well as and the ADCA Youth	f the Year. I agree to allow the AD photographs of my child in future Committee.	ed as a recipient for the Chris Odom Memori DCA Youth Committee to use information in promotional literature and web site(s) for the	n this he ADCA
	Signature	Date	
Please print name			
(Please include address	ss and phone number if different fr	rom applicant):	
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Print name	Phone number(s) and	nd e-mail address	
Print name	Phone number(s) and	ıd e-mail address	

SECTION I, Breed Questions: Point Value 50 (to be filled out by the applicant only)	
 Name the country of origin historically associated with the Dexter breed: What are the three officially accepted colors of registered Dexter cattle? 2a 2b 2c What is the ideal age for a heifer to begin breeding? What are the three main uses for Dexter cattle? 	-
4a4b4c 5. Identify three traits that you would look for in a heifer show prospect.	
5a 5b 5c 6. What is the average gestation period for a Dexter cow as measured in days? 7. Ideally, what is the maximum that a Dexter cow should weigh at maturity? pounds 8. Ideally, what is the maximum height at the hip that a Dexter bull should be at maturity? ir 9. A Dexter that is genetically hornless is called what? 10. What official position in the ADCA did Chris Odom hold?	ıches
Applicant's Signature Date	
SECTION II, Essay Instructions: Point Value 25 (to be filled out by the applicant only)	
Applicant is to write an essay up to two pages in length to include statements that cover all of the following (attach your essay after this page): 1. Who helped you get started with Dexters and when? 2. What do you learn from your activities with Dexters, and what is your favorite thing about them? 3. If you had to explain to someone who had never heard of Dexters, what would you say about this breather than the property of the page of the	ed?
$\underline{BONUS\ POINT\ OPPORTUNITY}\ (5\ additional\ points\ value\ when\ the\ following\ is\ included\ in$	
your essay): Complete this statement: I feel that I deserve the Chris Odom Memorial Award as Junior Exhibithe Year because	tor of
This essay has a total point value of 25 (5 points for each of the topics to be included in your essay). The extra five points awarded as bonus points (if completed) will be added to the overall score of the entire application. REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR ESSAY.	
SECTION III, Dexter exhibiting experience, show participation and other related achievement Point Value 25 (to be filled out by the applicant only)	nts:
 Are you responsible for the care, the grooming and the feeding of your show animals? (Circle your answer) Yes No Name two pieces of equipment that you should have with you in the show ring. 2a. 2b. 	
2a2b 3. List three items used in preparing a Dexter for the show ring. 4a4b4c	
 4. Is the exhibitor dress code for safety? (Circle your answer) Yes No 5. Are you responsible for the training of the Dexters you show? (Circle your answer) Yes No 	
List up to five shows/fairs/exhibits you have taken part in with Dexter cattle in the last 12 months. Please include the name of the event and location and if it was a competitive shound indicate what division was shown (AOB, ORB, Dexter, Open Dairy, Open Beef, etc.) and please (if any) you received at that competition. 1	w, lace-
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Applicant's signature Date	

New Rules for Texas Bulls

Thinking about selling, leasing, bartering or even giving away a breeding bull in the Lone Star State? Texas bulls that undergo a change of ownership (except to slaughter) now must be either certified as a virgin bull or be tested first for cattle trichomoniasis, which can cause cows to abort very early in pregnancy. For more information on the Texas Animal Health Commission's cattle trichomoniasis regulations, check the TAHC web site at http://www.tahc.state.tx.us.

Third Annual Pacific North West Dexter Club (PNWDC) Open Dexter Show

Join us at the Spring Fair in Puyallup, Wash., April 15-18, 2010!

We've had a great time at this fair the past two years — fantastic judges, a good turnout of beautiful Dexter cattle, a fair full of thousands of people and an educational event about the Dexter as well. This year we will have an exhibition on Dexter color, Dexter carriers vs. non-carriers, Dexter milking, Dexter draft and a big question-and-answer session.

Your participation would be fabulous! Check the Spring Fair web site (www.thefair.com), or contact Stefani Millman (hardfact@aol.com) for entry forms and additional information about the show and event schedule.

PNWDC Open-Class Schedule

- 1) Cow/Calf Calf must be born after 09/01/09 Champion and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf
- 2) Heifer Jr. Calf_- Born after 01/01/10
- 3) Heifer Sr. Calf Born 09/01/09-12/31/09 Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
- 4) Heifer Jr. Yearling Born 03/01/09-08/31/09
- 5) Heifer Jr. Early Yearling Born 01/01/09-2/29/09
- 6) Heifer Sr. Yearling Born 09/01/08-12/31/08 Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female

- 7) Udder Conformation, Cow 2-3 years old Born after 01/01/07
- 8) Udder Conformation, Mature Cow Born before 12/31/06
 - Champion and Reserve Champion Udder
- 9) Jr. Bull Calf Born after 01/01/10
- 10) Sr. Bull Calf Born 09/01/09-12/31/09 Champion and Reserve Champion Bull Calf
- 11) Bull Jr. Yearling Born 03/01/09-08/31/09
- 12) Bull Jr. Early Yearling Born 01/01/09-2/29/09
- 13) Bull Sr. Yearling Born 09/01/08-12/31/08 Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

- 14) Two-Year-Old Bull -01/01/08-08/31/08
- 15) Mature Bull Born before 12/31/07 Champion and Reserve Champion Bull

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Male

- 16) Show Steer under 1 Year
- 17) Market Steer 1-2 Years

Youth Only:

18) Showmanship

Animals must be shown in individual classes

- 19) Pair of Calves From Classes 2, 3, 9, 10 Owned by One Exhibitor/Co-owned
- 20) Pair of Heifers Owned by one exhibitor/coowned
- 21) Pair of Bulls Owned by one exhibitor/co-
- 22) Produce of Dam 2 animals, either sex, owned by one exhibitor/co-owned
- 23) Jr. Get of Sire 3 animals, either sex, owned by one exhibitor/co-owned
- 24) Breeders Class 4 animals, either sex, owned by one exhibitor/co-owned *Jackpot class*

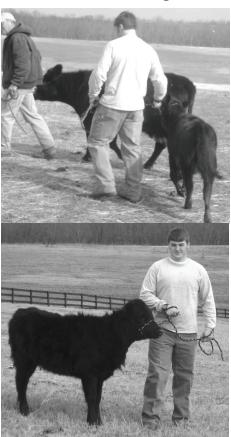
Halter-Breaking Your Dexter

When I approached the *Bulletin* editor regarding this topic, I did so with some trepidation, as there is no single technique to get the best results from halter-breaking and training your Dexter to lead. Many folks swear by their "tried and trued" method.

However, there has been a lot of discussion about this topic recently, and many new Dexter owners desire an animal that is extremely easy to handle. Thus, halter-breaking and training the cow to lead provides a number of advantages in terms of managing your herd – whether it is one Dexter or 20.

Why halter-break? What are the advantages? First, it gives you a tremendous amount of flexibility in terms of how you can manage your herd. From vaccinations and health work to moving animals from one pasture or pen to another, having a Dexter that will walk anywhere with you makes management much easier.

Yes, many cows will follow a "bucket" anywhere. But, when they are scared or you have a situation that requires a cow to go somewhere she is unaccustomed to, halter-breaking can make the difference



Above: Halter-breaking a 5-monthold calf. Below: A well-positioned calf.

between a difficult, frustrating situation and one that can be handled easily and confidently.

We also see that the "relationship" with a halter-broken animal is differrent. The entire process of halterbreaking and training results in a special relationship, built on trust, versus that of a cow that will simply follow you when you have a bucket of feed.

A halterbroken animal will also bring a premium in terms of pricing. We see this repeatedly when potential buyers visit our farm. Having a few cows on a halter and handing the visitors the lead and allowing them walk the Dexter can be an amazing selling tool. It gives the potential buyers a sense of confidence they really can manage the animal.

Hopefully, you are now at least somewhat sold on the idea that halter-breaking offers benefits. Where do you start? What is the best approach? How much time is required? We halter-break in one basic approach — but it can vary significantly based on the individual Dexter.

For example, a young calf might require a different approach than a 9-month-old heifer. First, evaluate each of your cows in terms of its disposition. How easygoing is it naturally? Does it let you pet/scratch it, or is it skittish? We try to take each animal's disposition into consideration <u>before</u> we begin the halter-breaking. The more you know about how each of your cows responds to new situations, the more likelihood of success in halter-breaking and training.

Here is our basic approach to halter breaking: We tie the animal to a post in our barn with the lead no longer than about 18-24 inches in length. A long lead can result in potentially dangerous situations. Tie the lead so the animal cannot get tangled up or trip over it. The cow is going to strain pull, and show signs of distress – this is **NORMAL**.

Once we are sure the animal is securely tied and cannot hurt herself, we simply leave her alone for approximately an hour. We watch her from a distance to make sure there is no danger of injury, but we let her struggle against the halter – it is <u>critical</u> that the animal learns she cannot escape from the halter!

After an hour or so, we approach the cow (using a calm and reassuring voice) and scratch/pet her. Then we walk her to a tub of water that is about 20 feet away. **CAUTION** – depending on the animal, it can still be very "wild" at this point. Be prepared for the animal to try to escape from you. Here again, it is vital that the animal learns they cannot escape while on the halter. If you do not think you are physically able to perform this step, make sure you get proper assistance.

Walk the cow to the tub of water and give her a chance to drink. She may or may not drink at this point. Give her a minute or two to take a drink, then tie her up again using the same approach. Repeat this process every 60-90 minutes. After a couple of hours, the cow will typically want a drink of water (a reward). Chances are that after a few hours you will

begin to see significant progress. Make a determination of how well and quickly the cow is learning and adjust the routine accordingly.

In our experience, it is not uncommon for a totally "wild" Dexter to be halter-broken and showing enormous progress in terms of leading within eight hours using this approach. If you try this method, be prepared to dedicate a full day of your time.

For the next two weeks, we catch the animal and put the halter on her again. We then practice walking for at least 10 minutes. We try to do this at the same time/place at least once each day. It is usually easiest to do this when you feed the cows in an area where you can catch them. After a few days, you should notice that the cow almost becomes resigned to the fact that it is going to be walked. Every time we walk the cow, we praise it and give it treats when it performs correctly.

Usually during this period, the cow will begin eating treats out of our hand. This entire process builds a trusting relationship. It is important that you re-

main positive and patient throughout the training so the cow will not associate you with pain or trauma.

Having a Dexter that will walk anywhere with you makes management much easier.

The repetitiveness is very important – if you halter-break the cow, but then do not do any follow-up, the animal will quickly regress. If you reinforce every day what the cow has learned, it is much more likely to retain the lesson forever. Thus, you should schedule halter-breaking when you have sufficient time to dedicate to the process.

There are a couple of variations on the above that are worth noting in our experience. For young calves where we have a mother that is well-trained, we will often walk the mom and baby together. Once the calf is halter-broken, it frequently will follow the mom while on a halter without any hesitation (see picture 1; this is a 5-month-old calf). We have someone walk the mom and put the baby immediately behind her. The calf will follow the mom easily many times and gets used to walking on the lead. After a few days, the transition to walking alone is much easier. We have used this method to train a calf as young as 2 months old.

If you have an area that is very safe, you can also put a halter on a cow and let her walk around with it dragging on the ground. You MUST be sure there is nothing the halter can get tangled up in or wrapped around. Should this occur, you will face a situation where the animal panics and you must get her loose.

The benefit of this approach is that every time the Dexter steps on the lead, she gets used to being

stopped by the pressure of the halter. We use this sometimes when we are working around the barn and can <u>constantly observe</u> the calf dragging the halter.

Another helpful hint (especially with a cow that is reluctant to walk) is to approach the situation more from a "push" perspective than a "pull" perspective. Sometimes the animal will learn to lead faster if you push it along instead of tugging on the lead constantly.

There are two variations we have used in these situations. First, simply have a stranger walk behind the cow. Having someone unfamiliar to them positioned behind the cow will often get it started walking. Another option is to get a rope and put a big loop in it. Position the loop over the rear of the cow and pull on this rope instead of the halter – again, the cow has the feeling of being pushed instead of pulled.

During the entire breaking and training process, the cow should receive positive reinforcement when she is performing correctly. Use treats, such as an

> alfalfa cube, to reward the behavior. Scratch and rub the Dexter's back as

much as possible. This is the time for you to build a trusting relationship with the animal. (See Picture 2 where the calf is well-positioned.)

Finally, the more people you can have walk the cow, the better. This reinforces the concept that once on the halter, the calf is required to act in a certain manner. We use our kids and other youth and rotate them repeatedly between the cows we are halter-breaking. Using this approach, a cow might be walked by three or four people in a short time.

Again, some words of caution here – make sure the folks walking the cows are educated and prepared for any challenges. In some cases, we will walk alongside the young person leading the cow with our hand on the halter also. In the event of a problem, we can quickly intervene and control the calf.

There are undoubtedly other methods that will work as well as what is suggested in this article. If you are committed to halter-breaking your animals, find a system that you are comfortable with and stick with it. Every time you halter-break a Dexter, you will learn something, and future training will be even more effective. We strongly feel the benefits of halter-breaking and training to lead are significant and worthwhile. Begin slowly, be patient and positive, and you will be successful!

Charles Townson BeaverTree Farm Cowpens, S.C.

Be a part of the 53rd Annual ADCA National Show and Sale Celebration

June 24-27, 2010 Athens Regional Park Athens, Tennessee



Athens is midway between Chattanooga and Knoxville off I-75, about an hour from the Chattanooga Airport and about 55 minutes from the Knoxville Airport. Athens Regional Park has fishing, hiking, mountain biking, an awesome playground and picnic areas as well as a great conference/convention center and livestock facilities. It's less than a mile from dozens of restaurants and many hotels of all price ranges.

Host hotel

Comfort Inn of Athens 2811 Decatur Pike I-75, Exit 49 Athens, TN 37303 423-252-8030 (You MUST call for the special rate) Website: http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-athens-tennessee-TN594

This hotel opened July 1, 2009. Beautiful rooms with microwave and refrigerator in every room. High-speed Internet and WiFi. Business Center. Fitness Center. Indoor pool with slide and fountain. Hot tub. Guest laundry room.

50 rooms blocked include suites, double queen and king rooms with special rates of \$76.49 - \$110.49. This is a non-smoking hotel. Free hot breakfast. Very convenient to dozens of restaurants and about one-half mile from Athens Regional Park. Indicate "ADCA Nationals" when reserving rooms for special rates. Contact: Neil Mistry, manager.

Other hotel options

Days Inn, 2541 Decatur Pike, Athens, 423-745-5800, (smoking available/pets with \$) Hampton Inn, 1821 Holiday Drive, Athens, 423-745-2345 (NO smoking or pets) Super 8, 2541 Decatur Pike, Athens, 423-745-4500 (smoking available/pets with \$) Holiday Inn Express, 1819 Holiday Drive, Athens, 423-649-0003 (NO smoking or pets) Econo-Lodge, 2620 Decatur Pike, Athens, 423-744-8200 (smoking available/pets with \$) *Athens I-75 Campground and Park, 2509 Decatur Pike, Athens, 423-745-9199

*There may be very limited availability of camper sites on the show grounds. Check with Warren or Sally Coad at (865) 213-0590 or adcaregion8@aol.com regarding these or check the ADCA web site (www.dextercattle.org) for updates.

2010 ADCA National Show & Sale and 2010 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.

Thursday, June 24

9 a.m.-noon
 3-5 p.m.
 *6 a.m.-6 p.m.
 ADCA Board Meeting (Conference Room at Regional Park)
 *Cattle check-in and registration (Regional Park Livestock Arena)

6 a.m.-6 p.m. Vendor set-up (Regional Park Livestock Arena)

6-9 p.m. Clinic and educational sessions

Following clinics, socialization at various locations

Friday, June 25

8 a.m. Visitor registration (Regional Park)8 a.m. Vendor booths open (Regional Park)

9 a.m.-1 p.m Dexter Cattle Show – Youth and Open (Arena)

1-2 p.m. Lunch on your own (concessions may be available on site)

3-5 p.m. Seminars and educational sessions (Livestock Arena and Conference Center

at Regional Park)

6-6:30 p.m. Cash bar (Conference Center at Regional Park)

6:30 p.m. Catered dinner (Conference Center at Regional Park) with White Dexter Sale

***New this year: Due to requests, the White Dexter Sale will be "rated G"

prior to a brief break at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m. Visitor registration 8 a.m. Vendor booths open

9-10 a.m. Pre-sale meeting in Livestock Barn, tour of sale animals

10 a.m.-2 p.m. ADCA Dexter Sale! (Arena)

Noon-2 p.m. Lunch on your own (concessions available on site)

Possible group tour to local attraction or possible clinic/seminar Check-out for sale animals leaving prior to AGM; vet available

2 p.m.-completion Annual General Membership Meeting (Conference Center at Regional Park)

6-6:30 p.m. Cash bar (Conference Center at Regional Park)

6:30 p.m. Catered banquet (Conference Center at Regional Park)

2010Talisman Award Presentation and Chris Odom/Jr. Exhibitor of the Year

Award Presentation

*Checkout for animals sold at the sale will take place immediately following the sale. Animals may stay on the grounds until 12 noon on Sunday under the new owners' care; general membership animal checkout will begin sometime Saturday evening AFTER the AGM and as needed Sunday a.m. ALL animals sold will need health papers issued on Saturday by the attending veterinarian if they are going out of the state of Tennessee.

Sunday, June 28

8 a.m.-noon (at the LATEST) ADCA Board of Directors Meeting (tentatively set up at Comfort Inn in Athens)

Noon on Have a safe trip home! See you in 2011!

2010 ADCA AGM, National Show and Sale Registration Form

You are cordially invited to 2010 Annual General Meeting, National Show and Sale

Meeting Dates: June 24-27 Registration Deadline: June 1

Name(s)	
Farm, ranch or business name	
Address	
CityStateZip	
PhoneSignature	
E-mail address	
All meals will be served at the Athens Regional Park Conference Center. Friday dinner meal (prior to the White Dexter Auction) Saturday banquet meal (following the Annual General Meeting) Cash bar available.	
Number attending @ \$35 for BOTH meals. Guest meals @ \$15 (no handout material or door prize ticket) Total amount: Check number Check total:	
Make checks payable to ADCA. Payment <u>must</u> accompany reservation.	
Please send me entry forms and rules for the Show and Sale: Yes No (keep in mind, they will be available on www.dextercattle.org)	
I will be bringing something to donate for the White Dexter Auction: Yes No	
I will approach one of MY local businesses to have something donated to sell at the White Dexter Sale Yes No	:
Mail to: Warren Coad 320 Buckner Rd. Philadelphia, TN 37846	

For more information, contact Warren Coad, (865) 213-0590, ADCARegion8@aol.com.

2010 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

Sally or Warren Coad, (865) 213-0590 or FreedomFarmsTM@aol.com or ADCARegion2@aol.com.

USE A DIFFERENT FORM FOR EACH EXHIBITOR.

Owner's name	9	F	- -arm/herd name			
Owner's name Farm/he Exhibitor's name (person entering the ring)			Exhibitor's age (if under 18)			
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2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Show and Sale Class Category List

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES MANDATORY for all youth showing • No entry fee

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Class	Description	Range	After	Before
PW-1	Pee Wee	Exhibitor under 7 with adult	-	-
AS-2	Adult	Exhibitor 19 or over	-	-
JS-3	Junior	Exhibitor 7-12	-	-
SS-4	Senior	Exhibitor 13-18	-	-
		YOUTH CLASSES		
YT-5	Heifer Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/09	-
YT-6	Heifer Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/09	11/30/09
YT-7	Yearling Heifer	1 to 2 years	06/01/08	05/31/09
YT-8	Young Cow	2 to 4 years	06/01/06	05/31/08
YT-9	Bull Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/09	-
YT-10	Bull Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/09	11/30/09
YT-11	Steer Calf	Less than 1 year	06/01/09	-
YT-12	Steer	1 to 2 years	06/01/08	05/31/09
		OPEN CLASSES		
OP-13	Heifer Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/09	-
OP-14	Heifer Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/09	11/30/09
OP-15	Yearling Heifer	1 year to 2 years	06/01/08	05/31/09
OP-16	Young Cow	2 to 4 years	06/01/06	05/31/08
OP-17	Mature Cow	Over 4 years	-	05/31/06
OP-18	Potential Milking Heifer	Must be in 3rd trimester of first gestation by 06/01/10	12/01/07	-
OP-19	Milking Cow	Must be in current milk	-	-
OP-20	Cow/Calf	Any age cow and UNWEANED calf		
OP-21	Bull Calf	Less than 6 months	12/01/09	-
OP-22	Bull Calf	6 months to 1 year	06/01/09	11/30/09
OP-23	Yearling Bull	1 to 2 years (must have nose ring)	06/01/08	05/31/09
OP-24	Mature Bull	Over 2 years (must have nose ring)	-	05/31/08-
OP-25	Steer Calf	Less than 1 year	06/01/09	-
OP-26	Steer	1 to 2 years	06/01/08	05/31/09

NOTE: Entire class number (OP-19, JS-3, etc.) must be listed on entry form.

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION				
2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Sponsorships				
Classes Available	Cost	Class Sponsor		
Show Sponsor	\$1,000			
C	pen Classes			
Grand Champion Male	\$500			
Grand Champion Female	\$500			
Reserve Grand Champion Male	\$250			
Reserve Grand Champion Female	\$250			
Heifer Calf - less than 6 months	\$150			
Heifer Calf - 6 months to 1 year	\$150			
Yearling Heifer - 1 to 2 years	\$150			
Young Cow - 2 to 4 years	\$150			
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			
Mature Bull - 2 and above	\$150			
Milking Cow Class	\$150			
Potential Milking Heifer Class	\$150			
Steer Calf - Under 12 Months	\$150			
Steer - 12-24 Months	\$150			
Showmanship - Adults 19 & Up	\$150			
Y	outh Classes			
Youth Grand Champion Male	\$500			
Youth Grand Champion Female	\$500			
Reserve Youth Grand Champion Male	\$250	Smiling J Farm (pending)		
Reserve Youth Grand Champion Female	\$250	BeaverTree Farms (pending)		
Heifer Calf - less than 6 months	\$150			
Heifer Calf - 6 months to 1 year	\$150			
Yearling Heifer - 1 to 2 years	\$150			
Young Cow - 2 to 4 years	\$150			
Bull Calf - less than 6 months	\$150			
Bull Calf - 6 months to 1 year	\$150			
Steer Calf - Under 12 Months	\$150			
Steer - 12-24 Months	\$150			
Showmanship - Youth 12 & Under	\$150	Freedom Farms		
Showmanship - Youth 13 to 18 yrs	\$150			
Showmanship - Pee Wee (under 7 with adult)	\$75			

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Show & Sale Guidelines

General Guidelines

- Exhibitors and owners 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 refusal to admit to or dismissal from the event. CHECK TATTOOS EARLY AND OFTEN!!!
- ▶ All animals shown must be halter-broke to lead and tie. There is NO pen class on the grounds. Animals MUST be tied with the occasional exception of calves in the cow/calf class to allow nursing. 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 hour before the sale; however, animals whose entry forms are received after the published 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 personnel 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 Tennessee regulations. Have your veterinarian contact the Tennessee State Veterinarian for up-to-the-minute health regulations required for entry from your state.
- ▶ The 2010 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 or a certificate from an accredited BioPryn Lab indicating the animal In question is pregnant. Bulls over 18 months of age are encouraged to have a veterinarian's fertility exam report which will be advertised as available during the sale and pre-sale barn tour. It is also encouraged (but not mandatory) that all animals deemed by the owners to be a marketing asset to assist in obtaining the highest selling price possible. These tests, if submitted prior to the advertising deadline, will be listed in the sales material for the event and described during the pre-sale barn tour.
- ▶ 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, but chutes may have a designated area which may or may not be adjacent to animal ties.

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 by 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. In showmanship classes, the use of a show halter, show stick and scotch comb is HIGHLY recommended, and points MAY be deducted for exhibitors without these items in showmanship classes. Other required equipment/attire includes:
 - •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 followina:
 - 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
- ▶ Well prior to the show, the judge(s) will be advised of the Dexter cattle guidelines for height and weight,

dual-purpose usage and prohibited use of adhesives and dyes.

- ▶ All show animals must be broke to show (lead) at halter. There are NO PENS on grounds. 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, 2010.
 - 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 7 to 12 years
 - •Showmanship 13 to 18 years
 - •Showmanship adult
 - •Showmanship pee wee (under age 7 with adult assistance)
- ▶ 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.

Showmanship Classes

- ▶ There are NO entry Fees for ANY of the Showmanship classes.
- ▶ Youth entering Pee Wee MUST have an adult in the ring accompanying them, and the adult <u>must</u> have final control of the animal.
- ►ALL youth exhibitors 18 and under <u>MUST enter and show</u> in their age-classed showmanship. <u>There will be NO exceptions.</u>

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 and photo 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, unless verbal consent is given at the time of sale.
- ► 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 and possibly credit cards with a pending premium attached to such sale.
- ▶ 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 Tennessee 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. It will be the buyer's responsibility to confer with the veterinarian on site to obtain health papers for transport of animals purchased and to comply with those rules. Neither the ADCA nor the Show & Sale Committee will be held liable for any violation of USDA transportation rules or guidelines.

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting **Vendor Space Form**

Vendor booths are available!

Deadline for registration: May 1, 2010

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 required to donate to the White Dexter Sale with a retail price of at least \$10.
- ▶ Vendors are required to sponsor a show class OR offer a door prize at the AGM worth at least \$150 retail.
- ▶ Vendor space is available outside (some space limitation). Outside space is somewhat limited: first come, first served. RESERVE NOW!
- ▶ 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			
Contact name		Company name			
		E-mail			
Items to be sold_					
Signature		Date			
Circle one:	Inside	Outside			
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, the City of Athens or McMinn County are not liable for ANY Damage or Loss associated with the show and sale vendor space. Booth Price Booths are FREE provided the above stipulations are met. Otherwise, booths are \$150 per day (Friday and Saturday MUST be reserved).					
	American Dexter	Cattle Association Annual General Meeting Proxy June 26, 2010			
I hereby autho	rize an officer or re	gional director of the association to vote for me in my stead			
		(Please print name)			
I hereby author	orize an ADCA me	nber in good standing to vote for me in my stead			
		(Please print name)			
Printed name		Member # Date			
FORWARD TO TH	HE PERSON YOU	ASSIGN YOUR PROXY TO VIA USPS OR IN PERSON.			

2010 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.

Judging will be provided by area professional photographers.

Awards will be posted along with photos at the AGM. Photos maybe picked up at the AGM but will not be returned otherwise.

Rules

- ▶ 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!
- ► 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. No frames or matting.
- ▶ 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 Sally Coad at FreedomFarmsTM@aol.com or call (865) 213-0590.

Name of o	wner submitting photo				
Photograp	her name				
	h name				
City		State		Zip Code	
Phone		E-mail_		·	
			NO. OF		
	CLASS		ENTRIES		
1.	Individual Dexters				
2.	Cow/Calf Pair				
3.	Like Father, Like Son				
	(herd bull with his male offspring)				
4.	Dexters with Scenery				
5.	Cute Calves				
6.	Dexters Enjoying the Holidays				
7.	Kids and Dexters				
8.	Herd Shots (working Dexters)				
9.	"Udder Shots" (Milking Dexters)				
0.	(can be side or rear profile)				

Mail entries with information, this form and payment to: Sally Coad, 320 Buckner Rd., Philadelphia, TN 37846

(Checks MUST be made out to ADCA)

For information, call (865) 213-0590 or e-mail FreedomFarmsTM@aol.com.

Please e-mail or call with questions.

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

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2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Video Show Entry Form

Video: \$10 Entry Fee
Deadline: April 15, 2010

MUST be postmarked no later than April 10, 2010.

Make additional copies of this form as needed.

No late entries will be accepted.

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.

'MUST	USE OPEN	CLASS	NUMBERS	(See Class	Category	List on p.	29.)
	Number of	f videos		@ \$10 = \$			

Send video, form, copy of registration and payment to: Warren Coad, 320 Buckner Rd., Philadelphia, TN 37846 (Checks must be made to ADCA.)

Awards will be presented to winners of the Video Show at the AGM in Athens, Tenn.

CDs can be picked up at that time and location.

CDs will not be returned unless collected in person at the AGM.

Awards will be shipped to winners if unable to attend the AGM.



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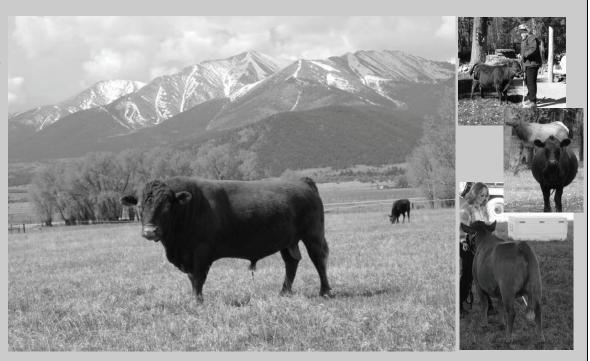
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