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Improving the association

Message from the President

As we enter the fall months of the year, your board has been hard at work doing the business of the association. We are working to establish Standard Operating Procedures for all committees and to streamline the committee reporting process. We have approved a Conflict of Interest Statement to apply to members of the board, officers and all committee members. We are setting our standards high in order to ensure that this association continues to function in a professional manner.

Grooming and Show Standards have been newly revised in preparation for the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Code of Ethics has been written, approved and published. We are all doing our utmost to effectively run and improve this association. If you get a chance, give your director a pat on the back!

Linda Rininger and her team have been working diligently to prepare for the 2012 AGM. If you can assist in any way, please let her know. Although Region 10 is the host region, all help is appreciated. This is an extremely time-consuming process, but AGMs just keep getting better and better. I know this one will be exceptional.

Our farm magazines are

telling us to prepare for winter by having meat in our freezers and canning our fruits and vegetables, etc. Unfortunately, quite a few states have been badly affected by the horrendous drought. Texas is probably the worst. Officials have indicated it is the worst drought in recorded history.

I know our place looks like the black hole. No rain

hay because they know the need is great, but there are a few who have offered free or reduced prices on hay because of the high transportation costs. We here in Texas greatly appreciate those generous people!

Wildfires have destroyed millions of acres. Those folks have lost everything—homes, livestock, pets, etc., as well as their livelihoods.

Generous people have stepped forward to help replace what was lost and offer

shelter if needed to both people and animals. Thanks to all of you who have sent your good thoughts and prayers.

We wish all of you a happy holiday season, extra time to hug your Dexters and lots of rain to those in the dry areas.

Pam Malcuit

Annual General Meetings just keep getting better and better.

means no grass, no hay and trees are dying. Animals that usually don't bother us are coming in closer looking for food. Many folks are having to sell off their cattle—a heartbreaking proposition.

There are always those who will try to capitalize on the situation by charging exorbitant prices for their



A scene from the Iowa State Fair Show (photo from Rick Seydel). See more show photos from around the regions on pp. 24 and 25.

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Message from the Vice President

As we reach the ending of another year, I hope everyone has survived the hardships of our economy, droughts, fires and whatever else life has thrown at you in 2011!

Our Dexters take all of these things in stride and just keep going about their business, giving us reason to enjoy their antics and putting smiles in the day, thus adding "therapist" to their multi-purpose abilities!

As vice president, I oversee elections for our regional directors. I'd like to congratulate Kim Newswanger, Region 9, who has been appointed to full-fledged director from her June assignment as interim director for Robert Seddon.

Congratulations and welcome also go to our two new representatives, James Woehl, Region 12, and Darrell Rumell, Region 10. They will begin their three-year term on Jan. 1, 2012. I'd also like to thank our retiring personnel, Robert Seddon, Rick Seydel and Linda Rininger, for their time in office.

I never write without reminding Dexter owners to "pull tail hair"! Get a sample from *each* of your Dexters and put it in a properly labeled paper envelope so it's available if you ever need it for DNA testing. There's no reason we shouldn't be able to identify every Dexter alive today...if only all of us would adopt this simple practice.

Note: Be sure to contact us for instructions before submitting samples of blood or tissue (meat) for testing. These samples must be handled and mailed as perishable material.

Semen doesn't need to be frozen for testing. Used straws sometimes will have enough residual for testing. If you have a limited number of straws, it may be worth the cost to save the straw after an AI procedure to have it tested if necessary.

Sandi Thomas

Regional Directors' Messages

REGION 2

Hope all of you have had a chance to read and enjoy the last *Bulletin* and look at the guidelines for evaluating/judging your cattle. As we approach winter, it is important to understand your cattle's body condition score. Once they hair up, judging them is a little harder.

A Dexter show was held Aug. 29-Sept. 1 at the Evergreen State Fair. We had a great turnout with six breeders and 27 animals. The judge was Collin S. Gibbs from Montana. He did an excellent job at both judging and explaining his reasoning for the placing.

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Dexters will be on exhibit at the Puyallup fair at the end of September. What is exciting about this year's exhibit is that we will have on display a registered Dexter cow/calf combo and crossbred cow/calf combo; the calves will be about three days apart in age, making them excellent for comparing. As most of us breeder know, crossbred Dexters grow like crazy, produce the kind of excellent meat that Dexters are known for and still have good yields.

As we prepare for winter, take some time to check your fencing, replace any broken boards or wire that may be down. Since the grass is not growing, cows can get bored and start to push on the fence or take advantage of the broken wire and rails that they have been fine with all summer.

Now is also a good time to think about your watering system and maybe look at adding some stock tank heaters or adding frost-free faucets near where you water your cattle. It is also a good time to look at the high-traffic areas that tend to collect mud and add some gravel or sand.

Monica Dexter

REGION 4

Greetings to all from Region 4. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our fellow Dexter breeders in Texas,

Oklahoma and many other states. This summer brought many challenges to you with the droughts, fires and everything else Mother Nature chose to dole out to you. We hope the upcoming fall and winter bring better things for you.

We were blessed with an abundant hay crop and lots of healthy Dexter calves. I would like to share a story about one of our very special babies.

It was early March and our calving was well under way. As most of our cows have their calves in the field, frequent checks are part of our normal day.

On one of these field checks, we came upon a cow that had just had her calf. She was busy cleaning it up, and the calf was moving around easily. We decided to give them a half an hour or so and come back. When we returned, we immediately saw that the calf could not stand up.

It was a pretty large bull calf, very active, but each time he would try to stand up his head would flop over to the side, and he would fall down. We gathered up the momma and the calf, put the cow in the corral and brought the calf into the shop to warm him up and figure out just what was going on.

We worked with the little fella for what seemed hours. We cleaned him up, dried him off and repeatedly tried to stand him up. Each time we got him on his feet, his head would flop to the side, and he would fall back down.

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We decided to milk the mother and get some nourishment into him. We easily got a half bottle of milk and he lapped it up. But, he still could not stand.

I called our vet, explained the situation and asked if this calf was savable. He said it sounded to him like an oxygen-deprived calf due to a difficult delivery. The calf would be retarded and would take lots of work, but he could survive.

Scott immediately went to work and built a pen for him. It was just

wide enough that he could lie down in it, and when he stood up it would keep him from falling back down.

Each day we took him up to his mother, milked her and fed him and let her lick and cuddle with him. We were afraid to leave him with her, as he was so unsteady, and we feared she would step on him, but we wanted her to know he was alive and well.

We decided to name him Forrest Gump. Several weeks passed using this routine. Many times during the day we would allow him to move around the shop as best he could.

He had his own special blanket and would sleep on it for long periods of time. One afternoon we went into the shop and couldn't find Forrest. Lo and behold, he had decided to visit with some baby chicks I had in another part of the shop.

We knew it was time to reunite him with his mother. We gathered him up and took him to momma. We put them in a stall together and all was well. He was able to nurse without any help, although he would fall occasionally, but his mother was very protective and took very good care of him.

After a couple more weeks he was strong enough to put the two of them back with the herd. Forrest is doing just fine now. His head is still a little crooked and he runs in circles, but that's okay we love him just the same.

Judy Nocks



Forrest Gump and his special pen.

REGION 6

Hi, everyone, pray for rain. If you are tired of rain, fill bottles with it and ship it to us.

Here in Oklahoma (also parts of Arkansas, Kansas and most of Texas), we have been hammered by a year of records. Right now we are in a near-record drought. Early in the year, we had record low temperatures combined with record snowfall. In the spring there were record rains, and when they ended, they ended.

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Then through the summer we had many days of record-high temperatures. Many people have been forced or have chosen to sell their animals because of the lack of hay, grass or water, but mostly a combination of all three.

I have heard of prices for hay going for as high as \$120 a round bale with another \$30 or so on top of that for hauling it. Last weekend I heard of small square bales that sold for \$20. Presently I have a fifth of the hay I had last year going into winter, and like many I am thinning my herd.

Prices are down some in our area, and for that reason the Dexters are available at good prices. If you are looking to add to your herd, contact breeders in our region and the regions near us. You might find the Dexter that is right for you.

The Tulsa State Fair was another success, thanks to the hard work of Debbie Hawkins and others who helped her. There were some really nice animals shown there, and there was lots of interest in Dexters.

At the meeting of the Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Association, we were told that the TV chef Gordon Ramsey has endorsed Dexter beef. Google it, and you will find more information to tell people about these great little cows.

Remember to tell someone about Dexters this week.

Gene Pittman

REGION 8

The ADCA and our region continue to grow in terms of numbers, and it has been a pleasure to speak with many of

you. The most common question or problem that comes to my attention usually has something to do with registering an animal.

While there is a wealth of information on the ADCA website, many new Dexter owners find they are overwhelmed and do not know where to turn. To that end, the more we can do to provide assistance to new members, the happier they will be with their decision to purchase a Dexter.

One of the most helpful things a seller can do is to process all the initial registration and/or transfer forms. For most situations, all this can now be done online via the ADCA website. The new owners will quickly get their registration certificates and be able to see their animal(s) listed on the ADCA Pedigree web page. This also helps the association by ensuring that animals are recorded in the registry.

Recordkeeping is also very important, as numerous questions come forward that concern something that happened in the past. This could be something as simple as a date of birth or the registration number of a sire once a calf is born. Providing all this information to the new owner at the time of delivery is most helpful. Many breeders provide a file of information that includes registration certificates,

It has been a pleasure to speak with many of you.

immunization records, genetic testing results, etc. Remember that you may need some of this same information in the future, so retain copies as needed.

On another note, if you are involved in any events that promote the breed, please let me know. I will be happy to provide any assistance I can in terms of awareness and recognition. Finally, please keep in mind the upcoming 2012 Annual General Meeting. I hope we can have outstanding participation from members in our region at the event next year. Much information is already posted on the ADCA website, and it sure looks like it will be a great meeting!

Charles Townson

REGION 9

Well, as there were no other nominations for Region 9 director, I get the

privilege of representing you for the next three years. I hope to meet and get to know many of you during that time. I put together and sent my first regional newsletter by email, as that was the method preferred by most folks who responded to my initial little survey. If you did not receive the newsletter and would like to get it,

I continue to have people contacting me looking for a Dexter family milk cow.

along with other correspondence from me, then please, PLEASE send me an email at kim@hoperefugefarm.com or update your email address with Registrar Chuck Daggett so he can get it on the online membership list.

For several of you I have an email address that doesn't work. For many I have no email at all, and I don't want anybody to feel left out. If you don't use email at all and really want to receive a hard copy by USPS, please give me a quick phone call and let me know.

I continue to have many people contacting me looking for a Dexter family milk cow. Unfortunately, I don't have enough to sell right now! If you have for sale a cow or heifer that would make a good milk cow, let me know. I might be able to send some people your way. I haven't had time to work on a regional website yet, but my hope is to soon be able to advertise animals for sale in our region. I look forward to working with you all!

Kim Newswanger

REGION 10

Summer has come and gone. I hope everyone has had healthy and numerous calves. Start working with your calves and get them trained for the 2012 National Show and Sale. Remember the photo contest, too.

Plans are well under way to make the 2012 a national show to remember. I hope everyone possible can attend. For Region 10 members or any other members having 5-10 days available between now and March for phone conversations, please contact me so you can help with the planning

of the show. With my work schedule, it is getting harder to make phone contacts with the different businesses.

Things we are still needing help with are future contacts with finalizing the caterers, locating a licensed vet for the state of Indiana and a licensed bartender for both banquet meals and contacting the local papers and televisions for advertising. If this is something you could do, please contact me, or if you have information on such businesses, let me know.

It is time for elections for Region 10. I am sorry that I will not be able to run for director, as my concentration will be on coordinating the National Show and Sale, and I feel it isn't fair to the membership for me to say I could do both. I do have a meeting for elections scheduled for Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Main Street Pub restaurant/bar banquet room at 52887 N. Main St., Mattawan, MI 49071. You can see the strip mall from I-94 on the north side of the Mattawan exit, mile marker 66.

I hope everyone has had healthy and numerous calves.

We had a meeting in Ft. Wayne, Ind., last June and have more of a turnout when it is done locally, so this will be for the election, counting of mail-in ballots and a brief section on the Annual General Meeting for 2012.

For any members attending the meeting, the pub does offer a full menu, and kids eat free everyday with a parent purchasing a meal (one kid per parent). For members attending, if you have collected any materials for goodie bags or pre-registered guests, this would be a good time to bring these along, and we will go over the progress of our national show. Hope to see everyone there!!!!

So, get the nominations in to the association.

Linda Rininger

REGION 11

Well, the weather was probably the talk of our region over the last couple of months. With droughts in areas and floods in others, it has been a

very tough time for us all.

I have had calls and also offers for hay and have passed those on to those who requested them. The devastation in parts of Vermont from the rains was heartbreaking. If anyone out there still needs help, please contact me any way you wish. I even had someone in Ohio offer hay if we could arrange transport. Dexter people are great. I talked or emailed with several members around the region and

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all seemed to be OK. I certainly hope that it's true for you all.

The board has been dealing with items as they arise; one in particular is covered in a great article in this *Bulletin* by Gale Seddon about releasing test results. Although at present testing is not mandatory for genetic defects, I would urge those of you who have tested animals to make sure your results are showing online and when you sell animals to make sure buyers are aware of that animals test results.

There will be also be a new Code of Conduct for every member to read and sign by the beginning of the next dues year; this is also available to read in this issue of the *Bulletin*. The Pedigree & Genetics Committee has been working on its Standard Operating Procedures; they have been approved and should be published shortly.

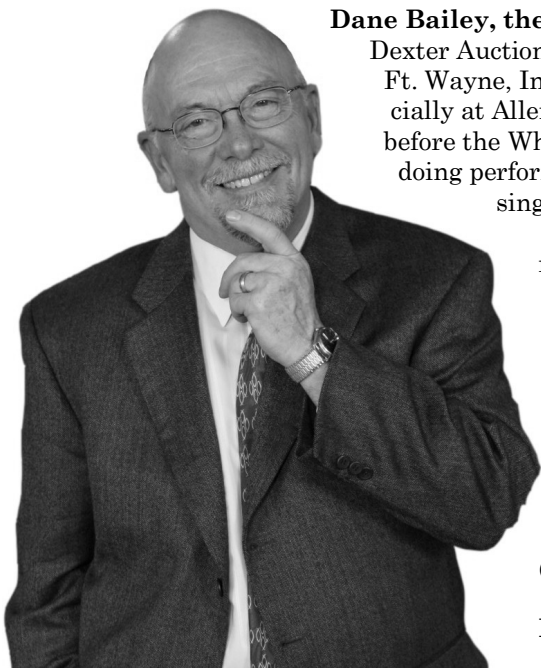
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Carol Koller

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Check out All the Plans for the AGM!



Dane Bailey

Dane Bailey, the Singing Auctioneer, will be handling our cattle auction and White Dexter Auction at the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM), Show and Sale. A native of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Bailey has done many youth fair animals all across Indiana and especially at Allen County Fairgrounds. He also will also perform for us on Friday night before the White Dexter Auction. The Singing Auctioneer travels all across the states doing performances for many different occasions. For more information, samples of his singing and his touring schedule, visit his website, www.singingauctioneer.com. Many other plans are well under way to make the 2012 AGM a show to remember. Please book rooms early so we can guarantee our hospitality room before the hotel has booked other functions.

Nancy Edge from New Zealand also will be in the lineup for the AGM. She will be doing a seminar to educate us and also judging the shows set for Saturday. She is accredited with being an international judge, so her efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Our host hotel is Don Hall's Guest House. For booking information, see the advertisement in this *Bulletin* or check the ADCA website at (www.dextercattle.org) under "2012 AGM."

Information on the photo contest also is available on the website and in this *Bulletin*, so start taking your pictures of your favorite Dexters and get them entered into the photo contest. Our photographer, Lorene Towne of Countryside Photography, will be judging the photo contest. Please follow the rules and classes in the entry form and mail them to Roberta Wieringa. Her address is shown on the entry form.

Our meals will be something to talk about, too. Region 10 along with the Ft. Wayne Kid's Zoo will host our get-acquainted party Thursday evening. We will be having a Dexter burger cookout, along with hotdogs and some other foods, but we ask everyone to bring their favorite beverage, alcohol or not, and lawn chairs for sitting around the community bonfire to socialize after chow time. We also will be having fixin's for s'mores for the young at heart, weather permitting.

Friday night dinner will be on the lighter side with a famous barbecue catering business providing the meal. Saturday night's meal will be provided by Don Hall's Guest House, followed by our awards banquet. The local Allen County 4-H will be hosting the concession stand with refreshments during our daytime hours.

Mark your calendars for June 21-24, 2012. This will possibly be the last National Show on this side of the states. You won't want to miss this one!!!!

2012 ADCA Annual General Membership Meeting National Dexter Cattle Show & Sale

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Junior Yearling Heifer	\$150	Senior Yearling Bull	\$150
Senior Yearling Heifer	\$150	Young Bull	\$150
Young Cow	\$150	Mature Bull	\$150
Mature Cow	\$150	Junior Steer Calf	\$150
Cow/Calf Pair	\$150	Senior Steer Calf	\$150
Milking Cow	\$150	Yearling Steer	\$150
Junior Bull Calf	\$150	Senior Steer	\$150

Youth Show Class Sponsors

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Senior Heifer Calf	\$150	Senior Bull Calf	\$150
Junior Yearling Heifer	\$150	Junior Steer Calf	\$150
Senior Yearling Heifer	\$150	Senior Steer Calf	\$150
Young Cow	\$150	Yearling Steer	\$150
Mature Cow	\$150	Senior Steer	\$150

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ADCA Grooming and Showmanship Standards

Revised in June 2011 (rules are to be in effect at ADCA-sanctioned shows). The **revised** ADCA show and grooming guidelines are as follows:

- A. Entry fees and/or commissions will be established by the Show and Sale Committee and published in advance.
- B. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their cattle in a professional manner that will show the pride the owner has in their animals and in the breed. At a minimum, all animals **must** be washed and brushed.
- C. The same grooming guidelines will apply to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Video Show.
- D. Grooming is left to the discretion of the owners as long as they abide by the items that are prohibited – see below.
- E. The schedule for the AGM youth and adult divisions will be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with a short lunch break if needed.)
- F. There will be a required AGM pre-show meeting for all show participants. It will be held the evening prior to the show to make sure all participants understand the published dress code and show rules and to make them aware that the rules will be enforced.
- G. The show superintendent will be in charge of enforcing the dress code for show attire. Exhibitors not following the set guidelines will not be permitted to enter the show arena.
- H. Exceptions to the dress code may be granted to individuals if there are special circumstances – and if the exhibitor makes the request at least one week prior to the beginning of that year's AGM.
- I. There will be a copy of the dress code for show attire included in the registration packet. It will include a signature line for the exhibitor to sign and return with

the application for the cattle show. (It has been suggested that dual numbers be distributed for each exhibitor, who can place one on the belt clip and pin the other to the back of the shirt **or** wear a show number harness, which has a place for a number card on both front and back of the exhibitor. This should make it easier for the show result recorder to determine the proper contestant numbers for the records and for the audience to record results as well.)

- J. The showmanship attire – see below:

The following will be required and enforced in the show ring for anyone presenting cattle:

1. Collared/buttoned shirts with sleeves (length of the sleeves is determined by the season/ weather)
2. Long pants (jeans or slacks) that are dark and do not have tears or holes
3. Boots or fully enclosed heavy footwear must be worn for safety reasons
4. Long hair must be tucked in a hat or tied back, also for safety reasons.

Optional: Belt, western hats, gloves or the use of show sticks and combs.

Prohibited items: Baseball caps, T-shirts or crop-top shirts that leave the midriff skin showing, sandals or canvas shoes (for safety reasons), overalls or baggy, low-riding pants that drag on the ground (again, for safety reasons).

Prohibited Grooming Items:

1. Painting or polishing of horns or hooves with colored polish
2. Artificial coat coloring
3. Growth implants
4. Drugs to alter the disposition of the animal
5. Total body fitting, which includes sculpting of the hair when clipping and then using adhesives, wax or mousse to shape the coat to hide animal flaws.

The ABCs of ADCA Registration

Herd Names and Prefixes

New members must request a herd prefix (maximum 10 spaces), and if the prefix is not already used by others members, the registrar will register it in the ADCA Registry.

The complete name should not exceed 25 letters. The herd prefix for the breeder of the calf must be at the beginning of the calf's name. This applies only to members who have not yet registered cattle. Current members will retain their naming protocol, but it still must be limited to the total length of 25 total spaces.

Once each breeder has used a herd prefix, that must be the one used in the future. If you are transferring an animal from another registry, the name will not be changed even if it does not follow our naming protocol.

Required Testing

All bulls registered by the ADCA after Dec. 31, 2008, shall be genotyped and have the report on file in the ADCA Registry office prior to the completion of their registration. All animals registered after 2009 must have their sire's genotype on file with the ADCA Registry. If it is impossible to attain the bull's genotype, contact Chuck Daggett for your options.

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.

The current cost of the genotype test is \$25 per animal. The person submitting the application will receive two official copies of each report from the lab.

All genotyping shall be done at the owner's expense by the ADCA's designated laboratory (Texas A&M). Genotyping done by other labs will be accepted if compatible with the Texas A&M lab.

Test results must be submitted directly from lab facility to lab facility, not by/from individuals.

Texas A&M will charge the owner a processing fee of \$5 to enter outside test results into the ADCA database.

Once on file at Texas A&M, the lab will send a genotype report to the owner.

The genotype verification will be sent to the ADCA registrar. If registering an animal online, include the accession number of the animal's report in the comments field at the bottom of the application. Breeders should retain the testing certificates and passed on when selling their Dexters.

Elective Testing

Other testing is available, but these tests are elective and documentation must be sent to the registrar to be included in the ADCA Registry. The Dexter owner is responsible for the accuracy of the information and should check the information on the certificate and online pedigree. Contact the registrar if any information is incorrect.

Tattoo Letters Guidelines

The tattoo letter for 2011 is Y. The table on this page gives each year and its associated tattoo letter.

Most breeders use the following sequence for tattooing: first, the letter initial of their farm, followed by the

number of the calf for the year and then the associated tattoo letter for the year.

Example: If your farm name is "Cherrydale" Dexter Farm and you are tattooing the fifth calf that is born in year 2009, the tattoo for this calf will be C5W ("C" stands for the farm initial; "5" identifies it as the fifth calf born this year, and "W" stands for the tattoo letter associated with 2009.)

Tattoo Letters and Their Years

1991 – A	1998 – H	2005 – R
1992 – B	1999 – J	2006 – S
1993 – C	2000 – K	2007 – T
1994 – D	2001 – L	2008 – U
1995 – E	2002 – M	2009 – W
1996 – F	2003 – N	2010 – X
1997 – G	2004 – P	2011 – Y
	2012 – Z	

Coat Colors

Black, dun and red — no other colors are accepted. All three of the Dexter colors are verifiable by DNA testing.

In order to register a Dexter as *red*, it must be tested (DNA-verified) as red unless it is the offspring of a

registered red sire and a registered red dam or at least one parent has been tested as a non-carrier of dun.

If non-black Dexters are not tested for red, they will be recorded as dun. If they are red-tested after registration, the color designation can be changed by submitting appropriate documentation to the registrar.

Horned/Polled

Dehorned animals are registered as horned. For an animal to be registered as polled, one or both parents must be a registered polled Dexter.

Polled animals may not be registered as horned. If a polled animal is indicated as horned and is discovered to be polled at a later date, the registration may be revoked. Polled Dexters from other recognized registries will be accepted if they meet the ADCA criteria.

If both parents are registered as genetically horned and a mutation is suspected, both parents **MUST** be available for DNA parentage genotyping.

The ADCA reserves the right to review registries, require testing and revoke registration of any animal improperly registered.

Supporting Our Youth

ODCA Awards Donated Dexter Heifer to Grant Butler



Grant Butler is the latest beneficiary of the Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Association (ODCA) Youth Heifer Succession Program.

Grant received a heifer – *RRV Pansy*, donated by the Cheek's and Harrold's of Red River Valley Dexters in Headrick, Okla.

The program is for youth 9-15 years old. Donated heifers are given to deserving youth to raise and show for three years. Association members help them breed their heifers, and the first offspring is given back to the program to be passed on to another young person.

Program participants must be members of 4H or FFA and are re-

quired to show in a minimum of two shows a year to promote the Dexter breed. They are responsible for training their animal and giving their calf a good home, proper nutrition and vet care. Once the calf has been weaned, then the cow is theirs to keep.

Grant had about three weeks from the time he received his heifer until the Tulsa State Fair, which as anyone who shows is well aware isn't much time to get a calf ready. But, Grant was determined to show – and show he did! He won Grand Champion Female with *RRV Pansy*!

Grant isn't new to showing – he has raised and shown several club

calves – but this is his first Grand Champion, and, boy, was he proud to put on that champion buckle.

The ODCA would like to thank Joe Reynolds for volunteering to mentor Grant, Don Cheek and Troy and Necole Harrold of Red River Valley Dexters for donating an excellent heifer and the Butler family for giving a great home to their new calf.

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We would also like to thank the other farms who have donated heifers this past year and a half: Randy and Karen Hall, Rocking H; Jim and Adrianne Lippian, 5 Springs Dexters of New Boston, TX; Elmer and Agnes Blackburn, Busy-Bee Ranch; and Gene Pittman, Mud Valley Dexters.

Because It's the RIGHT Thing to Do

Gayle Seddon, Olde Towne Farm, Mineral, Va.

As a Dexter breeder, I am increasingly aware of some of the problems stemming from the discovery of Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA) in the Dexter breed. When this was first announced, we researched our herd pedigrees, tested our animals and were distressed to learn that one of our favorite cows, *Our P-Bar Heatwave*, was positive. Her 2009 heifer calf, *OTF's Sweetheart*, was subsequently tested and found to be positive as well.

Dutifully, we forwarded official results to Chuck Daggett, the ADCA registrar, and watched as the list of identified carriers grew. We counted ourselves fortunate to have only two PHA carriers in our herd. *Heatwave* and *Sweetheart* have absolutely outstanding temperaments, and they are well-built, solid animals. They are still in our herd, and one of these days, we hope to get a PHA-free offspring from *Heatwave*; we await *Sweetheart's* first calf due spring 2012.

PHA - A Quick Review

If a PHA carrier bull is bred to a carrier cow, there is a 25% chance of having a dead, PHA-affected calf; there is a 25% chance of having a live non-carrier calf, and there is a 50% chance of producing a live calf that carries PHA.

PHA is not a visible defect; the only means of identifying a carrier is by testing (semen, blood or tail hair samples). In order to determine which animals carry PHA, you must test them; you cannot tell by looking at them.

Calves born to tested non-carriers of PHA are considered to be PHA-free – because their sire and dam do not carry the gene, the calf cannot inherit it.

A number of laboratories are able to test for PHA (Pfizer, AgriGenomics, UC Davis). You should contact the lab yourself for testing instructions.

Once in a while, I check the PHA carrier list on the ADCA's Pedigree Finder; as of this writing (October

2011), it lists only 128 tested carriers reported to the registrar!

Yes, you read that correctly – 128. How could this be? Some surmise it is because people are not testing their animals ("If I'm not aware of carrier genetics in my herd, then I cannot be held responsible for selling carrier animals."), or they are testing their animals but not sharing the results.

One has to wonder how many untested but PHA-positive animals are being sold to people who, by virtue of being new to the breed, are not yet aware of PHA. Will they, in their ignorance, breed and sell more PHA carriers? Time will tell.

Anything short of full disclosure is a disservice to prospective buyers.

Dexter breeders recognize and value the individual qualities of their animals. They are given names, and most owners treasure each and every calf born on their farms. With today's renewed interest in family milk cows and the recognized merits of raising one's own beef, it stands to reason you do the best you can to provide for their future breeding success. That is best accomplished by having access to

vital information about the animal's genetic issues.

Sellers have a responsibility to share this information with buyers. To consider doing otherwise is NOT serving the best interests of the breed or the people who are interested in becoming involved with the breed.

At this point in time, the ADCA can only urge breeders to test their animals for PHA and share the results; because this testing is not mandatory and is considered confidential, the ADCA believes that it cannot force breeders to share test results with either the organization's registrar for publication or with buyers of their cattle. So, it appears that the organization is relying solely upon the integrity of its members to share results with those who purchase their livestock.

Is this enough? Probably not, but until the time when publishing test results for a potentially lethal gene becomes mandatory, all that remains is for more breeders to share test results, to communicate with their directors about the importance of documented testing and to educate their farm visitors as much as possible by explaining the genetic concerns of breeding Dexter cattle.

Like many of you, we give buyers of any animal we sell copies of all testing in addition to a document listing a health history (vaccinations, deworming, etc.). Because it's the RIGHT thing to do! Anything short of full disclosure is a disservice to prospective buyers, particularly those who are new to the breed, who purchase their Dexters in good faith and subsequently learn that the animal could have a lethal problem – a condition that should have been thoroughly explained to them by the seller but was not.

Imagine how a person new to Dexters and knowing nothing of Chondrodysplasia or PHA would feel upon discovering a bulldog calf in the pasture or a laboring cow at risk of dying because she cannot deliver her severely-affected PHA calf. Then



Heatwave (above) and Sweetheart

imagine what this new owner would say to others who are considering their first Dexter cow? Word of mouth is a powerful way to spread bad news. Not a pretty picture, is it?

If we Dexter breeders are not held to task, then we will soon be regarded as “horse traders” – and THAT, my friends, is not a compliment! I sense that Dexters are developing a bad name, and correcting this will require

significant effort on everyone’s part.

Dexters are a minor breed with uncertain numbers and an increasing disregard for registration (not to mention more than one registry) and are no longer considered “rare” by conservation organizations; in short, we can ill-afford to turn people away from Dexters. “Buyer Beware” is a sad reflection on the Dexter breed today.

It is up to you and me, the breeders,

to educate our buyers. Bite the bullet and publish your test results. Tell your buyers the genetic status of your herd.

Share with them how to selectively breed to avoid lethal genetic problems. Communicate with your directors and the ADCA leadership about this issue. Because it’s the RIGHT thing to do!

American Dexter Cattle Association Code of Ethics

As a member of the association, I agree that I will:

1. Not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registry, and not register animals of questionable parentage.
2. Not neglect or mistreat my animal(s), but, on the contrary, at all times safeguard and further its/their well-being.
3. Not transfer any animal to a party whom I feel will not conscientiously look after its health, safety and well-being or may exploit or degrade or otherwise act to the detriment of the breed of animal.
4. Only breed animals that I know to be in good condition and health.
5. Represent my animals honestly to prospective buyers and give such ad-

vice or assistance to the buyer as may be reasonably requested.

6. Keep on the alert for and work to eradicate or control inherited problems or other conditions detrimental to the breed.
7. So act in my breeding practice and in dealings with others as to protect and improve the good standing and reputation of the breed and of the association.
8. Conduct myself in such a way as to protect the good order, welfare, reputation and credit of the association – abiding by the bylaws and standard operating procedures of the American Dexter Cattle Association – and doing no harm to the association, its officers and Board of Directors or its membership.

Your ADCA officers and Board of Directors are well-aware of the testing dilemma. At present the only mandatory genetic testing is for all bulls to be genotyped and have their genotype on file with the association. In some cases, color testing is also required for registration.

Because testing for Chondrodysplasia and PHA are voluntary, we feel we cannot demand that the results be published or shared. Ethically, this would certainly be the right thing to do.

*Those who would withhold test results revealing genetic problems with animals they are selling are certainly **not** adhering to the Code of Ethics for ADCA members. In these cases, withholding information is much the same as lying – the customer is left unaware of the possible consequences of breeding these animals. It does the animals and the entire breed a disservice as well.*

Good stewards of their cattle should educate their buyers regarding these genetic conditions and how they can be managed. They should also share the results of any testing that has already been done and/or inform the buyer what testing is available and how to get it accomplished.

The Dexter breed has come a long way from near extinction to many fine animals here in the United States. In order to continue that trend, we must all be conscientious about genetic disorders and how to handle them.

Those who would knowingly sell animals who carry Chondrodysplasia or PHA and do not inform the buyers are in direct violation of our own Code of Ethics, which was established to give our membership sensible rules to follow in the care, breeding and sale of their cattle.

Mini-Moos or Merlot? Compromise Solution for a City Girl

Joe and Gail Basile, Lazy J Farm, Limestone, Tenn., are new to the cattle industry, and they purchased three Dexters last year: a red, a dun and a black – all females.

“The red, named Sangiovese (Sangi for short), spent her first winter in Tennessee with us,” Gail reports.

When the Basiles moved to Tennessee, Gail wanted a vineyard and Joe wanted cattle. But, Gail was a city girl and afraid of large animals.

“We compromised: Dexter cattle and naming them after wine,” she explains.

“The red is Sangiovese, the dun is Chardonnay. The black was already named Destiny, but we thought that was suitable for our new venture.

“We are looking forward to breeding them soon,” Gail says, “and have a list of names already picked out.”



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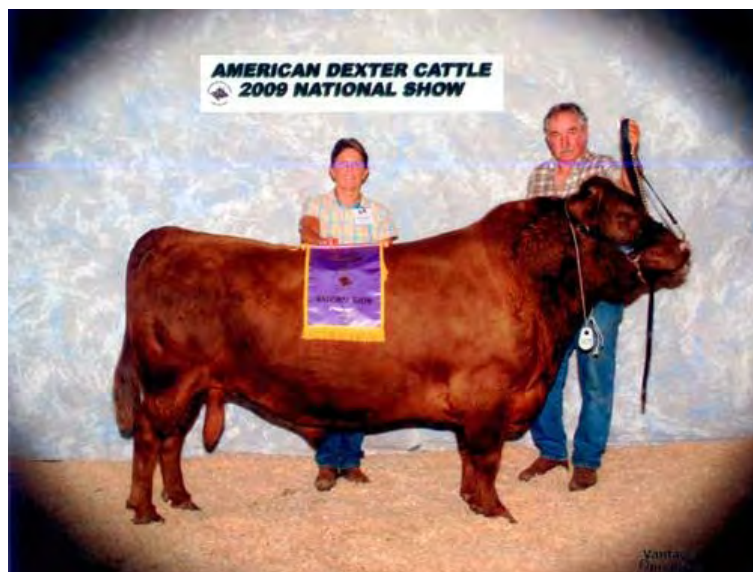
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Avoiding the Worst

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Modern technology and good old-fashioned management minimize the challenge of genetic abnormalities caused by recessive genes.

The science and application of genetics has allowed animal breeders to make tremendous strides in production efficiency. Coupled with modern nutrition and management, U.S. beef producers today produce a beef tonnage equivalent to that of 30 years ago – but with 25 million fewer head of cattle.

There's no doubt that the industry's ability to identify outlier animals that defy genetic antagonisms and excel for a variety of traits has been a boon to the industry.

One downside, though, since true genetic curve benders are so few and far between, is that their magnified use can become a problem if it turns out they also drag some unwanted genetic baggage with them.

That's what rocked the beef industry a year ago when Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM), a lethal genetic defect, was discovered in one of the Angus breed's most used and coveted bloodlines – *GAR Precision 1680*. According to *Precision 1680*'s performance record from the American Angus Association (AAA), nearly 10,000 direct sons and daughters are part of the breed's genetic evaluation. He was one of the first Angus sires to bend the curve and provide low birth weight but superior weaning and yearling growth.

Every breed, species and individual contains recessive genes that are seldom expressed and thus rarely known about. In the case of *Precision 1680*, inadvertent propagation was the catalyst. His genes were being multiplied and magnified because of his genetic merit, but no one knew he also carried the recessive gene for AM.

Also known as Curly Calf Syndrome, AM results in stillborn calves with bent and twisted spines.

Science offers options. In the old days of genetic defects like Snorter Dwarfism, such a discovery would have been the death knell for

an entire line of cattle and a major blow to the breed itself. In those days, the only way to manage such defects was to avoid them, period.

Many are familiar with coat color in Angus as an example of how the simple mode of genetic inheritance works; red is recessive and black is dominant. If a calf receives the gene for black from one or both parents, its coat color will be black. In order for the animal to be red, it must inherit the recessive gene (red) from both parents.

Though genetic defects inherited in this manner create challenges, especially for seedstock producers, new technology means these simple recessive genetic defects – which AM appears to be – can be managed without throwing away the bloodline.

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In the case of AM, a genomic test that screens for the presence of the defective gene also means seedstock producers can still utilize the bloodline while avoiding the problem.

For commercial producers, the odds of mating a carrier bull to cows that are also carriers are extremely low.

Managing genetic defects. AAA breed officials took a proactive approach to AM. Rather than insist on testing and printing results for full disclosure, then letting breeders and the marketplace assign values, AAA moved to eliminate the problem more quickly by banning the registration of carrier animals in the future.

For more on this issue, see "Dealing With Curly Calf" at <http://beefmagazine.com/genetics/1201-curly-calf-issue/>.

This model offers direction to other breeds that possess other genetic defects.

There are 21 genetic abnormalities under management by beef breed associations – conditions ranging from fawn calf syndrome to hy-

potrichosis to dwarfism in its various forms.

"For commercial producers, the trick to avoiding calves with lethal or performance-threatening abnormalities is never to mate a carrier bull to a carrier female," Kent Andersen, then the executive vice president of the North American Limousin Foundation, said last spring. "The first and easiest line of defense is to use only bulls free of the relevant defect in a given population."

"Mutations that cause abnormalities always will be a reality of the livestock business," he says. "Fortunately, with advances in genomics technology and thoughtful management by associations and breeders, we can mitigate the adverse effects substantially."

Four options. During the 2009 Beef Improvement Federation meeting in Sacramento, Calif., last spring, Jonathon Beever, University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign geneticist and one of the nation's top authorities on genetic defects in cattle, told producers of four options in dealing with a potential genetic defect carrier in a cowherd population. He said producers could:

- Ignore the issue and risk future problems.
- Completely eliminate the genetic source, which would be contrary to overall breed improvement.
- Find outcross genetics to breed away from the gene pool with the defect. While this isn't a practical option for seedstock breeders, it would be for commercial operations, particularly if they produce a terminal cross.
- Accurately identify the carriers through genetic testing, and then manage the problem.

Beever called the latter point the most responsible choice, given the high accuracy and growing cost-effectiveness of genetic testing. Beever adds that how producers develop their response within the beef industry will also be influenced by their place in the production system, with seedstock breeders being particularly proactive.

Linda Rininger's New Experience

It all started with the urge to get some homemade doughnuts one Monday night. Went to an orchard close by; no luck, they were already closed, so went to another a couple miles farther from home and same thing.

Missed them being open by 20 minutes. Cars still in parking lot, but big barn doors were closed. So back home we came, and my husband didn't want to let it rest, so looked up their phone number and listened to recording.

They had a website, so I looked it up, found out their hours and noticed they were having an Apple Fest on Saturday, same week. Well, the next morning, still have homemade doughnuts on the brain, so he goes to get some fresh ones.

He asked them about their Apple Fest, if they would be interested in having any Dexter cattle there on exhibit. The gal working in country store took his phone number and said she would have to check.

Answering machine was flashing before he returned home. Sure enough, they would love to have our little cows there.

So, the planning started Tuesday night. I wanted to take all three colors; really wanted to take my oxen boys, but 1 got injured Saturday night, so didn't want people think I was mean with my animals, so they stayed home.

Wednesday, the orchard called again. Wanted to know if I had a website, an email address and pictures. They put the exhibitors on their website for a year, advertising for them and you. So I'm on the phone trying to get backup help with Saturday's festival and received help from a fellow Dexter breeder and another friend.

I was up before 5, getting last-minute things together. I made a

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presentation board to have on display, business cards, brochures off the website and a flyer advertising the Annual General Meeting in Ft. Wayne, Ind., June 2012.

Next was to get the trailer loaded, put in a bunch of straw and hay and had lead ropes all gathered and brushes, table and chairs and panels. Back in the house for the shower and then to loading the cows.

The orchard workers were going to be available after 7; they wanted everyone all set up by 9, ready for the Apple Fest. 7 o'clock, out the door to load cows, only 43 degrees out, with a little wind, made it a bit chilly. Perfect for the cows, but nippy for me. I was dressed in my winter boots and gloves.

Pretty dark out, made it hard to find the right animals to take. I wanted to take three moms with their calves and two other heifers, and they were in two different pastures.

Got them all loaded and back to house to throw last-minutes things in truck and hit the road. I think it took longer to park the trailer than it did to drive over there; that was only about 6-7 miles from home.

All nervous, as this was my first display I set up anywhere, except a county fair I go to. We were ready by 9 for the crowds to start. The disc jockey was all set up, playing music by 9, a bluegrass band started playing before 10 and another jug band started at 2. Even had a magician scheduled for the day.

They had many more things available for the day. The longest zip line in southwest Michigan, 850 feet long and over 50 feet high, pony rides, hay rides; kids had jump-in pumpkin, little Andy Apple Train to ride, homemade doughnuts, cider pressing demonstration, country store with homemade fudge, Amish-made canned goods, homemade pies, a snack bar, apple u-pick, orchard tours, plus all the vendors that were available.

They had told us that it is not uncommon for 1,500 people to go through on a Saturday and 2,500 for the whole weekend. Well, I have no doubt there were 1,500-plus people



there, not sure how many, but they came in big groups to see the cows.

My display was 24 feet long, and most of the day it was lined with spectators, young and old. Smiles from little kids as they petted a cow for the first time in their life.

Even adults acting like they had never seen a cow up close before. I had no idea something this close to home would gather so many people for one day. I was very impressed.

The gal next to us left early; she had sold out. She had some specialty foods; she probably wasn't too happy about being next to a bunch of smelly cows.

We had a farm/hardware feedstore next to us on the other side handing out dog food samples and advertising

for their Dog-O-Ween. May have to go check that out too; not with the cows, though.

The lines for the zip line were over an hour wait; think it was about a half-hour wait to get inside to pick

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out your doughnuts and cider. Our friends who came to help out went to get a hotdog and got in the WRONG line, got all the way into the building, and it was the line for the doughnuts and cider, so they picked up some doughnuts and looked for the snack bar. That line was just as long, if not longer.

All in all, it was a great day. By

noon, the sun came out, so off came the gloves, but still didn't get over 53-54 degrees out, so the boots felt mighty good. Five o'clock seemed like it was about 7, after all the people had gone through our area.

We loaded up panels, table, chairs, display stuff, cows and hit the road. Everyone was back in their own pasture, and I was sitting at the table at 6, basically first time I sat down all day long. Will I do it again, certainly. I really did enjoy watching the kids' faces light up. Most kids were really excited; only a couple were scared of the cows. If anyone has a chance to do this to get the Dexter breed, do it, it is lots of fun.

This is where I was: <http://www.verhagesfruitfarmandcidermill.com/>.

Tulsa State Fair Dexter Show Results

Heifer, 0-12 Months

1. *RRV Pansy*, owned by Grant Butler
2. *Bar None's Chenelle*, owned by Doug & Rene Holmes
3. *New Day Holly*, owned by Asher Corter
4. *Five Springs Bullet*, owned by Asher Corter
5. *Bar None's Countess In*, owned by Devin Jones
6. *Stuart's NO Red Frita*, owned by Asher Corter

Heifer, 12-24 Months

1. *ES Valentine*, owned by Elissa Emmons
2. *Timberview Lana*, owned by Danielle Hawkins
3. *Sant'Angelo Red Sara*, owned by Sheila Farris
4. *MP Black Magic*, owned by Frankie Nely
5. *GM Glory*, owned by Eric & Paula Trojacek
6. *Five Springs Ms Priss*, owned by Elizabeth Elliott
7. *MornStar Kyli Flann*, owned by Pam Malcuit
8. *TOF Heather*, owned by Rae Hendrix

Mature Cow

1. *MornStar Ruby*, owned by Elissa Emmons
2. *Hickory Hill Amanda*, owned by Devin Jones
3. *Windfall's Velvet*, owned by Doug & Rene Holmes

Cow/Calf Pair

1. *Hickory Hill Amanda*, owned by Devin Jones
2. *Windfalls Velvet*, owned by Doug & Rene Holmes

Grand Champion Female

RRV Pansy, owned by Grant Butler

Reserve Grand Champion Female

Hickory Hill Amanda, owned by Devin Jones/
shown by Elissa Emmons

Steer, 0-12 Months

1. *Red D Big Jake*, owned by Danielle Hawkins
2. *MornStar Hogan*, owned by Pam Malcuit
3. *Bar None's Chuck*, owned by Elizabeth Edwards

Steer, 12-24 Months

1. *Promised Land T-Bone*, owned by Elizabeth Edwards

Grand Champion Steer

Red D Big Jake, owned by Danielle Hawkins

Reserve Champion Steer

Promised Land T-Bone, owned by Elizabeth Edwards

Bull, 0-12 Months

1. *Sant'Angelo Darius*, owned by Paula Maras
2. *Bar None's Ben Noticed*, owned by Devin Jones
3. *GM Jace*, owned by Eric & Paula Trojacek
4. *Moses Meadow's Toby*, owned by Asher Corter

Bull 12-24 Months

1. *ES Red Patriot*, owned by Doug Holmes

Mature Bull

1. *Wieringa's Ben NR*, owned by Devin Jones
2. *Belle Fourche Washington*, owned by Sheila Farris

Grand Champion Bull

Wieringa's Ben NR, owned by Devin Jones/
shown by Elissa Emmons

Reserve Champion Bull

Sant'Angelo Darius, owned by Paula Maras/
shown by Danielle Hawkins

Iowa State Fair Dexter Show Results

Junior Heifer

1. *Sprague's Chloe*, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague
2. *SMD Ophelia Port*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
3. *Timberview Fawn*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
4. *SMD Olivia Port*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
5. *SPF Laura*, owned by Jeremy and Gwen Smith

Junior Heifer

1. *High Pines Lexia*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
2. *Timberview Sasha*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
3. *Timberview Mia*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
4. *High Pines Tamera*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
5. *High Pines Opal*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Senior Heifer

1. *Sprague's Hope*, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague
2. *Hazel Hill Black Betty*, owned by Aaron & Erica Lantz
3. *Hazel Hill Black Beauty*, owned by Aaron & Erica Lantz
4. *Hazel Hill Queenie*, owned by Aaron & Erica Lantz

Heifer Calf Champion

Sprague's Hope, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague

Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

High Pines Lexia, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Junior Yearling Heifer

1. *Timberview Kaylee*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
2. *JMF Joy*, owned by Mel & Joanie Puck
3. *Sassy*, owned by Mel & Joanie Puck

Junior Yearling Heifer

1. *SMD Kitt Certus*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
2. *SMD Reba Flaith*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Junior Yearling Heifer

1. *JMF Clover*, owned by Mel & Joanie Puck
2. *Sprague's Christie*, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague
3. *Timberview Ali*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
4. *Timberview Chelsi*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
5. *Hazel Hill Dun Ellen*, owned by Aaron & Erica Lantz

Senior Yearling Heifer

1. *SPF Chelsea*, owned by Jeremy & Gwen Smith

Yearling Heifer Champion

SMD Kitt Certus, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Yearling Heifer Reserve Champion

SMD Reba Flaith, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Young Cow

1. *4S Tabbi*, owned by Jim Peggy Woehl
2. *SMD Mar Ceti*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
3. *Mornstar Renny*, owned by Dan Harrison

Mature Cow

1. *High Pines Jade*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
2. *SMD Omega Navis*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
3. *Timberview Chana*, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague
4. *Hazel Hill's Ella*, owned by Aaron & Erica Lantz
5. *Hazybrook Savannah*, owned by Dan & Kris Thomas

Senior Female Champion

High Pines Jade, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Senior Female Reserve Champion

4S Tabbi, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Cow/Calf Pair

1. *Timberview Chana*, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague
2. *High Pines Jade*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
3. *SMD Mar Ceti*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
4. *4S Tabbi*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
5. *SMD Omega Navis*, owned by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
6. *CFR Nellie*, owned by Jeremy & Gwen Smith

Grand Champion Female

Sprague's Hope, owned by Terry & Mary Jane Sprague

Reserve Grand Champion Female

High Pines Jade, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Young Bull Calf

1. *Timberview Ajay*, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel
2. *High Pines Rufus*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl
3. *Hazybrook Yuma*, owned by Dan & Kris Thomas

Junior Yearling Bull

1. *Sac Valley's Sir Tucker*, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Grand Champion Bull

Sac Valley's Sir Tucker, owned by Jim & Peggy Woehl

Reserve Champion Bull

Timberview Ajay, owned by Rick & Macheal Seydel

Missouri Dexter Breeders Association

Show Results

Heifer Calf, under 6 Months

1. *PF Ms Friday*, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters
2. *Sac Valley's Sienna*, owned by Vance & Gloria Mattson, Sac Valley Ranch
3. *Autumn Woods Kassie*, owned by Juli Holland, Autumn Woods Dexters

Heifers, 6-12 Months

1. *RRV Pansy*, owned by Grant Butler, Butler Cattle
2. *Sac Valley's Fawnya*, owned by Vance & Gloria Mattson, Sac Valley Ranch
3. *Wieringa's Parker HK*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm

Heifer, 12-18 Months

1. *Wieringa's Trudy ET*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm
2. *Timberview Lana*, owned by Danielle Hawkins, Red D Farm
3. *ESF Zo's Midnite Magic*, owned by Ted & Vicki Anderson, Emerald Spring Farm

Heifer, 18-24 Months

1. *ES Valentine*, owned by Elissa Emmons, Evening Star Dexters
2. *Wieringa's Opal NP*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm
3. *Diamond B DBG Willow*, owned by Jacob DeLaSalle, DeLaSalle Farms

Young Cow

1. *Windy Hill's Red Hiedi*, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters
2. *Black Frost Irish Doll*, owned by Dick Clark, Black Frost Dexters
3. *Sac Valley's Holly*, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters

Mature Cow

1. *Black Frost Miss Irish*, owned by Dick Clark, Black Frost Dexters
2. *RR Lindy*, owned by Dick Clark, Black Frost Dexters
3. *Morn Star Ruby*, owned by Elissa Emmons, Evening Star Dexters

Cow/Calf Pair

1. *Sac Valley's Holly/Maple Hill's Barrett*, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters
2. *Hickory Hill Amanda/Bar None's Eye Candy*, owned by David Jones, Bar None's Dexters
3. *Rockin L Candy/Lucky*, owned by Jim & Linda Smith, Whistle Ranch

Steer, under 12 Months

1. *Red D Big Jake*, owned by Danielle Hawkins, Red D Farm
2. *Morn Star Hogan*, owned by Elissa Emmons, Evening Star Dexters
3. *PF Roman Chocolate*, owned by Bailey Burns, Blue Ribbon Beef

Steer, 12-24 Months

1. *Sac Valley's Sawyer*, owned by Chase Brumfield, South Creek Dexters
2. *ESF Mr. Black*, owned by Asa Hutchinson

Bull, under 6 Months

1. *Maple Hill's Barrett*, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters
2. *FWCZ Bernard*, owned by Amber Bradford
3. *Sant' Angelo Darius*, owned by Dan & Paula Maras, Sant' Angelo Farm

Bull, 6-12 Months

1. *Wieringa's Matt NP*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm
2. *Wieringa's Titan HE*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm
3. *Wieringa's Lucky Red*, owned by Ted Anderson, Emerald Springs Farm

Yearling Bull

1. *Autumn Woods Grady*, owned by Juli Holland, Autumn Woods Dexters

Mature Bull

1. *Wieringa's Ben NR*, owned by Devin Jones, Bar None's Dexters
2. *Windy Hills Red Shannon*, owned by Vance & Gloria Mattson, Sac Valley Ranch
3. *Wieringa's Huey NS*, owned by Lee & Roberta Wieringa, Wieringa Dexter Farm

Grand Champion Bull

Wieringa's Ben NR, owned by Devin Jones, Bar None's Dexters

Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Maple Hill's Barrett, owned by Joe & Rebecca Gyga, Maple Hill Dexters

Grand Champion Cow

Black Frost Miss Irish, owned by Dick Clark, Black Frost Dexters

Reserve Grand Champion Cow

Valentine, owned by Elissa Emmons, Evening Star Dexters

Youth Showmanship, 13 and Under: Grant Butler

Youth Showmanship, 14 - 18: Jordan DeLaSalle

Nebraska State Fair

Dexter Open Show Results

Late Heifer

1. *Mooster's Yanni*, shown by Moosters Meadow
2. *Sprague's Chole*, shown by Terry Sprague
3. *Timberview Sasha*, shown by Timberview Dexters
4. *High Pines Lexia*, shown by James Woehl
5. *SMD Olivia Port*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Early Heifer

1. *Sprague's Hope*, shown by Terry Sprague

Heifer Calf Champion

Sprague's Hope, shown by Terry Sprague

Heifer Calf Reserve Champion

Mooster's Yanni, shown by Moosters Meadow

Late Yearling Heifer

1. *SMD Reba Flaith*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
2. *SMD Kitt Certus*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
3. *Timberview Ali*, shown by Timberview Dexters
4. *Timberview Chelsi*, shown by Timberview Dexters
5. *High Pines Faline*, shown by James Woehl
6. *Sprague's Christy*, shown by Terry Sprague
7. *SHA 24*, shown by Daesha Burbach
8. *SHA 5*, shown by Daesha Burbach
9. *SHA 22W*, shown by Daesha Burbach
10. *SHA 11W*, shown by Daesha Burbach
11. *SHA 18W*, shown by Daesha Burbach
12. *SHA 8G*, shown by Daesha Burbach

Junior Heifer Champion

SMD Reba Flaith, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Junior Heifer Reserve Champion

SMD Kitt Certus, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Two-Year-Old Heifer

1. *4S Tabbi*, shown by James Woehl
2. *SMD Mar Ceti*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Mature Cow

1. *SMD Medea Navis*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

2. *Timberview Chana*, shown by Timberview Dexters
3. *R.R. Red Rose*, shown by Rural Ranchers
4. *SHA Black Rita*, shown by Daesha Burbach

Mature Champion Female

SMD Medea Navis, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Reserve Mature Female

4S Tabbi, shown by James Woehl

Grand Champion Female

SMD Reba Flaith, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers

Reserve Grand Champion Female

Sprague's Hope, shown by Terry Sprague

Cow/Calf Pair

1. *Timberview Chana*, shown by Timberview Dexters
2. *SMD Medea Navis*, shown by Jeff & Melinda Chambers
3. *4S Tabbi*, shown by James Woehl

Late Bull Calf

1. *High Pines Patrick*
2. *High Pines Rufus Ace*, shown by James Woehl
3. *Timberview Ajay*, shown by Timberview Dexters

Bull Calf Champion

Sprague's Hope, shown by Terry Sprague

Bull Calf Reserve Champion

Mooster's Yanni, shown by Moosters Meadow

Late Yearling Bull

1. *Sac Valley's Sir Tucker*, shown by James Woehl
2. *SHA X Man*, shown by Daesha Burbach

Junior Bull Champion

Sac Valley's Sir Tucker, shown by James Woehl

Junior Bull Reserve Champion

SHA X Man, shown by Daesha Burbach

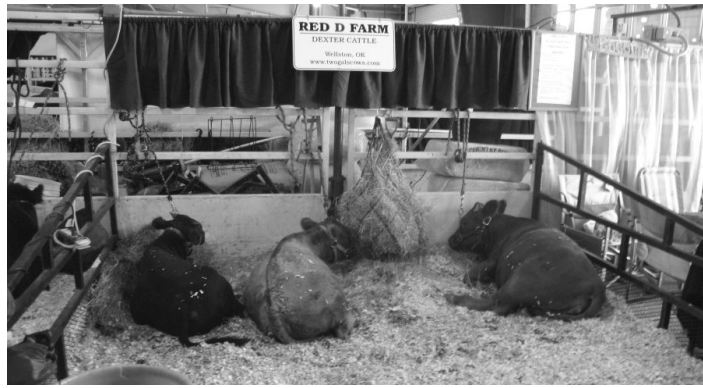
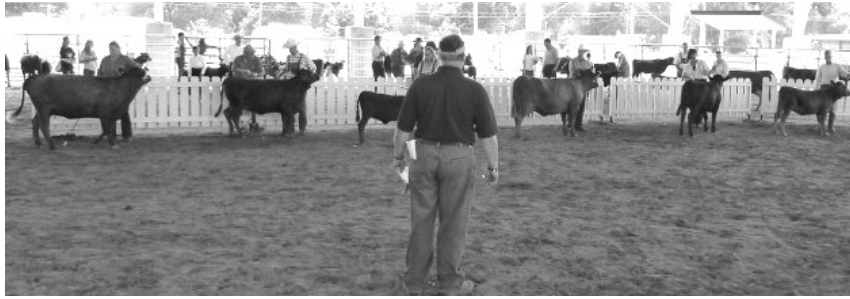
Grand Champion Bull

Sac Valley's Sir Tucker, shown by James Woehl

Reserve Grand Champion Bull

High Pines, shown by Patrick James Woehl





Facing page

At the MBDA Show: (first column, from top) Reserve Grand Champion Cow *ES Valentine*, owned by Elissa Emmons; Grand Champion Cow *Black Frost Miss Irish*, owned by Dick Clark; Grand Champion Bull *Wieringa's Ben NR*, owned by Devin Jones; (second column, from top) *Maple Hills Barrett*, owned by Joseph & Rebecca Gygas. At the Tulsa State Fair: Grand Champion Female *RRV Pansy*, owned by Grant Butler; Reserve Grand Champion Steer *Promised Land T-Bone*, owned by Elizabeth Edwards; (third column, from top) Grand Champion Bull *Wieringa's Ben NR*, owned by Devin Jones; Grand Champion Steer *Red D Big Jake*, owned by Danielle Hawkins; Reserve Grand Champion Cow *Hickory Hill Amanda*, owned by David & Devin Jones. Bottom: At the MBDA Show: (front row) Asa Hutchinson, Cushing, Grant Butler, Cushing, Danielle Hawkins, Shelby Burns, (back row) Shelley Cushing, Ann Marie Wright, Macy Hutchinson, Ethan Hutchinson, Bailey Burns, Wyatt Berry, Chase Brumfield, Jake DeLaSalle, Jordan DeLaSalle



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Random shots from recent shows.

Your ADCA Board in Action: WorkYoke Summary

OCT. 2 TELECONFERENCE

Regional directors present

Monica Dexter (Region 2), David Peet (3), Judy Nocks (4), Gene Pittman (6), Charles Townson (8), Kim Newswanger (9), Linda Rininger (10), Carol Koller (11) and Rick Seydel (12).

Officers present

Pam Malcuit (president), Roberta Wieringa (immediate past president), Sandi Thomas (vice president), Chuck Daggett (registrar), Carol Ann Traynor (secretary)

Vote on Conflict of Interest Policy

The final policy submission was sent out in early July, and discussion had already been held on the WorkYoke.

Motion: Roberta Wieringa moved to vote on the three-page policy as submitted; Charles Townson seconded. Motion passed.

SNPS Question

No policy has been changed regarding registering animals. It was noted that due to improved testing capabilities, many anomalies within the registry regarding color, polledness, etc. may be investigated and (at the owner's expense) registrations corrected.

SOPs for G&P Committee

A brief discussion of the proposed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) was held with suggestions for any changes. It was recommended that the BOD strive for consistency in the SOP requirements for membership on every committee and require BOD approval of the placement of any member on any committee.

Motion: Charles Townson moved to approve changes as recommended to the SOPs for the Genetics & Pedigree Committee. Seconded by Judy Nocks. Motion passed.

Ethics Committee Case Findings

The committee agreed unanimously that it is not the responsibility of the ADCA to police the Internet. Linda

Rininger requested that she be recused for conflict of interest.

Motion: Charles Townson moved to accept the committee report. Seconded by David Peet. Motion passed.

Registration Membership (RM) Status

It was felt that the signing of the Code of Ethics will eliminate many perceived problems in the future.

Personnel Issue (Executive Session)

The BOD went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. President Pam Malcuit will contact the individual in question.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

SNPS Testing

There was further discussion regarding the resolution of a recent pedigree question regarding a deceased Dexter bull.

Code of Ethics/Conduct Committee

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) postings for the committee have been published in the *Bulletin*.

Current *Bulletin* Corrections

The publication always looks good, and it was felt that deadlines should be observed. If a submission is not made by the deadline, it is not the responsibility of the editor. By adhering to the deadline for material, the *Bulletin* comes out much quicker.

Results of Regional Nominations

Vice President Sandi Thomas reported that since there was only one viable nomination from each of the three regions, the nominees will be accepted by acclamation. The individuals were contacted on Friday, Sept. 30, to inform them of their election by acclamation:

Region 9: Kim Newswanger, Kentucky

Region 10: Darrell Rummell, Ohio

Region 12: Jim Woehl, South Dakota

2012 Show Sponsorships

Sponsors will receive recognition at the show, sale and Annual General Meeting banquet and on the ADCA website. In addition to receiving recognition in the AGM Show and Sale Catalog, they are welcome to display their products or services at the AGM as well as signage at both the show and sale. The sponsorship list will be published on the website and in the *Bulletin*.

Bylaws and SOP Changes

SOP changes are still pending Board of Director (BOD)-approved changes and worked on by the attorney through co-chair David Jones.

Teleconference Call Agenda

1. Vote on conflict of interest policy
2. Short discussion on use of SNPS testing.
3. Brief discussion with suggestions regarding SOPs for G&P Committee.
4. Ethics Committee presentation of findings on a referred case.



At Morning Star Ranch, Rory welcomes his new heifer calf.

5. Potential RM status for membership.
6. Personnel issue.

Secretary's Report

Four packets of information with brochures were requested and mailed out in September.

AUGUST SUMMARY

SNPS Testing

The resolution of a recent pedigree question regarding a deceased Dexter bull was discussed. The SNPS testing of 28 animals was reviewed and analyzed by Dr. Cothran (Texas A&M) to correct the record.

Suggested wording for updated instructions for DNA samples: "If for some reason you must use blood, semen or tissue samples for testing, contact Pam Malcuit for proper handling procedures. These samples are perishable and must be shipped overnight directly to the lab, to arrive on a weekday, so that they are viable for testing."

Code of Ethics/Conduct Committee

The SOPs postings for the CE/C Committee have been published in the *Bulletin*.

Committee Changes

Advertising/Marketing: David Peet, chair

R&R/Bylaws: Roberta Wieringa and David Jones, co-chairs

Talisman: Pam Malcuit (as current president), co-chair

Show/Sales: Roberta Wieringa has agreed to co-chair

Youth: Charles Townson was asked to co-chair.

Bulletin Corrections

Although the *Bulletin* was proofread prior to publication, several corrections need to be made. Pam Malcuit requested that all corrections be sent to her, and she will compile and forward to the editor, Anne Feltus.

- Bulletin deadline: Should be Sept. 15 for Oct. 15 mailing.

- AGM class standing corrections: Several as to who exhibited which animals and an incorrect caption on the picture of the open grand cham-

pion female.

- Several photo contest names were incorrect.
- Correction of email address for Kim Newswanger: kim@hopereferencefarm.com.
- Correction of phone number for David Peet, (214) 287-0009.
- Correction of phone number for Gene Pittman, (918) 931-2477.

Testing through LEGACY

President Pam Malcuit reiterated that testing through Legacy is not just testing through UC Davis; Legacy gets all those results. The ADCA database is at Texas A&M (TAM). TAM has finally been approved by NZ to do A2 testing; Dr. Cothran is still working on getting PHA: getting the owner of the test to respond has been the biggest problem there. TAM would be happy to add that test to its program

Registrar Chuck Daggett stated that he is getting testing from five different labs in many different formats in all tests except genotypes. (TAM only). Recording test reports on the registry and online pedigree as well as the confusion and questions the members have takes up half of his time!

Bylaws & SOP Changes

SOP changes are being worked on by the attorney through co-chair David Jones. The BOD was asked for any items that need to be added/changed.

- Elections SOP: Change proxy ballot deadline from Oct. 31 to "five days prior to regional meeting."
- SOP on genotype results from lab to lab: original scanned or pdf copies are acceptable.
- SOP bylaws

committee co-chair will be the immediate past president.

- Bylaws: Clarify that president and vice president can make motions.
- SOP genotype from meat sample: genotype calf as well to verify or legitimize the results SOP coming from Genetics & Pedigree Committee.
- SOP: Verify if changes needed to Talisman SOP
- Add SOP on Code of Ethics Committee.

Secretary's Report

Regional director nomination ballots were mailed Aug. 12 to Region 9 (93), Region 10 (89) and Region 12(105). Nominations are to be sent to Sandi Thomas for processing and verification prior to election proxy ballots being mailed. Elections will be held sometime between Nov. 1 and Nov. 30 (date-time-location of election meetings to be determined by each individual region affected).

Three packets of information and 36 brochures were requested and mailed out in August.

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**NOTE:
Next *Bulletin*
deadline is
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