

DEXTER

BULLETIN

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION®



**EXPO SHOW
RESULTS**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE
PHOTO WINNER:
HUDSON
LOUDERBACK**

Eddie



ADCA
#041588
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A, BL B/B,
Red
No
Dun

Howie



ADCA
#039431
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/B, BL B/B,
Red
Homozygous
Dun

Matteo



ADCA
#048512
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A, BL B/B,
Black
Carries
Wild Red

Harvey



ADCA
#040049
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/B, BL B/B,
Red
Homozygous
Dun

Rocky



ADCA
#037491
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/B, BL A/B,
Red
Carries
Dun

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Friday

ADCA #043169



Homoz.
Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A,
BL A/B,
Wild Type
Red Carries
Dun

Ragtime

ADCA #046330



Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC B/B, BL A/B,
Carries Red
and Dun

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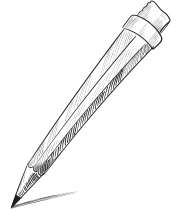
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- Not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registry and not register animals of questionable parentage.
- Not neglect or mistreat my animal(s), but, on the contrary, at all times safeguard and further its/their well-being.
- Not transfer any animal to a party who 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.
- Only breed animals that I know to be in good condition and health.
- Represent my animals honestly to prospective buyers and give such advice or assistance to the buyer as may be reasonably requested.
- Keep on the alert for and work diligently to control potentially adverse effects of known genetically inherited conditions by educating prospective buyers regarding the implications associated with the presence of these conditions in a breeding program.
- 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.

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION MISSION

The mission of the American Dexter Cattle Association is to protect, improve, develop, and promote the interests, standing, and quality of the Dexter breed, and to assist members in adding value to their animals.

EDITOR'S NOTE



Hi there, Dexter owners and enthusiasts!

Coming from the horse show world, I learned a lot about showing cattle helping with this issue of the Dexter Bulletin. It's fascinating how similar the two are! Both have a focus on conformation and overall animal wellbeing. A major congratulations to everyone who won awards at the ADCA Expo, and I look forward to continuing to hear all about your successes.

In addition to show results, we discuss coccidiosis and the importance of paying attention to the detail when registering your Dexter cattle. I hope you learn something reading through the following pages- I know I did!

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EXPO CHAIR'S MESSAGE

The 2023 American Dexter Cattle Association Expo, held at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City, was a great success! The Fairpark is minutes away from an international airport and near the crossroads of two major interstate highways which simplified travel for attendees. We could not have asked for better weather as Dexter breeders and enthusiasts from around the country gathered for three days of education, fellowship, and fun—all focused Dexter cattle.

The ADCA Expo Committee planned a packed schedule of seminars that had educational experiences for breeders of all levels to learn from, including:

- **Training Your Cattle:** Weston Berry from BW Dexters and Jennifer Ruesch from White Rock Mountain Ranch led us in a discussion about how they train their cattle how to lead, getting them ready to be milk cows, and everything in-between.
- **Showmanship:** Vicki Jones from Moosters Meadows gave first timers and veterans of showing a rundown of exactly what to expect from a judge and how to give the judge the best view of your animal in the show ring. We appreciate Henry and Hudson Louderback for being our volunteer exhibitors for the seminar.
- **Milk!:** Audrey Dawson from Twice Blessed Farm gave us excellent information including recipes and how to make yogurt, sour cream, and several types of cheese. Audrey's insight on what to look for in a good family milk cow and how to train her to be a good milking partner was very informative.
- **Pregnancy Checking:** Chris and Vicki Jones from Moosters Meadows gave us a hands-on demonstration of how to take a blood sample from the tail of a cow and talked us through how to use IDEXX Alertyx OnFarm Pregnancy Test kits, and how to send a blood sample to a BioPRYN lab to be tested for pregnancy.
- **An introduction to Artificial Insemination (AI):** Jim Whoel from High Pines Dexters discussed the benefits of using AI with your herd and gave a brief overview of how to inseminate your cows, where to buy semen, heat detection, and insemination.
- **Small Scale Cattle Handling:** Dave Cluff from CDS Minis focused on how to make handling cattle less stressful for you and your cows. He discussed the importance of having your cows familiar with you and what you want them to do before you want them to do it. He also talked through the cost and benefit of a variety of cattle handling system designs and associated equipment.
- **The Importance of Minerals For Your Cattle:** Karson Ripstein from Redmond Minerals broke down the details on minerals and how important they are to our Dexters. Proper mineral supplementation supports their immune system, improves fertility, and increases parasite resistance.
- **Cattle Conformation:** Due to popular demand, Jim Woehl from High Pines Dexter presented on cattle conformation. This year Jim brought in a bull and a steer and discussed why he decided the bull would become a sire of his own herd and why the steer would be joining him for dinner!
- **The Expo culminated with the Youth and Open Shows Saturday morning.** There were fourteen youths who competed in showmanship and the competition was stiff! It is always great to see the confidence and resiliency showing instills in our youth.
- **Our Youth Show judge was Jessie Hadfield.** Jesse did an amazing job working with our youth, provided them with great instruction and feedback, and she memorized the names of the competitors and the animals they were showing!

Our Open Show judge was Josh Dallin. Josh was consistent in his evaluation of the cattle and was able to provide excellent insight to the exhibitors and all who were in attendance.

Be sure to take a minute to look over the results of the Youth and Open Shows published in this edition of the Bulletin. Our exhibitors brought excellent animals to represent our breed. I appreciate all the work they put into getting their animals ready for our show and to have them on display throughout the Expo. I would also like to thank our Expo Committee for the countless hours they have spent preparing for the Expo. An event of this size and quality is not easy to prepare for and everything went well thanks to them.

Planning for our next Expo is already underway. The 2024 Expo will be held June 19-22, 2024 in Pryor, Okla. at the Mayes County Fairgrounds. Start making your plans to attend now, and additional information about where to stay and what to expect will be available in the next few months.

Dave Cluff

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PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE AND TRAINING

When we acquired our first Dexters, I dreamt of the perfect cow that would wait patiently in the pasture for me to come to her every morning. After a few quick squeezes while she stood perfectly still, she would fill my bucket with milk that was so creamy that the butter simply floated to the top. In truth, most of our Dexters are extremely eager to be invited into the milking parlor at any time, and they behave sweetly throughout the process. However, there are friendly, well-pampered cows of every breed that are not very cooperative. The two primary ways in which milk cows can be disagreeable are that they might kick, and they might “hold

back”. Our experience has been that many cows will exhibit both of these behaviors to some extent.

KICKING

Most cows will not allow other calves to steal their milk, and if your cow kicks at you while milking, she is simply treating you like a calf that is not her own. Most kicks during milking are relatively slow forward pawing of the back hoof, but some cows increase the speed, intensity and accuracy of their kicks as their agitation increases. We must remember



that we are in an extremely vulnerable position while milking, and that a serious, lightning fast, full-force sideways kick can cause very serious injury.

THE FORCED APPROACH

There are a few reported techniques for restraining a cow that kicks, although we've never used any of them and therefore can't comment on their effectiveness. Some people tie a rope around her belly in a special way, and others put a metal brace over her that looks like a giant clamp. Both of these are intended to put pressure on muscles associated with kicking to discourage the behavior. Another technique is to place a hobble or restraint on one or both of her back legs. Lastly, a squeeze chute can be used to securely restrain the cow. The idea behind all of these is to force the cow to allow milking for a time in hopes that she will eventually learn to be cooperative and their use can then be discontinued. However, if your cow is unhappy with how you are treating her in the milking parlor on a daily basis, it is unlikely that your efforts will be pleasant, satisfactory or productive over time.

Another traditional approach is to put the cow in a milking stanchion that includes a head lock to restrain her backward movement, and boards between her and the milker to protect against sideways kicking. However, if the stanchion is not sized tightly, an unruly cow may thrash and milking may be difficult as the udder fails to remain stationary. As well, milking may be difficult and uncomfortable with protective boards in the way. Instead, a stanchion is most useful for discouraging a cooperative cow from shuffling during milking, and to raise her up a bit to make milking more convenient.

THE GENTLE APPROACH

Milking is easiest, and most rewarding, at two special times during a cow's lactation. The first is during the month immediately following the birth of her calf, and the second is immediately following the separation of her calf for weaning. During these times her udder will be very full and she will desire relief from the pressure, which will make her less likely to kick and more likely to let her milk down. In preparation, you should have trained your new milk cow to your milking routine a few weeks in advance, and she should therefore be eager to participate and receive your treat, your attention, and your enthusiastic praise.

Begin milking her four days after her calf is born, or the same day that you separate her calf for weaning. If you milk her twice each day, the training will advance more quickly. You may find that she is significantly more cooperative at weaning with each passing day as she realizes that her calf is gone. If she kicks during milking, be persistent and try again the next day as you remain patiently diligent in your training of her. Use the same simple milking routine every time so that she will be familiar with the process. Every time she kicks, firmly and sternly say "no", and nothing else, and then immediately resume your efforts. Be consistent with this so that she can quickly learn and understand. Despite your frustration, you must remember to always treat her with kindness and respect, even if she doesn't deserve it, if you desire to maintain her trust. As well, be sure to provide enthusiastic praise when she gives.

One technique that we've had success with is to place an empty plastic bucket under her while we milk into a small 32oz stainless steel Frothing Pitcher. The small pitcher can be very quickly withdrawn when she kicks, and is less vulnerable when held up close to her udder. By doing this we can therefore avoid losing any milk that we've gotten thus far. If she kicks, she will noisily impact the empty plastic bucket, and perhaps put her hoof into it, therefore discouraging her from doing it again. Every time she kicks, put the plastic bucket back in place before continuing.

If she refuses to stop kicking, or refuses to let her milk down after a full week of daily effort, take a break for a week to give her time to realize that she will not get her treat, attention and praise if she refuses to participate, and then patiently try again throughout the following week. If kicking or holding back continues beyond her first month, we have found that they will usually be reduced as she becomes less protective later in the lactation, and especially after weaning. Even if your efforts with her are not entirely successful, the training that she receives will likely lead to greater success during her next lactation as her willingness, trust, anticipation, and production increase.

Cows are often nervous about the safety of their new born calf, and will not be comfortable being separated from it long enough to complete the milking effort. We have found that she will be less nervous and more willing to participate if we keep her calf close by, or at least within sight. If a cow stubbornly continues to hold back, we can usually get milk if we let her calf milk one side of her while we milk the other. The calf's exuberance and head bumping will usually cause her to relax and let her milk down. This method doesn't always work, however, because a cow has the amazing ability to control each quarter of her udder individually, thus allowing a calf to milk on one quarter while holding back on the quarter we are trying to milk. We have also experienced cows that allow us to milk for a while, but hold back at the end to reserve the last of her milk (the "hindmilk") for her calf. Work diligently to make her time in the milking parlor so enjoyable that she really does wait eagerly for you every morning, and one day you just might smile and laugh as your milking dreams come true!



Our Dexter girls give us the most amazing milk, unlike any we've ever had from a grocery or a local dairy. Dexter milk is significantly more flavorful and satisfying, having a much higher percentage of cream that provides great pleasure. However, not every Dexter girl will be a willing milk cow. Before ever attempting to milk your sweet cow, you need to cultivate her trust by visiting her frequently, interacting with her on a daily basis, and providing her with smiles, brushing and praise. Earning her complete trust is the first step towards getting her to willingly, and perhaps eagerly, participate in milking every day. You will also find it very helpful if you train her to your milking routine two weeks in advance, and especially if you make milking time enjoyable for her. We hope that you don't have a problem cow, but if you do, patience, persistence and training may eventually earn you a bucket full of creamy white gold. Savor the delicious Blessing! ❀

ADCA Talisman FARM AWARD

**The ADCA Talisman Farm Award winners are
Jeff & Melinda Chambers of Silver Maple Dexters**

This year's Talisman Farm Award is presented to Jeff and Melinda Chambers, of Silver Maple Dexters (SMD).

For over twenty years the SMD prefix has been synonymous quality and dedication to the dual-purpose goal. Jeff and Melinda have turned breeding into an art, resulting in superior Dexters that are "pacemakers" nationally and internationally. SMD genetics have populated herds stateside, and have also been exported to Australia and South Africa.

The Chambers are at every larger stock show in the Midwest, tirelessly advertising the Dexter breed. They are readily available to discuss their overall philosophy, give advice or discuss breeding strategies with interested parties. For them, mentoring young breeders is a big part of giving back to the community.

Jeff and Melinda have always bucked the trend of giving into fads or breeding for an easy to achieve, financially appealing market. All SMD stock are genetically horned and selected based on the quality of the individual, not on the basis of test results. This integrity towards the breed has not only led to countless national show wins for SMD, but for those of us who have bought stock from SMD, the simple joy of productive, friendly, and generous animals.

For all that they have done for the breed, for the ADCA and the general Dexter community, I cannot think of a more worthy recipient of the Talisman Farm Award than Silver Maple Dexters. ❖



ADCA TALISMAN FARM AWARD WINNERS

2022 Barb Netti
2021 Pat & Linda Mitchell
2019 Vicki Jones
2018 Jim & Peggy Woehl
2017 Debra Hawkins
2016 Rick Seydel

2015 Jim Smith
2014 Pam Malcuit
2013 Charles Townson
2012 Sandi Thomas
2011 Marvin Johnson
2010 Sally Coad

2009 Peerless Herd
2008 Marcia Read
2007 Carol Davidson
2006 Diane Mills-Frank

ADCA CHUCK DAGGETT

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD



The ADCA Good Citizen Award winner is Gene Bowen

OGene was a retired NASA employee from 1958-1995.

He started his farm shortly there after. Buying his first Dexter cow. He recounted

“I’ve been thinking about how nice it would be to have a summer intern here to help out on the farm. Someone to share household and farm chores.

I did this when I was younger. My parents put me on a bus for an all-day ride. My uncle took me off of the bus and I spent the summer working and playing on the farm.

It was more fun than you could imagine. When I got old enough to retire, I wanted nothing more than to duplicate those wonderful summers I spent on the farm.”

He was such a driving force for the Dexter community, he loved to teach everyone he came in contact with about these surefooted, hardy little cows. He made his summers very special for cattle enthusiasts.

Many have walked the fields of Paradise Farm taking with them the most fondest memories and maybe even a Paradise calf .

Gene and his bride Beverly were the most welcoming of faces when anyone visited the Dexters . Offering lunch and wonderful companionship .

His dear friend Joe Dooley said “ I have been witness to Gene’s generosity when people were experiencing difficulties and were low on feed , Gene generously shared his so they would not go without .”

This was Gene in true fashion he had the biggest heart and the biggest smile when you came in contact with him. He was the pied Piper of Dexter cattle . Another dear friend of Genes Gale Seddon wrote “Gene Bowen has long been a friend to Dexters -- and to me and Robert. He and Beverly hosted a number of gatherings of friends at their farm, always filled with good food and laughter. I’ll remember them forever. I believe Gene was firmly dedicated to the preservation of Dexter genetics, the original horned breed of Dexters. Gene had the most docile of herd “.

With so many people he touched, taught and helped this bio would be 100 pages long . He was honored to be nominated for the Chuck Daggett award who he knew personally , falling a few days short in knowing he was the recipient . He passed away May 7th 2023 . He was honored at the Dexter cattle Expo in Utah and I was honored to be the one to receive his award on his behalf. He will forever be missed by many 🌸

CHUCK DAGGETT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD WINNERS

2022 Don Giles

2021 Don and Sheila Farris

2020 Sean Silverman and Jennifer Wolf

2019 Santiago Lizarraga

2018 Patti Adams

2017 David Jones

2016 Chris and Vicki Jones

2015 None

2014 Rick Seydel

2023 ADCA NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS YOUTH



High Pines April,
Grand Champion Cow



**HJL Nor' Easter,
Grand Champion Steer**



**Hine Pines Gabreil,
Grand Champion Bull**

YOUTH CLASSES

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

Sponsored by: Steve Pumphrey of Tejido Ranch

1st Emmie Cluff Em's Lil Deliah Sage

SPRING YEARLING HEIFER

1st Charlotte Dykstra High Pines April

2nd Henry Louderback Hifalutin Tallulah

JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

Sponsored by Lee and Roberta Wieringa of Wieringa Dexter Farm

1st Hudson Louderback Rusty's Hot Cider

2nd Henry Louderback HJL Estella Skies

JUNIOR HEIFER DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

High Pines April

JUNIOR HEIFER DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION

Hifalutin Tallulah

YOUNG COW

Sponsored by: Chris Carlough of Rising Glory Farm

1st Carter Cluff CDS London

INTERMEDIATE COW

Sponsored by: Steve Pumphrey of Tejido Ranch

1st Emmie Cluff High Pines Snowbird

JUNIOR FEMALE DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

CDS London

JUNIOR FEMALE DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION

High Pines Snowbird

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Sponsored by: Region 6

Belt Buckle: Andrew Friedman of Fisher River Ranch

High Pines April

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Sponsored by: Chris & Vicki Jones of Moosters Meadows

Belt Buckle: Dave May of High Mountain Desert

CDS London

SENIOR STEER

Sponsored by: Heidi Wyatt of H bar H Ranch

1st Kaiser Hawkins HJL Nor' Easter

GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Sponsored by: Aaron & Erica Lanz of Broken Arrow "A" Livestock

Belt Buckle: Andrew Friedman of Fisher River Ranch

HJL Nor' Easter

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Sponsored by: Chris & Vicky Jones of Moosters Meadows

Belt Buckle: Kelvin/Diane Tomlinson Wolsey Farm

SENIOR BULL CALF

Sponsored by Steve Pumphrey of Tejido Ranch

1st Charlotte Dykstra High Pines Gabriel

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Sponsored by: American Dexter Cattle Association

Belt Buckle: Andrew Friedman of Fisher River Ranch

High Pines Gabreil

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Sponsored by: Steve & Susan Albritton of Garland Pride Farm

Belt Buckle: Clem & Carole Nirosky of Morning Star Farm

Wieringa's Jax GD

COW CALF PAIR

Sponsored by: Chris & Melissa Bannen of Haven Creek Farm

1st Emmie Cluff High Pines Snowbird

SHOWMANSHIP

PEEWEE

Sponsored by: Pennie Schober of Acorn Acres

Braunie Berry
Wallace Berry

JUNIOR YOUTH

Sponsored by: Pennie Schober of Acorn Acres

1st Kaiser Hawkins
2nd Hudson Louderback
3rd Carter Cluff
4th Wryder Berry

SENIOR YOUTH

Sponsored by: Pennie Schober of Acorn Acres

1st Charlotte Dykstrya
2nd Santiago Lizarraga, Jr
3rd Danielle Edgington
4th Henry Louderback
5th Mario Lizarraga
6th Emmie Cluff

ADULT

Sponsored by: Eric & Paula Trojacek / Trojacek Ranch

1st Weston Berry
2nd Kaylee Snyder
3rd Jennifer Hershberger



2023 ADCA NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS



Best of Show & Grand Champion Bull
Timberview Pepper Jack



**Grand Champion Steer,
Little Hoof Bentley**



**Grand Champion Female,
High Pines April**

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

Sponsored by: Becky Eterno Tollgate Farm

- 1st Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Paris
2nd Emmie Cluff Em's Lil Deliah Sage
3rd Dave Cluff CDS Sally
4th Britany Heaton Border Gems Blizzard

CALF DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

Little Hoof Paris

CALF DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION

Em's Lil Deliah Sage

INTERMEDIATE HEIFER CALF

Sponsored by: Loneva Ruesch of White Rock Mountain Ranch

- Xst Eric Woofter Woofter's Blackeye Susan
Xst Olivia Williams Williams Ranch Ms Mavis
Xst Eric Woofter Woofter's Scillia

SPRING YEARLING HEIFER

Sponsored by: Stephanie Fussell & Beverly Faust
of Lazy Days Farm

- 1st Jim & Peggy High Pine April
2nd Rusty Ranch Hifalutin Tallulah

JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

Sponsored by: Kevin & Barb McAnnany of Birch Grove Farm

- 1st Jim & Peggy High Pines Kailua
2nd Weston & Brittany Berry BW Mahogany
3rd Dave Cluff CDS Jemima
4th Dave Cluff Glenn Land Ms Kylie
5th Rusty Ranch Rusty's Hot Cider
6th Rusty Ranch HJL Estella Skies

INTERMEDIATE YEARLING HEIFER

Sponsored by: Sharie Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch

- 1st Nana's Memories Farm NMF Macy

HEIFER DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

High Pines April

HEIFER DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION

High Pines Kailua

YOUNG COW

Sponsored by: Maria Legler of J&M Dexter Mini Cow Farm

- 1st Dave Cluff CDS London
2nd Susan/Bill Anna/Sam Haszelbart Little Hoof Kati
3rd Weston & Brittany Berry BW Annie

INTERMEDIATE COW

Sponsored by: Eric & Paula Trojacek of Trojacek Ranch

- 1st Lonnie Ruesch White Rock Lady Liberty
2nd Susan/Bill Anna/Sam Haszelbart ... Little Hoof Paisley
3rd Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Phoebe
4th Kaylee Snyder Little Hoof Bella
5th Emmie Cluff High Pines Snowbird
6th Lonnie Ruesch White Rock Hattie

MATURE COW

Sponsored by: Loneva Ruesch of White Rock Mountain Ranch

- 1st Dave Cluff CDS Maple
2nd Britany Heaton Little Bit Pearl
3rd Dave Cluff CDS Ella

FEMALE DIVISIONAL CHAMPION

White Rock Lady Liberty

FEMALE DIVISIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION

CDS Maple

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Sponsored by: Stephanie Fussell & Beverly Faust
of Lazy Days Farm

Buckle by: Rick & Macheal Seydel of Timberview Dexters
High Pines April

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Sponsored by: Chris Carlough of Rising Glory Farm

Buckle by: Dave May of High Mountain Desert
White Rock Lady Liberty

JUNIOR STEER CALF

Sponsored by: Melissa & Chris BannenHaven Creek Farm

1st Weston & Brittany BerryBW Oliver

YEARLING STEER

Sponsored by: Steve Pumphrey of Tejido Ranch

1st Jim & Peggy High Pines Remington

2nd Weston & Brittany BerryBW Dozer

SENIOR STEER CALF

Sponsored by: Don and Becky Swisher of Little Hoof Ranch

1st Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Bentley

2nd Rusty Ranch HJL Nor' Easter

GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Sponsored by: Sharie Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch

Buckle by: Weston & Brittany Berry of BW Dexters
Little Hoof Bentley

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Sponsored by: Woody & Laurie Berry of BW Dexters

Buckle sponsored by Dawn & Jeff Rudolph
& Doug Gibson of Double D Dexters
High Pines Remington

JUNIOR BULL CALF

Sponsored by: Loneva Ruesch of White Rock Mountain Ranch

1st Lonnie Ruesch White Rock Paladin

2nd Dave Cluff CDS Teak

SENIOR BULL CALF

Sponsored by: Gideon & Jennifer Hershberger,
of Coal Pony Trucking

1st Jim & Peggy High Pines Gabriel

JUNIOR YEARLING BULL

Sponsored by: Chris & Vicky Jones of Moosters Meadows

1st Weston & Brittany Berry HMD Wild Card

2nd Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Barry

3rd Jim & Peggy High Pines Batman

4th Britany Heaton Border Gems Obsidian

SENIOR YEARLING BULL

Sponsored by: Steven & Cherrie Wood
of Plum Creek Little Cattle Co.

1st Rusty Ranch Rusty's Blizzard

YOUNG BULL

Sponsored by: Lee and Roberta Wieringa
of Wieringa Dexter Farm

1st Jim & Peggy Timberview Pepper Jack

MATURE BULL

Sponsored by: Don and Becky Swisher of Little Hoof Ranch

1st Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Bo

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Sponsored by: Jim & Peggy Woehl of High Pines Dexters

Buckle by: Don and Becky Swisher of Little Hoof Ranch
Timberview Pepper Jack

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Sponsored by: Kelvin/Diane Tomlinson of Wolsey Farm

Buckle by: Woody & Laurie Berry of BW Dexters
Little Hoof Bo

BEST OF UDDER

Sponsored by: Danny Collins of Jesse's Hill

1st Don & Becky Swisher Little Hoof Phoebe

2nd Lonnie Ruesch White Rock Lady Liberty

3rd CDS Minis CDS Ella

4th Kaylee Snyder Little Hoof Bell

5th Britany Heaton Little Bit Pearl

6th Lonnie Ruesch White Rock Hattie

7th Emmie Cluff High Pines Snowbird

GET OF SIRE

Sponsored by: Mark and Kathy Chaney
of Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm

1st Jim & Peggy High Pines Phineas

2nd CDS Minis Little Hoof Bridger

3rd Rusty Ranch Mrald Prosper

PRODUCE OF DAM

Sponsored by: Gideon & Jennifer Hershberger
of Have A Heart Ranch

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WHAT IS A RECORD OF BIRTH?

LAACI LOUDERBACK | PRESIDENT JILL DELANEY | REGISTRAR

A Record of Birth (ROB) is not the same thing as an ADCA registration, but instead a placeholder of progeny. Animals that receive a Record of Birth will only have their ROB number, gender, date of birth, owner, breeder, and sire and dam (**what is the correct terminology here?**) listed on their pedigree page. There will be no extended pedigree (family tree) displayed. Animals that receive a ROB are named using their dam's name. For example if the dam is Rusty's Rosette and they were born in 2023, the calf's name will be listed as RLB - 2023 Rusty's Rosette. Some breeders use a ROB to show that a cow did calve that year, but for whatever reason they might not be registering the calf. Some use it for showing purposes, mostly in cow/calf classes, when the calves are typically under four months old. It can take some time for genotype reports to be completed, and a ROB can be used to show a cow and her calf at an upcoming fair before the calf's genotype report is received. Always check what rules the at fair you intend to show to insure a ROB will meet their show requirements.

The most important thing to remember is animals that receive a ROB can subsequently be registered, but it does not guarantee an animal's registration eligibility; they still must meet all ADCA requirements to do so. You also do not have to have a ROB to register your animals. Animals sold only with a ROB can not be registered by their new owners, since only the original owners can register an animal. The ROB is a service that the ADCA offers to members to provide temporary documentation before the calf can be fully registered. ADCA members must email the registrar when there is a show deadline and reference the show to get their ROB, because ROB's get processed when time allows and do not follow normal registration lead times.

Record of Birth - RLB - 2023 Rusty's Rosette	
RLB - 2023 Rusty's Rosette	
ADCA Reg. No: B051172	
Volume:	
Gender:	Female
Color:	
Parentage	
DNA:	
Date of Birth:	03/10/2023
Breeder:	Laaci & Christian Louderback (#7197 / 2023) Rusty Ranch 1360 PH 10 Castle Rock, WA 98611 (360) 967-2229 rustyranchlivestock@gmail.com
Owner:	Laaci & Christian Louderback (#7197 / 2023) Rusty Ranch 1360 PH 10 Castle Rock, WA 98611 (360) 967-2229 rustyranchlivestock@gmail.com
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Sire	Dam
Mraid Propper Red ^{PNA}	Rusty's Rosette Black ^{PA}

2023 CHRIS ODOM AWARD WINNERS

Many great applications came in from youth all over the country for the 2023 Chris Odom Award. The application consisted of many questions related to breed, exhibition, and general knowledge, and an essay. The scoring was very tight—all the youth did exceptionally well! This year, ADCA awarded the Senior Division winner with \$1000 and the Junior Division winner received \$500. With the scores being so tight, the ADCA also presented the next two highest scores in each division Honors recognition for their great work and awarded them \$100 each. We had four other great submissions that we recognized in the Senior Division

for their outstanding effort—they each received a \$50 gift card and certificate to show our appreciation for their outstanding work.

The Senior Division Winner for 2023 was Emmie Cluff and the Junior Division winner for 2023 was Kaiser Hawkins. Henry Louderback and Charlotte Dykstra received Honors for their attention to detail and high scores on their essays in the Senior Division for 2023. Mark Lemley and Page Lemley accomplished the same in the Junior Division. Peyton Collins, Graci Collins, Aiden Sell, and Mario Lizarraga, in the Senior Division, also had great test scores and well written essays.

EMMIE CLUFF

EMMIE CLUFF | SENIOR ODOM AWARD WINNER

My dad was the one who helped me get started with Dexters. My dad started his herd in 2007. I started showing cows with my dad in 2009 when I was only two years old. Back then he would just carry me, but I have continued to show cows since with him helping me along the way. Currently I have shown Dexter cattle for 14 years and even own 3 cows myself. I show each year at the Utah State Fair. I look forward to this event each year and will hopefully continue showing at the state fair in the future. Dexters have always been a big part of my life since I was little and I'm so lucky to be able to have the opportunities that I do.

If I had to explain Dexter cattle to someone I would start off by talking about their appearance and personality. I would tell them that they came from Ireland and are the smallest naturally bred cows. They are just like humans as in they all have different personalities. Some of them are caring, lazy, funny, moody, and silly. I would also make sure to tell them some of the benefits of this specific breed. These cattle were raised to be the "poor man's cow" because they

take up little amounts of space but they provide both meat and milk. They also eat half the amount a larger cow would. One of the coolest things I think the dexter cattle provide is that their milk can often be drinken by lactose interalerant people. Dexter cattle are highly intelligent which means they can be trained quickly and when they are young. One thing about Dexter's is the sooner you start training the better. Raising dexters provides endless positive opportunities.

Being involved with dexters has changed my life for the better. It has become a huge part of life. It has been such a huge part in my life that honestly it would feel weird to not be around dexters all the time. I have met so many amazing people along the way. Working with dexters is constantly teaching me skills and strengthening my other skills. I have learned confidence within myself. Being able to have accomplishments has given me pride and self-esteem. Being handled and drug by a cow has taught me humility. Dexters are such loving creatures and I'm so glad that they are a big part of my life. I hope that they will continue to be a part of my life.

There are two kinds of virus vaccines; live and killed. Live vaccines come in two parts. They need to be mixed together and used on cattle quickly after mixing. Killed vaccines are already mixed together. Killed vaccines can be used over a longer period of time. Live vaccines use the weakend form of the virus. Killed vaccines are made from porteins or pieces from a virus or bacteria. There are three types of injection. The three kinds of injection are Subcataneuous, intramuscular, and intravenous. Subcutaneous is when you poke the needle into the skin. Intramuscular is poking the needle into the muscle. Intravenous is poking the needle into a vein.

An important part of breeding dexter's is Genotyping and Parent Verification. Whe breeding cattle you want to make sure you have the best livestock you can. Genotype is the DNA of the parents. This is how your parents verify. You pick your genotype and breed to get your desired traits. This is how you breed to your likely and having distinct genes. Although you can pick and choose genotypes to breed this does not guarantee you a specific trait. But it does give a much higher chance. This helps keep an accurate book of traits and breeding.

Permanent marking is applied to cattle for easy separation, identification, proof of ownership, proof of vaccination, and other things. There are three main methods of marking cattle; tattoo, branding, and ear tagging. The process of tattooing cattle is putting a series of numbers and letters into a livestock tattoo plier tool. There is also a special livestock ink on the numbers and letters. It is then put in the animal's ear. Each piece has sharp needles that pierce through the skin and leave the ink in the ear. The numbers and letters all mean something often having to do with years and batch number. The next kind of marking is branding. There are two types of branding, fire and freeze. Branding is the process of placing a hot or freezing iron on the skin of an animal. You then keep it on long enough for the hair to be removed and leave a burn scar or in freezing it will remove the hair. Fire branding casues the hair follicles to die while freezing just makes it grow back as a white color. The final kind of marking is Ear Tagging. There is specials eartags

for cattle that are inserted in the middle of the ear. One of the hardest parts of ear tagging is being careful to miss a main blood vessel when tagging or putting it too high where it may be snagged. You then squeeze the applicator firmly together and let go once it is placed. I personally believe that one of the best tools to help with this is having a head catcher to help hold their heads.

All of this is just some of the things I have learned along the way. I hope to continue learning things along the way. I love how much dexters have come into my life. I can't imagine my life without the foundation of Dexters.

When breeding and raising Dexters it is very important to determine which animals to cull. There are many different ideas of what to keep and cull in a herd. I have chosen a few traits that I look for when choosing what Dexter's to keep and cull.

Because showing Dexter's is so important to me I highly consider their actual body and how it would look from a judge's eyes. Some of these factors include bad feet, extra teats, poor udders, and the look of a show Dexter. Bad feet in showing dexters means stepping farther apart. When watching a Dexter walk you want them to step close together. I like it when the back foot almost steps in the last step of the front foot. If they pigeon toe in or out that is bad. On average a cow should have 4 teats on their udder. Sometimes there can be a genetic messup and a cow will be born with one or two extra teats. Because udders are very big in showing it is very important to cull cows and calves with extra teats. Another part of udders is making sure that the cow will bag up well. The udder should be full and tight to the body. It should not be too low. When looking at the back of a Dexter you want their back to come from the front shoulders to the rump in a straight line. It should look strong and straight even when relaxed. You don't want a weak back that dips down. When looking for a female you want their head to be feminine,

clean cut, with a strong broad jaw. Cow's should be long-bodied with heavy weight but not overweight. They should be thick throughout their body and round out towards the rear. On bulls you want their head to be masculine, thick throughout the whole head, and a broad muzzle. You want a strong wide back and a round rump. It is also very important that they have muscular necks and are thick throughout their whole body.

Next, I always want to look at previous health records and genetics if they are available. A very important tool for looking at their health is a pedigree. Their pedigree shows performance and genetic information about the animal and their ancestors. This allows you to look back at any health complications they or their ancestors may have had. Looking at ancestors in cattle is important because many health problems are genetic. Because they are genetic you can track the problems. A few examples I try to avoid are prolapse, c-sections, diseases, and mutations. Because these complications could be genetically passed onto a calf it is very important to see what genetics are coming into your herd.

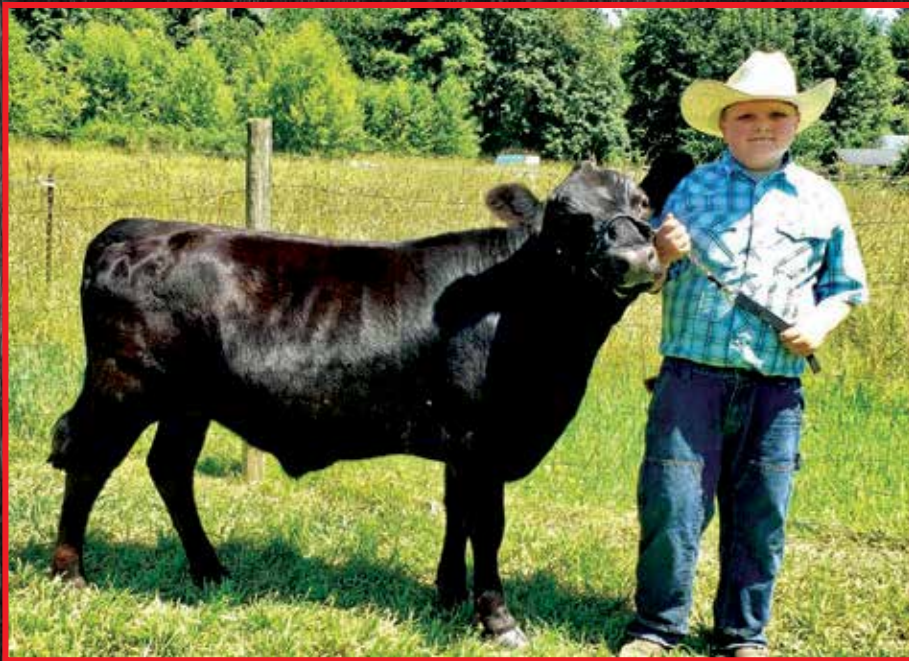
Another factor in my herd is being polled or horned. I prefer polled cattle over horned cattle. Horns often have several problems that come with them. Although dexters are kind sometimes they forget their own strength and will try to play with you or other cattle. If they have horns it can be more dangerous. It is also more common for cattle with horns to get their head stick in feeders, stalls, fences, and other tight spots. Sometimes they will try to get themselves and could end up breaking a horn and injuring themselves. This is why I prefer polled cattle over horned.

Also, I try to breed for color. To me coloring is important. Personally I like to breed for black. This is a personal choice but to me I always look for this when culling. I am more likely to cull non-black cattle from my herd. These are just a few of the things I look at when deciding which Dexter's to cull.



KAISER HAWKINS

KAISER HAWKINS | JUNIOR ODOM AWARD WINNER



Who helped me get involved with Dexters? Laaci Louderback from Rusty Ranch, in Castle Rock Washington. She's got me hooked on Dexter's!! I have been working with The Louderbacks for about 3 years, and I've learned a lot about livestock while working with Laaci.

What I have mainly been learning this year is how to clip my steer properly. I enjoy being close with my cow, not to mention, how good he looks once he is trimmed.

My favorite thing about the Dexter breed is how small and versatile they are. (They are one of the only breeds that are tri-purpose. They can be used for drafting, meat and milking.)

If I were to tell a friend about the Dexter breed, I would tell them that Dexters are a small breed of cow, perfect for small acreage property. They can be used as a dairy animal, a draft animal (like Oxen) or used for meat.

I plan on having Dexters as I become an adult. I would love to own a small amount of acreage in my retirement years, complete with a small herd of Dexters.

Being involved with Dexters has impacted my life by introducing me to new people, such as Stefani Millman. She has helped me so much with learning about Dexters, keeping my patience and how to have better control over my animal during a show. Showing my animal and being

involved in the Dexter community has helped me be more confident and relaxed. What is milk fever?

Milk fever in cattle is when the milk your animal is producing has a Calcium deficiency. There are three different stages of effects at their most vulnerable time when you're switching feedlots. Your animal will need a large dose of Calcium immediately when you see stage one symptoms which are, head bobbing, tremors in the muscles, difficulty walking, reduced appetite, and reduced rumen activity. The animal affected by the calcium deficiency sometimes won't be able to stand or function normally.

The second stage includes dry muzzle, sitting then unable to get up, and an increase in heart rate. Stage three symptoms are lying down all the time, a heart up to 120 beats per minute, and bloating.

Are there cures for milk fever? Yes, there is a cure for this disease. In the early stages you can give the animal calcium through the mouth. If your animal is in one of the later stages of milk fever, you would need to give calcium straight to the veins, but always have a certified vet do anything that goes straight to the veins of your animal. However, timely treatment is important or else your animal may pass away from failure of the circulatory system or a respiratory collapse.



2nd Place Kid's & Dexters
photo by Hudson Louderback
Rusty Ranch

MAY

May 2, 2023
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback , Vice Pres – Dan Edgington, *IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, *Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, *Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, Region 7 – Mark Ballard, Region 8 – Mark Chaney, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 –John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. * - not present

1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m. central and roll call was taken.

2) Reports:

I. Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa - Total liabilities and equity \$388,942 as of March 31, 2023.

- Roberta is processing refunds via PayPal when the original payment was made through PayPal. In the past refunds were issued by check and sometimes those checks were never cashed. Refunds will be easier to track in QuickBooks. Santiago Lizarraga stated that doing refunds via PayPal should eliminate fees.
- Roberta will be issuing a check to the Salt Lake City Fairgrounds before the May 21, 2023 due date.
- In reference to last month's question about funds in account #1000, Roberta stated that the \$578 was actually PayPal fees and not income. She made an adjustment, and those fees are now reflected in the correct account.

II. Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Jill continues to meet with Susan Smythe and is currently beta testing the newest version of the BBC software. Beta testing and attention to other projects did not allow her to process as many applications in April, so monthly totals may see a little light but are not indicative of the actual registrations waiting to be processed.

1) Total members 2023: 1239 / 2022: 1288

2) Registrations 2023: 149 / 2022: 188

3) Transfers 2023: 157 / 2022: 236

- Processing is still being completed within eight days of online submissions. Roberta stated that applications sent via postal service take longer because Jill has to mail the checks to Roberta so they can be deposited.

3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

I. ADCA Award deadline was May 1, 2023. Nominations were received for the Daggett and Talisman Awards. Dan Edgington received a few applications for the Odom Awards.

II. Youth Director - Dan Edgington was unable to connect with the nominees for the youth director but will try to contact them again.

III. Pedigree and Genetics committee – Kim Newswanger

- The P&G committee made a proposal to add 3 new requirements for genotype requirements in section 5 of the standard operating procedures. The additions would alert the committee to possible genotype problems and prevent inaccuracies in registration.
- Board members discussed the proposal and did not agree with the additions to the SOPs citing that the responsibility lies with members to provide correct information for registrations. The ADCA should not get involved in policing the labs. Board members were hesitant to put policy in place for the few cases of animals whose genotypes were found not to be correct. Kim said that most issues presented to the P&G committee involved animals that were only verified to the sire, and the animals could not be visibly identified because the breeder failed to properly tattoo or id the animal before registration. Board members stated that more educational tools should be developed to help members with registration and animal ID.
- Skip Tinney made a motion, Mark Chaney 2nd, to not accept the P&G committee's proposed changes for the SOPs regarding genotyping requirements. The motion passed by a majority vote.
- It was suggested that moving to full parent verification in the future would authenticate registrations, eliminate mistakes, and remove confusing registration factors for members.
- Kimberly Jepsen asked the P&G committee to consider making a proposal for all animals to be parent verified beginning in 2024 or 2025. A suggestion was made to add parent verification to the AGM agenda as a topic for discussion with members. Kevin McAnnany reminded everyone that official notification to members is made via the Dexter Bulletin and members need to have a minimum of six months' notice of any proposed changes. The next Dexter Bulletin will go to members in August.
- Kimberly Jepsen also asked the P&G committee to consider and discuss the ramifications of animals requesting registration in the ADCA from the PDCA since they are encouraging their members to test animals at a lab that is not on the ADCA approved list.
- Mark Chaney asked if anyone on the board knew how our current labs were selected as approved labs by the ADCA and suggested that there are other labs available for cattle testing and should be considered in the future. There were various thoughts about how the labs were selected. Laaci stated that the topic should go to the P&G committee to be thoroughly researched for future possibilities.

IV. Expo Committee – Dave Cluff

- he expo is a month and a half away and most of the details have been handled. The charge for hay will be \$6.00 per animal for the entire event. Dave shared the fairgrounds map and explained which buildings we will be using for the expo. Everyone was asked to continue promoting sponsorships, photo contests, and deadlines for entries.

V. ADCA Awards

- The board will meet again on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to choose Daggett award winner. Kevin suggested that the board should also discuss the AGM agenda

4) New Business

I. Acceptable Permanent ID

- The board held a discussion about clearly defining acceptable permanent ID's for registration in the ADCA. There were concerns that our documents were not consistent.
- Acceptable forms of permanent ID for the ADCA shall include a Tattoo, 840 tag or Bangs tag.
- Mark Ballard volunteered to review and update ADCA documents, so they are consistent with the acceptable ID information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. CST.

Next scheduled board meeting is June 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

JUNE

June 6, 2023 7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback, Vice Pres – Dan Edgington, *IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, *Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, *Region 7 – Mark Ballard, Region 8 – Mark Chaney, *Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, *Region 11 – John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. * - not present

1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. central and roll call was taken.

2) Reports:

I. Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa - Total liabilities and equity \$386,708.31 as of April 30, 2023. No questions were asked about the treasurer's report.

- Roberta requested and received clarification regarding payouts for expo classes. Some sponsored classes had no entries, those sponsors will be moved to classes to ensure they get recognition at the expo.
- Roberta received and read a thank you letter from Page & Mark Lemley expressing their appreciation for ADCA's sponsorship of the Iola 4-H Club High Steaks Jackpot.
- Roberta stated that the invoice for publication of the Dexter Bulletin was over \$10,000 for the last issue. McAnnany reminded the board that the cost has not changed but may appear higher due to the way it is being invoiced. To ensure the latest expo information was sent to a larger audience, the January membership list, which always contains our highest count of members, was used for this mailing.

II. Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total members 2023: 1356 / 61 New members.
- Registrations 2023: 181 / 133 Females, 38 Bulls, 4 Steers, 8 Record of Birth.
- Transfers 2023: 194. 57 to new members
- Mark Chaney asked Jill to explain the new terms listed on the BBC report. The board noted discrepancies in some of the numbers reported. Jill will investigate and contact BBC to rectify the problem. Jill announced that Better Built Cows recently deployed an updated

version of the software that included improvement requests, bug fixes, and technical updates of the ADCA Herdbook software. Jill and Susan continue to meet weekly to discuss and make improvements. When questioned Jill answered that she is still working within 7 to 10 business days to complete transactions. The board recognized and applauded her efforts to maintain timely turnarounds while helping to develop and learning how to use the new software.

3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

I. Expo Committee – Dave Cluff

- Fifty-three animals are registered for the expo. Some members expressed disappointment in the low trending numbers of participation in the expo and some of the regional groups. For various reasons groups throughout the agriculture industry are struggling to regain numbers prior to 2020 and covid. Dave stated the importance of having a venue to allow us to gather together to promote Dexter cattle and enjoy conversation with fellow breeders. Skip Tinney suggested that more support should be given to regional groups to help them grow and promote the breed. The board agreed to have a follow up meeting to discuss the goals for hosting the National Dexter Expo in the future.
- Everything is on track for the expo in Salt Lake City, Utah. The committee has worked to cut some of the costs.
- Santiago Lizarraga will be sending ADCA banners to directors that have not yet received theirs. Skip Tinney suggested ordering additional banners and giving them to some of the established regional groups.

II. Annual General Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 2023 - 5:30 p.m. CST

- A Videographer has been hired to record the educational seminars at the expo. In addition, he will be recording the AGM and the annual awards ceremony. He will also attempt to livestream the events on the ADCA YouTube channel.
- Laaci reminded committee chairs to send their reports in for the AGM PowerPoint presentation to Carole by June 13, 2023.
- The board discussed details for the execution of the AGM and assigned board members to specific tasks. The zoom link and instructions will be sent to members via email this week.

4) Continuing Business

I. South African Dexters – Skip Tinney was contacted by a gentleman, Paul, in South Africa that wanted to share his story about Dexter cattle that have been living in an African preserve for several years. Paul has provided an article and photos about the efforts to remove some of the cattle from the preserve, how Paul got involved and his plans for testing some of the cattle. Kevin McAnnany is working with the Dexter Bulletin editor to refine the article and publish it in the November issue. Skip stated that the initial contact predicated on the fact that they are looking for support to help fund some of the research on these animals. Skip would like the board to possibly consider granting financial support in the future towards the SA cattle research project. More details will follow.

II. Youth Director –

- Laaci Louderback was contacted by the only nominee we received for the youth director position stating that they unable to serve at the new youth director. The board discussed options for filling the position and due to the current lack of interest it was determined that the youth director position should be suspended until after

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the national expo. A committee or taskforce will be created to re-evaluate the goals and the needs for the youth director and the youth program.

III. New Business –

- Laaci reminded the board that ADCA President & Vice President elections will be held during the expo, and anyone wishing to nominate or run for either position should contact her.
- A suggestion was made for both approved labs to clearly state genotype and parent verification options on their forms or website to help members better understand which test to order.
- Kimberly Jepsen attended an event at the Mayes County Fairgrounds in Pryor, Oklahoma, the venue for the 2024 Expo and she was happy to report that the building where the cattle are going to be housed was quite comfortable temperature wise.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. CST.

Next meeting: AGM - June 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m. CST / AGM wrap-up

meeting June 23, 2023 5:30 p.m. CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

AGM

June 22, 2023
7 p.m. CST

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* - not present, z- Zoom

1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m. central time.

- Members present totaled 51; 40 in person and 11 ADCA Members attended via zoom.

2) Dave Cluff, region 4 director and host for the 2023 Expo welcomed everyone to Salt Lake City, Utah.

3) Laaci welcomed everyone and explained instructions for members attending and participating via zoom.

4) Committee reports were presented to the members.

- Financial Report – Roberta Wieringa
- Registrar's report – Jill Delaney
- Questions:
 - Michelle Hall (member #9038) asked for clarification about the 2023 forecasted number for registration of females. Jill responded that the 579 females reported was actually year to date and not a projected total.
- Secretary Report – Carole Nirosky – no questions asked.

• 2023 Registration and Software Workgroup – Jill Delaney

• Questions:

- Dave Cluff asked for clarifications about the purpose of phase 4. Jill's response: Phase 4 is an online sales platform for members to post animals for sale.
- Vicky Jones asked if the new system has the ability to store more detailed information for each animal? Jill responded: Yes, Jill can manually enter detailed testing results such as homozygous polled or heterozygous polled into the new system.
- Vicky Jones asked if the information will be visible on the pedigree page. Jill responded: She will have to discuss this with the board to determine what we want the developer to show on the pedigree page. The current pedigree page is limited to what information can be shown. For the time being Jill is able to capture and store the information, members are encouraged to send test results to her.
- Michelle Hall (#9038) asked if members can send in testing for previously registered animals. Jill responded: absolutely, members can send tests to the registrar via email: adcaregistrar@gmail.com
- Becky Eterno stated the online registration forms do not have the ability to allow tests to be uploaded when applying for multiple registrations and asked if that could be corrected? Jill responded that she would contact Ranch House, the website developer, to correct the current forms.
- S.A. Walkup asked, since later on there will be different capabilities for paid members vs browsers, will these fields just be available to users on their own animals? Jill answered that paid members will have access to their own animals. The board has yet to determine which fields will be available for public viewing. She stated that each new build will have a new MOU (memorandum of understanding) to address the details for each component.
- Pedigree and Genetics Report – Kim Newswanger
- No questions for the committee but the committee wanted to remind all members of the importance of permanent ID and full parentage verification for calves. Most cases worked on by the committee were due to parent mix-ups and calves not being properly identified.
- Ethics Committee – Dave Cluff – No questions asked.
- Marketing and Advertising – Kimberly Jepsen – no questions asked.
- Dexter Bulletin – Kimberly Jepsen - no questions asked.
- Show Committee – Santiago Lizarraga - no questions asked.

5) New Business

- Director at Large election –
- Nominations included Rhonda Rice, Rene Dykstra, and Vicki Jones. Members voted and elected Rene Dykstra and Vicki Jones as directors at large. They will attend the board wrap-up meeting on Friday evening, June 23, 2023.

6) Open Discussion – Comments or Questions from members

- Rick Seydel (#2024) asked if it would be possible to live stream the show on Saturday. Laaci Louderback responded that the show would

be live streamed, recorded, and available on the ADCA YouTube channel. The YouTube channel link can be found on the bottom of the ADCA website.

- Vicky Jones (member #5631) asked if the financial reports could be updated on the ADCA website.
- Becky Swisher (#4529) wanted to acknowledge and thank Dave Cluff for his hard work in hosting the ADCA Expo.
- Rick Seydel (#2024) asked for an update or information for next year's AGM/Expo. Kimberly Jepsen responded, the 2024 and 2025 expo will be held at the Mayes county fair grounds in Pryor Oklahoma. Anyone wanting to help should contact Kimberly Jepsen.

7) Laaci Louderback reminded members that the annual ADCA awards will be announced the following evening at the awards/banquet dinner. Photo contest people's choice winner will be on the next cover of the Dexter Bulletin.

Annual General Meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m. CST.

Next meeting: AGM wrap-up meeting June 23, 2023 5:30 p.m. CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

AGM WRAP-UP

June 23, 2023
5:30 p.m. CDT

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* - not present, z- Zoom

1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. central and roll call was taken.

- Vicky Jones and Rene Dykstra, elected directors at large, were also in attendance.

2) Annual General Meeting actionable items to address.

- Vicky Jones made a request to have the financial records updated on the ADCA website. The board agreed to begin posting financial records annually following the annual tax reports.

3) Youth Director – Laaci Louderback

- Laaci Louderback made a recommendation to the board to appoint the IPP a liaison for the ADCA youth. Discussion followed about the need to re-evaluate the ADCA youth program and re-establish a youth committee. A suggestion was made to solicit help from regional groups that have healthy and successful youth programs. Following discussion, Dave Cluff made a motion, Santiago Lizarraga 2nd, to appoint the immediate past president, Jim Woehl as a liaison between the ADCA youth and the ADCA board until a new youth program is established. The motion passed unanimously.

4) The board entered into executive session at 5:50 p.m. CST to elect officers and discuss staff contracts.

5) The board returned from executive session at 5:36 p.m. CST.

- Laaci Louderback elected president
- Dan Edgington elected vice president
- Staff contracts renewed: Jill Delaney- Registrar, Carole Nirosky-Secretary, Ray Delaney-webmaster.
- Roberta Wieringa announced her resignation as treasurer. She graciously offered to work until the end of 2023 to allow time for the board to obtain her replacement.

6) Directors at large were thanked for their willingness to serve at the wrap-up meeting.

7) Skip Tinney expressed his gratitude for the way the board has worked together for the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. CST.

Next BOD meeting: - July 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m. CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

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ALL MIXED UP:

A Message to Our Members, from Your ADCA Pedigree & Genetics Committee

The Pedigree & Genetics Committee has had to assist with several cases involving mixed-up animals. It requires a lot of time and sometimes results in significant cost for the breeders or owners of animals involved in the case. Consider the following hypothetical examples. If the animals in the three scenarios below had proper permanent identification and/or had been sire AND dam qualified, most of the problems, expense and loss could have been prevented.

Scenario 1: Two paternal half-brothers are sold as breeding bulls to two different buyers. Several years later, calves of each are genotyped and come back sire excluded. The bulls are the same color and both polled, and neither bull has permanent ID in their ear and neither has been dam verified, so there's no way to tell which bull is which. Both dams are deceased. It costs \$200 to build a derived genotype for the dam of one of the bulls in order to tell which bull is her son. It turns out the buyers each have the correct bull, but the original hair samples sent in by the breeder were mixed up.

Scenario 2: Two paternal half-sister heifers are sold as a pair, tested only for PHA by the breeder. They are later genotyped and sire-verified by the buyer and years later that buyer/owner resells them to two different buyers. The cows are the same color and both dehorned, and neither has permanent ID in their ear and neither has been dam verified. One is a PHA carrier, the other is a non-carrier. The second buyer with the cow that is reported PHA-free ends up with a PHA-carrier calf. A new sample from that cow is dam verified and compared to the samples from the original buyer/owner used for genotyping. The conclusion is that the owner who resold the cows had them mixed up; all their calves from that owner are registered with the wrong dam, calves from the PHA-carrier have been wrongly given obligate non-carrier status, and the new buyers didn't get the cow they thought they were buying.

Scenario 3: The wife is the primary "cow person" who takes care of the herd and keeps the paperwork organized; the husband doesn't know the cows. The herd consists of a lot of older cows who were not genotyped. The few heifers that were genotyped were not dam qualified. Many were simply left unregistered and none of them have permanent ID in their ears. The wife passes away, and the husband can't find any of her records for the herd and has no idea which cow is which or who is registered or not. Only one cow can be positively identified and the rest end up being sold as grade animals.

Nobody would want to find themselves with a confusing mess like one of these. But mix-ups happen more often than we would hope, and that needs to change. Here are some simple steps we all need to take to put an end to the mix-ups.

1) Permanent ID is a MUST. This can be a tattoo, a Brucellosis tag, or USDA 840 tag. Your animals will need proper permanent ID to cross state lines anyway. Putting a tattoo number on the registration application but not putting it in the calf's ear does not count as permanent ID. In fact, that would be a violation of the ADCA Code of Ethics. A "visible" plastic tag with name or numbers for easy identification is not acceptable permanent ID, but is fine to use in addition to the permanent ID tag or tattoo.

2) If an animal loses their permanent ID tag, replace it, and promptly send the new tag number to the Registrar so they can update the records, and send you a new certificate with the new tag number, so the certificate matches what is on the animal.

3) Keep accurate, organized records of your herd and ID numbers. Make sure somebody else knows where to find your records and how to identify your cows. Keeping photos on file of each cow is extremely helpful.

4) When selling (or buying) your Dexters, confirm that the permanent ID tag or tattoo on the animal matches the number on the certificate before the animal leaves the property.

5) Genotype your older cows and do full parentage verification on your calves. It's not currently required for registration when dams were born before 2016, however, it is best practice. It will immediately reveal if two hair samples are mixed up; and it will also make it so much easier to sort things out if animals do get mixed up in the future.

6) If you don't want to follow #5 and genotype your older cows, would you rather possibly end up paying \$200 to build a derived genotype for one of them after she's dead, to sort out a mix-up? If not, then save hair samples from all your cows. Keep the samples properly labeled (name and registration number) in small paper envelopes with your herd records. That way, if something comes up with one of your calves in the future, you have samples to use for testing.

7) Be extremely careful and mindful with your hair sample collection. Pulling hair samples is not something to do when you're in a hurry. Take your time, and have things organized before you head to the barn. Take either envelopes or plastic Ziploc bags, already clearly labeled with names of the calves and/or permanent ID tag numbers. Verify the identity of each calf as you pull their hair sample, then double, triple & quadruple check that you place it in the correct bag or envelope, and seal it before moving on to the next calf.

8) Use the same mindfulness, double checking your breeding records, when filling out the test forms with calf, sire and dam info, and attaching hair to the forms (UC-Davis) or placing hair in completely labeled envelopes (Texas A&M).

Proper permanent ID and full parentage verification are important and necessary. Let's all do our part to help protect the accuracy & integrity of our ADCA registry. If you have a situation where you think there's a mix-up, don't hesitate to contact the Pedigree & Genetics Committee. We are here to help sort things out.





PREVENTING COCCIDIOSIS & Other Ailments In Cattle

ASHLEIGH KRISPENSE | EG MEDIA

The longer you keep a herd of cattle around your homestead, the greater the chance that you will eventually run into a health problem among the herd. In general, the best recommendation to any animal owner is to have a trustworthy veterinarian on speed dial. It's also a good idea to find a local rancher or two to visit with and be able to ask questions or advice from in case a situation arises.

Between these two resources (and a few reliable books/veterinary manuals) you should remain well-prepared in case of a health emergency.

By implementing just a few common habits, you can eliminate a variety of problems for your herd. A few simple things can keep your cattle healthier and your vet bills lower!

But problems can always arise. So check out this brief overview of a couple different issue that can commonly plague cattle owners:

Bloat

Bloat can present dangerous problems for cattle. If you notice it in one of your animals, treat as soon as possible.

As cattle eat and digest food, gases build up in their stomach and need release. But sometimes something will obstruct the esophagus. This can lead to an inability to burp and release these gases. As gas continues to build up inside, it can cause part of the stomach to distend and protrude oddly towards the upper left side of the animal (when looking at them from behind).

Some people will try to remedy bloat themselves. But it's oftentimes best (and safest) to call your vet. Bloat can eventually die if left for too long without proper treatment.

Keep a few rules in place to avoid bloat in the future:

- Stick to a regular feeding schedule. Avoid irregular or long gaps of time between each feeding. This can cause cattle to grow famished and gorge themselves at the next available opportunity.
- Avoid overfeeding grain.
- Supply plenty of roughage in the feed rations: chopped hay, green grass that they can graze on their own, straw, various plant stalks, etc.

Coccidiosis

Coccidiosis is an intestinal infection caused by parasites and can be very contagious to the other cattle in the herd. If caught early on, it is very

treatable. If cattle live in a dirty, muddy environment, coccidiosis is more likely to show up.

Even if the rest of the pen is dry, if stagnant water holes are nearby, cattle will oftentimes choose to drink from the contaminated water even if fresh, clean water is available to them.

Coccidiosis can cause a variety of ailments. From bloody, sour smelling stools to loss of limb control and brain seizures, it can have a very bad effect if not treated in time.

Drain for Dry

The best way to deal with coccidiosis? Lean heavily on the side of prevention by draining water holes and keeping the cattle in a nice, well-draining pen. If it does flare up in your herd, you can treat using a coccidiostat and sulfa pills (and, of course, contact your vet).

Supplemental Treatments

Local rancher Todd Krispense (also my father-in-law) shared with me that in extreme cases of coccidiosis they have found the cattle to be depleted in potassium. If cattle have reached the stage of brain seizures, treating them with potassium is the only thing they've found to be effective in getting them over the seizures.

As another means of prevention, Todd also shared with me that they feed a lasalocid (an antibiotic and coccidiostat). This stimulates growth in the cattle. When it comes to little calves, you can also feed a supplement very effective in preventing coccidiosis.

Todd also stresses the importance of knowing the source of everything:

- Where your cattle themselves came from (look at the original herd they're coming from, the environment they were in, etc.)
- The feed you offer them and its contents
- The source of water (natural spring, pond, river, stock tank, etc.). Watch for any signs of contamination.

Maybe you've already got a herd in the back pasture. Or perhaps you're simply toying with the idea of a few calves. Don't let these ailments or any others talk you out of getting some cattle on your property. They can be a wonderful investment.

With a little forethought and careful planning for an emergency, you'll be well on your way to a successful cattle-owning experience! ❖



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Aug. 2-6

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Aug. 18-20

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www.southwestwashingtonfair.com

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

Sept. 1-4

Part of the ONE OF A KIND Biggest Little Livestock Show.

Check this event out on our Facebook page.

www.thefair.com

SPOKANE COUNTY FAIR

Sept. 8-7

Dexter participation TBA.

www.thespokanefair.com

CENTRAL WASHINGTON FAIR

Sept. 28- Oct. 1

Great hometown fair!

www.statefairpark.org

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TENNESSEE DEXTER CATTLE SHOW

Tennessee State Fair Wilson County

Lebanon, TN

945 E Baddour Parkway

Aug. 21- Check in before 3 p.m.

Show starts 6 p.m.

Entries due six weeks to one month prior to show date- registration online coming soon.

www.wilsoncountytntstatefair.com/p/competitions-exhibits/animalshows/cattle/dexter-cattle-show

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TENNESSEE DEXTER CATTLE SHOW

Tennessee Valley Fair

Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Zoo Drive

Sept. 14, 6 p.m.

Entries due six weeks to one month prior to show date

Registration opens Aug. 1.

Contact: Jill Gurley- gurleyjillc@gmail.com - (423) 261-4011

REGION 10

REGION 10 ANNUAL MEETING

Region 10 Annual Meeting

Sept. 2nd at 11:00 a.m..

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MDBA FALL SHOW

October 20 - 21, 2023

Webster County Fairgrounds

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DON'T FORGET

Please remember this when registering animals!

THE ONLY MANDATORY TEST for registration

- the genotype - is sent to
the registrar directly from the lab.

ALL other tests (e.g., A2, PHA, Chondro)
are OPTIONAL, and their results must
be sent to the registrar by the owners.



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