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TIME TO NOMINATE
FOR THE ANNUAL
ADCA AWARDS

ADCA EXPO PREVIEW

MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PEEK AT THE AGENDA

MEET THE
YOUTH ADCA BOARD

Eddie



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

Romeo



**ADCA
#053075**
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A, BL A/B,
Dun Carries
Wild Red

Mateo



**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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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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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.

ADCA CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the American Dexter Cattle Association, I agree that I will:

- 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.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADCA PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season filled with friends, family and delicious holiday meals full of yummy Dexter delicacies.

A new year brings new beginnings. It doesn't matter if it's your 1st year or 20th year with Dexters- there is nothing more exciting than new life on the farm, especially with spring calving just around the corner. I just love this time of year, there is so much anticipation of what is yet to come!

This is also the time of year our family starts planning for all the different Dexter shows and events, locally and nationally. Both my teenage boys are active in 4H and FFA, we spend a lot of time sharing the Dexter breed at fairs and homestead events. It is so much fun not only educating people on our amazing little breed, but also helping others fall in love with them.

Our most favorite event of the year is the ADCA Expo and National show. We don't always get to bring our cattle, because sometimes the haul is just too long from the West Coast. The week of education (filled with great seminars and speakers), Dexter owner fellowship (who doesn't love chatting with fellow breeders from all over the county, face to face?) and the National Show, where you get to see some of the best Dexters in the country strut their stuff, makes for our favorite Cow-cation of the year!

With the new year also comes improvements for the Association. Some are behind the scenes, such as technology improvements (like our improved pedigree software and our change to streamline emails and documents). Plus, the Youth ADCA is thriving! The YADCA has many ideas and changes that are taking place this year. To keep up to date, check out the YADCA Facebook page. I encourage all youth and families with youth to go check them out- this is going to be a great year for them.

I can't wait to see what is in store for 2024!

Laaci Louderback
ADCA President



CHRIS ODOM AWARD

Our youth are the future of our association and our hope of preserving the Dexter cattle breed.

The ADCA Chris Odom Youth Awards are given in memory of Chris Odom, of Block Creek Ranch. It honors his work in the ADCA, his service to the Dexter community, and especially his faithfulness to encourage and support our ADCA youth. Odom passed away in 2006 while serving as Vice President of the ADCA. His contribution to the association, our youth, and the Dexter breed will be remembered warmly.

This award is presented annually at the ADCA National Dexter Expo. It recognizes the ADCA youth that exhibit an exceptional work ethic, a commendable knowledge of the breed, and a passion to promote the preservation and proper stewardship of Irish Dexter cattle. Each applicant must complete a Chris Odom Award Application that includes a quiz, an essay, and a list of Dexter-related activities the youth has participated in. The applications are graded by a team of ADCA Odom Award judges. The award includes recognition at the Expo, an award plaque, recognition in the ADCA Bulletin, and a financial award of \$1,000 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place Senior Division Winners. The Junior Division winners will receive \$500 for 1st place, \$250 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place winners.

Past ADCA Chris Odom Award Winners:

- **2023 Senior:** Emmie Cluff / **Junior:** Kaiser Hawkins
- **2022 Senior:** Danielle Edgington / **Junior:** Hudson Louderback
- **2021 Senior:** Erin Claire Chambers / **Junior:** Danielle Edgington
- **2020 Senior:** Makenna Hoover / **Junior:** Gloria Dooley
- **2019 Senior:** Nathan Lizarraga | **Junior:** Mackennah Spatz
- **2018 Senior:** Fiona Delanie | **Junior:** Ava White
- **2017 Senior:** Britni Steward | **Junior:** Henry Louderback
- **2016 Senior:** Michael Hawkins | **Junior:** Erin Chambers
- **2015 Senior:** Arianna Carriveau | **Junior:** Delaney Corter
- **2014 Senior:** Jordan DeLaSalle | **Junior:** Alex Gann
- **2013 Senior:** Emilee Trost | **Junior:** Kylee Morgan
- **2012 Senior:** Abigail Metallo | **Junior:** Michael Cuevas
- **2011 Senior:** Jacob DeLaSalle | **Junior:** Jacob Young
- **2010 Senior:** Josh Hall | **Junior:** Jackson Neal
- **2009 Senior:** Lewis Jackson | **Junior:** Danielle Hawkins
- **2008 Senior:** Lindsey Edwards | **Junior:** Kyle Wilson

CHUCK DAGGETT GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

It's time to submit your nominations for the ADCA Chuck Daggett Good Citizenship Award.

This award is in honor of Chuck Daggett, former ADCA Registrar. Chuck lived his life as a good citizen in his city, with his family, at his church, and especially in the Dexter cattle community. Chuck was a true gentleman, always going "above and beyond" to any who needed his help. He was a faithful educator to new Dexter owners, a true advocate for Dexter cattle, and a good, honest friend to all that knew him.

CRITERIA:

A person being nominated for the Chuck Daggett Good Citizenship Award should be an individual who:

- Is an ADCA member in good standing
- Demonstrates good herdsmanship in the care of his/her own Dexter cattle
- Treats both ADCA members and prospective members fairly and honestly
- Eagerly promotes the Dexter breed
- Is known for educating fellow Dexter owners by teaching proper cattle care and by giving demonstrations in milking, lead training, vaccinating, tattooing, show training, etc
- Willingly aids Dexter owners in need of help

- Gladly helps prospective Dexter owners who want to learn more about the breed
- Exemplifies a "Good Citizen" in society as well as in the Dexter community

AWARD:

This award, presented annually at the ADCA Expo, will include:

- Award Plaque
- One (1) year free Dexter Farm Advertisement on the ADCA website
- Recognition in one issue of the ADCA Bulletin and placed on the ADCA website with a description of the winner's good deeds and accomplishments in the Dexter community

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Members from each region nominate a "Good Citizen" in their region by sending written nominations to their Regional Director. The nominations can be emailed or sent via USPS. Each nomination should explain how this person fits the Good Citizen Award criteria. The Regional Director must receive the nomination by April 1 in order for it to be considered.

2. If more than one person has been nominated within a region, the Regional Director (or the director's appointee) will conduct a vote, either through email, online service, or by USPS, to determine their regional winner. The winner of each region will be kept confidential until the AGM. At the AGM, each regional winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition. A list of the regional winners will be printed in the ADCA Bulletin and on the ADCA website, with a short summary of their accomplishments as good citizens.

3. Regional Directors will submit the names of the Regional Good Citizens to the Board of Directors, accompanied by a description of the good deeds and accomplishments for which the member was selected, by May 1.

4. The Board of Directors will vote to determine the winning national "Good Citizen" on or before May 15. The results are to be kept confidential until presentation at the AGM.

5. A person may be nominated for this award more than once if the regional members so choose, but a person can win this award only once.

TALISMAN FARM AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the ADCA Talisman Farm Award!

This award is in memory of John Hays, honoring his dedicated work with the Dexter breed. It recognizes the ADCA Dexter family, couple, or individual breeder that stewards an exemplary herd of Irish Dexter Cattle with honesty, integrity, and faithfulness. Nominations for this award can be a family, a couple, or an individual.

CRITERIA:

A person being nominated for the Talisman Award should be an individual who:

- is an ADCA member in good standing
- owns a notable herd of Dexters
- demonstrates good herdsmanship in the care of his/her own Dexter cattle
- promotes the Dexter breed with tireless passion and integrity.

AWARD:

This award, presented annually at the ADCA AGM, will include:

- Recognition at the AGM
- An award plaque commemorating their recognition

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. ADCA members send their nomination, along with a short explanation and biography of their nominee, to the ADCA President by May 15. Please include the nominee's name, ADCA #, a short biography of their Dexter ownership, and reasons you are nominating them.

2. The Talisman Committee, chaired by the ADCA President, will review the nominations and determine the award recipient (the recipient will be kept confidential until the award ceremony at the AGM).

CLASS SPONSORSHIPS

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COST

Pewee Showmanship	\$100
Junior Showmanship	\$100
Youth Showmanship	\$100
Junior Heifer Calf	\$100
Intermediate Heifer Calf	\$100
Senior Heifer Calf	\$100
Spring Yearling Heifer	\$100
Junior Yearling Heifer	\$100
Intermediate Yearling Heifer	\$100
Senior Yearling Heifer	\$100
Young Cow	\$100
Intermediate Cow	\$100
Mature Cow	\$100
Cow-Calf Pair	\$100
Grand Champion Female	\$500
Reserve Grand Champion Female	\$250
Grand Champion Female Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Female Buckle	\$100
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Junior Steer Calf	\$100
Senior Steer Calf	\$100
Yearling Steer	\$100
Senior Steer	\$100
Grand Champion Steer	\$250
Reserve Champion Steer	\$150
Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100
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Junior Bull Calf	\$100
Senior Bull Calf	\$100
Grand Champion Bull Calf	\$500
Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf	\$250
Grand Champion Bull Calf Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf Buckle	\$100

OPEN CLASSES

COST

Adult Showmanship	\$100
Junior Heifer Calf	\$100
Intermediate Heifer Calf	\$100
Senior Heifer Calf	\$100
Spring Yearling Heifer	\$100
Junior Yearling Heifer	\$100
Intermediate Yearling Heifer	\$100
Senior Yearling Heifer	\$100
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Senior Yearling Bull	\$100
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Mature Bull	\$100
Grand Champion Bull	\$500
Reserve Grand Champion Bull	\$250
Grand Champion Bull Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Bull Buckle	\$100
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• Best of Udder	\$100
• Cow-Calf Pair	\$100
• Get of Sire	\$100
• Produce of Dam	\$100

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2024 EXPO AGENDA

Tentative

Wednesday, June 19

- All Day – Setup (All volunteers welcome!)

Thursday, June 20

- 8 a.m. Check-In
- 10-11 a.m. Lead Training, Show Prep and Showmanship (Arena)
- 11 a.m. Registration 101- Jill Delaney
- Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cheese Making Class- Audrey Dawson
- 2-4 p.m. Keynote Presentation- Steve Campbell: Minerals, Toxins & Ranch Epigenetics
- 5 p.m. Sausage Making- Four State Meat, Dallas Greenwood
- 6 p.m. Pizza Dinner sponsored by the ADCA

Friday, June 21

- 8 a.m. Check-In and Meet the Breeders
- Youth Member Meeting
- 9-10:30 a.m. Keynote Presentation- Steve Campbell: Red Solo Cup
- 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Keynote Presentation- Steve Campbell: Linear Measurement (Arena)
- Lunch
- 1-2:30 p.m. Keynote Presentation- Steve Campbell: Soil, Plant and Human Health
- 3 p.m. OSU Senior Extension Specialist- Berry Whiteworth, DVM: Calving Difficulties/Demo with Life-Size Cow and Calf
- 4 p.m. Genetic Diversity and The Breed Standard- Danny Collins
- 5 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Where Do We Go From Here?
- 6-6:15 p.m. Exhibitors Meeting: Mandatory for all show entrants (adult and youth)
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Meal
- 7 p.m. FUNdraiser Auction

Saturday, June 22

- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Youth Show, Adult Show Follows (Arena)
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. BOD Wrap-Up Meeting (ADCA Board members + Members at Large)
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet and Awards

NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO HOST HOTELS

Group Booking Name: ADCA Region 6

Call the hotel and ask for the front desk to make your reservation.
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\$89 Standard King Room
\$109 Standard Double Queen Room

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431 Mid America Drive
Pryor, OK 74361
918-981-8000
Outdoor Seasonal Pool

\$119 Double Queen Room
\$119 King Room
\$134 King Suite

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Both hotels also offer a complimentary breakfast buffet. Hotel tax is 5.87%.

Individual cancellation policy: Individuals must cancel 48 hours prior to arrival date for no penalty fee. Within 48 hours, cancellations will be charged for the first night's room fee, including tax.



Courtesy of Steve Campbell



2024 EXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Steve Campbell

Tailormade Cattle

Steve Campbell has been in the cattle industry his whole life. He understands the complexities of producing premium beef. From soil health, quality forage production, nutrition, mineral intake, stock selection, calving and more Steve works with producers to find ways to improve their operation and get better results. Much like people source business coaches, Steve is a “cattle coach” and will assist you in reaching higher levels of success with your beef herd.

Are YOU concentrating on the most profitable things for YOUR ranch? On the ranch, 40% of your profit comes from fertility, 30% is maintenance cost of the cow, 20% is growth, and 10% is carcass traits.

Are you wanting to create a herd of cows that eat 20-40% less than your current animals? Do you want to be able to “see” tender and flavorful beef on the hoof? Steve can help you learn to identify the ALL-FORAGE type animal in your herd, and what to look for in someone else’s herd when purchasing outside animals!

Join us at the ADCA 2024 Dexter Expo where you’ll be able to meet Steve in person and learn the following:

- **Bull and Cow FERTILITY** and how to observe and measure these traits.

- **The RED SOLO CUP Cow:** Does she shed early? Is she shaped like a red solo cup turned sideways? Learn how to assess high butterfat indicators. These animals rebreed more years in a row and cost less to feed than the average cow!

- **Linear Measures:** Learn how to measure and which measurements to take on an animal. How will these numbers help you to make selection and culling decisions for more grass efficient animals that breed back more often. PLUS, A LIVE DEMONSTRATION ON LINEAR ASSESSMENT!

- **Minerals, Toxins and Ranch Epigenetics** A rancher’s ideas for low-cost, on-farm solutions.

- **Soil, Plant, Animal, and Human Health:** Dive into how our soil practices affect everything up the food chain and eventually affects human health, either positively or negatively.

- **Where Do We Go From Here?** How to sell seedstock and generate more business.



EXPO WELCOME BAGS!



At this year's Expo in Pryor Oklahoma we'd like to fill welcome bags with promotional items from ADCA members! Anything with your farm name on it is welcome. Things like memo pads, plastic cups, gum, magnets, candy, pens, lotion, sunscreen, coasters, keychains- use your imagination! The welcome bags themselves can also be sponsored. Just imagine - your great big logo being carried around all weekend by EVERYBODY at the Expo! We are planning on 100 bags, so just bring your items to the Expo and hand to hospitality staff.



HOW MUCH MILK?

“How much milk will I get from my Dexter?” This question is difficult to answer because every Dexter girl is different. So many complexities will affect her production, including her age, stress level, nutrition, health, attitude, genetics, training, the weather, and how far along she is in her lactation. The only way to know how much she will produce is to train her well, feed her generously, maintain her health, provide her with good facilities, reduce her stress, care for her with love, and consistently milk her for several years.

SETTING REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Perceptions regarding dairy cattle are driven by media images of large cows with enormous udders. The industrial dairy breeds have been developed over a long period of time to meet the needs of large-scale producers, who require tall cows to accommodate automated milking, and a large volume of milk per cow to increase efficiency and reduce costs. Industrial dairy breeds are characterized by having the unique ability to produce more milk than their calves

can consume, which can be as much as five gallons or more every day. The daily milking routine and associated effort required to process that much milk may be intense, and it must be performed twice every day without fail. Industrial dairy breeds also require a significantly greater amount of nutrition to power their extreme milk production. If we compare the typical size of a Dexter's udder to that of an industrial dairy breed, it is readily apparent that Dexters have not gone through the same genetic selection regarding udder size. We consider this a good thing, as few of us could possibly consume, or make use of, that much milk on a daily basis.

VARIABLES

Many factors influence milk production throughout a cow's lactation, and at any given time her production may vary significantly. Understanding these factors will help to establish realistic expectations, and in some cases will provide the opportunity to take measures to increase her production.



A heifer's udder genetics will fundamentally affect her potential as a milk cow, and those genetics are inherited from both her mother and her sire. When purchasing a Dexter heifer as a future milk cow, it is important to obtain good photos of her mother's udder while she is full of milk, as well as good photos of her paternal grandmother's udder also in milk. The best udder has good attachment all around, with teats evenly spaced and of sufficient length to fit in your hand, and all hanging at the same level.

A heifer's personality also affects the amount of milk she might give. It can be beneficial to obtain a heifer from a cow that has been actively milked while the heifer was raised, as she will therefore be genetically and socially predisposed to milking. It would also be valuable to meet the heifer's mother and sire first-hand to gauge their friendliness and demeanor, because the heifer will most likely exhibit attributes of their personalities. A heifer that is purchased in hopes of future milking should be calm, gentle, trusting and sweet, because these traits help to reduce stress. To further reduce stress, she should also be well trained. A cow that is calm and free from stress will be more likely to let her milk down.

A cow's age, nutrition and health also affect her production. A first-calf heifer may provide a lesser quantity of milk, but her production will likely increase on a yearly basis until she is five or six years old. She should have unlimited access to high-quality green grass or hay, and should be in excellent physical condition. She should also be provided a generous treat that is rich in nutrition to keep her busy while she is milked each day. If her nutrition is insufficient to support her needs, her milk production will drop and her body will begin using fat and muscle to produce milk.

Finally, her milk production is affected by how far along she is in her lactation. Milk production during the first month is typically high due to her calf's tiny size and limited needs. As the calf grows, it begins to consume more of her production, which peaks at four or five months into her lactation. As her calf then begins to transition to grazing, her production begins to gradually decline. At the time that her calf is removed for weaning, she must be thoroughly milked every day to maintain her lactation.

MILKING STRATEGIES

A healthy Dexter calf will consume all of its mother's milk if allowed to, which leaves little for us. After the first month, if we simply walk up with a bucket to get whatever is available from one of our cows at our convenience, we will only get the milk that has been produced since the last time the calf nursed. This strategy will usually yield disappointing results. A calf will nurse its mother often, and if it did so an hour prior to our attempt, we may only get a cup or less.

In an effort to obtain the highest yield, many milkers will house the mother and calf in safe, adjacent, sheltered pens at night, and then milk the cow very early in the morning before allowing the two to spend the day together. This method seeks to maximize the amount that can be obtained from a single milking by taking advantage of the longest possible duration of uninterrupted milk production while still

sharing with the calf. When using this method, some people choose to milk only three of her quarters, thus leaving the fourth quarter for the calf's breakfast. If the cow is a good producer, she may also be milked again late in the day, although the quantity obtained at that time will likely be reduced.

If separating the cow and calf at night isn't feasible, milking can be performed after the calf has completed its morning nap. We have found that a Dexter calf will typically empty the cow's udder shortly after waking in the morning, and then it will follow its mother around the pasture for a few hours while she grazes. The herd will then typically nap for an hour or two, after which the calf will again desire milk. If we learn the timing of this behavior, we can take advantage of these few uninterrupted hours of the cow's production by milking her before the calf has the opportunity to empty her after it reawakens. The cow may be similarly milked again late in the day following the calf's afternoon nap. Regardless of whether or not the calf is separated at night, the greatest quantity of milk will be obtained during the first month after the calf is born, and subsequently during the months immediately after the calf is weaned.

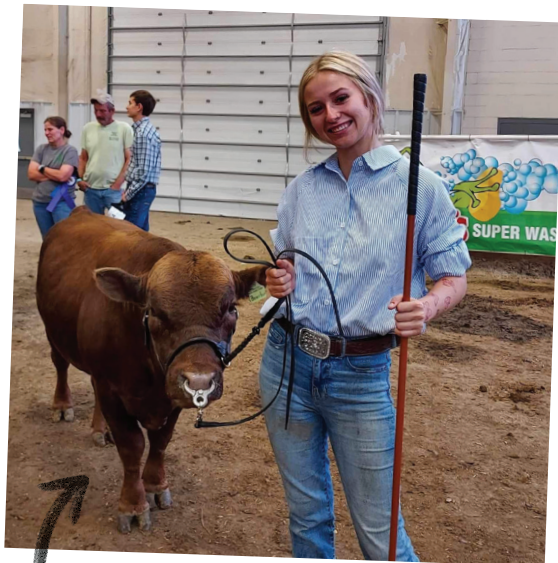
Every cow produces a different amount of milk depending upon a wide variety of factors, and therefore it is impossible to predict how much you will eventually get from your heifer. Our needs are less than many families, and we don't separate our calves at night, and therefore we're delighted when we get a gallon from once-a-day milking while sharing with the calf during the first month, and then when we resume milking twice-a-day after her calf is weaned at six months. Some Dexters might produce more, and if you've got such a girl, enjoy the bounty! Of course, it is also possible that you might get no milk at all if she refuses to let her milk down. We predict that your sweet girl's peak production will be somewhere in the middle of the extremes, and throughout the duration of her lactation there will be days when you get more, and days when you get less.

Regardless of how much milk you actually receive, it is most important that you love and value your Dexter girl for all that she is and all that she provides for your living and lifestyle. If she isn't cooperative in the milking parlor, or if she doesn't give as much milk as you had initially hoped, be understanding of the situation and carefully review her current circumstances, and your milking technique, to determine which variables are impacting her production. Evaluate her daily care, age, nutrition, milking routine, stress level, and other factors that might be affecting her. Also consider the current needs of her calf and how its milking activities affect your efforts.

We stumbled through our first attempts at milking, and because we received very little milk for those efforts, we were discouraged. However, kindness and determination with our Dexters has eventually paid off. Through persistence we've learned from our mistakes, and our sweet herd now provides us with the most amazing milk and cream. If you've never tasted it, you've got a wonderful treat waiting for you out there in your pasture — all from the sweet little Dexter cow that you know and hug. Delight in the cream, and Savor the Blessing! 🍷



YOUTH LEADERSHIP



My name is Tessa Erickson, and I am the secretary of the YADCA. I'm a senior at JCHS and just getting started in the Dexter world! My first ever show was this year at the Nebraska state fair, and I hope to learn lots and show growth in the organization. Besides cows I'm at waitress, and I love going out horse riding. My plan after school is culinary school or a vet!



Hello, my name is Charlotte Dykstra. I am the new vice president of the youth ADCA.

I am from Middleville, Michigan. I am in 11th grade. I have been involved with Dexters my whole life because of my grandparents. I started showing Dexters at the ADCA expo 8 years ago and started my own farm 7 years ago. I have been growing my herd since then. All of the cattle I sell goes to my college fund. I'm still undecided for a college major and college. My main idea for a college major is psychology to become a counselor, or to go in into agricultural education. As for colleges, potential colleges I am interested in are Iowa State University and Purdue University. I show my cattle at the ADCA expo, Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association show (OVDBA), and at my county fair. Along with cattle, I show market sheep and breeding rabbits at my county fair. I am also involved in FFA through my school. I look forward to serving as the vice president of the YADCA!



Hello, my name is Erin Chambers and I am excited to serve as your YADCA President!

I am 16 years old and a junior at Palmyra High School in Palmyra, Nebraska. I have been involved with the Dexter breed and the American Dexter Cattle Association my entire life; from showing to promoting the breed and growing my own herd, Dexter cattle are a large aspect of my life and my experiences through them have shaped me into who I am today. I am involved in a variety of activities from FFA and student government to band and sports such as cross country, track, basketball, and softball. I plan to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to study physical therapy or agricultural education with a minor in animal science. I am excited to help this organization grow to serve our youth along with my fellow members and officers!



Expo 2024

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- 3rd Place \$15

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IMPORTANT

>>> ANNOUNCEMENT <<<

Parent Verification 2024

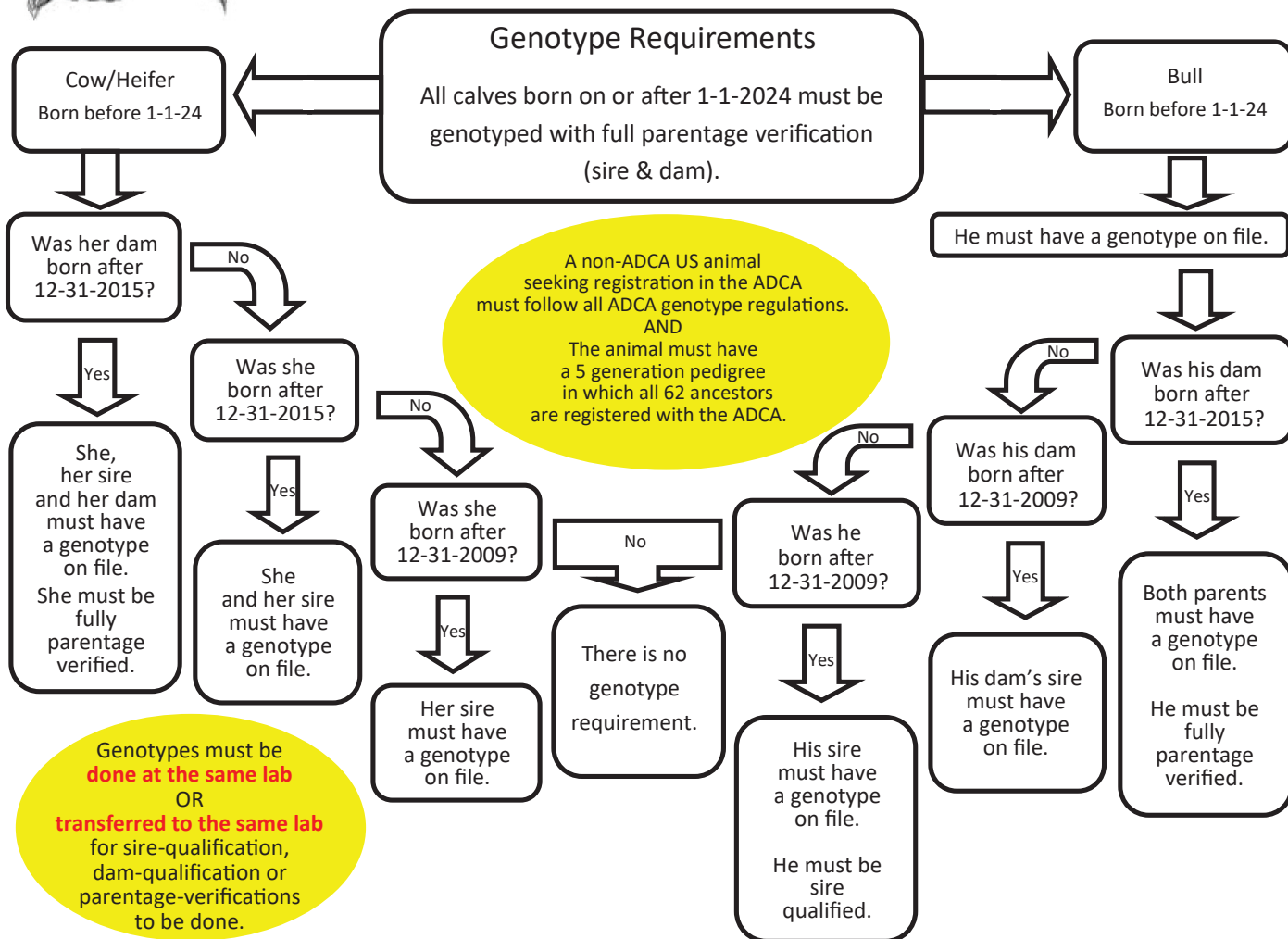
All calves born on or after
Jan 1, 2024, must be
genotyped with full
parentage verification (**both
sire & dam**) in order to be
registered.

We encourage members to contact
their regional directors with any
questions or needed assistance with
the new registration policy

Sincerely, ADCA Board of Directors



ADCA Requirements for ADCA Registration: A Decision Tree



An ADCA registration form (online or paper form) must accompany every registration request.
Only the First Owner of a Dexter (owner of the dam at calving) may register that Dexter.

PHA Requirements:

A PHA test **is not required** to register any Dexter.

However:

For an animal to be listed as PHA: Non-Carrier on its pedigree page:

it must have two PHA non-carrier parents on file
OR

it must be tested as a PHA non-carrier if at least one parent is a PHA-carrier.

Chondro Requirements:

A chondrodysplasia test **is not required** to register any Dexter.

However:

For an animal to be listed as Chondrodysplasia: Non-Carrier on its pedigree page:

it must have two chondro non-carrier parents on file
OR

it must be tested as a chondro non-carrier if at least one parent is a chondro-carrier.

Chondrodysplasia Carriers:

If an animal has at least one parent that is a chondro-carrier and the breeder believes, because of phenotype, that the animal is also a chondro-carrier

The animal may be listed as Chondrodysplasia: Untested Carrier on its pedigree page

without being tested for chondrodysplasia.

2024 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW REGULATIONS

Cost to enter:

- Open Show entries - \$25
- Youth Show entries - \$25
- Bonus Classes are free to enter but animals must be shown in their own class to be eligible. Bonus classes include Cow/calf pair, Best of Udder, Get of Sire and Produce of Dam. *see class listing for more information on bonus class requirements.

Animal Identification and Health Regulations:

- All animals will be given a visual check by the individuals supervising the checking-in of animals. Any animal deemed unhealthy or showing signs of contagious diseases will be sent to a quarantine area. Any animal sent to the quarantine area will be examined by a veterinarian and/or the ADCA President, Expo Committee Chair and Show Committee Chair. These people will have the final say if the animal is allowed in the barn. Animals from quarantined areas are not permitted to enter the show or sale event.
- All animals must be properly identified. Legible identification such as tattoos, 840 tags, calf-hood metal clips are acceptable. This number must appear on registration and health papers. Failure to have proper identification will be grounds for dismissal from the event.
- Health Certificates with approved identification (840 Tags, Brucellosis metal clips, etc), are required for all animals entered for show and/or sale. Out of state entries must comply with the regulations of the State in which the show and/or sale event is taking place. It is advised to have your veterinarian call the State prior to the event.
- No drugs are to be administered at any time except under the guidance of the event veterinarian.

Animal Manageability Regulations:

- All animals in the barn must be halter-broke to lead & tie. There are no pen classes in the show and all sale animals must comply with these regulations. If an unruly animal is attending, it will have to be confined to a livestock trailer.
- Any animal deemed unmanageable by the Show Committee supervisor, before or during the show, will be required to leave the show arena. Cattle dismissed in this fashion are not eligible

for sale or show placing, and all entry fees will be forfeited. Any animal deemed unmanageable will have to be confined to a livestock trailer.

- No holding pens will be available.

General Barn Regulations:

- All animals must be double tied in the barn with both a halter and a neck-tie. Nursing calves may run loose with their dam if both are contained in a secure pen area, but the dam must still be double tied.
- All cattle, stalls, and equipment areas must be kept clean and presentable for the duration of the Expo.
- Every precaution will be taken to protect participants and their animals. However, neither the ADCA, the Show Committee, the location of the event, nor the supervisors or their assistants will be responsible for the accidents or loss associated with the participants and their animals.
- Initial bedding will be supplied; Replacement bedding may be purchased on site.
- Hay and feed may also be available for purchase on site or from a feed store nearby.
- Electrical outlets will be available for fans and other needs. To be shared.
- Outdoor wash racks are available.
- Exhibitors may bring their own grooming chutes.

General Sale Regulations:

- The ADCA supports private treaty sales at the Expo, but there will be no formal ADCA-sponsored sale.
- All animals "for sale" must be registered with the ADCA.
- Every animal must comply with all Expo health, identification, manageability, and check-in regulations.
- The ADCA will provide a veterinarian to write CVI's for animals that are sold. The schedule for the vet to be at the Expo will be announced later. The seller will pay both the veterinary's fee and the ADCA transfer fee.
- The seller must reserve barn space for their animal. The cost to reserve barn space is the same cost as entering the animal in the show. Animals that have not had barn space reserved will not be permitted to stay on the premises.

- All Entries to reserve barn space for a sale animal must be made through the Expo Store on the ADCA website by **May 19, 2024 NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

- Any show animal may be offered for sale.
- Signs for animals that are offered for sale may be displayed at the animal's stall. The sign may be no larger than 8 ½"x11"

General Photo Contest Regulations:

All photos submitted for the Photo Contest must be of ADCA-registered animals. You can find more information about the photo contest on the ADCA website.

General Show Regulations: (NEW GUIDELINES)

- Open Show - open to all ages, but animals entered in the open show must be owned by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must have owned the animal for a minimum of three months prior to the show.
- Youth Show - open to ages 7-17. Animals do not need to be owned by the exhibitor.
- Youth are eligible to compete in both the youth and open shows.
- Youth younger than 14 who choose to show in the open show cannot show bulls over one year of age.
- An exhibitor's age on the day of the show will determine class eligibility.
- All animals in the show must be registered with the ADCA.
- For more than first-place premiums to be paid, a class must have more than one exhibitor. If a class has only one animal, only the first-place premium will be paid.
- Calves being shown ONLY in Cow/Calf class, if less than 3 months of age, need not be registered but must have a Record of Birth.
- For female classes, winners of the Divisional Championships compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, with the Divisional Reserve Champions standing ready.
- For bull and steer classes, the Dexter placing first place in each class will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, with the second-place animals standing ready.
- All bulls 12 months and older must have an affixed nose ring or nose clamp. A lead strap must be affixed to the ring prior to entry into the show ring. **NO STRAP - NO ENTRY.**

Show Entry Guidelines:

- All cattle, including steers, must be registered with the ADCA prior to entry deadline.
- Animal substitutions will be allowed at check-in ONLY in the same sex, same age & same class.
- All Entries must be made through the Expo Store on the ADCA website by May 19, 2024. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED. Entry fees for animals entered but not brought to the show or sale will not be refunded.
- All animals must be accompanied by their registration papers.

Exhibitor Guidelines

- The Show Committee, under advisement of the Board of Directors, will have final authority to uphold established rules and regulations.
- Exhibitors must be current members of the American Dexter Cattle Association.
- If an exhibitor wants to show two or more animals in the same class, the exhibitor MUST show ONE; any other non-professional individual in attendance may show the additional animal.

Premiums Per Class:

- First: \$75.00
- Second: \$50.00
- Third: \$35.00
- Grand Champion Female or Bull: \$250.00
- Reserve Grand Champion Female or Bull: \$150.00
- Grand Champion Steer: \$150.00
- Reserve Grand Champion Steer: \$75.00
- Best in Show: The Grand Champion Female, Bull and Steer of the **Open Show** will be eligible for this award.
- Because the ADCA wants to encourage and applaud youth-ownership of ADCA registered Dexters, a special Premium Bonus will be awarded to top placing youth that own the cattle they are showing in the **Youth Show**. The Youth-Owner placing the highest in a class will receive a \$35 premium bonus, the second highest will receive a \$25 premium bonus, and the third highest will receive a \$15 premium bonus. These bonuses will be awarded after the show. This premium bonus is not offered to youth showing animals owned by their parents, grandparents, farm, or other breeder. To qualify for the premium bonus, the animal must be solely registered under the youth's own member number. Animals that are jointly owned with an adult do not qualify.

2024 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW REGULATIONS

Showmanship Classes:

- **Absolutely** no bulls may be shown in any Showmanship Class – Junior Youth, Senior Youth or Adult.
- Junior Youth Showmanship: youths 7-12 years old
- Senior Youth Showmanship: youths 13-17 years old
- Adult Showmanship – 18 years and older

Dress Code:

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

- Collared/buttoned shirts (full button or polo/golf) with sleeves (length of the sleeves will be determined by the season/weather/temperature).
- **ABSOLUTELY NO** personal names, farm names and/or association names/logos other than the approved official ADCA Member Logo is permitted. This includes 4H/FFA logos.

- Long pants (jeans or slacks) that are dark in color and have no tears or holes are required.
- Boots or fully enclosed heavy footwear must be worn for safety reasons.
- Long hair must be tucked in a hat or tied back for safety reasons.
- Optional: belt, western hats, gloves or the use of show sticks and combs.

Prohibited items include the following:

- Baseball caps
- Baggy, low riding pants that drag on the ground, for safety reasons
- T-shirts or crop top shirts that leave the midriff skin showing
- Sandals or canvas shoes, for safety reasons
- Overalls

Cattle Grooming Regulations:


The Show Committee will advise the judge regarding grooming requirements and expectations prior to the show. This will encourage the judge to look at the animal closely, not at the grooming capability of the exhibitor. The Expo is considered a "Blow and Go" show with the following guidelines:

Prohibited Items:

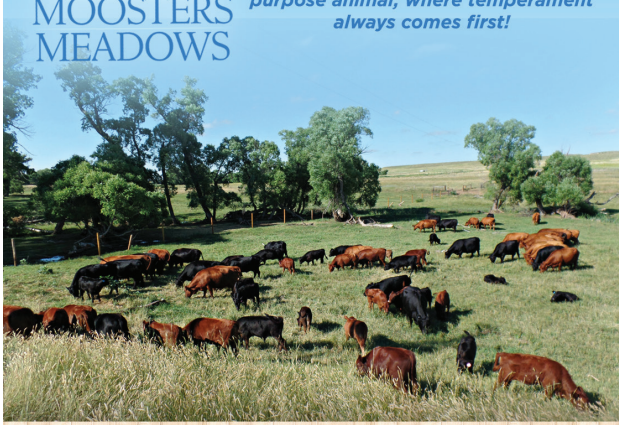
- Painting or polishing of horns or hooves with colored polish
- Artificial coat coloring
- Growth implants
- Drugs to alter the disposition of the animal (Xylazine/Rompun, Calf Calm Paste, etc)
- Adhesives or any compounds that have adhesive qualities that, when applied, cannot be combed or brushed through.
- These products and similar ones are prohibited: Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, etc.

Alcohol, water, oil, or any product that is alcohol or water-based and have no adhesive or glue qualities are the types of grooming products that are permissible. These items include such products as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Show Sheen, and white show foam.

The ADCA reserves the right to physically inspect any animal where suspected prohibited products may have been used.



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2024 NATIONAL SHOW CLASS LISTING

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	AGE RANGE
S-1	Peewee	6 and younger
S-2	Junior Youth Showmanship	7 to 12 years
S-3	Senior Youth Showmanship	13 to 17 years
S-4	Adult Showmanship	18 years and older

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth may choose to enter either the Youth and/or Open Divisions

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	AGE RANGE	Born On/After	Born On/Before
Y-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
Y-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2023	12/31/2023
Y-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	7/01/2023	9/30/2023

Divisional Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Champion

Y-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	4/01/2023	6/30/2023
Y-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 month	1/01/2023	3/31/2023
Y-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2022	12/31/2022
Y-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 to 24 months	7/01/2022	9/30/2022

Divisional Junior Female Champion and Reserve Champion

Y-8	Young Cow	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2021	6/30/2022
Y-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	7/01/2019	6/30/2021
Y-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		6/30/2019

Divisional Senior Female Champion and Reserve Champion Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female

Y-11	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
Y-12	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2023	12/31/2023
Y-13	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2022	6/30/2023
Y-14	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2021	9/30/2022

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer

Y-15	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
Y-16	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2023	12/31/2023

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf

Bonus Class - Free to enter - must be shown in their own class to be eligible.

Y-17	Cow-Calf Pair	No age requirement - calf must be 6 months old or younger		
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2024 NATIONAL SHOW CLASS LISTING

OPEN CLASSES

Youth may choose to enter either the Youth and/or Open Divisions. Any animal entered in the open division MUST be exhibitor owned. A mature bull must have sired at least one calf

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	AGE RANGE	Born On/After	Born On/Before
0-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
0-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2023	12/31/2023
0-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	7/01/2023	9/30/2023

Divisional Heifer Calf Champion and Reserve Champion

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	AGE RANGE	Born On/After	Born On/Before
0-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	4/01/2023	6/30/2023
0-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	1/01/2023	3/31/2023
0-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2022	12/31/2022
0-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 to 24 months	7/01/2022	9/30/2022

Divisional Junior Female Champion and Reserve Champion

0-8	Young Cow	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2021	6/30/2022
0-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	7/01/2019	6/30/2021
0-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older	6/30/2019	

Divisional Senior Female Champion and Reserve Champion Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Female

0-11	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
0-12	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2023	12/31/2023
0-13	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2022	6/30/2023
0-14	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2021	9/30/2022

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer

0-15	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2024	Present
0-16	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2023	12/31/2023
0-17	Junior Yearling Bull 1	2 to 18 months	1/01/2023	6/30/2023
0-18	Senior Yearling Bull	18 to 24 months	7/01/2022	12/31/2022
0-19	Young Bull	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2021	6/30/2022
0-20	Mature Bull	3 years and older	6/30/2021	

Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Bonus Classes - Free to enter - must be shown in their own class to be eligible.

0-21	Cow-Calf Pair	No age requirement - calf must be 6 months old or younger
0-22	Best of Udder	Cow must be in milk
0-23	Get Of Sire	3 animals from the same sire both sexes represented.
0-24	Produce Of Dam	2 animals from the same dam.

HAPPENINGS

REGION 6

Attention Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska Breeders!

We are hosting our regional meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 12 p.m. Details and location will be emailed to current members so make sure your dues are paid for 2024.

REGION 10

Mark your calendar and join us for the 2024 OVDBA Dexter Cattle Show

May 17-18

Wayne County Fairgrounds

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COLD WEATHER EFFECTS ON WORKING CATTLE

BY JENNIFER HUNT

Although we all strive to avoid working our Dexters in the chill of winter or heat of summer, sometimes the circumstances require we do so. We should always choose the best weather days, but there are times when calves need to be vaccinated, a cow gets sick or injured, or needs tagged. Doing this job often requires more thought and planning when the weather is working against us. For this winter edition, I will touch on three important and unique safety areas when treating your cattle during the winter season. The three areas include moving cattle through the process, operations of your working facilities equipment, and medication safety and application. The safety of both your cattle and handlers always needs to be a priority, as dangers are magnified in cold temperature situations.

Avoiding Unnecessary Stress

Working days are stressful on cattle, even when we try our best to avoid tension. They may look calm, but if you measure their change in heart rate or body language, there likely would be a difference during the process. I find that each year, our older cows can exhibit mild anticipatory anxiety. I am not sure if it's just the Dexters, but they have better memories than I would have guessed. Extremely hot weather tends to cause more stress than cold temps, but there are certain things to address on freezing days.

Aim to avoid the cattle getting sweaty while standing out in the cold. Stress can cause sweat, and sweating can become a problem when they calm back down or when it is windy. It would be like if you worked up a good sweat during a hike and then took your jacket off while resting. You would get chilled very quickly on a cold windy day.



Once you have your Dexters in the working area, you should consider the number of animals you have lined up. The advice I have received through the last several years is to only line up what you can treat in 10-20 minutes. Let the others walk around in a smaller holding area, rather than lined up in a long alley. If you are still in the planning stages for your working area, you may consider a covered area or a windbreak that protects the direct working area. When cattle are naturally weathering colder temps, especially if windy, most will congregate in tree lines, man-made shelters or wherever they can get out of the wind.

In summary, the plan should be to pick the best weather day, calmly line up only the number of Dexters you can run through quickly, and consider shelter/windbreaks for your working area.

Accident Prevention

Next, consider the working area of your livestock equipment. A squeeze chute/headgate is a wonderful investment if used and cared for properly. The equipment should be checked regularly for maintenance and cleaning needs, to ensure all levers, pulleys, pins, springs, etc. are greased and in good working order. These parts often fail unexpectedly due to freezing temperatures.

Imagine the panic that would ensue if you have a cow in the squeeze, and she goes down in an emergency, but your emergency door won't open because the lever is frozen shut. Hydraulic squeezes need even more preparation, due to the fluid requiring a warming period. Before walking cattle into the squeeze chute, check for ice-packed ground or frozen manure immediately surrounding the equipment and treat the area before use. Making sure the equipment and working area is clean, safe and in good working order is very important in safety and efficiency.

Freezing temperatures can also increase operator error in the use of livestock equipment. Once the equipment has been serviced, operators should not waste time trying to remember which lever to pull. Cold weather slows everything down, so being prepared is everything. If you don't use the equipment often, a practice run-through a day or so in advance is useful. Perfecting your use of the equipment is paramount since during sub-freezing temps, operators might feel rushed to get the animals treated and back to a warm place.

Practice runs should focus on the mechanisms and dangers, including considering the pinch points, which are areas between moving and stationary parts where a body part can become caught, leading to an injury. Not all farm equipment comes with a tutorial, and unpreparedness, rushing, complacency, exhaustion and/or inexperience can cause a devastating injury.

I write this part with a lot of anxiety, as I have had a devastating injury from an accident in my own squeeze chute, after a long day of working the herd. I was tired and rushed. My arm was crushed when the squeeze fell open into the vertical support beams. While desperately trying to get my arm out, I dislocated my elbow in both directions. Two major surgeries later, and I am still trying to regain the use of my arm.

I would strongly encourage everyone to take their time revisiting their equipment and reviewing safety measures, even if you feel well prepared. Consider putting danger stickers on your equipment as a reminder, especially if you might have people helping you that are not familiar with your equipment, such as a vet or a neighbor. Extreme temperatures can inhibit good decision making and efficiency, so take the time to become an expert in your equipment.

Medication Storage and Application

Always follow the medication storage labels and call the consumer hotline with questions. After speaking with several pharmaceutical veterinary staff, I have learned that frozen vaccines can produce a failed immune response and/or a dangerous adverse reaction due to increased free endotoxins. Pour-on products will have an increased viscosity during cold temps, making proper application difficult when it can't reach the skin. Antibiotics have a broader range of temperature requirements. I was advised to keep your vaccines and topical products in an insulated carrier to avoid freezing with a goal to maintain proper temperature ranges. Prepare smaller quantities at a time to avoid prolonged contact with below freezing temps. The type of setup you use depends greatly on the outdoor temperatures that you are working in.

Cold weather creates more steps when working our Dexters. We must learn about cattle behavior in order to move them calmly. Organizing and maintaining our working areas and learning how to correctly and safely operate our equipment safely and efficiently is crucial. Lastly, we must protect the clinical integrity of the medications used on our cattle. If we can be successful in all these areas, our cattle and farm will benefit from our efforts for yet another winter season. 📌



CALVING PREPARATION:

What to Have on Hand to be Prepared

BY LAACI LOUDERBACK

Having the right equipment on hand for calving is essential. Everyone's farm is different, and there may be items you will want to add, but this will give a good starting point.

Most of these items you will likely never need to use, but having these items on hand in a designated spot will make life easier and less stressful in an emergency situation.

I personally keep all my calving supplies inside a rolling tool box. It is easy to move around; being able to easily bring items to where they are needed them is key and emergencies don't always occur in convenient locations.

Make sure your veterinarian's phone number is clearly displayed in your kit. I keep both the regular hours and emergency after hours number taped to the inside of the lid of my tool box. I also have both numbers saved in my cell phone.

In My Kit:

- Rope halter and neck rope. If the need arises I can easily halter the cow and move her around.
- OB Chains. This is something we all wish to never have

to use, but a simple \$20 investment will make things easier if you ever have to pull a calf.

- A cleaning solution for both you and the cow. It is best to have everything as clean as possible to lessen the risk of infection to the cow if you need to intervene in calving.

- Rags or small towels

- Injectable or paste vitamins, selenium, and probiotics.

There are many different brands, so ask your veterinarian which they recommend.

- An assortment of syringes (different sizes) and needles.

- Antibiotics (kept in a temperature controlled location). Some require a prescription, so ask your veterinarian what they suggest you keep on hand.

- Colostrum, either fresh (frozen from another cow) or powdered packets. If going the powdered route, make sure they are a replacer and not a supplement.

- A calf bottle with different size nipples. I keep both calf and lamb size nipples on hand.

- Pocket knife. Sometimes emergencies happen late in



Photo Credit: Maryn Taylor of Taylor Homestead

the night when we go out for a night time herd check in our pajamas and we don't have a knife on us.

- Baling twine, the farmers' MacGyver tool. It can be used for a wide range of needs.
- Scissors
- Vet wrap

Make a Plan

In addition to assembling your kit, it's essential to have a calving plan.

Know what area you want your cows to calve. Cows, like people, can calve early or late, but we generally have an estimated timeframe. I keep all my cows who are going to calve at about the same time in a group together in what I call the "Y maturity pasture". This pasture is closest to my house and I can see the entire space from my living room windows. It also has a 10-foot by 20-foot shelter that is open, but also has gates I can close in a pinch to make stalls if needed.

For my own herd, I keep in mind that if my hand has to go in, the cow gets a shot of penicillin. We all try to be as clean as we can if we have to reposition or pull a calf, but to be safe I additionally give a dose of penicillin. Check with your veterinarian if they recommend a similar protocol.

Once your kit is prepared, it is time to wait! There is a saying that a watched pot never boils—the same is true for cows. A watched cow never pops! Give them space and watch from a distance. Dexters are an extremely hardy breed that are known for their calving ease. It is hard—trust me, I know! You anticipate the arrival for nine months, but giving the cow her space to do her thing is key. You do not want to add any extra stress, so find a spot where you can keep an eye but are out of the way. In most situations, it is best to not step in unless you must. I personally have a rule that if the cow is actively pushing, so final stages of labor, and nothing has happened in an hour, then I will assist. Check with your veterinarian about the timeframe they recommend for your individual herd.

When I assist, I first put a halter on the cow. Then I tie her

to a post, move her to a pen, or put her in a head gate. Next, I clean myself and the cow and feel to see if I can assess the calf's position or anything else that might be wrong. Then, if needed, I help her get the calf out by pulling. Pulling a calf is something most will never have to experience, but being able to stay calm and being prepared makes the process easier if ever necessary.

Recently, I had my first experience pulling a calf on my own. I had done it in school 20 years ago as the school's farm manager for FFA, but never with my own animal. The cow was a well-seasoned 11-year-old, who previously had nine calves with ease. I knew she was close and had my eye on her. At the one hour mark of active labor, I knew something was amiss. I halted her, put her into a stall, and went in. The calf was positioned wrong; the muzzle was upside-down and legs folded back. His feet were up toward the cows back. It was an extremely scary moment, but by staying calm, along with a quick phone call to my veterinarian, I was confident I could help her. My veterinarian told me how to get the calf positioned and said to call him if I needed him. It took a bit of work, but by pushing the calf back a little and then working his legs up, he was finally in the correct position. I then wrapped the OB chains (something I have had for a while but never used) and helped the cow get him out.

I wish I could say it was a happy outcome, but it wasn't for the calf. He sadly didn't make it, but by being prepared having everything I needed in one easy to get to spot the cow pulled through. In over 10 years of breeding Dexters, I have never had to assist a birth until then. I thought I was probably over prepared, but honestly I don't think you ever can be over prepared.

I have had to toss out an expired item or two that was never used, but to me, in emergency situations, those items are worth their weight in gold and I would rather need to dispose of unused supplies than not have them when I need them. I can not stress the importance of having a kit together and ready to go. As the saying goes prepare for the worst, but expect the best! 📌



Photo Credit: Laaci Louderback

UGH, IS THAT A WART?

How to manage cows with Bovine Papillomavirus.

BY DOUG LOYD



Photo Credit: Elissa Emmons



Photo Credit: Maria Legler

Warts, caused by bovine papillomavirus (BPV), are extremely common in cattle and generally affect cattle under two years of age. Older cattle seldom have warts, likely due to their immune system being further developed. BPV is highly contagious. Luckily, it is species-specific, so BPV can't spread to humans, horses, goats, etc. Cattle are the primary carrier for the virus and it is usually spread by contact between cattle, but the virus can also survive for extended periods of time on feeders, water troughs, halters, ear, tagging equipment, and other surfaces. Due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, cattle with visible warts are generally not allowed in shows or sales with other cattle. Additionally, cows are typically exposed approximately two months prior to the growth of the wart, meaning biosecurity and biocontainment is essential in keeping BPV cases to a minimum.

Daniel Grooms, DVM, PHD, of the Michigan State University Large Animal Clinical Sciences Department said that there are six strains of the BPV affecting various parts of the body.

They are:

- **BPV1:** Nose, teats, and glans penis
- **BPV2:** Head, neck, and brisket
- **BPV3:** Head, neck, and intra-digital
- **BPV4:** Bladder
- **BPV5 & 6:** Teat

BPV is considered self-limiting and can resolve without medical intervention. Warts can disappear over time and the animal will develop an immune response to help prevent future cases.

Warts can also be removed by surgically cutting or crushing the wart. This might release more of the virus in the bloodstream and initiate a quicker immune response.

The Colorado Serum Company has a broad-spectrum wart vaccine, involving two injections subcutaneously along the side of the neck, and a booster within three to five weeks. This preventative vaccine, according to the label, will likely only be effective prior to exposure.

With this information, you can decide the best course of action for your own cattle. On our small farm, approximately 50% of calves under two years of age have had warts. We have never had any warts on cattle over two years of age. In our experience, the warts have resolved themselves within three to six months without scarring.

You should always obtain advice and treatment from a veterinarian if you suspect that an animal with warts is exhibiting other problems that may or may not be related to the warts. In short, while warts aren't pretty, they are quite common and are usually nothing to be alarmed about, but always check with your veterinarian if you have any questions. 📌



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 22, 2023 – 5:30 pm CDT

Correction: The July minutes in the ADCA Volume 4, 2023 bulletin were mislabeled as the June minutes.

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1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 5:32pm 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 6:50pm CST

Next meeting: AGM wrap-up meeting June 23, 2023 5:30 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky





AGM WRAP-UP MEETING

June 23, 2023 – 5:30 pm CDT

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1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm 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 5:50pm CST to elect officers and discuss staff contracts.

5) The board returned from executive session at 5:36pm 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 6:40pm CST

Next BOD meeting: - July 11, 2023, 7:00

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 14, 2023 - 7 pm CDT

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1) Laaci Louderback called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm and roll call was taken.

2) The purpose of the meeting was to address and clarify foreign registries.

- The PDCA is a recognized U.S. registry. Kimberly Jepsen expressed concerns about the increasing difficulties to register PDCA animals with the ADCA as each generation passes. Currently, animals from the PDCA can be registered in the ADCA while circumventing the ADCA policies regarding the first owner requirement. PDCA owners are considered the first owner and do not have to follow the same requirements as ADCA breeders. Kimberly suggested that the restrictions for the first owner policy be made easier for ADCA members, or a new policy be considered to shut the back door for PDCA animal registrations that circumvent the first owner policy.

- Kim Newswanger stated that “foreign registries” as described in the original SOPs was applicable to actual foreign imports. PDCA should be recognized as a competing U.S. registry. Jim Woehl stated the board had already determined Legacy to be a database and not recognized by the ADCA as a registry. Santiago Lizarraga suggested that the SOPs should be updated to include the actual names of the foreign registries recognized by the ADCA.

- Directors were in agreement that the ADCA cannot allow PDCA animals to be registered with less restrictions than required of ADCA breeders.

- Registrations have been denied to ADCA members due to the first owner policy. Members often have difficulties getting animals

registered when the first owner walks away and refuses to communicate with them, leaving them with an unregistered animal.

- Jim Woehl stated that the ADCA's first owner policy had a bailout clause that would give regional directors the capability in extreme cases where all other options and resources have been exhausted, to override the first owner policy. None of the directors present were aware of the bailout clause. Jim would like the board to update the SOPs to include the bailout clause and requested for Laaci to place this topic on the agenda for the September BOD meeting.
- Santiago Lizarraga proposed changing requirements for animals being registered from a foreign registry to Instead of recognizing a five-generation pedigree, require that all animals in the pedigree be ADCA registered. He proposed a separate policy that would give owners from the other registry the ability to submit registrations with some form of approval from the original breeder.

- Mark Chaney proposed charging a higher cost to register animals from a competing registry, to compensate for the additional work needed to complete that animals pedigree in the registry.

- Jim Woehl clarified that the ADCA first owner policy was put in place to protect breeders and the decision to register animals under their farm name. The board can discuss and consider changes to the policy at the next board meeting, but they needed to stay on the topic of foreign registries for this meeting.

- Kim Newswanger made a motion, Mark Chaney 2nd, effective immediately, in order to register any animal from a competing US

registry, that animal must have a five-generation purebred pedigree in which all sixty-two ancestors are registered with the ADCA. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor and one vote in opposition.

- Jim Woehl made a motion, Mark Ballard 2nd, to update the Standard Operating Procedures, section 9, to clarify non-United States acceptable registries to include, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, and Canda and remove competing US registries. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mark Chaney made a motion to increase registration fees for animals from a US competing registry. Following discussion, the board deemed it unnecessary to increase registration costs due to the passing of the motion requiring all animals and their five-generation pedigree be registered with the ADCA. The board clarified that the new policy will not affect PDCA animals already registered in the ADCA registry, and they will be grandfathered in. Effective immediately, no more PDCA animal numbers will be entered into the ADCA registry, those animals will have to be ADCA registered according to ADCA requirements.

- Laaci Louderback, Kim Newswanger and Carole Nirosky will create the changes for the SOP's and send them to the board asap.

- Jim Woehl reminded Laaci to add the first owner policy discussion to the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: September 5, 2023,

7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 5, 2023 - 7 pm CDT

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1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Laaci Louderback.

2) Roll call was taken.

3) Reports:

a) Treasurer's report: Total liabilities and equity \$362,884.32 as of July 31, 2023.

- Questions were raised about the reconciliation discrepancies of \$11, 938.14, Roberta was not in attendance to consult.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total members 2023: 1669 = 44 new members / 2022: 1706 = 52 new members

- Registrations 2023: 206 / heifers: 125 / cows: 26 / bulls: 53 / steers: 2

- Registrations 2022: 210 / heifers: 138 / cows: 16 / bulls: 53 / steers: 3

- Transfers 2023: 169 / 2022: 220

- The board went into an executive session at 8:13pm to discuss a member item. The board returned from executive session at 8:20pm.

- Directors gave updates for events happening in their regions.

- Region 1 – Meeting Fri, Oct 20 at the MDBA Fall Classic Oct 20-21, 2023, Dexter Show Saturday, Oct 21, 2023.

- Region 4 – Utah State Fair Sept 7-17, 2023. Dexter Show Friday, Sept 8, 2023

- Region 6 – Oklahoma State Fair Sept 14-24, 2023. Dexter Show Friday, Sept 15.

4) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

a) Bulletin liaison - Kimberly Jepsen

- Bulletin Timeline –board members were reminded that they are still able and encouraged to write articles and or regional news updates. Members that would like to write something for the Bulletin are also encouraged to do so. Kimberly would like the Bulletin to remain personal with articles written by directors or members instead of exclusively using canned articles.

5) Continuing Business

a) Treasurer Position Update – Kimberly Jepsen / Laaci Louderback

- Laaci, Kimberly and Mark Chaney met with a representative from

Jitasa accounting to discuss options for acquiring their services. Kimberly stated that services could be selected a-la-carte to insure we only pay for services needed. The cost would increase slightly but benefit greatly by having a professional firm processing our finances and records. The board will have to select a point person to work as a liaison with Jitasa. This person would approve all purchases and payments, obtain reports and be capable of writing checks if needed.

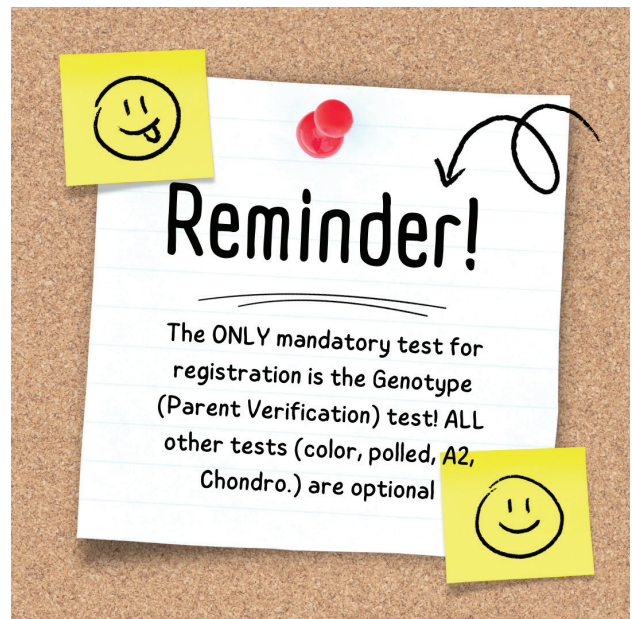
- Dave Cluff made a motion, Skip Tinney seconded, to move forward with hiring Jitasa to handle ADCA financials.

- Discussion followed with the Board agreeing to decide on a point person and a possible second checker at a later date.

- The motion passed unanimously. The board will ask Mark Chaney to make arrangements with Jitasa.

6) New Business

a) Cleaning up the wording of the First Owner Policy in relation to Foreign registries.





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• The board held a meeting on 8/14/2023 to discuss changes to the Standard Operating Procedures in relation to acceptable foreign registries. Changes were made and presented to the board for consideration. SOP changes in red:

Section 9: Registration of Foreign Animals and Animals Registered in a Competing US Dexter Registry

ADCA Registration of a Dexter that has already been registered in an ADCA-recognized U.S. or foreign registry (Australia -DCAL, Canada -CDCA, Germany - DVD, South Africa -SA Dexters, United Kingdom – The Dexter Cattle Society) may be applied for under these conditions:

A. The ADCA registration application form shall be accompanied with a copy of the animal's Foreign Registration Certificate showing the ownership and a five-generation (62 ancestor) registered purebred pedigree from the Country/Registry of origin

B. The registration application must include: 1. the name of the importer of animal/s, 2. the owner of record in the foreign registry 3. a bill of sale (including date)

C. evidence of agreement between foreign registry owner of record (seller) for the buyer to register animal in ADCA (letter from foreign owner of record stating such)

D. All other ADCA eligibility requirements apply and must be in place prior to application for registration in ADCA including ADCA recognized DNA genotypes and parent verification.

E. DNA genotype test reports for the sire, the dam and the animal qualifying both its parents shall also accompany the registration application for foreign animals. U.S. registries other than the ADCA must follow the ADCA standard operating procedures for genotype.

F. In case of a bred female, a properly signed and executed breeding service certificate and a registered five-generation (62 ancestor) purebred pedigree of the sire of the fetus are also required, along with a DNA genotype test report of the sire that is acceptable to the ADCA designated laboratory for sire qualification.

ADCA Registration of a Dexter that has already been registered in a Competing US Registry (any registry, database, or other Dexter organization within the US) may be applied for

under these conditions:

A. The animal must have a five-generation purebred pedigree in which all 62 ancestors are registered with the ADCA (full ADCA registration or previous P-number entry in the ADCA database).

B. All other ADCA eligibility requirements apply and must be in place prior to application for registration in ADCA including ADCA recognized DNA genotypes and parent verification.

• Jim Woehl made a motion, Mark Ballard seconded, to accept the SOP changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Dexter Beef Promotion & Classification

• Laaci Louderback stated that members have contacted her to find out what is happening with both of these programs. The board suggested asking those members if they would be willing to volunteer and help with the building and implementation of those programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: October 3, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 3, 2023 - 7 pm CDT

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1) The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Laaci Louderback.

2) Roll call was taken.

3) Reports:

a) Treasurer's report: Roberta Wieringa was not in attendance but supplied financial reports. Total liabilities and equity \$357,060.20 as of August 31, 2023.

- Kimberly Jepsen inquired about the progress for obtaining the new accounting services. Mark Chaney replied that he has been in contact with Jitasa accounting to finalize the details of our contract with them. When the contract has been signed an accountant from their firm will be assigned to handle our financials. Mark and Roberta will work with the accountant to get all the necessary accounting responsibilities switched over to Jitasa.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- The registrar has been officially working with the BBC software for a year, going forward report totals will be

- Total members 2023: 1758 / 2022: 1797
- Registrations 2023: 200 / heifers: 114 / cows: 19 / bulls: 59 / steers: 8
- Registrations 2022: 130 / heifers: 82 / cows: 7 / bulls: 39 / steers: 2

- Transfers 2023: 226 / 2022: 154

- The next phase of the BBC software is the new online pedigree, and it is due go into effect in January 2024. At that time, we will no longer be using Capable Computing for the online pedigree.

- Skip remarked that while reviewing his new member list, several new members in

his region did not have a phone number or email address on the online pedigree. He was concerned that those new members may not receive communications from the ADCA. Jill assured the board that new members receive a packet with a request to review their contact information and update us with their changes. Jill will ask Ranch House to place a mandatory field on the transfer form for new member phone numbers to ensure we have a way to communicate with them.

- The board went into an executive session at 8:18pm to follow up on a member item that was discussed at the September board meeting. The board returned from executive session at 8:30pm.

- Jill stated that she is currently working on registrations and transfers received as of 9/26/2023. Straight forward registrations are processed first. Any registrations missing information are moved to the side for further investigation, noting that those registrations may take longer to process. The BBC software only allows one transfer to be processed at a time, so they take a little longer to complete.

c) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

- Youth zoom update – Jim Woehl
- The youth meet via zoom in September and are willing to meet every two weeks to get the ball rolling on a new ADCA youth program. There was a small number of participants, but they expressed lots of energy and shared input about what they would like to see in the new program. Jim and Laaci believe we are

off to a great start and look forward to the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/4/2023 – 6:30cst.

- New YADCA Facebook page is up and running. The youth will help to post and monitor the FB page.

- Jill Delaney recommended contacting Don Giles to see if he would be interested in helping due to his commitment to the youth in his region. Mark Ballard will send Don an invite to the youth meeting.

- Expo update - Kimberly Jepsen gave an update on the expo committee meeting.

- Mayes County Fairgrounds in Pryor Oklahoma. Convention Center cost is \$1500, and deposit placed.

- Proposed Speakers and classes

- Steve Campbell of Tailor-Made Cattle (TAILOR MADE CATTLE) has been obtained as our keynote speaker. Steve's fee is \$900 per day plus travel expenses.

- Barry Whitworth of OSU. Veterinarian and Animal quality health specialist will give a presentation on how to rotate a calf in utero using a replica of a life size cow with calf.

- Dallas Greenwood, butcher will hold a beef sausage making class.

- Possible - Milk / Cheesemaking / training a milk cow class

- Showmanship and Show prep class to be taught by Kenny Endl

- Oklahoma Dexter Breeders association members have volunteered to help with onsite jobs at the expo.



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• Auctioneer and Judges and photographer still need to be secured.

• Hotel information will be placed on the website soon.

• The expo committee will be meeting again in November.

4) Continuing Business -

a) Regional Director elections - Dan Edgington

• Dan reported that there will be no elections held this year for regional directors in regions 9, 10, or 12. Only one nomination was received for a regional director, and that was for Santiago Lizarraga in region 10. Kim Newswanger will continue as director in region 9. Santiago Lizarraga will continue as director in region 10. Region 12 is currently vacant. Another email will be sent to region 12 members seeking an interim director.

b) Treasurer Position Update –

• Dave Cluff requested for the ADCA to take advantage of one of the services offered by Jitasa accounting, which is to assist in developing policy and good practices. Dave stated that this was one of the goals of last year's budget/finance committee and it would be advantageous to obtain professional help while crafting new policies. Mark Chaney agreed to look further into this further but recommended waiting until after the transition of moving financial control from Roberta to Jitasa is complete.

• The ADCA must appoint a liaison to work between the ADCA Board and Jitasa but will refrain from doing so until the transition is complete, and they have a better understanding of the requirements and responsibilities for the liaison. In the meantime, Mark Chaney will continue working with Jitasa accounting on behalf of the board.

c) First Owner Policy – Santiago Lizarraga

• Santiago proposed changes for the first owner policy's authorized representative form and rules. While the board recognized a need to consider reducing some of the stringent rules currently in place for registration under the first owner policy (FOP), they also recognized the value and importance of protecting first owners with the FOP.

• Following discussion, the board concluded that most registration problems arise when some first owners fail to follow through with the registration process for animals they have sold as registered, thus leaving buyers with an unregistered animal. The board deemed those cases as extenuating circumstances that should be investigated by regional directors. Regional directors have the authority to override the FOP in cases where due diligence has been made and where every attempt to work with the first owner has been exhausted.

• The board was in agreement about eliminating the need for a notarized signature for

the first owner on the authorized representative form. Laaci will make suggested adjustments to the proposed authorized rep form and rules as discussed and present them to the board for review and approval.

5) New Business

a) Zoom verses Google going forward – Mark Ballard

• Mark Ballard reported his findings after comparing services and costs for Google Workspace verses Zoom. Zoom is our current platform for holding ADCA meetings. Google Workspace has several service plans that could save the ADCA some money. Google Workspace also has more features that would allow the ADCA to streamline emails, communication, document storage and sharing plus Google Meet for hosting online meetings.

• Following discussion, the board agreed to signing up for a free 14-day trial period of Google Meet in order to test it out during the November board meeting. If it works well for that meeting the board will consider switching from Zoom to Google Workspace. Mark Ballard, Dave Cluff and Carole Nirosky agreed to head up the trial with Google Workspace.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: November 7, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 7, 2023 - 7 pm CDT

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 Region 12 – vacant

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1) The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Laaci Louderback. There was a short delay due to meeting via Google Meet.

2) Roll call was taken.

3) Reports:

a) Treasurer's report: Roberta Wieringa has been working with the transition team to move financial responsibilities to Jitasa, she no longer has access to QuickBooks and could not provide a financial report. Going forward, Mark Chaney and Laaci Louderback will be the ADCA contacts for the Jitasa accountant that has just been assigned to the ADCA, Mark will be working with him to finalize everything including moving ADCA banking to a national bank. Roberta asked where she should send ADCA equipment and paperwork, Mark will let her know where to send it once the transition is complete.

• Jill asked how refunds would be handled from this point on – the board told Jill to handle PayPal refunds. All other requests for refunds, reimbursements, time sheets, etc. must go through Mark or Laaci for processing.

• The board thanked Roberta for her time served as the ADCA treasurer.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

• Total members 2023: 1868

• Registrations 2023: 223 / heifers: 131 / cows: 16 / bulls: 64 / steers: 12

• Registrations 2022: 172 / heifers: 109 / cows: 14 / bulls: 42 / steers: 7

• Transfers 2023: 279 / 2022: 310

• Jill relayed a concern from a member who's advertisement was not included in the latest version of the Dexter Bulletin. Kimberly Jepsen responded that she would contact that individual about their advertisement. Kimberly stated that there were a few bumps in the road with the last edition due to changes to a new publisher, editor, and liaison. They are working together to improve the process while continuing to produce an outstanding Dexter Bulletin.

c) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

• Marketing / Education committee – Kimberly Jepsen

• Kimberly introduced guest Pork Rhyne of Agro Educators International, who joined the conference call to present a proposal for a marketing/educational project that could benefit ADCA members. AGRO Educators International offers a comprehensive program that addresses the unique needs of our members with valuable insights, industry best practices and an opportunity to learn from each other's experiences. The AgroPreneur Mastermind course includes 12 monthly interactive sessions geared to help ADCA members grow their businesses. The cost for all the services included in the marketing program is \$10,000.

Overall, the board was in favor of considering the Mastermind course. They expressed their thanks to Mr. Rhyne for his presentation and told him they will review the information that was provided and continue discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Rhyne exited the meeting at that time.

• Software Update – Jill Delaney gave a brief update on the BBC software. A new deployment will be happening Friday November 11, it includes multiple updates that Jill and Susan have been working on to improve the program. The new online pedigree will be updated after the first of the new year.

• Youth zoom update – Jim Woehl stated that the youth committee will continue to meet every two weeks. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023. Officers were elected at the last meeting, President – Erin Chambers, Vice President – Charlotte Dykstra, Secretary – Tessa Erickson. Treasurer - vacant.

• Regional Updates

4) Continuing Business -

a) Treasurer Position Update – Mark Chaney reiterated that the Jitasa transition team had completed gathering the information from Roberta to take control of ADCA finances. Mark received notification today of the name of the accountant assigned to the ADCA. Mark will contact him about obtaining reports and moving bank accounts to a national bank chain.



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b) First Owner Policy - Laaci Louderback as requested at the previous board meeting, presented proposed changes to the authorized representative rules that are located in the standard operating procedures under the first owner policy. The requirement for a notarized signature for the first owner was eliminated and regional directors given the authority to override the FOP in cases where due diligence has been made and where every attempt to work with the first owner has been exhausted.

- Mark Ballard made a motion, Jim Woehl 2nd, to accept the authorized representative exception changes for the standard operating as amended to allow one or several animals to be authorized for registration and to say, “regional directors will give their approval to the actions being made on a case-by-case scenario, when all of the other listed avenues have been exhausted”. The motion passed unanimously.

- Dave Cluff requested confirmation on policy from the board relating to a specific case from a member in his region regarding registration of a PDCA bull. The bull meets all the genetic requirements for ADCA registration and is registered in the owners name in the PDCA. The board stated an authorized representative

form signed by the first owner needs to be submitted for registration. Registration could fall under exemption #6 of the above policy if all attempts to work with the first owner have been exhausted.

c) Region 12 – interim director – item tabled until December meeting.

5) New Business

a) Budget Meeting – Dave Cluff will host a budget meeting and email a proposed budget to the board prior to the December meeting. The budget committee consists of Dave Cluff, John Wallace, Skip Tinney, Kimberly Jepsen. Mark Chaney also agreed to join the committee.

b) Pedigree & Genetic committee – Kim Newswanger was contacted by a Canadian breeder who is trying to encourage dual registration in the ADCA with his fellow Canadian breeders. He asked if the ADCA would accept their national tag (equivalent to the US 840 tag) as permanent ID for registration. Discussion was held about accepting foreign ID from imported animals and the board agreed that their country's numbering system should be acceptable. Jim Woehl asked Kim to update the sops to reflect acceptable foreign ID's.

c) Zoom verses Google Marketplace going forward – The board met on the Google Meet

platform in order to test it verses Zoom. All agreed that Google Workspace features would enhance the boards communication and functionality over the Zoom platform for less than what we are currently paying for Zoom.

- Dave Cluff made a motion, Mark Ballard 2nd, for the ADCA to move from Zoom to Google Marketplace platform. No more discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

- Mark Ballard and Carole Nirosky will complete the transition. ADCA emails will be created for all directors and officers at dexter-cattle.org.

6) Other –

a) Jim Woehl stated the new youth board is working on rewriting bylaws for the youth program. He noted that in the current bylaws, the youth president is listed as a non-voting member of the ADCA board. Jim requested an invitation be sent to Erin Chambers, the new youth president, to attend the next ADCA board meeting. The board was happy to include Erin in the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: December 5, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky



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1) The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Laaci Louderback.

2) Roll call was taken.

3) Reports

a) Treasurer's Report/Update

- Mark Chaney received a financial report from Jitasa and shared it with the board prior to the meeting. Overall, the reports are easy to read but a question was raised about how some of the categories were totaled. Mark will make some inquiries about the report and bring his findings back to the board at a later date. Total liabilities and equity are \$367,316 as of October 31, 2023.

- Mark Chaney and Laaci Louderback have been in contact with the new accountant at Jitasa and are working with him to complete the transition of the ADCA finances. There are a few items to iron out, but things are moving forward. Mark has been communicating with Roberta Wieringa and she is also helping by providing information as needed.

- Carole Nirosky has been in contact with Highpoint bank to remove Roberta Wieringa as a signer and add Mark Chaney. Carole will follow up with Highpoint to ensure the changes are completed, Mark and Carole will be the only signers with access to the bank accounts.

- Monthly stipends have been delayed. Laaci commented that bill pay should have received the invoices for stipends. Mark will follow up to ensure stipends are paid as quickly as possible. The board recommended sending the ADCA checkbook to the Carole or Mark in case checks need to be issued. Carole will contact Roberta about overnighting the checks.

- Kimberly Jepsen submitted a reimbursement to Roberta Wieringa for the expo venue for \$1500 and has not received payment. Mark will inquire about Kimberly's reimbursement.

- A request was made to have a tab for the budget vs actual expenses. Skip asked if anyone had provided Jitasa with a list of recurring bills that are paid on a set schedule to ensure payment. Laaci was sure Roberta had provided that information, but Mark will follow through on this item with Jitasa.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total members 2023: 1917 (653 new members / 1264 recurring members)

- Registrations 2023: 223 / heifers: 105 / cows: 10 / bulls: 44 / steers: 4

- Registrations 2022: 172 / heifers: 107 / cows: 9 / bulls: 35 / steers: 6

- Transfers 2023: 207 / 2022: 194

- Jill Delaney asked Ranch House to adjust

the online membership forms to reflect the discount for early renewal.

- Jill had a mini zoom call with Susan Smythe to discuss the new deployment that she has been working with. BBC in the development stage of online software. The software committee will reconvene the first of the new year.

- Registrations are only 10 days out due to the additional help received from Fiona Delaney, who is continuing to complete transfer transactions and Amon Delaney is handling the mailing.

- Members wanting to add photos to the pedigree page should be email photos to Jill (adcaregistrar@gmail.com or Delaney.ray@hotmail.com) and she will make sure they are posted.

- Jill stated that she did not receive extra Dexter Bulletins from this last mailing for the welcome packets. Kimberly Jepsen was aware of the problem and will follow up with the publisher on missing bulletins. Mark Chaney asked about the cutoff date for the Summer Bulletin. Kimberly explained that the new publisher has a different schedule and cutoff dates, but she will let everyone know the new dates as soon as possible.



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2) Youth – Erin Chambers, the youth president, has been invited to attend ADCA board meeting as her schedule allows. She was not in attendance for this meeting.

3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

a) Youth Committee – Jim Woehl stated the proposed bylaws are in circulation amongst the youth board and they will be meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2023 to hopefully finalize and have them ready to present to the ADCA board at the January meeting. The youth have requested google email accounts for the YADCA president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Additional emails for the YADCA officers would cost \$576 per year. The board will discuss the request for emails at the budget meeting.

• Laaci Louderback stated that the information for YADCA meetings will be posted on the YADCA Facebook page for any youth interested in attending the meetings.

b) Budget Committee – Dave Cluff stated that the budget committee had met, and they have several ideas they would like to present to the board at a special budget meeting.

Planning was a little more difficult due to the transition of the financial records, but the committee believes the budget should be similar to last year. Following a brief discussion, the board scheduled a special budget meeting for Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:00pm.

c) Regional Updates/Reports

• John Wallace, for personal reasons, will be stepping down as the educational chair.

• Region 6 will be hosting a regional meeting February 24, 2024 in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Breeders.

4) Continuing Business

c) Region 12 – Dan Edgington was unable to reach a member that had shown interest. Jim Woehl shared that Rick Seydel would be willing to act as the interim director for one year. Jim Woehl made a motion, Mark Chaney 2nd, to appoint Rick Seydel as the interim director for up to one year. The motion passed unanimously.

d) New Google Accounts set up – Laaci Louderback encouraged directors to complete their sign-in to the new google accounts. A couple of directors were reluctant and expressed concerns about adding an additional email account. Discussion was held about the long-

term benefits of switching to google accounts such as, ADCA branding, uniformity on the website, marketing and helping to improve the overall communication within the board and association. Transitioning email information will be smoother for future officers and directors. The board agreed to a full transition to using the new email accounts exclusively by January 1, 2023.

5) New Business

c) Bulletin Articles or Notices – Laaci Louderback encouraged directors to submit any upcoming event notices or items of interest for the Bulletin. Kimberly asked if directors could write one article per year because members like hearing from within the association rather than just using canned articles. Directors may also encourage members to submit articles of interest for consideration.

6) Other – no further discussion

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm CST
Next BOD meeting: January 3, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

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