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## BULLETIN

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION®



EXPO SHOW INFO

# 2023 ADCA EXPO

JUNE 22-24  
SALT LAKE CITY  
UTAH



Comfort Suites Airport  
171 N. 2100 W.,  
Salt Lake City, UT, 84116



UTAH  
STATE  
FAIR  
PARK

- Hotel reservations can be made via the ADCA Expo Website link.
- \$119 per night - June 21 (check-in) - June 24 (check-out) . Reservations must be made prior to May 1, 2023. Cancellations can be made up until same day arriving
- Group rate Code: LADCA
- Suites include 1 King or 2 Queen Size Beds/ Free Wifi /Hot Breakfast / Fitness Center / Indoor Pool / Smoke Free.
- Truck Parking



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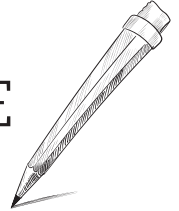
As a member of the American Dexter Cattle Association, I agree that I will:

- 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.

## AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION MISSION

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

## EDITOR'S NOTE



Hi there, Dexter owners and enthusiasts!

Ahh, summertime! It's the little things about this time of year that really stand out to me— I can leave the house with just one pair of pants on and not half a dozen layers! Everything about taking care of my animals suddenly feels easier. Now that water troughs aren't frozen, I can spend extra time planning and prepping for the season!

Of course, this time of year also comes with its own challenges. In this issue of The Dexter Bulletin, we go over the importance of monitoring your herd's body condition to keep them healthy and get ahead of problems before they turn into emergencies. As you are planning this year's breeding schedule, be sure to read over our breeding soundness primer. We also go over the importance of tetanus vaccines, and how to help prevent coccidiosis.

You might also notice some new author names in this issue. At EG Media, we are excited to be partnering with the ADCA to help bring you more content and be a resource for you and your herd! We publish Hobby Farms, Chickens Magazine, Horse Illustrated, and a handful of other livestock publications, and I am learning loving all about Dexter Cows!



Enjoy the sunshine,  
Shoshana

Dynasty Lickety Split  
Red River Dexter  
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# | PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE |



We have had a great spring and summer is so close that I can almost smell the fresh cut grass! I can't wait for some nice summer weather, and all the things that come with it being summer time— getting to spend time with the new spring calves, really getting into a milking routine, and spending time at different shows and fairs spreading information about the Dexter breed.

As you have seen in past minutes or regional emails, this is the first Bulletin Issue in which we have partnered with EG Media. This is going to open our bulletin up to a whole new world. Not only will you continue to see article from different regional directors and members, but now with EG Media, we will have access to agriculture and livestock articles written from all around the world.

I cannot believe that the Expo, AGM and National Show will be here in just a few short weeks. I know I have said this countless times, but if you can go— go! The week is packed with tons of educational seminars and you get to meet with gorgeous Dexters and their breeders. Plus, the educational opportunities let you learn new and exciting things and brush up on topics that you are already familiar with. Being able to spend that week of the Expo with so many other Dexter Breeders is an amazing experience. Chatting with others from all over the nation— face to face— really puts into perspective how many people are invested and care about the Dexter breed. So many others that have started their herds for the same reasons you have, and are going through the same ordeals as you, and we all come together for a common goal— to produce the best Dexters we can! Our Dexters provide for our friends, family, and clients, with the highest quality products out there. And the community is truly is what makes the Expo such and amazing event.

Can't wait to see you all in Salt Lake City!

Laaci







# LEARNING TO LEAD

**I**t was time to begin training our sweet heifers, Sunshine and Daisy, to walk on the halter in preparation for their future as our long-awaited milk cows. We had high hopes for the two of them, as they were the first two heifers we had ever raised, and we believed that our daily pampering would result in a willingness to cooperate. We had no previous experience with halter training, and nobody to provide seasoned advice. However, we had a rope halter in hand and enthusiastic determination to succeed. Both girls immediately turned their head away as we attempted to put the halter on, but their sweetness overcame their dislike of our clumsy efforts. Soon they looked cute and happy again, and

we thought the remainder of our training effort would simply involve pulling them a short distance to a stall where we could provide a treat as a reward for their willing and generous participation.

That was the moment when we learned how strong, stubborn and immovable an innocent little five-month-old Dexter heifer can be. We pulled, we pleaded, we even tried pushing, but the furthest we could get was a single stumbling step every few minutes. We also tried giving a treat after each step, which they delightfully devoured before immediately resuming their enthusiastic determination not to follow. After taking perhaps 10 agonizing steps, Daisy flopped hard onto her side with her



legs straight out, rolled her eyes so far back in her head that we could only see their whites, and pathetically groaned as if to say “Look what you’ve done . . . you’ve killed me!”. We offered her a treat in condolence, and she instantly popped up to take the treat with bright, happy eyes before resuming her immovable stance.

Halter training can be a frustrating exercise, and our experience with Sunshine and Daisy inspired us to seek an easier method. While halter training isn’t required for milking, it can make a real difference at critical moments. If you use the same milking routine every day, your milk cow will likely follow it without significant effort on your part. However, in various circumstances she can become confused and unsure of what to do, and you can minimize frustration by using a halter to guide her.

There are many different methods of halter training, and we have developed a technique that takes advantage of a cow’s natural desire for routine and for treats, thus making the process less stressful for everyone involved. Our method of halter training is a very gentle four-step process that takes only a few short weeks to complete, and is based upon establishing a simple routine that a calf or cow can quickly learn and eagerly repeat. Best of all, it involves very little pulling and pleading, and therefore results in much less frustration. While we normally perform halter training on calves, this method should work equally well on any Dexter of any age.

## STEP 1: ACCEPT THE HALTER

We begin by training the calf to accept the halter. This is easy for us because our calves are calm and trusting as a result of being brushed and petted regularly. While the calf is lying down and resting, we show it the halter and slowly and gently put it on. We leave the halter on for only a few moments, then gently remove it while providing enthusiastic praise. We repeat this until the calf is fully conditioned to receiving the halter, even when standing up, without backing away.

## STEP 2: FOLLOW THE TREATS

When the calf reaches the age of approximately four months old, we begin offering it a few alfalfa pellets. The calf may initially be reluctant to accept the pellets, and if so, we gently stuff a few into its mouth. The calf will likely decide that it likes the alfalfa pellets and will accept them readily. We then teach the calf to follow us by giving it one pellet at a time as we slowly walk backward toward a routine destination where it can be given generous praise and a small pan of the pellets without interference from other members of the herd, such as into a barn, stall, or corral. We repeat this at the same time and location every day until the calf reliably follows us along the same path to the same destination without effort or delay, which might occur after only a few days of easy training.

## STEP 3: WEAR THE HALTER TO THE TREATS

Once the calf is trained to readily follow us to the bowl of treats, we begin the next day by putting the halter on the calf and giving it a few alfalfa pellets to let it know what we are doing. We then loosely hold the

lead rope and slowly walk backwards giving it one pellet at a time, and the calf will follow us as usual to the destination while offering very little resistance. After the calf eats the treat, we lead it out by again slowly walking backwards while giving it one treat at a time. After leading it out, we generously give it praise and a few final pellets as we remove the halter. We repeat this at the same time and same place every day to train the calf that wearing the halter and walking on the lead are simply part of the routine of getting to the treat at our usual destination.

After the calf will readily follow us to the bowl of alfalfa pellets while wearing the halter, we begin tying the calf to a post at our usual destination while it eats the treat, and require it to stand calmly for a few minutes after it is finished. We gently brush the calf while it is tied, and provide plenty of praise. If the calf decides to pull or thrash, we step away and allow it to do so until it calms down, and then brush it again briefly. After a few minutes of being tied, and only after it is standing calmly, we untie the calf and lead it out as usual.

## STEP 4: VARY THE PATH

At this point the calf will be excited when it sees the halter, it will readily accept the halter, and will immediately follow us along our usual path to the treat. It will stand calmly while tied, and will easily follow us out of the destination when we are finished. We then begin leading the calf along a slightly wider path to the treat, and increase the length of the path a small amount each day. The calf might initially resist taking a different path, but if we offer it an alfalfa pellet now and then, it will begin to willingly follow as we make our way to the bowl of treats inside our barn. We also begin following a routine path within our barn including a treat at our milking parlor, then again after stepping into our trailer, and again after being tied to a sturdy post before proceeding to the exit gate. From there we begin taking a routine short walk outside the barn to visit a few other close destinations, with a small treat at each momentary stop. Within a few days the calf will readily walk with us on any path to receive a treat, and therefore will be fully halter trained.

Sunshine and Daisy eventually learned to walk on the halter extremely well, and would readily follow us wherever we led without any resistance at all. Our initial experience with them may have been frustrating, but it inspired us to significantly improve our methods. We’ve learned through many experiences that our sweet Dexters greatly desire to follow routines, and can be easily trained if we do the same thing at the same time and in the same place every day. If there is a treat involved, our cows will require only a few days to learn the routine and will eagerly follow it when we desire. When halter training is learned as a routine, it becomes a gentle, easy and enjoyable process. Our method requires a small amount of time every day for a few weeks, but if you’re a milker, there will be days when you’ll be glad that you invested the effort. As well, there is a very special, very unique pleasure in the cherished tradition of leading your cow to the milking parlor where you work together as partners to fill your bucket with heavenly sweet cream. ❀



# KEEPING OUR CATTLE HEALTHY

Learn more about caring for your favorite breed of cattle  
Watch the largest Dexter Cattle show in the nation

Gather for pizza at a Meet & Greet  
Enjoy a catered Banquet Friday night

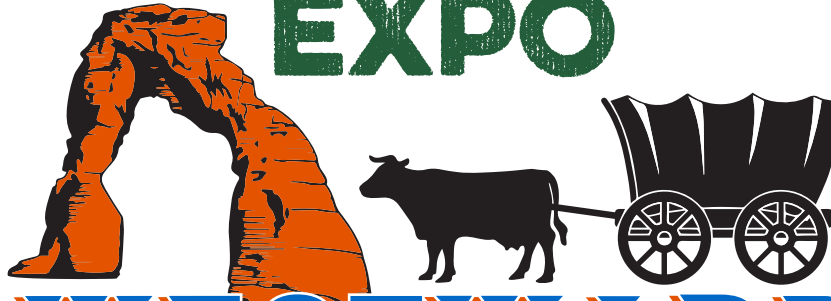
If you've never been to a Dexter Expo before,  
this is the perfect opportunity to learn while  
networking with other enthusiastic breeders.



**2023**  
**DEXTER**  
**EXPO**  
**SALT LAKE CITY**  
**UTAH**  
**UTAH STATE**  
**FAIR PARK**  
**JUNE 22-24**



# NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO



## WESTWARD BOUND

### JOIN US AT THE NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO!

This annual event offers an opportunity to see and learn about Dexter Cattle, the Dexter Cattle Community, and the American Dexter Cattle Association.

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 21, 2023

- All Day - Setup/Early Arrivals
- Early Bird Bonus Seminars
  - 3:00 - Lead Training
  - 4:00 - Show Prep
  - 5:00 - Showmanship

#### THURSDAY JUNE 22, 2023

- 8:00 Check In
- 10:00 Class (Show prep 101) - Rick Seydell
- Clipping/Grooming
- 11:00 Training your cattle - Panel Discussion
  - Good Manners
  - Getting cattle used to being handled
  - Basics of halter training
- Lunch
- 1:00 Showmanship - Vicki Jones
- 2:00 Milk! (Milking Basics, Cheese, Yogurt) -Audrey Dawson
- 3:00 BioPryn Preg Checking
- 4:15 Welcome - President/Host Region
- 4:30 Annual General Meeting
- 6:30 Dinner (Sponsored by ADCA)

#### FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2023

- 8:00
  - Check In
  - Meet The Breeders
  - Youth Member Meeting
- 9:00 - A.I. Fundamentals - Josiel Lopez
  - How to find an A. I. tech
  - Where to buy straws
  - How store straws
  - Heat Synchronization
  - Heat Detection
- 10:00 Small Scale Cattle Handling
  - Blocking Chute
  - Squeeze Chute
  - Alleys
  - Tubs/Bud Box
- 11:00 Minerals/Nutrition - Redmond Minerals
  - Lunch-Cow Costume Contest
- 1:30 Registration and Transfer - Jill Delaney
- 2:30 Conformation - Jim Woehl
- 4:30 AGM Wrap Up (Board Only)
- 6:00 Dinner Awards/Auction

#### SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023

- 9:00 Youth Show
- 1:00 Open Show-
- Presentation awards to follow immediately after

**VISIT [DEXTERCATTLE.ORG](https://DEXTERCATTLE.ORG) FOR MORE INFO**

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We need your Dexter pictures to grace this magazine.  
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## ADCA SWAG BAGS

### FOR SPONSORS



As a special thank you to all our sponsors this year the ADCA will be handing out Thank You Swag Bags! Each swag bag will include your name and farm listed on the ADCA website as an official Expo Sponsor for one full year, a limited supply ADCA member bumper sticker, recognition in the Expo program as an official sponsor and a more!

\*Sponsors not attending the Expo will have their Swag Bag mailed to them.

#### **\$100 & \$150 Sponsorship Swag Bag Contents:**

1 Year Expo Sponsorship Advertisement on ADCA Website  
ADCA Membership Bumper Sticker  
Your name & farm name advertised in Expo Program  
Sponsorship Certificate  
Estimated Value: \$75

#### **\$250 Sponsorship Swag Bag Contents:**

Your Farm Advertised in the ADCA Quarterly bulletin 1/4th page  
1 Year Expo Sponsorship Advertisement on ADCA Website  
ADCA T-Shirt or ADCA Hat  
ADCA Membership Bumper Sticker  
Your name & farm name advertised in Expo Program  
Sponsorship Certificate  
Estimated Value: \$175

#### **\$500 Sponsorship Swag Bag Contents:**

Your Farm Advertised in the ADCA Quarterly bulletin ½ page  
1 Year Expo Sponsorship Advertisement on ADCA Website  
ADCA T-Shirt and ADCA Hat  
ADCA Membership Bumper Sticker  
Your name and farm advertised in the Expo Program  
Sponsorship Certificate  
Estimated Value: \$250

#### **LEVEL UP!**

Multiple Sponsorship Donations can be combined to elevate your Swag Bag Thank You Contents to the next level. Example: three \$100 sponsorships can be combined to receive the \$250 Swag Bag or two \$250 sponsorships can be combined to receive the \$500 Swag Bag.

# CLASS SPONSORSHIPS



Below are the various sponsorships for the 2023 National Expo. Please consider sponsoring one or as many as you desire! Sponsorships can be chosen and paid for on the ADCA website in the in Expo store.

## YOUTH ADCA CLASSES

Peewee 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

Junior Steer Calf	\$100
Senior Steer Calf	\$100
Yearling Steer	\$100
Senior steer	\$100
Grand Champion Steer	\$250
Reserve Grand Champion Steer	\$150
Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100

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

## COST OPEN CLASSES

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
Young Cow	\$100
Intermediate Cow	\$100
Mature Cow	\$100
Grand Champion Female	\$500
Reserve Grand Champion Female	\$250
Grand Champion Female Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Female Buckle	\$100

Junior Steer Calf	\$100
Senior Steer Calf	\$100
Yearling Steer	\$100
Senior steer	\$100
Grand Champion Steer	\$250
Reserve Grand Champion Steer	\$150
Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Steer Buckle	\$100

Junior Bull Calf	\$100
Senior Bull Calf	\$100
Junior Yearling Bull	\$100
Senior Yearling Bull	\$100
Young Bull	\$100
Mature Bull	\$100
Grand Champion Bull	\$500
Reserve Grand Champion Bull	\$250
Grand Champion Bull Buckle	\$100
Reserve Grand Champion Bull Buckle	\$100

Best of Udder	\$100
Cow-Calf Pair	\$100
Get of Sire	\$100
Produce of Dam	\$100



# 2023 EXPO CLASS LISTING

## SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Class	Description	Age Range
S-1	Peewee Youth Showmanship	5 to 7 years (with parent/adult)
S-2	Junior Youth Showmanship	8 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	1/01/2023	Present
Y-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2022	12/31/2022
Y-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	7/01/2022	9/30/2022

### DIVISIONAL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

Y-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	4/01/2022	
6/30/2022				
Y-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	1/01/2022	3/31/2022
Y-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2021	12/31/2021
Y-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 to 24 months	7/01/2021	9/30/2021

### DIVISIONAL JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

Y-8	Young Cow	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2020	6/30/2021
Y-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	7/01/2018	6/30/2020
Y-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		6/30/2018

### DIVISIONAL SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

#### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Y-11	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2023	Present
Y-12	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2022	12/31/2022
Y-13	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2021	6/30/2022
Y-14	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2020	9/30/2021

#### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Y-15	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2023	Present
Y-16	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2022	12/31/2022

### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF

## BONUS CLASSES

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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## 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
O-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2023	Present
O-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2022	12/31/2022
O-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	7/01/2022	9/30/2022

### DIVISIONAL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

O-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	4/01/2022	6/30/2022
O-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	1/01/2022	3/31/2022
O-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2021	12/31/2021
O-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 to 24 months	7/01/2021	9/30/2021

### DIVISIONAL JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

O-8	Young Cow	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2020	6/30/2021
O-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	7/01/2018	6/30/2020
O-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		6/30/2018

### DIVISIONAL SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

O-11	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2023	Present
O-12	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2022	12/31/2022
O-13	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2021	6/30/2022
O-14	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2020	9/30/2021

### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

O-15	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/01/2023	Present
O-16	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	7/01/2022	12/31/2022
O-17	Junior Yearling Bull	12 to 18 months	1/01/2022	6/30/2022
O-18	Senior Yearling Bull	18 to 24 months	7/01/2021	12/31/2021
O-19	Young Bull	2 to 3 years old	7/01/2020	6/30/2021
O-20	Mature Bull	3 years and older		6/30/2020

### GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

## BONUS CLASSES

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

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

# 2023 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW REGULATIONS

## 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 21, 2023. Late entries received May 22, 2023 thru May 30, 2023 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER May 30, 2023.
- 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 1/2"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 (new 2022) - 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 21, 2023. Late entries received May 22, 2023 thru May 30, 2023 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER May 30, 2023. 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.

## 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.

# IT'S TIME FOR FARM COWS TO GET AN ANNUAL TETANUS SHOT

Spring is here and it's time to administer vaccines to your farm cows, including give them their annual tetanus shots.

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ANNA O'BRIEN

Most farms stay busy in spring, don't they? Even if you don't raise young cows, many typical cow husbandry practices occur this time of year.

One of the more common practices? Administering spring vaccines, and this typically includes a tetanus shot. We'll take a closer look at this lethal disease and the simple steps to prevent it.

## WHAT IS TETANUS?

Tetanus has an interesting origin story. The disease—you may have heard its common name lockjaw—occurs via toxins produced by the bacteria *Clostridium tetani*. These anaerobic bacteria (they thrive in environments without oxygen—an important note) live in the soil.

They also show up in the intestinal tracts of humans and cows.

*C. tetani* hang out as spores in normal, healthy tissue and the ground. They don't cause a problem—they exist basically in suspended animation—until their dream environment arrives: no oxygen.

## TETANUS, MEET COW

How does this happen in an cow? Consider the most common cause of tetanus: a deep puncture wound, as in stepping on a nail.

Within the damaged tissue, oxygen supply is cut off. Even in the smallest of wounds, this anaerobic environment stimulates the activation of *C. tetani* spores. They “awaken,” start to metabolize and grow, and release a very potent neurotoxin.

This causes tetanus.

This neurotoxin causes spasmodic muscle contractions. These gradually worsen as the toxin travels through the body via lymphatic drainage and the circulatory system. Eventually the toxin reaches the muscles needed for breathing.

If untreated, an cow with tetanus will die.

## VACCINATION INFORMATION

Luckily, you can buy relatively inexpensive tetanus vaccines easily and administer them yourself. You can purchase livestock tetanus vaccines as an individual vaccine or together with other vaccine combinations.

A common combo is the “C/D & T” vaccine for ruminants. This also vaccinates against two other types of Clostridial disease (C. perfringens, the cause of overeating disease) and C. tetani.

It's also good to know the two types of tetanus shots you can give: tetanus toxoid and tetanus antitoxin.

### Toxoid

The tetanus toxoid is the “true” vaccine in that, when given, it stimulates the cow's immune system to develop antibodies against C. tetani for any future infection.

The key word here: future. You typically administer toxoid vaccines as a series of two shots as part of a regular vaccination program. Like any vaccine, the tetanus toxoid takes several weeks to stimulate the body to make an appropriate level of antibodies.

This immunity will last several months up to a year.

### Antitoxin

Conversely, the tetanus antitoxin acts more as an immediate prophylactic. This injection offers immediate protection from any C. tetani toxin in the body but only lasts a few weeks.

Administration occurs if an cow already suffered an injury or wound.

It is also typically given on the day of castration and/or tail docking.

### TIMING

So should you give the toxoid or antitoxin to your cows? Or both? The answer depends on timing.

If you perform castrating/tail docking, give the toxoid vaccine—complete with its booster—several weeks prior, and then give a dose of the antitoxin on the day of the surgery. If you simply give your adult cows their spring vaccines without any other procedures, a tetanus toxoid will do enough to provide year-long protection.

However, if at any point an cow suffers a puncture wound or deep laceration, your veterinarian will likely administer a dose of antitoxin just in case. Simply put, doubled up, a toxoid on board in the spring and the antitoxin when any surgical procedure or injury occurs is the best way to protect your cows from this lethal disease. ♣





# RENEW YOUR ADCA MEMBERSHIP TODAY

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- inclusion in the world's largest registry of pedigreed Dexter cattle
- access to your ADCA Regional Director (via email or phone) for questions and/or advice
- Dexter Bulletin (4 issues per year)
- Voting rights to determine the direction of the organization

at [dextercattle.org](http://dextercattle.org) or by mail. Membership is for a 12 month period from January to December. Membership dues are \$40 per individual and \$55 per family/partnership. A youth membership is \$10. New members that own or become an owner of ADCA registered cattle will receive their first year of membership free for that calendar year. If you receive a free new membership in 2023, you will need to renew in January 2024.

Check payable to ADCA,  
or pay online at [dextercattle.org](http://dextercattle.org):  
American Dexter  
Cattle Association, Registrar  
P.O. Box 209  
Stephenville, TX 76401

## PICTURE THIS: EXPO 2023 NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Ribbons will be awarded along with premiums. The premiums are:

1st place \$35

2nd place \$25

3rd place \$15



We want to see amazing photos of your Dexters! Not only are there prizes to be had, but the winner of the People's Choice Award will be used as the cover of an upcoming ADCA Bulletin. All photos submitted for the Photo Contest must be of ADCA-registered animals. Additional information at [dextercattle.org](http://dextercattle.org) in the EXPO Store.

## CATEGORIES

**BULL**  
**COW AND HER CALF**  
**KIDS AND DEXTERS**  
**FARM ANIMALS AND DEXTERS**  
**HERD GROUP SHOT**  
**PHOTOGRAPHER'S SPECIAL**

(any picture that doesn't fit in the above categories)

# OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM ADCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The American Dexter Cattle Association would like to address some concerns that have been raised by a few of our members in regard to recent social media posts from a former member and the denial of their membership.

We would like to assure our members that we did not take this situation or our decision to deny membership lightly.

This particular case has been ongoing for a minimum of 14 months following the filing of an ethics complaint which contained 100's of emails received attacking the association and individual members. The ethics committee investigated and found the party to be in violation of the ADCA ethics code. In 2022 the board offered a solution for this farm to continue registering their cattle with the ADCA by designating them as a registration only membership (RM). This party repeatedly chose not to comply with the terms and conditions of their RM membership. Leaving the ADCA no other option but to deny the renewal of their membership application in 2023. This is not the outcome we had hoped for, but their continued disregard for the code of ethics left us no other choice but to impose this action. The ADCA takes pride in serving our membership, upholding, and moving the largest Dexter registry in the world forward, however, we will not tolerate bullying behavior from anyone who brings harm to the association or its members.

Honestly, ethics complaints are rare, but when one is received we take them seriously. Procedures have been established in the standard operating procedures for the ethics committee and the board of directors to follow. The ethics committee is not a standing committee, it is created ad-hoc for the specific purpose of handling a particular case. It is comprised of seven individual members in good standing of the ADCA with 4 being board members. The accused is made aware of the members investigating their case and have the opportunity to request a replacement for any of the committee members. Standard operating procedures for the ethics committee can be found section 15 of the SOPs on the ADCA website.

In summation this is not an action we wanted to take. We gave clear expectations and allowed them to have an RM membership so they could continue to do business with the ADCA. They chose not to comply, and as a result the ADCA board of directors made the decision to decline their application for membership.

## **ADCA By-Laws, Article 1**

### **Section 1.17. Expulsion of Members.**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to expel any members who fails to observe the rules and regulations set forth in these bylaws, the certificate of incorporation or the Official Standard Operating Procedures of the corporation and whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board of Directors prejudicial to the interests of the corporation. Procedures for expulsion are the same as for suspension of memberships.

## **ADCA Standard Operating Procedures Section 3: Requirements for Membership**

E. The ADCA reserves the right to refuse membership or membership renewal in its discretion. Application payment will be returned to applicant in full. Refusal would be determined by a board review and majority vote.

## **Section 14: Code of Ethics As a member of the Association, I agree that I will:**

H. Conduct myself in such a way as to protect the good order, welfare, reputation, and credit of the Association – abiding by the Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures of the American Dexter Cattle Association – and doing no harm to the Association, its Officers and Board of Directors, or its membership.

# MONITORING, MANAGING, MAINTAINING **BODY CONDITION**

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**MARK CHANEY** | REGION 8 DIRECTOR

Monitoring, Managing, and Maintaining your cattle's body condition is critical for the health and productivity of your animals. As Dexter cattle producers', our goal is to produce quality beef and/or milk., and our success reaching this goal is directly connected to the body condition of our animals. Monitoring our cattle's body condition helps us evaluate their health and nutritional status. Changes in body condition reflect how well nutrients provided meet the needs of the animals, and other health considerations. Body condition is also linked to reproductive performance, leading to further success and profitability when you keep their body condition at the forefront of your operation.

Maintaining body condition is a year-round process. Regularly evaluating your cattle gives you a snapshot of their current nutritional management and also helps you adjust future grazing and feeding decisions to optimize their condition. Managing and maintaining body condition is important for short-term feeding and grazing decisions and also plays a role in long-term fertility and longevity of your herd. You can't manage what you don't measure, and this simple step in herd management can get you ahead of potential major health and management concerns. Therefore, Dexter cattle owners should take the time to regularly evaluate overall condition of the cattle and identify cows that have lower condition scores and make appropriate changes

## **FEED AND RATIONS**

A complete feed analysis combined with the right ration measurements is essential in managing body condition. Seasonal rainfall and summer weather patterns impact hay and pasture quality. Sampling the harvested hay and monitoring uncut pastures for their nutritive value will help develop a balanced ration that meets nutrient requirements, and effectively maintains condition on the cow herd.

Supplementing grain concentrates when forage is not adequate can increase your herd's health. High protein grain supplementation of cattle grazing low-quality grasses makes cattle able to better utilize the forage, and also stimulates appetite and increase rate of passage — both of which increase forage (and total energy) intake of the cow. Supplementation in the fall can maintain body condition on cows during mid-gestation, when their energy requirements are typically at their lowest. It is easier to maintain or add condition to a cow in mid to late fall. Feeding to increase weight on pregnant or lactating cows during colder weather requires considerably more energy (and concentrate feed).

## **WEANING**

Discussions around the best time to wean typically focus on the calf, not so much the cow. Weaning earlier can help manage body condition



of cows, especially when there is limited forage. When the calf is weaned, the cow's energy and protein requirements drop by 30%. Early weaning may not be needed every year, but it can be beneficial when managing young growing cows, and older cows that struggle keeping a healthy composition during late summer.

## PARASITES

The impacts of both internal and external parasites affect the herd, with the severity dependent on the level or degree of parasitic load. Flies and other biting insects impact herd health and have a significant impact on herd behavior and grazing patterns. Internal parasites inhibit nutrient adsorption by the animal and can also impact immune status and reproductive performance.

## BODY CONDITION SCORING SCALE

Rating your cattle on the Body Condition Scoring scale (BCS) is an easy way to track your herd's progress. The scale rates the animal on a

scale from 1-to-9, with 1 being severely emaciated and 9 extremely obese. Particular attention is paid to areas such as the spine, ribs, hooks and pins, tail-head, brisket, and muscling in the round and shoulder. The American Dexter Cattle Association has put together a very useful tool on the website to help with this.

<https://dextercattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/bcs-scoring-1.pdf>

You can evaluate body condition anytime you are around your cattle, but it is recommended to make evaluations 60-to-90 days before calving, at calving, and weaning. An easy way to determine your herd's average body condition is to tally the number of cows that fall into each BCS category. Taking the time to record and monitor this information will help you make management and wellbeing decisions that will benefit your productivity and herd.

## VISUAL METHOD FOR EVALUATING BCS

The relationships between BCS and reproduction is well-studied. Cows with more ideal BCS at calving are more easily bred back sooner. Cows



*Chaney's Samson  
Chaney Dexter Cattle*



# TIPS

1. Keep it simple. Cows that are thin or over conditioned can be grouped to manage nutrition.
2. Be consistent. Body condition scoring is subjective. However, if you or your veterinarian are the one consistently doing the evaluations, then relative differences can be determined.
3. Evaluate fat thickness, not other external factors. When evaluating BCS, consider pregnancy, rumen fill, hair coat thickness, and age of the cow. Become familiar with the normal appearance of your cattle during each stage of production to accurately gauge fat thickness.
4. Use body condition scoring at key times. These include the beginning of the last trimester, calving, and weaning. Assessing BCS at these times allows you to make management and nutritional changes if necessary before important milestones, such as calving and breeding.
5. Don't forget to score your bulls. Body condition scoring bulls is important because they are the other half of your breeding equation, and bull fertility is critical. Aim for optimal condition six-weeks or more before the start of the season.
6. Record body condition scores. This allows you to learn from changes over time.
7. Use body condition scoring to time management decisions. Rather than a set calendar date for weaning, weaning time can be used as a tool to manage cow body condition. Avoid starting the winter with thin cows that require more concentrate feed for maintenance and will struggle to regain weight without significant expenditures on feed.

		Physical Attribute					
	BCS	Spine	Ribs	Hooks/Pins	Tailhead	Brisket	Muscling
Thin	1	Visible	Visible	Visible	No fat	No fat	None/atrophy
	2	Visible	Visible	Visible	No fat	No fat	None/atrophy
Borderline	3	Visible	Visible	Visible	No fat	No fat	None
	4	Slightly visible	Foreribs visible	Visible	No fat	No fat	Full
Optimum Condition	5	Not visible	Not visible	Visible	No fat	No fat	Full
	6	Not visible	Not visible	Visible	Some fat	Some fat	Full
Over-Conditioned	7	Not visible	Not visible	Slightly visible	Some fat	Fat	Full
	8	Not visible	Not visible	Not visible	Abundant fat	Abundant fat	Full
	9	Not visible	Not visible	Not visible	Extremely fat	Extremely fat	Full



in better body condition at calving deliver calves that show greater average daily gain, which results in heavier weaning weights. A BCS of 5 helps ensure a sufficient rebreeding rate the following year. Therefore, you should avoid a decrease in BCS during pregnancy. Research shows that the care of the pregnant cow affects the calf and poor nutritional status of the mother may have long-term negative impacts on the calf.

A minimum BCS of 5 should be achieved before breeding to ensure acceptable reproductive performance. Heifers should have a BCS of 5-to-6 at calving. If they have a BCS of 4 or lower, they may show poor results in cycling and pregnancy. Cows with a greater BCS at calving have more protective antibodies in their milk, which means more protective antibodies circulating in calf-serum and greater health protection for calves.

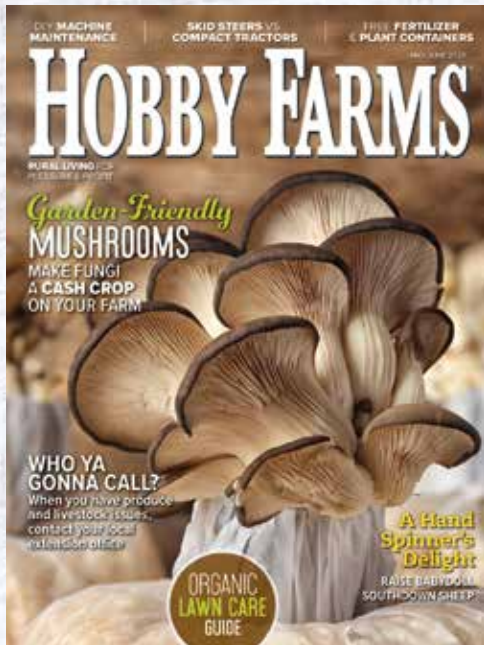
## DON'T FORGET THE BULLS!

Ideally, a bull should have a BCS of 6-to-7 before breeding season. Both over conditioned and under-conditioned bulls can cause a problem. A bull may lose 100+ pounds during the breeding season, so assessing BCS throughout the breeding season helps you determine if you need to additionally nutritionally supplement your bulls to maintain productivity. Bulls that are too thin during breeding are less active and may reduce breeding success. Scrotal circumference is an estimate of reproductive capacity. Bulls with a higher BCS have a larger scrotal circumference than thinner bulls. However, fat in the scrotum can negatively affect semen quality. Semen quality is reduced for bulls with a BCS greater-than 7 or those with body condition scores less-than 4.

Maintaining body condition throughout the year is like proper maintenance of your vehicle. Routine maintenance is important to minimizing breakdowns (injuries and illness in the herd). Short-term financial savings in forage and feed might backfire in lack of herd health and veterinary care in the long run. ❀



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## FEBRUARY

February 7, 2023  
7 p.m. CST

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

1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:05 pm central and roll call was taken.

### 2) Reports:

#### a) Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa

- Total liabilities and equity as of December 31, 2022, \$385,146.20.
- Tax forms have been sent to the IRS and contract employees. Cynda Rodgers prepared the 1099s and has been sent everything to prepare the 2022 taxes.
- Roberta, Dave Cluff and Kim Newswanger have been working together to create a new chart of accounts for QuickBooks due to the number of outdated accounts in the current version. Due to the vast differences in account numbers it will be easier to start over in QuickBooks as a new company beginning with January 2023. Discussion was held about the trial balance report presented at the AGM, because of confusion over the bottom-line dollar amount on the report. People were under the impression that the bottom-line amount was showing the current balance of funds, and that's not what that number is telling us. The trial balance report has a totally different purpose. Dave Cluff wanted to assure the board and membership that \$373,080 is the accurate total of funds available and nothing is missing. Jim Woehl expressed that Cynda Rodgers has found everything to be correct while working on the ADCA taxes.
- Roberta re-sent the ADCA financials for December because the board did not receive them before the meeting.
- Roberta created a new email for the treasurer: ADCA\_treasurer@yahoo.com. John Wallace asked about the initial plan for assigning the board Gmail addresses and using a google account for document sharing. Laaci responded; the goals committee is working on streamlining everything with google accounts. She is waiting for a determination from google about our non-profit status before we can move forward.

#### b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Jill is continuing to work with Susan on the financial segment of the new software. They are tweaking parts of that area to better suit the treasurer's needs. Reports are being fine-tuned so Jill requested that numbers she provided the board not be published until reports are verified. There are numerous options for types of reports available

and Jill is trying to decipher the best monthly report for the BOD.

- 50 new member packets are going out this week. Membership renewals are taking longer because herd prefixes are being added into the new database. Jill expressed surprise at the number of member renewals processed for breeders that have never registered a Dexter. There was a short discussion about various reasons for not registering including members with commercial herds. Mark Ballard asked if Jill could create a list of those members by region, she will attempt it when she has time.
- Mark Chaney asked how membership renewals compared to previous years. Jill stated that renewal cards were coming in slower than previous years, but memberships tend to catch up by August. She still has a large quantity of membership renewals to process dating back to January 25.
- Laaci Louderback informed the board that Susan Smythe will be giving an update on the new software at the March BOD meeting.

### 3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

#### a) Bulletin Committee – Kevin McAnnany

- Kevin informed the board that the committee has spent the last year researching the possibility of moving the production of the Dexter Bulletin to an outside vendor. Kevin stated that he and Kimberly Jepsen are stepping down from producing the Bulletin due to the amount of work and time involved. EG media, which produces Hobby Farms and other publications, is willing to partner with the ADCA to produce and mail the Dexter Bulletin at approximately the same costs. The ADCA will continue to be in total control of the Bulletin and will appoint a liaison to work with EG media on behalf of the association. Brent of BP Designs will continue to design the bulletin. EG Media has multiple resources to pull from for articles and content as needed and they will also provide editing services. Moving to a professional publisher makes sense overall to ensure a quality product continues to be delivered to members now and into the future even as the board continues to change. Kevin and Kimberly will be working with EG Media to produce the next couple of editions with the hopes of EG Media taking over completely by the end of the year. Production timetables will have to be adjusted to meet EG Media's timeline so the Bulletin committee will be writing up a proposal for SOP changes to present at the next BOD meeting.
- In regard to a question about article content, Kevin and Kimberly assured the board that the ADCA would have total control over the Bulletin content and will be able to manage or micromanage as deeply as the board wishes. EG Media will not include photos or articles about other breeds of cattle. The board or ADCA members will still be able to and are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication.
- The board was supportive of using EG Media to produce the Dexter Bulletin and gave the committee the go ahead for the next edition. The BOD thanked Kevin and Kimberly for their hard work. Kevin offered to hold a special meeting so the BOD can choose the covers for the Bulletin for the remainder of this year. Jim Woehl suggested using photo contest photos as covers and as a way to encourage

- more participation in the photo contest.
- The Bulletin timeline will be moving up for the next edition and Laaci encouraged everyone to get their information to Kevin as soon as possible.

## b) Goals committee – Laaci Louderback

- The goals committee reviewed and adjusted their proposal as recommended by the Board at the last meeting. Jim Woehl stated that the committee agreed with concerns about including classification as a pillar for the organization. The committee moved classification under the education pillar. The committee proposed three pillars as the main objectives to focus on for the association at this time. The established pillars are association infrastructure, education, and member services. Jim Woehl stated that three to five pillars are standard for any business, and this proposal leaves room to add one or two pillars as deemed necessary in the future.
- Laaci explained that as she mentioned earlier in the meeting, she has contacted Google and is waiting to hear back from them before we can move forward with streamlining the ADCA email accounts and document sharing plans. The entire process has taken much longer than she anticipated. This process falls under the association infrastructure pillar.
- Dave Cluff made a motion, Mark Chaney 2nd to accept the goals as presented with classification moved under the education pillar. The motion passed unanimously, and Jim requested for the goals be included in the next Bulletin.

## c) Ethics committee – Dave Cluff

- The committee will be meeting February 8, 2023 to do an initial review of complaints received.
- Dave asked for clarification from the board about acting on complaints from members that may not be current with their membership. The board agreed that membership may be delayed on our end due to the new software and complaints should be received and addressed.
- Dan Edgington asked if the board would accept ethics complaints from a non-member? Following a short discussion, it was decided that the board would have to look at the governing documents to make a determination about accepting an ethics complaint from a non-member.

d) Dave Cluff had a question for the pedigree and genetics committee concerning the purchase of animals from a breeder that no longer owns or breeds Dexter cattle. The breeder is okay with the animals being registered but they are not interested in paying membership fees just to register them. The board agreed that the first owner policy must be followed for registration. A suggestion was made for the new owner to ask the breeder to submit registrations if they offer to fill out all the required paperwork and pay the fees along with the breeders yearly membership.

## e) Education committee –

- John Wallace has contacted Dr. Browning at the University of Tennessee about obtaining educational videos for the YouTube channel. Dr. Browning is looking forward to helping the education committee.

- John has reached out to the Utah university to see if he can find someone to take videos of the educational seminars at this year's expo. He is waiting for a reply.
  - Laaci had a request from a member for a new video to be created for the YouTube channel about how to pull tail hairs for testing.
- ## f) Pedigree and Genetics Committee – Kim Newswanger
- Kimberly Jepsen received an email from a member with concerns about PHA testing. This member had a calf test positive for PHA at UC Davis, she sent two more samples of tail hairs and they also tested positive for PHA. The sire and dam are listed as non-carriers on the ADCA pedigree page. She sent samples in to test both the sire and the dam. The dam tested positive for PHA. She had the dam tested two more times and both came back positive. Kimberly sent the information to the P&G committee for further investigation. The cow has two offspring, both bulls, and only one has offspring recorded. Kimberly asked the owner of the cow to contact the owner of one of the bulls and inform him about the cow testing positive for PHA and encourage him to have the bull tested. There are concerns because the owner of the bull also owns PHA carrier cows.
  - Kim Newswanger said the cow was originally tested as a non-carrier at TAMU, the original owner could have received an incorrect result. There were concerns about incorrect results coming from TAMU. Kimberly Jepsen stated that she has asked the owner of the cow to send new tail hairs to TAMU to perform another test which may help determine which lab is correct. Jim Woehl questioned whether the cow may have actually been tested originally and said that previous to Jill being the registrar, members could click on the obligate box without providing documentation. Jill said the old software would fill in obligate status if sire and dam were listed as non-carriers. Kim will contact TAMU to see if she can obtain original test results for the dam.
  - Kim Newswanger asked Jill to remove the non-carrier status from the cow on the pedigree page.

## 4) Continuing Business –

### a) Chris Odom Award – Dan Edgington

- The committee would like to be able to recognize and reward applicants based on their efforts at the discretion of the Odom committee. They would like to consider other options for awards as an alternative of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place only. The board agreed to allow the committee to move forward with updating the procedures for awards.

### b) Show Classes – Santiago Lizarraga

- Dave Cluff explained the changes to the classes for the expo that will allow more opportunity for owners to show their animals. Four bonus classes have been added to the end of the day for the open show, Best of Udder, Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, and Cow/calf. There are no entry fees for the bonus classes because animals must be shown in their respective classes earlier in the day and they have already paid a premium to show. The addition of the Best of Udder class will hopefully encourage more participation and draw attention for education on proper udder structure. Cow/Calf

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class has been added as a bonus class for the youth show. Monetary awards will be available for these classes.

## 5) New Business –

- a) UC Davis / TAMU Genotype file accessibility – Kimberly Jepsen contacted Josephine at TAMU.
  - Due to the amount of inquires regional directors receive from members trying to get genotype reports for animals they have purchased, Kimberly reached out to both labs about their policies for sharing genotype reports.
  - TAMU responded and said they send a report to the association periodically, that includes the accession numbers for animals tested at their lab. TAMU will provide a copy of a genotype report to the association if a previous owner is unable to be contacted.
  - UC Davis has not responded yet, but we know UC Davis sends case numbers for tested animals to the association. The website has a box for affiliations and genotypes may be requested by the association if the affiliation box has been checked.
  - Historically UC Davis will not release genotype reports to anyone other than the owner. Jim Woehl cautioned the board and suggested for them to refrain from releasing any genotype data to members even if the approved labs are willing to release that information to the association.
  - Further discussion revealed the labs may be able to send reports to another lab. Kimberly will follow up with UC Davis and their policies.
  - Kimberly suggested for the board to consider adding a box to the website, for members to check and allow the association to have the right to share genotype reports with a new owner.

6) The board went into executive session at 8:57 and to discuss a member related issue, they returned at 9:01.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is March 7, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

# MARCH

March 10, 2023  
7 p.m. CST

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

1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm central and roll call was taken. Susan Smythe was also in attendance.

## 2) Reports:

- a) Better Built Cows software update – Susan Smythe
  - Susan Smythe presented a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines an agreement between the American Dexter Cattle Association (ADCA) and Better Built Cows (BBC), for development of ADCA registry software enhancements. In addition, the MOU also addresses work which was completed in the second release of the original MOU, but which has not yet been financially settled. Due to the enormous amount of work and follow-up needed to ensure that each release is working properly the timeline needed to be remapped. Because some of the components from the second release will now be completed at a later date, Susan adjusted the original payment from \$3000 to \$2000. She made a request for the board to review the new MOU by March 15 at which time she will be paid work that has been completed. Susan also included an invoice for \$1000 for the completion of the data migration which took much longer to complete than anticipated. Susan was happy to report the database is solid and secure. Work will begin on the third release of the software which will contain a public component and member services. These segments will be completed in smaller components and a plan will be developed for introducing members to the new software.
- b) Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa was unable to attend, she sent reports to the board prior to the meeting. Total liabilities and equity \$412,226.80 as of January 31, 2023.
- c) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney
  - Members Feb 2023: 968 / Feb 2022: 983 There were no questions about the registrars reports.
  - Jill noted that the member map would be updated soon.
  - Eamon Delaney is working part time to help enter membership request and will be trained to process transfer applications.

## 3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

- a) Bulletin Committee – Kevin McAnnany
  - Kevin gave an update on the progress for the Dexter Bulletin and the new publisher EG Media, he said everything is going according to schedule. Kevin reminded everyone that the deadline for the next edition is March 15, and he stressed the importance of meeting the new deadlines. The committee was joined by other board members to help choose bulletin covers. Members should be encouraged to send photos for use in the bulletin.
  - The committee asked the board to review and accept newly updated SOPs for the Bulletin standard operating procedures which included changes for the new deadlines and publishing dates.
  - (i) Following a brief discussion Santiago Lizarraga made a motion, Dave Cluff seconded, to accept the new Bulletin SOPs as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Expo committee – Santiago Lizarraga
  - The expo committee is exploring the idea of purchasing sound system equipment such as a mixer, wireless microphones, and storage cases suitable for shipping for the purpose of using the equipment for the annual general meeting. Santiago will research the cost and present them at the next meeting.



## APRIL

April 4, 2023  
7 p.m. CST

- The Expo store is up and running. Sponsors are already coming in. Meals, merchandise, and other items will be added to the store soon.
- John Wallace has been in touch with Utah State University about obtaining students to video tape seminars at the expo. The university has a website for job postings and suggested using it to find a photographers for the expo. The board thought it was a good plan and following some discussion, Laaci asked John to finish gathering information and make a formal presentation to the board. Kevin McAnnany suggested that a video release form should be signed by every presenter because we will be posting videos on the ADCA YouTube channel.

#### 4) Other Business –

##### a) Youth Director

- Laaci Louderback received inquiry regarding the youth director position, they wanted to know if it could be a shared position. Laaci suggested that one person could serve as the youth director and the other could serve on the youth committee. Discussion followed and it was stated that the idea could be reconsidered when the nominations are received.
- Mark Chaney asked if the youth director was provided funds to travel to youth events. Laaci stated the travel expenses were approved by a previous board but the details for implementation were never completely worked out.
- Dan Edgington wanted clarification about the age requirements for the youth director. Kimberly Jepsen stated that the youth director has to be an ADCA member, and anyone under 18 years of age cannot be a member of the association. Youth membership does not qualify because they are not voting members of the association. Dan would like it to be made clear in future advertisements.

5) The board went into executive session at 8:46 and to discuss two specific member issues, they returned at 9:22.

#### 6) New Business

##### a) Expo travel expenses

- Laaci asked the board for a decision about covering travel expenses for staff members. The board agreed to cover actual travel expenses for either driving or flying and hotel rooms.

##### b) Other –

- Mark Chaney had a member contact him about the PHA case that was discussed at the last meeting. This member wanted to know if the ADCA was covering the cost for testing animals in this particular case. Kim Newswanger stated that new testing was not necessary in this case because it was determined that two cows had been switched when sold. The pedigree committee is working with the breeder, owners, and the lab to sort everything out with existing testing.
- Laaci reminded directors to encourage members to send in nominations for the annual ADCA awards. Chris Odom, Daggett Good Citizen, and Talisman Farm Awards.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is April 4, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

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President – Laaci Louderback , Vice Pres – Dan Edgington, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, \*Youth Dir – Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, \*Region 7 – Mark Ballard, Region 8 – Mark Chaney, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, \*Region 11 –John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany.

\* - not present

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

#### 2) Reports:

##### I. Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa

Total liabilities and equity \$414,927 as of February 28, 2023.

- Roberta asked if the M&A committee had received a request for funds from Carol Ferrell for the Mississippi show. Kevin replied yes, he will forward the approval form to Roberta so she can process the payment.
- Kim Newswanger asked if all the AI Bull and Breeder advertising invoices had been paid. Roberta replied that most had renewed and all the ads on the website have been paid for.
- Kim Newswanger requested clarification of \$578 listed on account #1000 of the Profit and Loss statement for February. Roberta was not sure but said she would look into it and report back.

##### II. Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total members 2023: 1114 / 2022: 1157
- Registrations 2023: 161 / 2022: 163
- Transfers 2023: 191 / 2022: 225
- Jill reported that she has a few members that are using the Record of Birth registration exclusively. She was concerned that some members may not understand the purpose of a ROB registration. A ROB can be used by breeders to keep an account of offspring for a cow that they may not want to register immediately. The ROB is also used to show that a calf is eligible to participate in a cow/calf class of a Dexter show. Laaci suggested placing an article in the next Dexter Bulletin that would define the ROB and its purpose. Jill wanted members to understand that registration and transfer applications have priority over a record of birth application so they will take more time to process. Record of Birth can be rushed for show purposes.

III. Skip Tinney announced that a member in his region is hosting a Dexter show this spring. They contacted Skip about obtaining liability insurance from the ADCA to cover their event. Skip referred them to Roberta. Roberta stated that the group should ask the venue if they could get a rider on their insurance, and we would reimburse them for the cost. Skip suggested that sometime in the near future the Board should meet to discuss and set guidelines for offering insurance for

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Dexter cattle organizations that are hosting events. Skip approved of the M&A committee's request for funds statement about the use of funds: Any group requesting funds must ensure that funds used for premiums must be used for ADCA members only. Kevin McAnnany has not received a request for funds for the event in Skip's region, but they did send information for the Happenings page. Kevin reminded everyone that events can be listed for free on the happenings page of the website and as text in the happenings page of the Dexter Bulletin. All other Dexter Bulletin advertisements follow the fee structure according to size of advertisement requested.

## 3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs

I. Laaci Louderback told the board that she signed the new memorandum of understanding agreement with Better Built Cows on March 15, 2023. The MOU was presented at the last meeting and the BOD was asked to give feedback by March 15, 2023, but no feedback was received.

II. Expo –

- Santiago Lizarraga obtained a price quote of \$1259.27 from Sweetwater Music Instruments & Pro Audio for the purchase of sound equipment to use for the AGM and regional meetings. The proposal was discussed, and Santiago recommended eliminating the case (\$249.99) and mic stands (\$31.92). Santiago said he could purchase two smaller cases from Harbor Freight for less than the quoted price.
- Following discussion Jim Woehl made a motion, Kevin McAnnany 2nd, for Santiago to purchase sound system equipment from Sweetwater Music, with the exceptions of the mic stands and the case as discussed previously. Laaci Louderback called for the vote to be taken. The motion passed unanimously. Santiago will purchase equipment and send receipts to Roberta for reimbursement.
- Expo – T-Shirts – Kevin McAnnany shared the final designs for the shirts. Pricing still needs to be determined. Youth shirts will be a different color and feature the Junior ADCA logo on the front. Every child that attends will be given a free shirt, the starting age is yet to be determined. Dave Cluff questioned the use of “Junior” or “Youth” on the logo based on comments made at the 2022 expo. The board decided to continue using “Junior” for the time being and allow the Junior board to make a decision for the future logo. Jill suggested recognition be given at the AGM/Expo for Junior board members that have served and aged out.

## III. Genetic information – Stefani Millman and Kim Newswanger

- Stefani Millman stated that they will be working to create one educational article per quarter to be published in the Dexter Bulletin and on the ADCA website. The goal is to help educate members about cattle genetics such as PHA and chondrodysplasia. Stefani said the fact sheet for chondrodysplasia currently posted on the website needs to be updated and possibly moved so it can be easily found. Kimberly Jepsen suggested that they tread lightly on the topic of chondrodysplasia and base their article on facts not opinion or emotions. Stefani agreed and said the first article is in

the works and once completed she will present it to the board for approval.

- Kimberly mentioned that the website committee needs a chair and co-chair.

## IV. Youth Director Nominations – Dan Edgington

- Only one nomination was received. Rene and Quynlyn would like to serve jointly as the youth director. Dan will be moving forward with vetting and background checks for both of them. Laaci asked if the committee was recommending a dual position? While Dan thought we should consider letting them serve jointly, Kimberly stated that because it is a voting position only one could hold the title as youth director. Dan will contact both of them again to talk about the directors role and try to obtain a commitment from one to act as director.

## V. Bulletin Committee –

Kevin McAnnany said things are moving along smoothly with the new publisher. The board will be receiving a draft in a couple of days. They provided three articles and did a nice job of editing one that was submitted. Hobby Farms will be placing a full-page advertisement in the Bulletin that will offer our members a discounted rate for their magazine.

## 4) Continuing Business

I. Welcome Packet update – Stefani Millman will be talking with Kevin about adding artwork to the document and then Kevin will pursue estimates for printing cost.

## 5) New Business

I. Laaci Louderback received a request from Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher, requesting a photo of a Dexter to use in their animal science textbook. The asked for permission to use a photo from our website and are willing to give credit and recognition to the animal, farm, and the association. The board agreed to give them permission to use the photo as long as the breeder is also in agreement. Laaci will reach out to the breeder.

## 6) Executive Session

I. The board went into executive session at 8:02 to discuss a genetic committee item and a member issue. The board returned from executive session at 8:54.

II. Immediately following the session Jim Woehl made a motion, Kimberly Jepsen 2nd, for the board of directors to authorize the ADCA president to retain legal counsel to help manage association business. Laaci Louderback called for the vote to be taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is May 2, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

# AGM REUNITED, AND IT FEELS SO GOOD!

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POPULAR DEMAND

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HELD IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADCA EXPO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)  
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 22, 2023  
ATTEND IN PERSON AT THE EXPO  
OR ACCESS THE LIVESTREAM VIA ZOOM

## BECOME A CLASS OR WINNER'S BUCKLE SPONSOR AT THE 2023 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW



### WHO CAN SPONSOR?

Anyone! A sponsorship can be in a Farm/Ranch or Individual's name

### WHAT'S THE COST?

Class sponsorships for the National Show start at \$100  
Sponsorship of the Winner's belt buckles start at \$250

### WHY SPONSOR?

Depending on the location of the Annual National Dexter Show at the Expo, it isn't easy for everyone to be there in person to show off their animals. In sponsoring a class or belt buckle, you and your farm can still be a part of the action by supporting fellow ADCA members and animals who have made the commitment to be there. Prospective buyers from across the country are often in attendance and it's a great opportunity to advertise your farm and Dexter herd.

### WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE FOR SPONSORING?

When you sponsor a class or buckle at the National Show you get the pride of being able to take part in one of the largest Dexter Shows in the country. Your farm will be acknowledged in the show schedule program and a short bio will be read as the animals of "your" class enter the ring!

### HOW TO SPONSOR?

It's easy! Go to the ADCA website ([www.dextercattle.org](http://www.dextercattle.org)) and go to the "EXPO INFO" page listed under the ADCA EXPO tab. There you will find a link to the 2023 ADCA National Dexter Expo Store. See pages 8 & 9 of this bulletin for more information.





# Breeding Soundness Exams: A Primer

BREEDING YOUR COWS THIS SPRING? CONSIDER  
UTILIZING A BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM TO EVALUATE  
YOUR LIVESTOCK'S REPRODUCTIVE CAPACITY.

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ANNA O'BRIEN



*Clem and Carole Nirosky  
Morning Star Farm*



As spring rolls through, it's time for birthing and breeding on some hobby farms. Breeding soundness examinations are objective assessments of male livestock fertility. They can be useful in evaluating an cow's breeding value and therefore help you make breeding decisions. Let's take a closer look at breeding soundness exams and how to utilize them.

Male breeding soundness exams (BSEs) are made up of four main components, regardless of what livestock species is being evaluated.

## 1. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Any male cow should be in decent physical overall health. One large factor for breeding is the structural soundness of the cow.

A minor lameness or conformation issue that may precede lameness can become a huge problem toward the end of the breeding season. If the bull, ram or boar is uncomfortable or physically has trouble mounting females, he's less than adequate for a breeding operation.

Other parts of this examination may include diagnostic testing for transmittable diseases, depending on the age and source of the cow.

## 2. SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE

The size of the testicles is correlated to fertility in livestock species. It is an indication of the cow's sperm-producing capacity.

A specialized tape measure is used to measure the circumference of the scrotum in centimeters. This measurement is then compared to species-specific charts. The cow should meet its minimum measurements based on age. For example, a bull should have a minimum circumference of 34 cm at the age of two years. A ram should measure over 30 cm if he is between six and eight months of age.

So far, the BSE has evaluated whether a male is physically capable of breeding. The second part of the exam evaluates whether the sperm he produces is of good quality. At this point, a semen sample is collected. First it is evaluated for volume, color and contamination (such as blood, pus or other debris)—clearly a negative sign.

After this, the sample is placed on a slide under a microscope and the following are evaluated.

## 3. SPERM MOTILITY

Normal, healthy sperm cells are not just motile, but forwardly motile. The first thing that is evaluated is how well the sperm in the sample move. This is initially evaluated on low magnification.

The sample should appear to move in a wave-like manner under the microscope. Then, under higher magnification, individual sperm cells are observed for forward motility. For a sample to be deemed satisfactory, out of one hundred sperm cells, 30 (or 30 percent) should be motile.

In any sample, some cells will be immobile, twitch or move in circles.

## 4. SPERM MORPHOLOGY

Lastly, the shape of individual sperm cells is evaluated. Once again, one hundred cells are counted and classified as normal or abnormal. There are several types of sperm cell abnormalities, such as double or twisted tails, missing heads and cytoplasmic droplets, to name a few.

All of these aspects are then put together in a scoring sheet for a complete overview of the cow's reproductive fitness. Results are usually placed into one of three categories: satisfactory, questionable or unsatisfactory. ❀





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Carole Nirosky . . . . . Ribbons & Awards  
Sanitago Lizarraga . . . . . Show  
Kevin McAnnany . . . . . Marketing/Advertising  
TBD . . . . . Photography  
Sanitago Lizarraga . . . . . Technology  
Elissa Emmons . . . . . Youth  
Laaci Louderback . . . . . Photo Contest  
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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

## BULLETIN COMMITTEE

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Do any of these committees  
spark your interest?  
We can always use more  
members to serve.  
Please contact your regional  
director for more information  
on how to volunteer.

# HAPPENINGS

## REGION 8

### MISSISSIPPI DEXTER CATTLE SHOW



Tate County Fair  
10899 Highway 4-West Senatobia MS  
June 17, 2023 - 10:00 AM  
Registration Entries due before May 17, 2022  
Contact: Carol Farrell cfarrell662@aol.com  
(901) 604-0787

### TENNESSEE DEXTER CATTLE SHOW

Tennessee State Fair Wilson County Lebanon, TN  
945 E Baddour Parkway  
August 21, 2023 - 3:00 PM  
Registration opens July 1 thru Aug 21  
Contact: Kathy Chaney chaneydexters@gmail.com (423) 519-3259

### TENNESSEE DEXTER CATTLE SHOW

Tennessee Valley Fair  
Knoxville, TN  
Knoxville Zoo Drive  
September 14, 2023 - 6:00 PM  
Registration opens Aug 1st thru Aug 30th  
Contact: Jill Gurley gurleyjillc@gmail.com (423) 261-4011

## REGION 10

### OHIO VALLEY DEXTER BREEDERS ASSOCIATION



Save The Date! The Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association will hold their annual show on May 19th and 20th 2023 at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ohio! This location is near Cincinnati, so if you just want to come watch and hang out with a super group of Dexter owners, there will be plenty of other things to do as well. The show is open to all registered Dexters and the person showing them! The show has been an annual event for over a decade with an open show format where we love to feature the youth. The Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Show traditionally features over 100 animals in all classes, including milk cow and cow/calf pair. The wonderful selection of animals come from the nearby 7 states, and that continues to expand. Keep a watch on the websites, <https://ohiovalleydexters.weebly.com/> or the Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Face Book Page for upcoming registrations dates and volunteer opportunities. (Also save the date for May 17th and 18th for the 2024 OVDBA show in Wooster, Ohio!)

# DON'T FORGET

Please remember this when registering animals!  
THE ONLY MANDATORY TEST for registration  
- the genotype - is sent to  
the registrar directly from the lab.

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



*Eddie*



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

*Howie*



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

*Matteo*



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

*Harvey*



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

*Rocky*



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

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*Friday*

**ADCA #043169**



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

*Ragtime*

**ADCA #046330**



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

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