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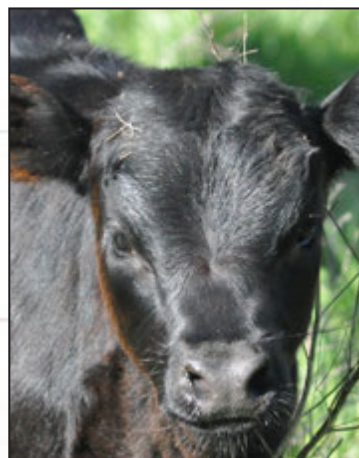
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- Keep on the alert for and work diligently to control potentially adverse effects of known genetically inherited conditions by educating prospective buyers regarding the implications associated with the presence of these conditions in a breeding program.
- 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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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.

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1999 – J	2007 – T	2015 – C
2000 – K	2008 – U	2016 – D
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AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ADCA National Dexter Expo is happening soon! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. The board of directors has been working hard to make this year's expo exciting, informative, inclusive, and relevant to the stewardship of our exceptional bovine. I hope you have made your reservations and are planning to attend.

There is something amazing about a large gathering of Dexter owners. The enthusiasm for the breed and the common bond we all share is so refreshing and encouraging. The Expo is more than a show. It's more than an annual member's meeting. It's more than a few educational seminars. The Expo is an event.

From start to finish, the ADCA National Dexter Expo is a celebration of the wonder and the treasure of American Dexter cattle. It's a tribute to the hardy, independent folks that choose to raise these bovine. And it's a testament to the staying power and the importance of our cattle in today's changing agricultural community.

To really understand who raises Dexter cattle and to grasp what types of people are successful doing so, you truly need to meet them face-to-face. I know that social media can be beneficial in meeting Dexter owners, but there is no way to truly understand the passion and the generosity of our community without spending some time fellowshiping with us. The Expo is an immersion in Dexter culture. And when you're sitting at a table, passing around your smart phone to share photos of your favorite bull or adorable calf, you begin to get a sense of the real Dexter community.

If you see me at the Expo, please stop me and say hello! Even if I look busy. Even if I look totally disheveled and scattered. Even if I look like I'm "on a mission with lots to do," stop me to say hello. There is nothing more important at the ADCA National Dexter Expo than Dexter owners connecting with each other. And make sure that you stop to chat with your Regional Director, your faithful Registrar, your ADCA Secretary, your Treasurer, and all those that help to lead this special organization. We want to meet you and hear from you!

Keep on Dextering, y'all!
-Lesla Reid, ADCA President



2019 ADCA National Dexter Expo

June 26-29

Where:

Lancaster Event Center
4100 North 84th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
www.lancastereventcenter.org

Host Hotel

Country Inn and Suites
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Reservations: (800)830-5222
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Deadline:
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No late entries accepted for meals.

2019 ADCA

NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019

- No arrivals prior to 12 noon

12 NOON – 7:00 PM

Member and animal arrivals (late arrivals by prior arrangement)
Set up

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Animal arrival and Check in

8:00 AM – 12 NOON

ADCA BOD Meeting

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

2019 Educational Theme: “Producing and Marketing Dexter Beef”.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS

“Genetic Selection 101”

Dr. Matt Spangler, Ph.D.
Professor

Beef Genetics Specialist

Dept of Animal Science, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

4:00 PM -5:00 PM

“Pasture Management” by Dr. Mary Drewnoski, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Beef Systems Specialist, Department of Animal Science, University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Youth Showmanship Clinic

*Other topics are noted elsewhere in the Bulletin, times TBD

5:30 PM -

Meet and Greet

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

2019 Educational Theme: “Producing and Marketing Dexter Beef”.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

FEATURED SPEAKER

“Developing a Marketing Plan”

Dr. Jay Parsons, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

Dept of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska -
Lincoln

Youth Program

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Youth Cattle Costume Contest and Moo-lympics

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Youth “Talking Cattle Conformation” (arena)

Meat Lab Tour & Meat Cut Demo at UNL

Dr. Dennis Burson, Ph.D.

3:00 PM – 4PM

Youth Board Meeting

*Other topics are noted elsewhere in the Bulletin, times TBD

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:00 PM – 6:15PM

Exhibitors Meeting – mandatory for all show entrants
(youth and adult)

6:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Social time/ evening meal

7:30 PM - UNTIL

FUNdraiser Auction

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Youth/ Jr Show followed by the Adult Show

12:00 PM- 2:00PM

Veterinarian available to do CVI for any animals changing
ownership

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

ADCA BOD Meeting wrap up

6:30 PM -

2019 ADCA Banquet and Awards

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

Safe Travels Home!!

See you next year!!

NOTE from the AGM/Educational committees***

All times are approximate and may change. Other topics to be presented are listed elsewhere in the Bulletin and times have not yet been assigned.

We are so excited about the 2019 AGM! Our time is jam packed and the youth/junior ADCA program has its own schedule now. We, on the AGM & Educational committees and the BOD, will be anxious to get your feedback about the AGM.

A question that has come up, “Is it time to make arrival on Wednesday afternoon?” This would give us all day Thursday and Friday to accommodate and expand our growing educational program. Your input and feedback are vital to our future AGM planning. Be sure to fill out the survey that will be handed out at the Banquet. If you cannot attend, but have thoughts on this topic, please contact your Regional Director.

Jim Woehl, Chair, AGM committee

Kim Newswanger, Chair, Educational Committee

2019 EXPO

EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

1:00 PM

Genetic Selection 101 - Dr. Matt Spangler, PhD

2:00 PM

(room 1) AgBoost Genetics Software - Mark Tague, AgBoost
(room 2) Intro to Dexters & the ADCA - Jim Woehl, IPP

3:00 PM

(room 1) Breeding for Dual-Purpose - Stefani Millman
(room 2) Registration Basics - Jill Delaney, Registrar

4:00 PM

Pasture Management - Dr. Mary Drewnoski, PhD

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

9:00 AM

Cattle Classification Forum & Demo - Jeff Chambers

11:00 AM

Developing a Marketing Plan - Dr. Jay Parsons, PhD

12:00 NOON

– break for lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Meat Lab Tour & Meat Cut Demo at UNL - Dr. Dennis Burson,
PhD

2019 NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO SPONSORS

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Class	Description	Sponsor	Region
S-1	Peewee Showmanship	Stahlston Dexters – Zippy Stahl & Addison Shultz	4
S-2	Junior Showmanship	Red D Farm – Coach Danielle Hawkins	6
S-3	Youth Showmanship	Doug & Carri Loyd	8
S-4	Adult Showmanship	Smiling Wolf Ranch – Jennifer & Sean Wolf-Silverman	8

YOUTH CLASSES

Y-1	Junior Heifer Calf	Trojacek Ranch Dexters / Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
Y-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	Ridings Farm - Wendell and Liz Ridings	1
Y-3	Senior Heifer Calf	Hickory Creek Farm/Norman, Mary, Makenna Hoover	6
	Champion Heifer Calf		
	Reserve Champion Heifer Calf		
Y-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	DND Farms – Dylan and Dani Spatz 6	
Y-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	Wieringa Dexter Farm – Lee & Roberta Wieringa	10
Y-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	Double D Dexters – Dawn Rudolph & Doug Gibson	12
Y-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	High Pines Ranch – Jim & Peggy Woehl	12
	Champion Junior Female		
	Reserve Champion Junior Female		
Y-8	Young Cow	Rusty Ranch – Laaci Louderback & Family in Washington	2
Y-9	Intermediate Cow	Warner Farm – John & Cheri Warner	8
Y-10	Mature Cow	Wolsey Farm – Kelvin & Diane Tomlinson	11
	Champion Senior Female		
	Reserve Champion Senior Female		
Y-11	Cow-Calf Pair	Silver Maple Dexters – Jeff & Melinda Chambers	6
	Grand Champion Female		
	Reserve Grand Champion Female	Moosters Meadows – Chris & Vicki Jones	4
	Grand Champion Female Buckle	Euchee Creek Farms – Don & Sheila Farris	6
	Reserve Gr Champion Female Buckle	Country Oakway Ranch – Donna Jenkins	7
Y-12	Junior Steer Calf Country	Oakway Ranch – Donna Jenkins	7
Y-13	Senior Steer Calf	High Pines Ranch – Jim & Peggy Woehl	12
Y-14	Yearling Steer	Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm – Mark & Kathy Chaney	8
Y-15	Senior steer	Thompson Farms of Mound City Missouri T3 Ranch	1
	Grand Champion Steer		
	Reserve Grand Champion Steer	Welco Farm 7	
	Grand Champion Steer Buckle	High Mountain Desert Dexters – Dave May Big Piney Wy	4
	Reserve Gr Champion Steer Buckle	D2 Farms/Red D Farm-Greg Dickens & Debra Hawkins	6
Y-16	Junior Bull Calf Dynasty Dexter	Ranch - Jonathan and Jennifer Hunt	7
Y-17	Senior Bull Calf	ADCA Region 8	8
	Grand Champion Bull Calf		
	Reserve Grand Champion Bull Calf	TeaCup Stables 6	
	Grand Champion Bull Calf Buckle	Shining Cross Livestock – Ryan & Kerrie Parker	6
	Reserve Gr Champion Bull Calf Buckle	Bar None's Dexters – David Jones	7

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ADULT CLASSES

Class	Description	Sponsor	Region
A-1	Junior Heifer Calf	Little Hoof Ranch – Don & Becky Swisher	4
A-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	Tollgate Farm, John and Becky Eterno	4
A-3	Senior Heifer Calf	Timberview Dexters, Rick & Macheal Seydel	12
	Champion Heifer Calf		
	Reserve Champion Heifer Calf		
A-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	Maple Hill Dexters – Joe & Rebecca Gyga	1
A-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	Wieringa Dexter Farm – Lee & Roberta Wieringa	10
A-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	Sprague Irish Dexters – Terry & Mary Jane Sprague	12
A-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	Trojacek Ranch Dexters - Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
	Champion Junior Female		
	Reserve Champion Junior Female		
A-8	Young Cow	Jesse's Hill - Danny Collins	8
A-9	Intermediate Cow	Trojacek Ranch Dexters / Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
A-10	Mature Cow	Shamrock Acres Dexter Cattle- Pat & Linda Mitchell	10
	Champion Senior Female		
	Reserve Champion Senior Female		
A-11	Cow-Calf Pair	Wolsey Farm – Kelvin & Diane Tomlinson	11
	Grand Champion Female		
	Reserve Grand Champion Female		
	Grand Champion Female Buckle	Morning Star Farm - Clem & Carole Nirosky	10
	Reserve Gr Cham Female Buckle	Kirkhaven Farm – Haden & Lesa Reid	8
A-12	Milking Cow	Silver Maple Dexters – Jeff & Melinda Chambers	6
A-13	Junior Steer Calf	Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm – Mark & Kathy Chaney	8
A-14	Senior Steer Calf	Tinney's Red Dexters – Skip & Connie Tinney	1
A-15	Yearling Steer	Plum Creek Little Cattle Co – Steven & Cherrie Wood	12
A-16	Senior steer	Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Association 6	
	Grand Champion Steer		
	Reserve Grand Champion Steer		
	Grand Champion Steer Buckle	Trojacek Ranch Dexters / Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
	Reserve Gr Champion Steer Buckle	Trojacek Ranch Dexters / Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
A-17	Junior Bull Calf	Little Hoof Ranch – Don & Becky Swisher	4
A-18	Senior Bull Calf W	arner Farm – John & Cheri Warner	8
A-19	Junior Yearling Bull	Dynasty Dexter Ranch - Jonathan and Jennifer Hunt	7
A-20	Senior Yearling Bull	Warner Farm – John & Cheri Warner	8
A-21	Young Bull	Garland Pride Farm – Steve & Susan Albritton	8
A-22	Mature Bull	Trojacek Ranch Dexters / Eric and Paula Trojacek	7
	Grand Champion Bull	Bar None's Dexters – David Jones	7
	Reserve Grand Champion Bull	High Pines Ranch – Jim & Peggy Woehl	12
	Grand Champion Bull Buckle	Little Hoof Ranch – Don & Becky Swisher	4
	Reserve Gr Champion Bull Buckle	High Pines Ranch – Jim & Peggy Woehl	12

DUAL PURPOSE DEXTERS

PART 1:

UDDER TRAITS

by Jeff M. Chambers | Director Region 6

Dexters are a dual-purpose breed, meaning they are one of a few unique breeds of cattle that thread the needle of functionality between a pure beef breed such as the Aberdeen Angus and a pure dairy breed such as the Jersey. This feature of the Dexter is one of the unique characteristics of the breed and the Dexter stands alone as the only small-framed, dual-purpose cattle breed in the U.S.

As a dual-purpose breed Dexters should exhibit functional trait characteristics that result in the production of offspring which efficiently harvest into quality beef and cows that produce milk to support a specified level for human consumption while also effectively raising a calf.¹

To the degree that either of these criteria is not present in an individual Dexter, the animal can rightly be identified as one in which dual-purpose traits are deficient. Such an animal is in need of improvement through selective breeding or in some cases removal from the breeding pool through culling.



The ADCA Dexter Conformation Guide:

"Breeders should strive to produce well conformed, well-tempered animals that efficiently meet the demands of all three purposes without straying into the extremes of strictly dairy or strictly beef characteristics."

The purpose of purebred livestock breeding is to, through selection, culling, and mating the attainment of perfection in the production of the ideal type for the breed. None can achieve perfection, but the goal of this business is to strive to do so nonetheless. In doing so the purebred livestock breeder improves their herd and the breed through the consistent reproduction of animals that move ever closer to the ideal type.

Functional traits that set dual-purpose cattle apart from the pure beef breeds are udder characteristics and milk production. Udder and milk production differences set dual-purpose breeds apart from beef breeds just as muscling and fleshing ability set dual-purpose breeds apart from their dairy counterparts. This article focuses on the differences in udder traits between dual-purpose cattle, specifically Dexter cattle, and their beef breed cousins.

To facilitate the comparison, this article uses the beef udder conformation guide developed by the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Beef Improvement Federation, Udder Conformation Scoring, the American Dexter Cattle Association conformation guide, and actual photos of good type. I have seen the UNL Udder Conformation Scoring guide provided to Dexter breeders in well-meaning but misguided efforts to educate on udder conformation in the Dexter breed. The UNL Beef Udder Conformation Scoring sheet is a fine product from a great agricultural university but, to state, the obvious, it is udder conformation for beef cattle and not for our dual-purpose cattle breed.

The udder on a beef breed needs only to be able to effectively feed a calf enough quantity and quality of milk over the course of a rearing period. The level of production beyond that base amount is not relevant, and to some extent, unwanted. Therefore, udder traits of beef cattle are such that from a phenotypic standpoint they are examined as functional when they are capable of this base level of production.

A dual-purpose cow's udder should more resemble those of their dairy cousins than of the beef cow, this is not to say that a dual-purpose animal should produce like a dairy breed. For just as we do not expect a dual-purpose animal to produce beef like a pure beef breed, we don't expect the quantity of milk as from a dairy cow.

Dual purpose cow's udders should conform closely to the type described in the ADCA Dexter Conformation Guide:

Udder should be well attached with high and wide rear attachment and strong median suspensory ligament. The four teats should be of medium size and well-spaced on the udder, hanging plumb and of equal length. All four quarters should be of equal size.

and in the Unified Dairy Score Card description from dairy breeds:

Udder Depth: Moderate depth relative to the hock with adequate capacity and clearance. Consideration is given to lactation number and age. Rear Udder: Wide and high, firmly attached with uniform width from top to bottom and slightly rounded to udder floor. Teat Placement Squarely placed under each quarter, plumb and properly spaced. Udder Cleft: Evidence of a strong suspensory ligament indicated by clearly defined halving. Fore Udder: Firmly attached with moderate length and ample capacity. Teats: Cylindrical shape; uniform size with medium length and diameter; neither short nor long is desirable. Udder Balance and Texture: Udder floor level as viewed from the side. Quarters evenly balanced; soft, pliable, and well collapsed after milking.

Please review the comparisons below from the Dexter Conformation Guide and the UNL Beef Udder Conformation to see the clear differences between the ideal in udder phenotype in dual-purpose Dexter cattle compared with that of a beef breed.

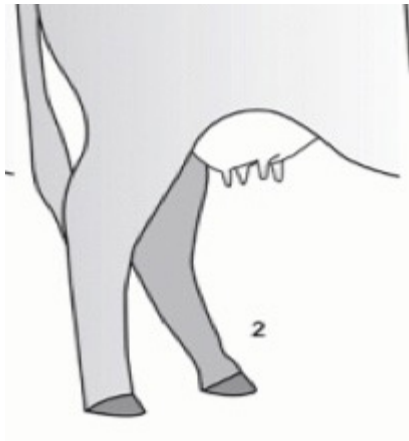
If your cows more closely resemble those described in the UNL - Beef Udder Conformation guide than the Dexter conformation guide, please consider concentrating your breeding and selection decisions on udder improvement to affect herd and breed improvement. Doing so will move your herd and the breed closer to the ideal Dexter type.



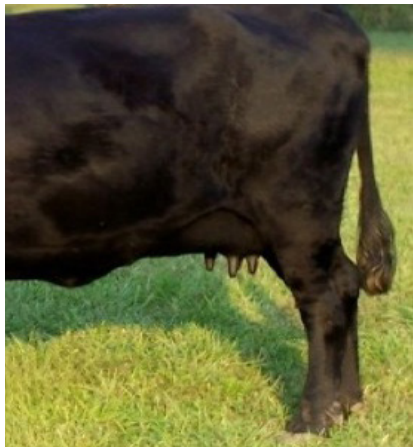
For Udder Attachment in a dual-purpose cow is long, tight and blends in seamlessly.



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation

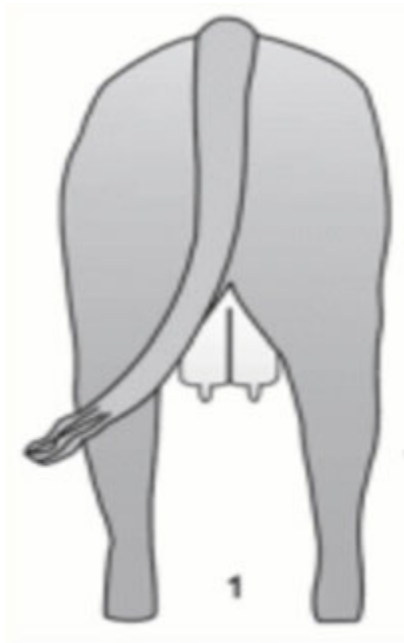


Example of Good Dexter Type

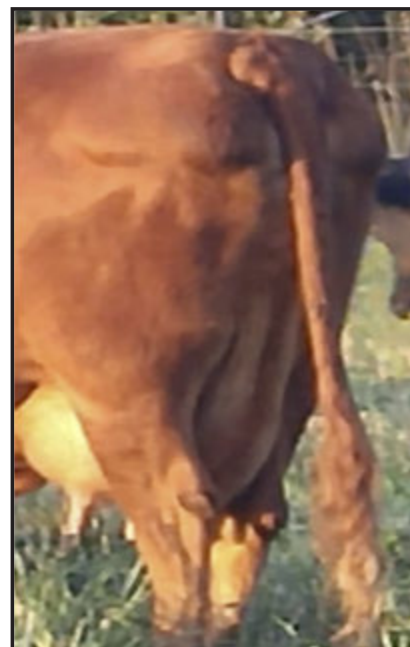
Udder Height in a dual-purpose cow is high up toward the vulva and wide across (“high and wide”).



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation

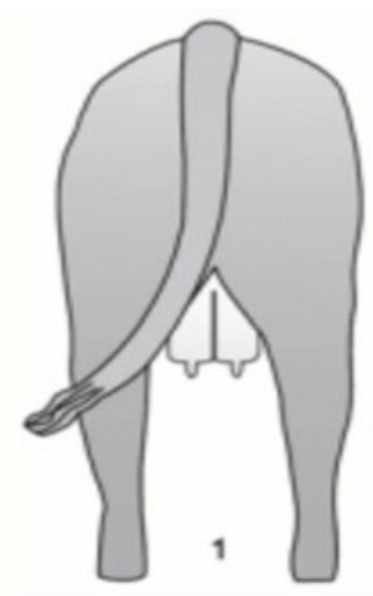


Example of Good Dexter Type

Rear Udder Cleft is distinct and well up the rear of udder – indicating strong median collateral ligament attachment.



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation



Example of Good Dexter Type

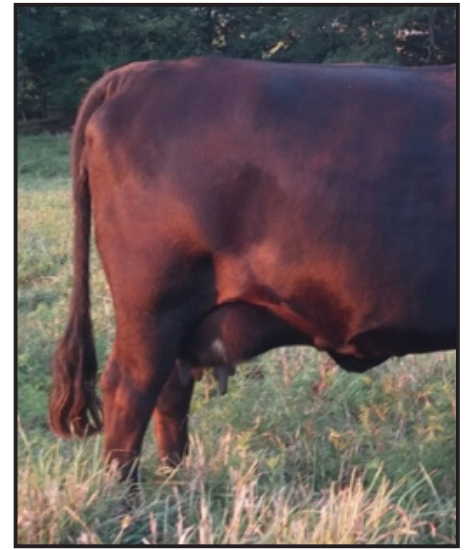
Udder Depth in a dual-purpose cow is moderate relative to the hock with capacity.



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation

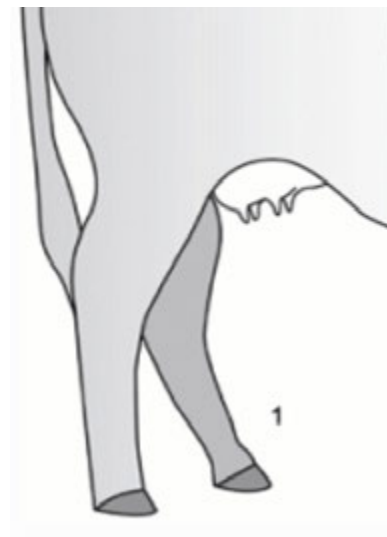


Example of Good Dexter Type

Teat Size is cylindrical in shape, of uniform size with medium length and diameter; neither short nor long is desirable.



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation



Example of Good Dexter Type

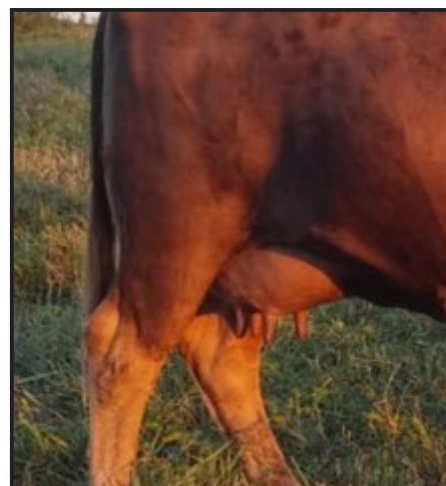
Teat Placement: Squarely placed under each quarter, plumb and properly spaced.



Dexter Conformation



UNL – Beef Udder Conformation



Example of Good Dexter Type

Please study the Dexter and dual-purpose conformation guide available on the ADCA website. Print copies and do your own herd self-classification by examining your herd with a critical eye and the conformation guide in hand. Examine udder conformation of all your cows. Once completed, review what you have found identifying your herd's strengths and weaknesses. Then identify the next steps you will take in your breeding and selection decisions to facilitate udder and milk production improvements to affect herd and breed improvement.

The Dexter is a cattle breed that produces excellent beef, but

it is when bred toward the ideal the pre-eminent, small-scale, dual-purpose cattle breed. As such it is our responsibility as purebred Dexter breeders to not only maintain breed conformation but to improve upon all Dexter traits and functions to be constantly striving for that ideal animal and herd.

¹This is not to slight the Dexter breed as a 'tri-purpose' breed in any fashion. We have sold animals for oxen that have flourished in that role but the focus in this article is on the production qualities of our breed as a dual-purpose breed.

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**BULLETIN
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SPRING EDITION: APRIL 10
SUMMER EDITION: JULY 10
FALL EDITION: OCTOBER 10
WINTER EDITION: JANUARY 10



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THE LABS DO NOT SEND TEST
RESULTS TO THE
REGISTRAR. PLEASE DO NOT
ASK THE LABS TO
FORWARD YOUR RESULTS ON YOUR BEHALF.
And NO Lab results means your animal
cannot be registered.

2019 ADCA EXPO

CLASS SPONSORSHIPS

There are several opportunities to sponsor an AGM show class. Each sponsor will be recognized online and at the AGM. Classes and champion buckles can be sponsored for \$100 each. Reserve Champions can be sponsored for \$250 and Grand Champions can be sponsored for \$500.

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Peewee Showmanship
Junior Showmanship
Youth Showmanship
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YOUTH CLASS SPONSORSHIPS

Junior Heifer Calf
Intermediate Heifer Calf
Senior Heifer Calf
Spring Yearling Heifer
Junior Yearling Heifer
Intermediate Yearling Heifer
Senior Yearling Heifer
Young Cow
Intermediate Cow
Mature Cow
Cow-Calf Pair
Grand Champion Female
Grand Champion Female Buckle
Reserve Champion Female
Reserve Champion Female Buckle
Junior Steer Calf
Senior Steer Calf
Yearling Steer
Senior steer
Grand Champion Steer
Grand Champion Steer Buckle
Reserve Champion Steer
Reserve Champion Buckle
Junior Bull Calf
Senior Bull Calf
Grand Champion Bull Calf
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ADULT CLASS SPONSORSHIPS

Junior Heifer Calf
Intermediate Heifer Calf
Senior Heifer Calf
Spring Yearling Heifer
Junior Yearling Heifer
Intermediate Yearling Heifer
Senior Yearling Heifer
Young Cow
Intermediate Cow
Mature Cow
Cow-Calf Pair
Milking Cow
Grand Champion Female
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Junior Steer Calf
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Yearling Steer
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Reserve Champion Buckle
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Senior Bull Calf
Junior Yearling Bull
Senior Yearling Bull
Young Bull
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Grand Champion Bull Buckle
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Reserve Grand Champion Bull Buckle

WHY

DO WE RAISE

DEXTERS?

by Pat Mitchell | Director Region 10

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s I was pondering what to write for this edition of the Bulletin, the thought struck me – Why do we raise Dexters instead of other breeds of cattle. Well.....here's our story.

Shamrock Acres Dexter Cattle got it's start back in 1987. At that time, we had some crossbred beef cattle – Herefords, Simmental, Angus and of course a few Holstein and Jersey calves that we tried to start on bottles. We weren't very successful with Jersey calves. Seems we planted more of them than anything. At any rate, we just had typical Michigan cattle. Pretty blah and boring.

We decided to look into other breeds to bring something different to the West Michigan landscape. We researched Devon, Shorthorn, Murray Grey, White Park, British White, Red Poll and finally Dexter. The Dexter breed was recommended to us by our small animal vet, Dr. Don Bixby, who was a director for the

American Minor Breeds Conservancy. As he told us at the time, Dexters were considered a rare breed, and numbers were small. Their size, temperament, origin and rarity all intrigued us, but we really didn't know where to go to find the little critters.

Lucky for us, the AMBC was holding a minor breed show and sale at a county fair about 90 minutes from our home. In that show and sale was a Dexter bull calf, so we had to go and see. Once we got there, we were able to see cattle owned by one of the premier Dexter breeders, Marcia Reid. We decided then and there that this was the breed we were looking for, and we bought our first Dexter – Callen of Old Orchard. He was a black, dehorned chondro carrier (called short legged at that time because chondrodysplasia was not yet fully understood), broke to lead and easy to handle. He would become the foundation bull for the Shamrock herd.

As the years went by, we purchased more Dexters, and learned more about the breed. We learned by trial and error that breeding two short-legged animals can potentially lead to a bulldog calf. We changed bulls and finally bought a long-legged bull from the Earlona herd in Canada in 1995. That was the end of our encounter with bulldog calves. We also learned that the breed is typically calmer and more docile than most other breeds. Our bulls are socialized at a young age, and visitors to our farm are amazed that they can walk among the cows, and the bulls, without any issues. When we had our commercial beef herd, if visitors wanted to see the herd they had to look quickly, because they were typically hightailing it to the far end of the pasture. In addition, we learned that Dexter cattle can live long, productive lives. Our first cow lived to be 23 years old and provided us with 19 calves. We currently have several cows that are 15 years old and older. As long as they are physically fit and properly cared for there's no reason they can't continue to be productive into their 20's.

Over the years, we have trended away from the chondro carriers, and now have a herd that is all non-carriers. We find that this works best for our beef market, where all our bull calves that don't make the grade as potential herd sires eventually end up. Our customer base likes a 200 – 240 lb. side of beef, which we can provide in 20 to 24 months, pasture raised and grain finished.

To summarize why we raise Dexters, I'll share the following:

1. They are "different". Not everyone has them. We wanted a unique breed, and their Irish heritage also fit our family.
2. They are hardy. They can withstand the hard, Michigan winters. They prefer to be outside, as long as they can get out of the wind. They are good browsers and can help clean up overgrown pastures.
3. Our cattle are easy calvers. Over the last 30 years we have had well over 200 Dexter calves born on our farm, and we have had to pull only one.
4. Dexter beef is the best beef we've ever raised.
5. Their smaller size makes them "less intimidating" than larger cattle.

I encourage people to consider the breed, especially those with smaller acreage. Do your research; visit a number of breeders so you get a good understanding of the differences within the breed; buy from a reputable breeder, and if you are interested in pure-bred registered stock, don't buy animals that "can be registered". Make sure they are already registered (or the seller will register them for you), and the seller will transfer them to you when purchased. If that's not part of the deal, walk away.

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2019 AGM CLASS LISTING

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Class	Description	Age Range
S-1	Peewee Showmanship	5-7 years old, with parent/adult
S-2	Junior Showmanship	8-12 years old
S-3	Youth Showmanship	13-17 years old
S-4	Adult Showmanship	18 years and older

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth 15 to 17 years old may choose to enter either the Youth or Adult Divisions - but not both

Class	Description	Age Range	Born On/After	Born On/Before
Y-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
Y-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2018	12/31/2018
Y-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	07/01/2018	09/30/2018

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF

Y-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	04/01/2018	06/30/2018
Y-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	01/01/2018	03/31/2018
Y-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2017	12/31/2017
Y-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 to 24 months	06/01/2017	09/30/2017

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR FEMALE

Y-8	Young Cow	2 to 3 years old	06/01/2016	05/31/2017
Y-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	06/01/14	5/31/2016
Y-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		05/31/2014

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE

Y-11	Cow-Calf Pair	No age requirement – calf must be 6 months old or younger		
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GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

Y-12	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
Y-13	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	06/01/2018	12/31/2018
Y-14	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2017	05/31/2018
Y-15	Senior steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2016	09/30/2017

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION STEER

Y-16	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
Y-17	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	06/01/2018	12/31/2018

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION BULL CALF

ADULT CLASSES

Youth 15 to 17 years old may choose to enter either the Youth or Adult Divisions - but not both
A mature bull must have sired at least one calf.

Class	Description	Age Range	Born On/After	Born On/Before
A-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
A-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2018	12/31/2018
A-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	07/01/2018	09/30/2018

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER CALF

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CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR FEMALE

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GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE

A-12	Milking Cow	Must be in milk and milkable		
A-13	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
A-14	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	06/01/2018	12/31/2018
A-15	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2017	05/31/2018
A-16	Senior steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2016	09/30/2017

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION STEER

A-17	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	1/1/2019	
A-18	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	06/01/2018	12/31/2018
A-19	Junior Yearling Bull	12 to 18 months	12/01/2017	05/31/2018
A-20	Senior Yearling Bull	18 to 24 months	06/01/2017	11/30/2017
A-21	Young Bull	2 to 3 years	06/01/2016	05/31/2017
A-22	Mature Bull	3 years and older		

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION BULL



DEXTERS

MORE

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MILK AND BEEF

by Naomi Koenig | Region 12

Growing up on a farm teaches children a solid work ethic, respect for life as well as appreciation for the finer things in life. Our youngest two children were born to us while we farmed our 120 acre slice of heaven. Two summers ago shortly after we finished calving, we learned that a friend passed away, leaving us to care for her three children. Our lives changed immediately. The level of trauma these three children endured, the loss of both parents at young ages would prove to be one of our most complex tasks we have ever been blessed with.

Raising Dexter cattle isn't like raising commercial cattle. Sure, they all need feed, water and fencing- but our small stature, docile, inquisitive bovine helped us to teach our newly appointed charges about life, work and appreciation for good beef. On our farm we had every variation of Dexter (traditional, color, short, polled and horned) and it proved a good teaching point for our children. The operation of daily care, milking, calving, health,

predation and fencing has been an excellent primer in priceless life skills.

I remember the first time I asked our now adopted children to help with running cows through the chute they were hesitant to get involved. The two younger children, each under ten years old set out to their jobs they were assigned. Pulling up the rear gate chute handle and marking off which cow was run through in the farm book were the two younger children's roles in our operation. The three older children stood back, unsure of the entire situation. On the farm, everyone works together for the well being of the farm. This was a new concept for our older children as they had been raised without that sense of family or obligation to anything.

They were raised without working knowledge of where their food came from. The oldest was convinced that the grocery store was the only way to get meat. I handed a halter to the oldest,

14 at the time and told him to go get the horned herd matron. She was of an old line, a traditional beauty that was smarter than most bovine, which got her into a frequent amount of trouble. He had never interacted with cattle before; I thought he was going to cry as he looked at the horned beast chewing her cud with a raised brow across the fence from him.

We laugh about that day now as it took him an hour to figure out how to use the halter, with the other two children giving misguided direction, each convinced they knew better. Farming teaches humility like few other lessons in life can. It also teaches discipline, as each of our five children now have their specific roles when we “run” cows through the chute. Each child takes their responsibilities seriously when it comes to the cattle.

This did not come easily for them, as they had a steep learning curve given their background. The oldest lost eating beef for a month as a consequence when he decided to not fill troughs for three days in a row. He now faithfully fills troughs, as that

month without Dexter beef was a sufficient reminder that we are the called protectors for our cattle and we cannot disregard that responsibility. The two oldest trained up a heifer to barter with one of their teachers for tutoring to catch them up from all of the school they missed while their father suffered through chemo. The youngest was able to gain confidence in himself through working with Dexter calves where insecurities once filled his broken heart.

All five children have been active participants in calving, learning the care for a newborn and momma. Not many breeds of cattle could you have the entire family standing around a first time momma and have her not bat an eye when the kids reach out to help clean off the calf. Dexters are not just a docile breed, they are a perfect family cow. The Dexter temperament has allowed us to safely and effectively teach our children things that they cannot learn elsewhere. On the day the butcher comes to our farm, we have a routine where we give the steer about to give it's life for us treats and thank him for

the many fine meals we will enjoy. It has taught the children respect but above all else, a value for life.

We have grown together as a family through our Dexter herd. To us, there is not a better teacher than an old ornery herd matron. I believe we are biased, after having many other breeds of cattle, Dexters are where our hearts have been captured. Our children have learned of the Dexter community and the amazing people all over the world that share our love for our small statured bovine beauties. They are looking forward to someday showing their calves and cows that they have helped raise.

We are forever grateful for our friends that came to purchase cattle from us in our immediate time of need. The love of our Dexter community has been comforting in our time of stress. Our herd is significantly smaller than it once was, but as long as we are breathing we will own a few Dexter cows.




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BOS DEXTERUS UNDOCUMENTUS:

CAUTIONARY TALE

by Becky Etemo | Director Region 4

Like many people getting their first Dexters, I had tried and tried to locate animals for many months, suffering disappointments in the search which only whetted my desire for Dexters. Finally, two lovely cows and their daughters made the trek from Montana to Colorado, arriving the night before Thanksgiving. They had lost their owner in an accident, but the sheaf of papers which accompanied them gave neither their “heir” owner, nor me, any reason to think that transfers and registrations would be a problem. Unfortunately two complete Dexter novices should not be allowed to make such judgments!

Once the initial euphoria (I have Dexters!) subsided, I finally began to plow through the paperwork which had come with the cows to start the transfer process. And I kept on plowing until it became obvious that I had no certificates of registration and no transfer forms.

Hmmm, beginning to look like a problem.

Fortunately, at this point I contacted the ADCA Secretary with a plea for help. Having digested the bad news -“You have grade cattle”- I had a decision to make, sell/slaughter them and start over or try to find out their true identities. Option #2 won out, and the search for documents continues, with the help of several kind ADCA members in our area.

Now the “cautionary” part of the tale. As a show dog fancier and breeder, I’m familiar with registration procedures for dogs. Somehow, though, I just never equated “dog” and “cow” when thinking of registration requirements. Also, I had searched for so long for some Dexters that I wasn’t inclined to scrutinize the paperwork which came with the cows closely enough. Actually having them at last seemed like such a miracle that I was sure (or hoped) paperwork would be trivial. Trust me, it isn’t.

I hope this registration nightmare will finally be happily resolved, but one thing is for sure, any animal I buy, breed or sell from now on will be Bos Dexterus Documentus.

(Months later, the registration nightmare was indeed resolved, and I learned my lesson about care in documentation!)

This little essay appeared in somewhat different form in the Bulletin many years ago. The naivete I showed regarding registration seems incredible now, but back then, no testing - DNA or otherwise - was required or even available most of the time. We operated pretty much on “word of honor,” which resulted in pedigree errors in our studbook despite everyone’s best efforts. Recent genotyping and registration requirements have gone far to ensure that our registry is becoming as accurate as science can make it.

SHOW AND SALE GUIDELINES

SIGNING-UP TO ATTEND THE AGM:

Anyone wishing to attend the 2019 AGM can sign-up at the ADCA Website: <http://www.dextercattle.org/> Meal tickets, show classes, barn stalls, and photo contest entries can all be purchased there. All purchases must be made through the AGM Store on the ADCA website by May 25, 2019. Late entries for the show or for barn space received May 26, 2019 thru June 1, 2019 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER June 2, 2019. Entry fees for animals entered but not brought to the show or sale will not be refunded.

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, AGM 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 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 AGM.
- 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 AGM, 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 AGM 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 AGM 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. 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 AGM Store on the ADCA website by May 25, 2019. Late entries received May 26, 2019 thru June 1, 2019 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER June 2, 2019.
- 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 AD-CA-registered animals. You can find more information about the photo contest on the ADCA website.

GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS:

- 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 need not be registered but must be less than 6 months of age. However, said calf MUST be ADCA registerable.
- Youth ages 7-17 are eligible to show in youth classes. Youth 15-17 are eligible to choose either youth or adult classes, but not both.
- For female classes, winners of the Divisional Championships AND the winner of the Cow/Calf Pair class will compete for Grand and Reserve Champions.
- For bull and steer classes, the Dexter placing first place in each class will compete for Grand and Reserve 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 AND SALE ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- All cattle, including steers, must be registered with the ADCA prior to entry, unless the animal was born March 25, 2019 or thereafter. Calves born March 25, 2019 or thereafter must have a Record of Birth in order to be registered for the show. The only exception is that calves only showing in the cow/calf class do not require a Record of Birth. This Record of Birth is not a registration certificate, but it indicates that the calf is from registered parents and can be registered with the ADCA.
- Animals may be entered in the show ring for \$30.00
- Animals entered as "sale only"

- Animal substitutions will be allowed at check-in ONLY in the same sex, same age & same class.
- All Entries must be made through the AGM Store on the ADCA website by May 25, 2019. Late entries received May 26, 2019 thru June 1, 2019 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER June 2, 2019. 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. Calves younger than 3 months old, if they have not yet been registered, must be accompanied by a Record of Birth.

EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES:

- The 2019 Show Committee, under the 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 owner wants to show two or more animals in the same class, the owner MUST show ONE; any other non-professional individual in attendance may show the additional animal. (NOTE: ADULT SHOW EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE AN ADULT SHOW PERSON HELPING THEM.)
- Every animal in the show or sale must be registered with the ADCA and be accompanied by their registration papers at check-in. The only exception to this rule is for calves 3 months old or younger. Calves born March 25, 2019 or thereafter, if they have not yet been registered, must have an ADCA Record of Birth in order to be registered for the show.

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
- 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. 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. Only youth that are the ADCA-recorded owner of the animals they are showing are eligible for these Premium Bonuses. This Premium Bonus is not offered to youth showing animals owned by their parents, grandparents, farm, or other breeder.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

- Absolutely no bulls may be shown in any Showmanship Class – Peewee, Youth or Adult

- Junior Showmanship: youths 8-12 years old
- 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 AGM 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.

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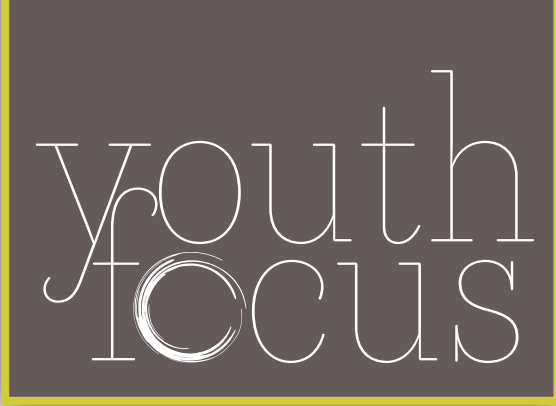
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MOOLYMPICS AND COSTUME CONTEST

Come one, come all and participate in the Moolympics and Costume contest. Let's see your creative side and show off your cattle during the 2019 costume contest. What is Moolympics? - an obstacle course for our youth and their cattle. Who says you can't work hard and play hard? Let's have some fun with a obstacle course for our youth and their cattle!

Youth at the recent Pacific Northwest Dexter Club Show



Above – Jessica Aylesworth with Rusty's Pumpkin Pie, Max Lyons with Mrald Finale, and Henry Louderback with Rusty's Rebecca

To the Right – Henry Louderback



DON'T FORGET!!!

Please remember this when registering animals!
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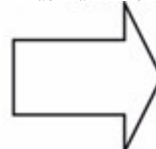




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Exhibitors included - Ann Holt, Tierney Pettinato, Jennifer Wolf, Sean Silverman, Kathy Chaney, Mark Chaney, Olivia Moonin, Jill Gurley, Daniel Gurley, Sally Coad and Warren Coad
Ruth Campagna volunteered as Gate Keeper and kept everyone

in the right order and Missi Dunse volunteered to take pictures. I am sure some volunteers have been left out - it is was a great fair and the spectator stands were packed with, hopefully, future Dexter owners!



Grand Champion Female - Shown by Jennifer Wolf of FL - Timberview Cara

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Reserve Champion Female - Shown by Olivia Moonin of TN - Chaneys Lucy's Laurel



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Reserve Champion Bull - Shown by Sally Coad of TN - FF Freedom's Friday Night

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE CALLS

FEBRUARY

February 6, 2018
7 pm CDT

President - Lesa Reid, Vice Pres - David Jones, *IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary - Carole Nirosky, Treasurer - Jim Smith, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, *Youth Dir Elissa Emmons-Sawyer, Parliamentarian - David Jones, Region 1 - Rebecca Gyax, Region 2 - Laaci Louderback, Region 4 - Region 6 - Jeff Chambers, *Region 7 - Robin Welch, *Region 8 - Doug Loyd, Region 9 - Kim Newswanger, Region 10 - Patrick Mitchell, Region 11 - , Region 12 - Terry Sprague. * - not present

1. Lesa began the conference call at 7:05
2. Social Media - Carole Nirosky
 - Facebook regional group pages have been added or updated to help improve the flow of information, communication and interaction with our Facebook members.
3. Marketing and Advertising - Terry Sprague
 - The committee has been researching the possibility of trademarking our association name. The cost for trademarking is estimated to be between \$1200 & \$1500.
 - Discussion was held on the process and benefits of getting a trademark.
 - A Motion was made by Becky Eterno, Laaci Louderback 2nd, to trademark the association name "American Dexter Cattle Association". The motion passed unopposed.
 - Terry will contact the attorney to start the process for the trademark.
 - Our current ADCA logo is not user friendly in some formats for advertising. Lesa is actively seeking graphic designers with the ability to change our logo into a new format that can be used in all applications of marketing. She will present estimated cost to the BOD as she receives them.
4. The Registration and Software workgroup gave an update on our pedigree site.
5. Bylaws and SOP's - David Jones
 - David recommended editing the bylaw language regarding staff and salary positions. SOP's need to be updated to add the First owner policy with the appropriate forms relating to new registration procedures that started January 1, 2019.

- A motion was made by Laaci Louderback, Pat Mitchell 2nd, to clean up wording regarding staff and salary positions in the bylaws Paragraph 1, section A, and to add the First Owner policy regarding registrations and transfers, plus all the necessary forms to the SOP's.
 - David will be emailing his recommendations to begin discussion regarding stipulations and qualifications for appointing President and Vice President.
 - A new treasurer description needs to be developed.
6. Registration and Transfer - Jeff Chambers
 - First owner registration and transfer policy changes do not apply to animals purchased before January 1, 2019. Buyers must submit proper documentation to the registrar.
 7. Treasurer - Jim Smith
 - A good audit review was received by an outside independent accountant.
 - The treasurer position and job description were briefly discussed, and it was determined this topic will be added as a priority to the next meetings agenda.
 8. Agm - Lesa Reid
 - Jim Woehl was absent but communicated to Lesa before the conference call that everything is on track and running smoothly for the AGM.
 - This year's barn superintendent will be Clem Nirosky.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm CDT,
Submitted by Carole Nirosky

MARCH

March 6, 2018
7 pm CDT

- President - Lesa Reid, *Vice Pres David Jones, *IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary - Carole Nirosky, *Treasurer - Jim Smith, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons-Sawyer, *Parliamentarian - David Jones, Region 1 - Rebecca Gyax, Region 2 - Laaci Louderback, Region 4 - Becky Eterno, Region 6 - Jeff Chambers, *Region 7 - Robin Welch, Region 8 - Doug Loyd, Region 9 - Kim Newswanger, Region 10 - Patrick Mitchell, Region 11 - , Region 12 - Terry Sprague. * - not present
1. Meeting began at 7:05

2. The Registration and Software workgroup gave an update on ADCA registration software backup, data security, and research.

3. Trademark – Terry Sprague

- Paperwork has been officially filed for Trademark of “American Dexter Cattle Association”.

4. Logo & Website Design – Terry Sprague

5. Several proposals for a new website and logo redesign were reviewed and discussed by the BOD.

- Following the BOD’s discussion, the subsequent motions were made:

1. Pat Mitchell made a motion, Laaci Louderback 2nd, to move forward with the logo redesign through Ranch House Design. The motion passed unopposed.

2. Pat Mitchell made a motion, Jeff Chambers 2nd, to pursue further investigation of the website redesign with Ranch House Design and request a detailed proposal with firm pricing. The motion passed unopposed.

5. JADCA – Elissa Emmons

- The task force is continuing to make progress on the By-Laws for the Junior ADCA.
- AGM activities are progressing, just waiting to hear back from Nebraska University about the availability of someone to teach the youth showmanship.
- Don Giles submitted a letter of resignation from the youth committee effective last month, but he will continue to lead up the Chris Odem award.
- Regional Directors will send reminders to members about the deadline for the Chris Odem award.
- There are several shows coming up where ADCA youth will be showing, including Houston and the Oklahoma Youth expo.

6. AGM Update – Lesa Reid

- According to Jim Woehl plans for the AGM are on schedule with no problems.
- Rebecca Gygax is working on the AGM store and it should be up and running on the website soon.

7. Final Thoughts

- Region 6 had member requests about reinstituting the Historical committee. The committee could maintain, collate and help provide articles for the Dexter Bulletin about the history of our breed.
- Jeff Chambers moved, Terry Sprague 2nd, to re-institute the American Dexter Cattle Historical Committee. The motion passed unopposed.
- The BOD is eager to move forward and will be adding

one Director and other members to the Historical committee soon. Paula Maras has volunteered to co-chair the committee.

8. Meeting ended at 8:25pm

Next meeting April 3, 2019

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

APRIL

April 3, 2019
7 pm CDT

President - Lesa Reid, Vice Pres -David Jones, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary - Carole Nirosky, Treasurer - Jim Smith, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons-Sawyer, Parliamentarian - David Jones, Region 1 – Rebecca Gygax, Region 2 – Laaci Louderback, Region 4 – Becky Eterno, Region 6 – Jeff Chambers, Region 7 – Robin Welch, Region 8 – Doug Loyd, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Patrick Mitchell, Region 11 - , Region 12 – Terry Sprague. * - not present

1. The meeting began at 7:05 with Lesa appreciating that the ADCA currently has 945 members.

2. New Logo – Lesa Reid

- The BOD reviewed initial logo ideas from Ranch House Designs and requested some changes be made. Change requests will be sent back to the designer.
- Jeff Chambers made a motion, Pat Mitchell seconded, to obtain 3 final designs for the ADCA logo and allow the ADCA members to vote for the ultimate logo. The motion passed unanimously. Details for voting procedures will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. New Website – Lesa Reid

- Website committee presented a navigational map and a proposal from Ranch House Designs to create a new website for an estimated cost of \$15,800 – a 5% discount.
- The new website will use an industry standard language and technology that will allow the ADCA grow and to intergrade with PayPal and the database.
- Following discussion, the BOD asked the website committee to clarify questions regarding security plug-ins and other possible issues.
- The website committee was asked to bring back a direct

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recommendation to the BOD.

4. Registration and Software – Jeff Chambers

- The Registration and Software workgroup gave an update on ADCA registration software backup, data security, and research.
- Jeff Chambers made a motion, Jim Woehl seconded, for the ADCA to purchase IDrive, a cloud-based storage service for the Registrar to back-up data, at a cost of \$52 per year. Motion passed unopposed.

5. Expo Store – Carole Nirosky

- The Expo Store is up and running. Rebecca Gyax will be able to send weekly reports.
- More than 50% of classes have already been sponsored for the 2019 Expo

6. National Expo & AGM – Lesa Reid

- Robin Welch made a motion, Laaci Louderback seconded, for the ADCA to pay the \$8.00 parking fee for members attending the Meat Lab tour at the 2019 Expo. The motion passed unopposed.
- A Hoof trimmer will be available for hire at the Expo on Thursday and Friday. Elissa Emmons will follow up with him about the cost.
- Elissa asked Regional Directors to remind all the youth in their regions to send in their applications for the Chris Odem award. The deadline is May 4, 2019. The committee would like to have at least one junior and one senior application from each region.
- Several members have offered steers for the youth program. The youth committee was asked to develop a plan for implementing a steer program and bring their recommendations back to the BOD.

7. Final Thoughts –

- Jim Smith asked about the Treasurer position and his retirement – There was nothing to report, Lesa will add this to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Regional Directors are still needed for regions 1 and 11. Send any suggestions to Lesa.
- Jill – apologized for any delays in communicating with directors and members. She has been busy tending to registrations, transfers and membership paperwork and is working to process everything as quickly as possible. Please note that all paperwork is processed in the order it is received.

8. Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

Next meeting May 1, 2019

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

ADCA BREEDERS! SEND YOUR AGM SWAG TO ME!

My plea for breeders to advertise their farms by contributing 200 “branded” items for the AGM welcome bags appeared in the last Bulletin. To aid Hospitality volunteers in filling the bags in a timely fashion before the registration rush on Wednesday, please send me your items in advance if you can. If this isn’t possible, just bring your giveaways with you, and we’ll do our best to get them in every bag.

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