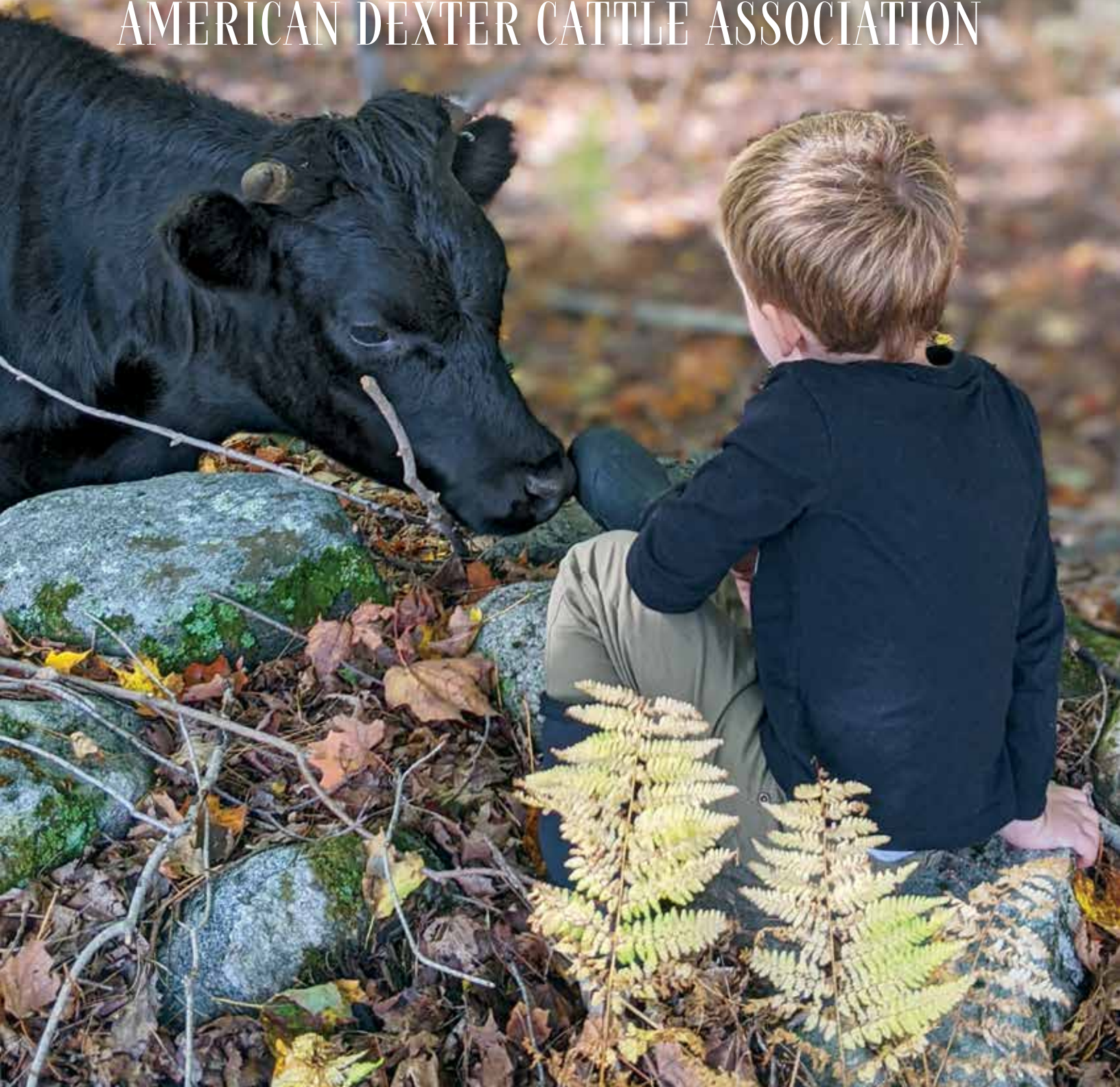


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Homoz. Polled  
A2/A2  
Non Chondro  
Non PHA  
Red Homoz. Dun

*Howie*

ADCA # 039431 \$25 Per Straw/10 for \$200



Homoz. Polled  
A2/A2  
Non Chondro  
Non PHA  
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*Fiddie*

ADCA # 041588 \$25 Per Straw/ 10 for \$200



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Dun carries Red

*Wow Factor*

ADCA # 039432 \$25 Per Straw/10 for \$200



Homoz. Polled  
A2/A2  
Non Chondro  
Non PHA  
Red carries Dun

*Rocky*

ADCA # 037491 \$25 Per Straw/10 for \$200



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Carries Red & Dun

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# ADCA CODE OF ETHICS

## 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.

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.



### TATTOO LETTERS & YEARS

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| 1999 – J | 2007 – T | 2015 – C |
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### DON'T FORGET!!!

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

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

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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First and most importantly - Congratulations to our Association Award winners!! Talisman Award winners: Norman and Mary Hoover. Chuck Daggett Award: Sean Silverman and Jennifer Wolf. Chris Odom Award - Senior Division: Makenna Hoover. Chris Odom Award - Junior Division: Gloria Dooley. All of you are justly deserving of these awards. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the ADCA.

I am writing this the day after our first virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM). From the feedback I have received, it was a success. Several members that had not attended an AGM previously got to participate in this one. The pandemic has stretched us in many ways, some good, some not so good. Other World, national and local changes have forced all of us to look and do things differently. Again, some good, some not.

While the virtual AGM was a success, I really missed the human interaction. It was just not the same as being in the same room with fellow Dexter breeders, feeling the camaraderie and energy of the moment. Going forward, I would like to see us do a combination, an in-person AGM at our 2021 venue in Wayne County, Ohio, and doing the live stream (Zoom and Facebook) that we did this year. The Board of Directors (BOD) looked at multiple electronic platforms before choosing ZOOM. It seemed to fit our needs the best and was easy enough for the technology challenged (me) to use. It is more expensive than teleconferences, but it increases interaction and gives attendees a much better sense of "being there." In a national organization such as ours that strives to be inclusive, we felt that the expense was warranted. Every Regional Director and Officer can be a 'Host' to facilitate communication, education, fellowship, etc. Some of our Regions had their annual meetings via ZOOM this year. They all reported it was well received. Starting In October, all of our BOD and committee meetings are on the ZOOM platform. I would like to thank Jennifer Hunt, Jeff Chambers, Carol Nirosky, and Kimberly Jepsen for their efforts in facilitating this transition.

Dexter cattle are again a hot item. Our current world climate has made a lot of people realize that self-sufficiency is something to strive for. Having a garden, chickens, bees, pigs, and of course, a DEXTER cow or 2 is no longer looked down upon. Land sales are soaring as people are leaving urban areas for the lifestyle that we enjoy. Very few Dexter breeders raise our breed commercially. We remain a niche, dual-purpose breed that meets that small acreage need. I encourage each of you to advertise in your area. The merits of Dexter cattle sell themselves, but we must make that information available to our prospective buyers. The ADCA does have pamphlets that you can get from your Regional Director to aid your efforts. Also, remember that our website is a great resource to refer people to. I am not a daily Facebook person, but I have noticed that requests for an animal are getting more regional. "Any Dexters in the XXXX area?" Please reach out to these contacts. Even if you do not have what they want, you can refer them to another Dexter breeder. As you know, the sale of animals is no longer allowed on Facebook. You can still post something with a link to your personal website. If you do not have a personal website, we have a great 'marketplace' on the ADCA website you can advertise on and link to that page.

Our membership is at a record high of over 1600! Please remember to renew your membership in January. There is value in being a member. ADCA registered cattle are asked for by name due to our vetting processes (genotyping, etc.). Only ADCA members can register cattle with the ADCA. We have an Annual Show and meeting (pandemics excepted) that offer comradery, fun, and state of the industry educational offerings by top University staff (University of Nebraska, Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Ohio State University in 2021, and others). Members receive the 'Bulletin' that will keep you up to date with not only the ADCA but national trends.

Even in this pandemic, we figured out a way to have a virtual show. There are many more reasons, but in the interest of space, I will stop. Call me if you want to know more reasons to be/remain a member of the ADCA! You have selected our new logo. Thank you for your involvement. It has been a long journey, but I think this logo has been worth the wait and the effort. It truly celebrates the diversity of our breed and association. I believe it will serve us well for decades to come. My deepest gratitude and thanks to Lori Heiman, the graphic designer who worked tirelessly, as a volunteer, to put your ideas and concepts on paper.

I am very excited about our new Registration software. It has been a huge undertaking by the technology task force; Jeff Chambers, Pat Mitchell, Susan Smythe, David Morgan, and Jill Delaney. They have been working on this over the past two years, which will not be completed for about another year. It is a monumental project that has and will take time to get it right. It will replace Registration software that no longer meets our needs and allow you, our member, an interactive component to use in several ways. It is being done in 3 phases. Phase 1 is the 'Registrar component', Phase 2 is the 'Initial Member and Public component,' and Phase 3 is the 'Full Member and Public Component plus a financial component'. Stay tuned, it's going to be GREAT!

Finally, I would like to thank you, the entire ADCA family, for making the American Dexter Cattle Association what it is. I am humbled by the BOD's vote to elect me as your President for this year. I will do my very best. At times I will fall short of your expectations, but it will not be for lack of trying. This will be my final term as President. In June 2021, it will be time for new blood to take the helm and move us to the next level. Please consider becoming a committee member, regional director, or officer. We have the need for all of your good ideas. Have a great Winter, and remember to Celebrate the Diversity of Dexter cattle!

Jim Woehl  
ADCA President

**American Dexter Cattle Association  
Financial Statement  
Year 2019**

| <u>Description</u>                         | <u>Amount</u>      |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Funds Account Balance - Beg</b>         | <b>356,499.36</b>  |
| <b>Revenues</b>                            |                    |
| Dues - Membership                          | 38,859.00          |
| Registrations                              | 28,395.00          |
| Registrations - Bulls                      | 19,650.00          |
| Registrations - Late                       | 4,419.00           |
| Registrations - Steers                     | 785.00             |
| Registration Certificate Replacement       | 281.00             |
| Transfer Fees                              | 39,202.00          |
| AGM Fundraising Proceeds - FunAuction      | 7,210.00           |
| AGM Meal & General Proceeds                | 17,615.10          |
| AGM Video Show Proceeds                    | 80.00              |
| Youth Program - Revenues                   | 803.00             |
| Advertising Revenues - Bulletin            | 1,470.00           |
| Advertising Revenues - Web Site            | 4,240.00           |
| Interest Income                            | 937.50             |
| Over (Under) Paid Fees                     | 1,045.00           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                      | <b>164,991.60</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                            |                    |
| Advertising - Fairs                        | 7,000.00           |
| Advertising - Internet-Media               | 1,149.50           |
| AGM - General Exp                          | 47,154.81          |
| Donations - Chris Odom Memorial Award      | 1,500.00           |
| Franchise Tax Fee                          | 260.00             |
| Genetic's Testing Exp                      | 1,299.00           |
| Insurance - Directors                      | 1,654.00           |
| Insurance - Show & Sale                    | 2,474.00           |
| Legal Expense                              | 2,457.35           |
| Meetings - Regional Directors              | 110.00             |
| Meetings - Shows HLSR                      | 1,000.00           |
| Postage                                    | 11,772.29          |
| Pay Pal Transaction Fees - Charge cards    | 4,530.16           |
| Professional Fees - Corporate Agent        | 90.00              |
| Professional Fees - On Line Pedigree       | 3,553.00           |
| Professional Fees - Software               | 571.15             |
| Professional Fees - Web Connection         | 21.17              |
| Professional Fees - Web Host               | 4,026.98           |
| Professional Fees - Web Updates            | 14,825.00          |
| Publications - Bulletin                    | 22,971.22          |
| Refunds                                    | 1,459.00           |
| Stipend - Bulletin                         | 3,200.00           |
| Stipend - Registrar Monthly                | 38,400.00          |
| Stipend - Secretary                        | 4,800.00           |
| Stipend - Treasurer                        | 8,500.00           |
| Stipend - Travel Allowances AGM            | 7,500.00           |
| Stipend - Webmaster                        | 2,700.00           |
| Storage Exp                                | 735.00             |
| Supplies                                   | 6,061.15           |
| Supplies - Equipment Purch                 | 4,920.45           |
| Telephone Exp                              | 1,852.43           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                      | <b>208,547.66</b>  |
| <b>Total Revenue Over (Under) Expenses</b> | <b>(43,556.06)</b> |
| <b>Funds Account Balance - End</b>         | <b>312,943.30</b>  |

For a more detailed report please see the ADCA Website

# ARE YOU PLAYING CATCH-UP?

## **A CASE FOR TESTING HAY**

**TERRY SPRAGUE** | REGION 12 DIRECTOR

To accurately and cost-effectively formulate cattle ration takes time and money, but may pay off in the long run.

Traditionally, forage supplementation was determined by the condition of an animal. Often by the time it was realized the animal was losing condition, it took time and money to get the animal back to satisfactory condition... playing catch-up.

Hay/forage testing now available is a means to accurately and cost-effectively formulate cattle ration. Different methods are available so it may be wise to check with your local County Extension Office to see what method and lab is preferred in your area. Knowing the nutritional value of your hay helps ensure the nutritional needs of your cattle are being met and ensures your ability to provide the lowest cost ration that will meet performance

expectations.

Determining deficiency or excess of protein and energy allows one to make accurate adjustments of supplements or avoid the cost of supplementation if not necessary. Realize each hay field and each cutting will vary in nutritional analysis.

Generally, it is suggested that sub-samples of 10% of each lot be mixed and sent to the lab. In this case, lot means from the same field and the same cutting. Hay quality depends on hay maturity at harvest, fertilization, growing conditions, harvest circumstances and storage methods. Usually a minimum analysis includes moisture, protein and energy. Key minerals and nitrates can also be tested.

To avoid having to play catch-up, determine if testing hay may be advantageous to your cattle nutritional program.



Welcome to our new series, in which we highlight ADCA production herds!







# Just A Few Acres Farm

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## PETE LARSON

Many of those wanting to learn about Dexter cattle and farming turn to the internet and YouTube. Since the start of his YouTube channel “Just A Few Acres Farm” in August 2019, Pete Larson has gained over 36,000 subscribers to it. Countless others have viewed the videos he posts twice weekly, covering topics from tractors or piglets to marketing and, of course, ADCA registered Dexters.

Pete was kind enough to answer a few questions of the ADCA Bulletin editors.

**Q:** Hi Pete, could you describe your farm and its history?

**Pete:** We are a small family farm of 45 acres in upstate NY. Our farm is called “Just a Few Acres,” and is owned by Peter & Hilarie Larson. We have three kids age 17, 14, and 11 who help with the farm. We have 35 head of Dexter cattle, along with broilers and layer chickens, turkeys and pigs. We are full-time farmers, and all our meats and eggs are sold directly to consumers from our farm and several farmers markets we attend. I was an architect for 20 years, and my wife was a registered nurse. Seven years ago we left our jobs to restart my family’s farm, of which I am the 7th generation.

Q: What are the primary products of your farm and which markets do you target?

Pete: We raise and sell Dexter beef and pork by the cut, broiler chickens, eggs and holiday turkeys.

We knew getting into farming that we were going to need to sell direct-to-consumer to capture the profit the middlemen usually make, so we could make a living from our small farm. That meant we needed to focus on marketing more than commodity farmers do and that we needed to differentiate our products in the marketplace. We do that by raising heritage breeds and growing all our livestock on pasture. Our Dexter cattle are grass finished. We target environmentally conscious consumers and “foodies” with our products. We sell our products from our farm and at three local weekly farmers markets.

Q: What sets you apart from other producers? What is your vision?

Pete: We are the opposite of modern “bigger is better” farming. Our vision for our farm is a combination of new and old farming methods, with common-sense practices to improve our land, and a classic sense of farmer frugality; doing all construction and repair work ourselves and using old equipment. Since we are the seventh generation, I have a keen interest in leaving

this place in better, more healthy shape than I inherited it and to pass that on to my children.

Q: How is your farm organized? Do you have any employees?

Pete: When I was an architect, I spent a good part of my time managing others. When I left my job, I did not want to manage employees. Things are much simpler without employees. My wife and I co-own the farm. She is in charge of the poultry and I am in charge of the cattle and pigs.

Q: How do you handle product and quality control?

Pete: Being small and selling directly to consumers allows us, my wife or myself, to inspect every cut of meat before it is sold. Anything that does not look premium gets saved for our own consumption.

Q: How do you market and how is your relationship with your customers?

Pete: Being a direct-to-consumer farm, marketing is almost as important as the actual farm operation. From the beginning, we chose the breeds we raised with an eye toward our “marketing story” to customers. Being in the Ithaca area, we exist in a local food marketplace crowded with competitors. We always



remember we are in a service business, and keeping customers happy is one of our top priorities. If they are unhappy with a purchase, we replace it or refund their money, without argument. Fortunately this has never happened!

Q: Financial management is a big part of any success. How did you tackle that?

Pete: Getting into this, we knew we were going to need a solid business plan to succeed. I have been saddened by the passing of many small family farms in our region. I wanted to show that a small farm can still support a family, but not using the traditional method of selling commodity products. One of the first things we did was to create a sustainable business plan; a blueprint of how many animals of each type we would grow and our profit margin from each. We planned on taking about seven years to expand our farm infrastructure, livestock, and customer base to this sustainable income level. This is our 7th year of farming and we've reached that goal. We keep track of farm income and expenditures on a daily basis and track the data to know exactly how profitable each animal is.

Q: How do regulations and compliance affect your business?

Pete: USDA slaughter and processing regulations hurt small farmers greatly. I feel that if I am growing meat to sell directly

to the people who will eat it, then the government should not get into the middle of it. I am responsible to my customers and carry liability insurance. But the government limits how many chickens and turkeys we can process on our farm, and requires our beef and pork to be processed at a USDA inspected facility. This raises my costs by close to fifty cents per pound compared to "custom exempt" slaughterhouses.

Q: Finally, is there anything you'd like to add or anything you'd want fellow Dexter breeders to consider?

Pete: Dexter beef is easy to market! Here's why: In my opinion, it tastes better than the common meat breeds like Angus or Hereford. It finishes well on grass; our steaks have none of the toughness or gaminess people think of with grass finished beef, and it marbles up nicely on grass. Grass finished sells well to "upscale" customers, and for premium prices. It's a heritage breed with a great story behind it. Its small size makes for nice proportions in steaks: a 1 1/2" T-bone weighs a little over a pound; not too big for today's consumers. Roll all those things together and you have a unique product to market, helping to distinguish your farm from all the others who are selling more common breeds of beef.




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DEXTER CATTLE  
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National Dexter Expo & AGM

**June 24 - 26, 2021**

**WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**WOOSTER, OHIO**

# WEBSITE FEE CHANGES



Ads for AI bulls: \$60 / annually.  
Farm ads: \$60 / annually.  
Both changes will go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

# TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE

The purpose of American Dexter Cattle Association is to encourage the breeding of high-quality Dexter cattle and maintain a herd book and registry system for registering such cattle. As such, the registration and transfer of purebred animals is one of the first duties of our Association. Over the past three years, our Association has taken steps to improve our policies and procedures related to this duty.

In October 2020, the ADCA Board approved several additions and changes to the current Standard Operating Procedures related to cattle registration and transfer. The changes were drafted by the ADCA Pedigree and Genetics committee after an extensive review of policies and procedures of 14 U.S. cattle associations' standard operating procedures. The following changes make the American Dexter Cattle Association's SOPs entirely within the mainstream of all other U.S. cattle registering associations.

The following additions and changes to the ADCA Standard Operating Procedures will take effect on January 1st, 2021.

***Privileges of Registration:*** All Honorary Lifetime, Individual, Family, Corporation, Junior, and Registration members, in good standing, may register cattle with the American Dexter Cattle Association. Non-members of the Association shall not be entitled to the privileges of registration.

***Transfers:*** Transfer of animal registrations shall be submitted by the owner of record or their authorized representative for any registered Dexter recorded by the American Dexter Cattle Association. A transfer of the registered owner's name on the certificate must be recorded for each ownership change.

It is the owner of record's responsibility to complete and submit the transfer application (either online or via mail) with the correct fee. The submission should be completed immediately upon completion of the sale (within 60 days).

In the event of an owner of record's death, a notification to the ADCA Registrar by an immediate family member is required. This notification should specify the family beneficiary to be the new owner of record. If the new owner of record is not an immediate family member, documentation of beneficiary status necessary to show that the person requesting the transfer is authorized and entitled to request such transfer is required, e.g., will, power of attorney.

A transfer of registration request will transfer the official owner of record in the ADCA Registry but is not to be construed as the conveyance of legal title by the ADCA. The ADCA shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals or the passage of legal title.

The ADCA will usually make any transfer of cattle registration

upon receipt of Registry Certificate (paper or electronic) covering the cattle and purporting to be signed/submitted by the owner of record. If the Association receives conflicting instructions regarding any change or transfer of registration, the Association will honor the request of the owner of record.

A standard sales agreement between seller and buyer stating the terms and conditions of sales, including if the animal/s is/are sold as registered and transferred in the ADCA, is encouraged, and strongly recommended. Examples of sales agreement and a bill of sale are available at [dextercattle.org](http://dextercattle.org).

## ***Member or Non-Members Neglect or Refusal to Submit Application for Transfer***

Neglect or refusal to submit a transfer application: If an owner of record: (1) unreasonably refuses, (2) persistently neglects, or (3) or cannot be located, to apply for transfer of an animal sold as registered, upon satisfactory evidence presented (e.g., sales agreement specifying registered animal and transfer, bill of sale specifying registered animal and transfer) to the Region Director the transfer application may at the order of the President, be transferred to the buyer without the application of transfer from the owner of record. The transfer fee will be the responsibility of the person/s requesting.

An owner of record that neglects or refuses to complete and submit with payment the application for transfer of animals sold as registered ADCA stock is in non-compliance with the ADCA rules. If an ADCA member, the member violates the ADCA Rules and ADCA Code of Ethics (SOP Section 14, H) and is subject to sanction (ADCA By-laws Section 1.14, 1.15, and 1.17.) including restricted membership, suspension, or expulsion (SOP Section 15, E). ADCA Regional Director/s or the ADCA Registrar will refer to the ADCA Ethics Committee members in non-compliance with this rule.

Any non-member, owner of record that neglects or refuses to complete and submit with payment the transfer application is in non-compliance with the ADCA rules as described in these SOPs. Non-members that violate the ADCA Code of Ethics (Section 14, H) are subject to the same sanctions, including restricted membership. Non-members in violation are not eligible to enter the Association as members in good standing. A listing of non-members violating the transfer rules will be maintained and made available upon request.

## **Non-members of the Association**

Any non-member who makes application for transfer of an animal, or who avails himself of any of the Association's privileges, shall be deemed to have thereby subjected themselves to the By-Laws and rules of the Association to the same extent as its members.

# Gloria Dooley

Chris  
Odom  
Award  
Winner

**JUNIOR DIVISION**

Our farm started in 2011 when my mom decided she wanted to eat home grown beef so she had looked into cows and wasn't quite sure if she was ready yet but she really liked the idea my family had talked about it and the reason we were even able to talk about cows was because my grandpa had owned some land in Washoe Valley and since he wasn't using it we asked if we could use it. After we found out we had access to land my mom started looking for cows and she found 7 Dexter cows on Craigslist and decided to give it a shot we ended up falling in love with these animals, bought the land and built a barn. 5 years after that we built a house and while this was happening the cow amount kept going up and up now we have around 60 Dexter cows and they are our whole life.

We don't usually wean our calves we let the moms just kick them off when their old enough but when we sell a calf we wait until about 7 months but for people that do wean it would depend on the condition of the cow not as much the calf but usually it's about 7-8 months.

If someone was asking me about Dexters I would say first they are great animals and super easy to take care of because they are smaller. Their small size also comes in handy when you are going to halter train them because they are not as strong and less intimidating for first time owners. Some other traits about Dexters are they can live in almost every state and don't need a whole lot of space or food. Dexters are also known for their easy calving my whole entire life with Dexters I have never had to help pull or anything. One of the best things about Dexters is they are smaller and don't test your fence as much and they can produce about 2 gallons of milk a day even though we don't milk our cows we do use them for beef which is another amazing thing about Dexters over all I would say in my opinion Dexters are very docile and I would definitely recommend them.

To maintain a healthy herd you should have loose minerals available like kelp, diatomaceous earth, salt blocks, baking soda and trace minerals. WE also use protein tubs to help maintain our healthy herd. Throughout the winter when there is no grass we feed our Dexters alfalfa but hay works just fine too. WE watch for any signs of being injured or sick if they need extra help we will get them some treatment or call the vet. For our family we live very close to our heard so if we find that one is having some problems we get them in a pen by themselves and see if we can find what's wrong.

To figure out if you have an animal that should be breeding stock or should be culled you should first look at their genes and see if their from a good bloodline than if it's a female than you should look at their udder and it should be level and have good suspension

then you should look at their hips they should be wide and the cow should also have a wide base. The cow should have a flat back that doesn't have bumps or dips in it. If a cow has all of those traits then it should be used as a breeding stock or a show animal but if it doesn't have most of those traits it should be culled. In a male it should have a longer body and it should be kind of fat. It should also have some muscle in the chest and be wide based. The male should have some fat in the start of its tail and it should have a flat back. If the male doesn't have at least 2-3 of these traits I wouldn't recommend using it for breeding or showing.



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**KNIFE**



*Closed Pen Compressed.*



*Doors and Windows Compressed.*



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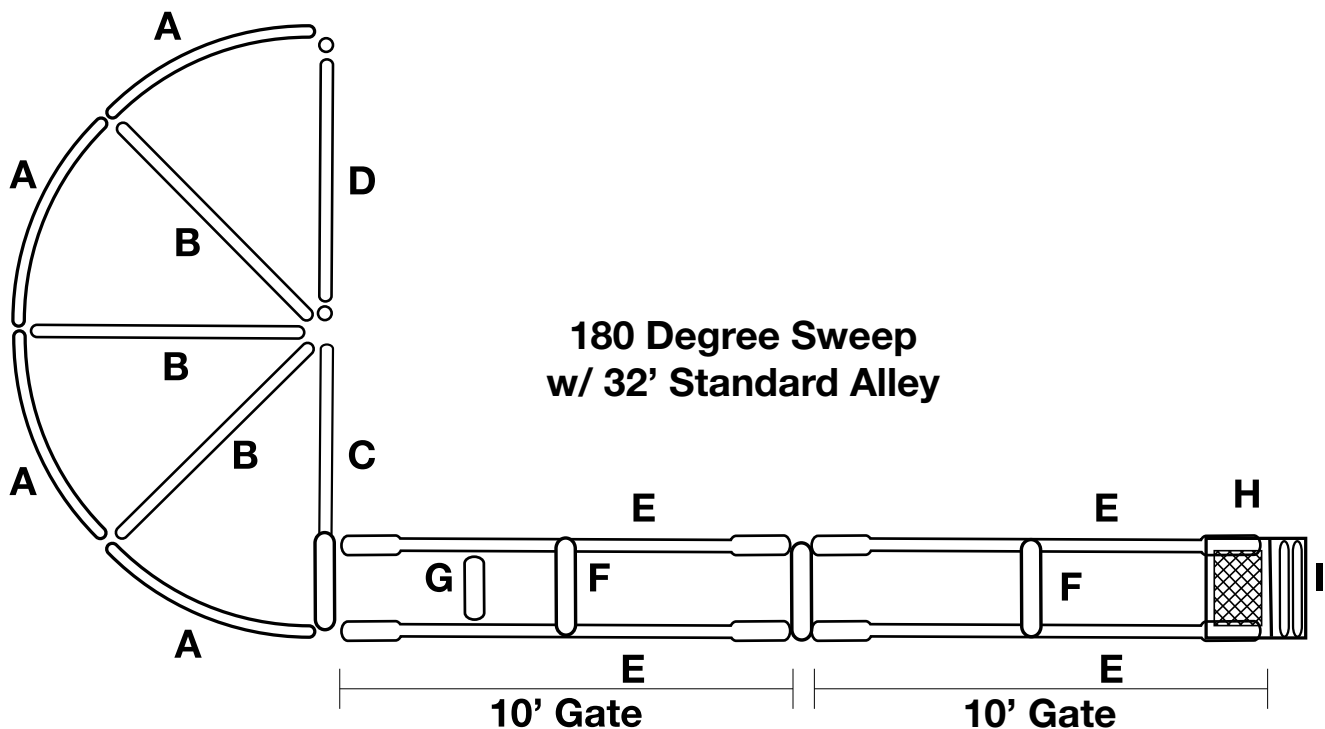
For the first 10-plus years with a small herd of ten or so Dexters, my go-to piece of cattle-handling equipment – my only cattle handling equipment – was an estimable Priefert Sweep-Alley- Headgate combo. (See diagram below) It was customized to accommodate little cows with a narrower than normal alley, which prevented cows from turning completely around in the alley, as they could otherwise easily do. Man gates opposite each other near the headgate provided vet access and cow in- and- out if I didn't want to use the headgate for some reason. The sweep, at its largest 180-degree size, could be a mega-secure corral for short timers, especially bulls who weren't crazy about being cooped up. And that was it – no network of pens needed. My Sweep/Alley /Headgate was so dear to me that it got hauled from Colorado to Texas, but not, alas, back to Colorado.

So here we were again in Boulder County on a half-fenced, bone-dry, barnless acreage which hadn't seen livestock of any kind for a long while. The priorities were: first - fence, second - get Dexters, third - put up corral panels, fourth – find a device to use in handling the Dexters. Given the realities of 17" rainfall and no irrigation, my "herd" was necessarily going to be a mini one, perhaps three cows at most. Obviously, no palatial sweep-alley combo would be necessary.

Enter the Swiss Army Knife, otherwise known as a calving pen! In one 10x10 space walled in very stout pipe, this pen has a large gate, a man gate, a little sweep which produces a confinement stall when closed and a mini-corral when fastened at its largest point. A headgate at one end of the confinement stall allows for more control if needed for the cow in the stall. A drop-down panel on the outside panel of the stall (which is also the large gate) must be intended for calving/vet access. The man door at the end of the confinement stall also allows a nice big access to the confined cow. Obviously, this pen, of which there are lots of variations, was invented by stockmen!

As you can see from the pictures, my pen is placed at a corner of the corral, providing the cows' entrance either by the large open gate or man gate. They got used to the odd thing quickly and didn't give it a second thought. The headgate opens into the corral, not the pasture, just in case a "headgate -ee" isn't getting turned out right away. Or a cow can just be sent out the man gate into the pasture if desired. Loading through the headgate seemed obvious to me, but so far, haulers have preferred the large or small gate, depending on the trailer configuration.

While this could be a good supplementary piece of equipment for large herds, my little Swiss Army Knife performs all the handling functions I need. It's perfect for my mini-herd!



# TRIED AND TRUE DEXTER RECIPES

# DEXTER MILK EGGNOG

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KIMBERLY JEPSEN | VICE-PRESIDENT

## DEXTER MILK EGGNOG RECIPE

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups raw Dexter cream
- 8 egg yolks from organic, pastured hens
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup or honey
- 1/2 tsp dried nutmeg powder
- 1/2 tsp dried cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup Rum (optional)

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender on high-speed. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for a day, maybe two if you can resist the temptation to drink it all.

Who's ready for cozy nights by the fire with a mug of classic Christmas boozy eggnog? The store-bought stuff simply can't compete with a batch of this deliciously EASY Homemade Eggnog! Cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla combine perfectly with the smooth texture and the optional kick of rum is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

This recipe makes six 1-cup servings, so reduce if needed but once you try it you'll wonder why you didn't double it!





# LOOKING AT YOUR CATTLE FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

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PAT MITCHELL | REGION 10 DIRECTOR

Most everyone that owns Dexters has, at one time or another, looked at their animals and asked the question – “What traits are critical to improve my herd”? What should I look for, and how can I learn to evaluate my animals easily, without needing a great deal of formal education in the fine art of cattle classification?

I recently had the opportunity to contact Carol Davidson, a long-time breeder of quality Dexters in British Columbia. Carol’s HIYU herd dates back to the mid 80’s and produced many high-quality sires and dams. I have known Carol for over 30 years and have worked with her on many ADCA projects and served with her on the ADCA board. She has published many articles and opinions on the breed, always to improve the characteristics of the breed and take it to the next level. Over the years, some of her ideas were considered quite radical for their time but have proven to be scientifically correct. She was ahead of the curve regarding the structural differences in chondrodysplasia carriers vs. non-carriers, and the size differential between the types.

In my conversations with Carol, I asked her if she would be willing to share with ADCA members some of her expertise regarding

the Dexter breed. This is the first in a series of articles that shares some important characteristics that we as breeders of quality Dexters can understand and implement in our own herds.

We’re going to start with carcass yields and what to look for to improve the beef producing side of the dual-purpose Dexter. The first tip that Carol shared with me was rather obvious – go look at your cattle. Carcasses can be divided into three things: meat, fat, and bones. Ideally, if one were to cut up a carcass, bone it out completely, and separate the fat from the meat, one would have three piles. Hopefully, the largest percentage or most volume by weight would be meat because that’s what sells. You’d want finer bones and not a lot of hidden fat beyond cover and marbling.

The system Carol used is called Supergene, an Australian system developed by Peter Chilcott, a cattle breeder in Tasmania. It allows you to tell by looking at the animal on the hoof how that yield percentage is going to work out. For instance, anyone breeding for beef would like a large rib eye. This system tells you what to look for on the live animal that will translate into the ribeye area on the carcass. It is also one of the yardsticks for the serious breeder for culling

breeding bulls: who wants a bull that is going to pass on a small ribeye? The stifle muscle (football-shaped just behind the stifle) size directly correlates to the size of the ribeye. Big muscle, lots of ribeye, small muscle, small ribeye. Breed for a big stifle muscle. It's all about predicting sellable meat yield and breeding away from waste.

Peter Chilcott found there was a direct correlation between the weight of the skull, and the weight of the rest of the bones in the carcass. Heavy head, heavy bones elsewhere, wasteful. Small head, lighter bones elsewhere, better sellable meat yield by carcass weight. If you have a short distance between the hook and the pin, there isn't much space for the meat, so yield will be lower than on an animal that has good length between the hook and pin. Just makes sense. Look for a breeding bull that has lots of length there.

If you look at the hair crease on the hind leg just in front of the hock, and measure front to back (or diameter if you like) about two-three inches up from there, that's an indicator of meat yield. The more volume of the muscle, the more meat over the whole carcass. You can do this visually by standing to the side of the animal. It doesn't take long to develop an "eye" for this. There will also be a

correlation to the bulk of the "crease" where the front leg inserts into the shoulder.

The longer the back (saddle), the more expensive cuts you'll get. Bonus. A short back looks out of proportion and doesn't yield a lot of those fancy steaks. The back muscles have to be strong enough to support the length, as sometimes you can get too long and the animal becomes swaybacked from weak muscles. Back up a bit. You have to balance these things with the other traits. On the whole, you want a rectangle, not a square silhouette.

The big trick is to figure out how to fix everything. You just can't do it all at once. Pick the several traits that really matter to you, work on those, move on...two steps forward, one back.

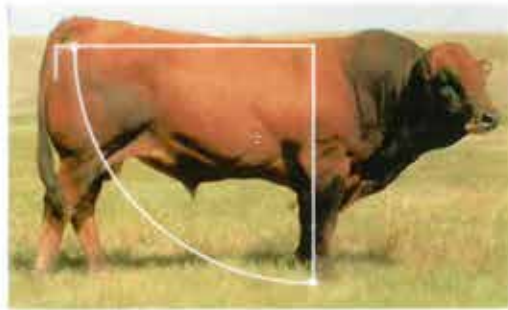
Take a look at the pictures and see what Carol is referring to. Her expertise in cattle evaluation has resulted in her breeding some great looking Dexters over the years, and in her providing some awesome AI bulls. These pictures are not all Dexters, but represent the traits that Carol has been describing as desirable.

## CARCASS YIELD

Yield can be divided into two categories: volume of muscle and type of cut. Bone and fat weights round out the general picture of saleable meat yield.

## LENGTH

This factor is common to both categories. The longer the back, the higher the yield, and the higher the percentage of expensive cuts. Stock should always be longer (point of shoulder to pins) than tall (ground to shoulder).



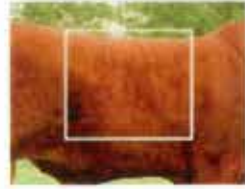
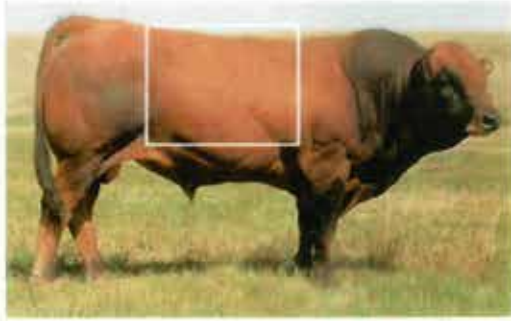
## VOLUME OF MUSCLE

The size and shape of the shank muscles, viewed from the inside point of the hock is a good indicator of overall yield and is not as affected by condition as other indicators. The shoulder/ leg crease is another indicator.



## TYPE OF CUT

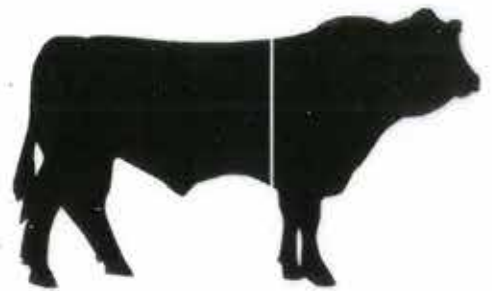
The expensive cuts are found in the saddle or back.



Rib eye size relates to stifle muscle surface area.



Proportionate animals produce higher yields of expensive cuts.



## OTHER

Bone Weight: 4.8 times the weight of the skinned head, with the cheeks and tongue removed will provide a good estimate of the total weight of the bone in the carcass. (If boning out, adjust for any bones retained, like T-bone).



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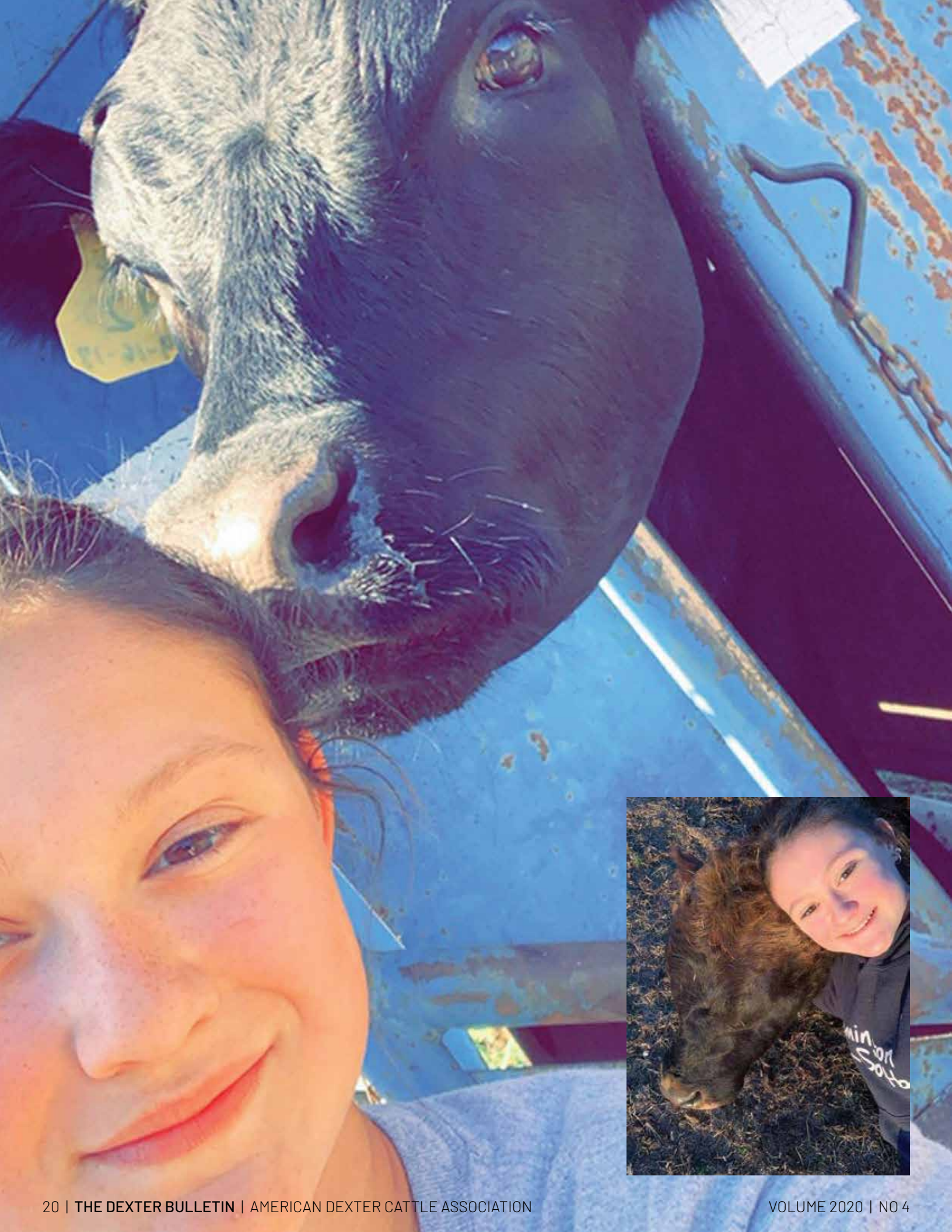
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**SENIOR DIVISION**

I was introduced to the Dexter breed when I was very little and my grandparents made the purchase of three Dexter cows, Coco, Shadow, and Sunshine. That was 15 years ago so I don't remember much of Coco or Shadow, but I do remember Sunshine because she is still with us and is part of the foundation of our herd. She recently celebrated her 17th birthday and has retired. She is now living out her life as our weanling babysitter. I started showing in 2017 and started with the granddaughter of Sunshine, Pumpkin. I have been showing every year since at the AGM, MDBA, and Tulsa State Fair. I have shown in heifer, bull calf, cow calf, and mature cow classes but so far my favorite age to show is a mature cow.

One of the most important reasons we parent verify and genotype is for the health and safety of the mother and the calf. Unknowingly breeding two chondro or two pha carriers could lead to the death of the mother due to the birth defect of the calf causing it to grow too large to pass through the birth canal properly. There is also concern that a bull calf could accidentally breed his mother or another cow in the herd and if the resulting calf is not tested there could be inbreeding or the passing of bad lines in the future. It is important to us to know the lineage of our Dexters before making choices on future breedings. We want to make the best pairings we can to get the best calf we can.

When a female is in the process calving and there is only a single leg presenting one of two things needs to be done. If you are experienced with birthing complications and feel comfortable going in to assist you will need to restrain the cow, then put on an OB glove and go in to feel for another leg or a head. If neither can be felt a vet should be called immediately. If you can feel another leg but it feels like it is turned back gently try and push the calf back far enough until you can feel a foot. If you feel just a head and no leg, you should try to follow the head back until you can find a shoulder and the leg. When pulling it is advised to use a soft rope or calving chains to pull and hold while the cow contracts. Once the baby is

out the mother should be let out and left alone to bond with her calf. If you do not feel comfortable with assisting you should keep the cow calm and quiet until a vet can get there to assist.

In our herd, we do some procedures ourselves but for some more invasive procedures we have our vet or neighbor come out. Regular vaccines and overall wellness checks on our established herds are done by us. Dehorning and castrations on our calves are generally done by our vet or by our amazing neighbor Mr. Ryan Parker. Unlike many operations, we do not preg. check but we watch our cattle to see when the bull is showing interest in one specific female then we write down the expected due date of calving. We calve in the fall and spring. For the fall calvers we have six horned cows and they calve in September through October generally. For the spring calvers we have 13 that calve in April through May. We have only had four incidents during calving and only lost two calves in 16 years. In a medical emergency, we will call out our vet.

My involvement in the Dexter community has changed my life in many different ways. For starters I have learned to be more patient and to focus on the little improvements and not dwell on the bad. I have also learned to see things through others perspectives and realize how some things appear scary to them but to me they are normal. When they spook it took patience to help them get over their fear which was another learning curve for me. They have made me cry, they have made me laugh, they have made me experience every emotion in the matter of an hour, but I wouldn't trade them for the world. I have made many new friends and have met so many amazing new people. I wish I would have gotten more involved when I was little but back then I only saw the cattle once a month if that, back when my grandparents lived in Sedan KS. Now that they have moved, and only live 25 minutes from me I drive over quite often to work with my calves. I truly love them and all of their unique little personalities.

# The Hell of Hoof Trimming:

## The continuing saga of Bossy the Cow

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PATRICE LEWIS

I didn't want to admit it, but it sure looked like Bossy's hooves were growing a bit long. Too long. Hoping to avoid the dreaded concept of hoof trimming, I tried to ignore them. It was impossible.

As the weeks went by, it became more and more apparent that her hooves were overgrown. In fact, they were starting to resemble skis. Diligently I consulted my cow manual. "Try to get a cow used to having her feet handled," confidently suggested the book. "That way, when the time comes to trim her hooves, there will be less stress to the animal and to the handler."

Obligingly, after milking Bossy the next morning, I put the milk pail aside and leaned over to pick up a front hoof ... BAM! Next thing I knew, I was on my back, legs propped up on the tipped over milking crate, looking at the ceiling. My glasses were half off my face, but miraculously still intact. Unconcernedly, Bossy kept eating her grain.

I lay there, too stunned to really move, until it finally dawned on me that I had actually been kicked. Kicked hard, right in the eye... or, more correctly, in the socket just above my left eye. Dazedly I re-adjusted my glasses, hung up the milking crate, took the milk pail, and let the animals loose.

I stumbled up to the house. "Bossy kicked me," I mumbled to my husband Don, who gasped when he saw me. I was unable to rouse myself out of a curious lethargy. Don carefully examined the lump on my forehead, drew me a hot bath, and kept a careful eye on me in case I had a concussion.

When I saw myself in the mirror, I gasped too. My hair was disheveled and liberally strewn with mud and poop. A neat outline of a cloven hoof was traced in manure on my forehead.

The next morning I awoke with the most beautiful black eye you ever saw. I was rather proud of it, actually. Not many people can say they got a black eye by being kicked by their cow.

That's the last time I ever attempted to handle Bossy's hooves. Instead, I called a fellow named Paul who had a hoof-trimming business, and made an appointment for him to come out.

How I dreaded the day as the appointment loomed closer. Bossy is not halter-trained, as we got her when she was too old (18 months) for such shenanigans. And, since there is no road access to the barnyard, this meant that somehow we had to rope Bossy and drag her the 200 yards or so to the driveway, where Paul had his rig.

His rig consisted of an old 1972 flatbed pickup truck, which had been modified by his father (he took over the family business ten years ago). A hydraulic lift tilted the back of the bed vertically into a squeeze chute. The idea was that the cow was (reluctantly) coaxed into this chute and then, get this, lifted off her feet and tipped over onto her side. This rendered the animal immobile, and had the added benefit of having the feet off the ground. But first we had to get Bossy into the chute.

Never have I seen someone earn his money harder than Paul. It took him half an hour to rope Bossy and, with my rather ineffectual assistance, drag her up through the garden, across the yard, and into the driveway.

The whole procedure was so comical that Don videotaped it. We pushed and shoved Bossy into the chute, and Paul pulled straps around her belly just behind the front legs and in front of the back legs. The head was put in a stanchion and gently immobilized. The side gate was put in place, and we all stood back while Paul fiddled with the levers and the hydraulics whined into action.

It was fascinating. Effortlessly, our 700 pound cow was lifted off her feet and tipped over on her side. She kicked rather feebly until Paul strapped her feet down, sat on a stool, and got to work.

"They usually give up struggling once they're off their feet," explained Paul, expertly trimming and snipping "This one is easy. You should have seen the animal I did yesterday. It was a 4000 pound bull. He struggled so much when we got him in the chute that he moved the whole rig four feet."

I could no more imagine trying to control a two ton bull than I could imagine walking across hot coals. Yet here this man sat, talking about it as if it were just another day's work... which, I guess, it was. Think about that next time you're inclined to gripe about your job.

Next we had to trim one of Bossy's horns. Her right horn had, cleverly, curved around and was a hair's breadth away from growing right into her forehead and impaling her (this does not sound like an evolutionary sound concept). Paul took a hacksaw and sawed three inches from the tip, basically cutting it in half. Bossy rolled her eyes and tried to struggle. After all, I think I'd do the same if someone were sawing a couple of inches from my eye.

The horn fell away, and blood started spurting from a small artery. I don't know why this surprised me-that a horn has a blood supply- but spurt it did, squirting out two feet with each heartbeat. I ran inside and grabbed some old clean diapers, and sat there trying to apply enough pressure to stop the bleeding while Paul took a wire wheel brush and proceeded to buff Bossy's hooves. I no longer get manicures. I leave that to the cows.

Fortunately, getting Bossy back to the barnyard was 110% easier than getting her out of it. In fact, we practically let her go, and she trotted as quickly as she could across the yard, through the garden, and joined her calf, Hamburger, back in the barnyard.

After we paid (and tipped) Paul and he departed, I collapsed on the couch. "Oh my God, I'm glad that's over," I groaned. The next calf that Bossy has is going to get used to having its feet handled. From day one. After all, how hard can a calf kick?




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# AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE CALLS

## SEPTEMBER

September 9, 2020  
7 pm CDT

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### Special 2020 AGM Planning Meeting

1. Kimberly Jepsen presided over the meeting in Jim Woehl's absence.

- The BOD met to discuss Zoom and prepare for the ADCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The 2020 AGM will be a virtual meeting on Zoom, October 10, 2020 at 2:00pm CDT. Plans are to live stream on a platform yet to be determined and allow ADCA members to join on Zoom.
- Details for streaming will be investigated and discussed at the next AGM planning meeting.
- Pat Mitchell will be creating the power point for the AGM. Annual reports from committees and officers should be sent to Pat by September 23, 2020.
- The BOD will be meeting again on September 23, 2020 at 7:00 CDT for another AGM planning session.

### 2. Other

- Jennifer had a question from a member in her region regarding animals showing on their owner list that they no longer own. Members may use the deceased animal report located on the registration page of the ADCA website to update that information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25  
Submitted by Carole Nirosky

## SEPTEMBER

September 23, 2020  
7 pm CDT

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### Special 2020 AGM Planning Meeting

1. The BOD met on Sept 23, 2020 to discuss Zoom and prepare for the ADCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will be held October 10, 2020 at 2:00pm central time. The meeting will be held via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. Members will be sent a link to watch the meeting and they will be able to make comments or ask questions on YouTube.

2. A wrap-up meeting for the BOD will be held on October 10, 2020 following the AGM.

3. The BOD will meet again on September 30, 2020 at 7:00pm CDT and practice a go live streaming on YouTube.

4. Items added to the agenda for the monthly BOD meeting scheduled for October 7, 2020.

- Daggett Award
- Discuss Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Pedigree & Genetics committee proposal regarding transfers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10  
Submitted by Carole Nirosky

# SEPTEMBER

September 30, 2020  
7 pm CDT

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## Special 2020 AGM Planning Meeting

1. The BOD held a special meeting to practice using Zoom for the ADCA Annual General Meeting scheduled for October 10, 2020 at 2:00pm Central Standard Time. Members will receive an email from their regional director that will include instructions for signing into and using Zoom if they wish to attend the AGM. Instructions will also be available on the ADCA website. The AGM will also be live-streamed on Facebook.

2. Throughout the meeting, members that are signed into Zoom will be able to use the chat feature to pose questions to the BOD.

3. During the AGM members will be asked to choose two members at large to represent them at the Board of Directors follow-up meeting scheduled to begin immediately after the AGM. The elected members at large will be sent a Zoom invite with a link to attend the follow up meeting.

4. Jeff Chambers asked for the Historical Committee to be added to the agenda for the October 7, 2020 BOD meeting.

5. Clarifications was given about Region 10 election. Due to covid-19 restrictions, region 10's regional director election will be held via Zoom. To comply with the SOP's for counting ballots, three members will meet at one location during the Zoom meeting to verify and count the proxy ballots.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50  
Submitted by Carole Nirosky

# OCTOBER

October 10, 2020  
2020 ADCA ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING

Zoom Call / Facebook Livestream

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Meeting. Approximately 80 members were in attendance on the Zoom format and several guests attended via Facebook.

Jennifer Hunt gave the members some instructions for using Zoom and utilizing the chat feature to communicate and ask questions of the BOD.

Jim expressed his appreciation to everyone for taking the time to attend the Zoom meeting. The BOD is looking forward to using Zoom in a lot of different formats. This year's Virtual Show allowed members that have never shown Dexter cattle before to do so making it a huge win for Dexter cattle overall.

Jim asked members to consider serving on the BOD of directors as some of our directors will be stepping down due to term limits.

The Board of Directors introduced themselves before starting committee reports.

## Committee Reports (Power-Point Presentations)

- Treasurers Report – Roberta Wieringa
- The 2020 Balance sheet shows total assets of \$340,070.33. Net income \$27,187.03 and expenses down due to the cancellation of the ADCA National Expo. Roberta has moved ADCA savings and checking into interest bearing accounts in Michigan

## Registrar's Report – Jill Delaney

- ADCA Total Members thru September 2020 = 1508 exceeding the two previous years
- 1440 Registrations / 1834 Transfer
- Website Advertising – Jill Delaney
- Website advertising is down from previous years
- Breeder advertising is only \$50 per year and we are getting lots of traffic on the new website according to Jill. Jim W urged members take advantage since Facebook is shutting down sales of animals.

## Secretary's Report - Carole Nirosky

- Report included record keeping process, Facebook posting and updates, membership communications, election information.

## Ethics Committee – Jim Woehl

- One ethics complaint was reviewed in 2020 and it was determined that there was no ethical violation. Complainant was notified via certified mail.
- Marketing & Advertising – Danny Collins
- The M&A committee sponsored 13 events totaling \$6250 in 2019 thru Sept 2020.

## Show Committee – Kimberly Jepsen

- ADCA National Expo cancelled due to covid-19
- Virtual Show created. Cost was \$900 to Virtual Cattle Battle and \$800 to University of Nebraska Judging team.

## Pedigree and Genetics – Jeff Chambers

- The P&G committee provided 7 official reviews of questions related to registration and/or transfers to the ADCA BOD. The

transfer proposal was recently approved.

- The P&G committee is researching to develop ADCA genetic policies for the Association and Members.

#### Registration Software Work Group –

- Only two of the four companies contacted responded to the requests for proposal with bids. The committee did not recommend either to the BOD. Both were costly with one bid over \$300,000.
- Susan Smythe of Better Built Cows Software submitted a proposal in response to the RFP in April of 2020. The proposal was approved by the Board in April and an MOU executed with BBC. Total cost of \$16,000 and it will be completed in three phases. Phase 1 completion is on target for end of 2020.

#### Junior ADCA – Elissa Emmons

- The SOP's for the Junior ADCA were finalized and approved by the BOD in 2020.
- The Junior ADCA is hoping to be more central and represent the entire US. Please notify Elissa of event in your area involving our youth and Dexters.
- Junior BOD members were introduced, President Fiona Delaney, Vice President Ava White, Secretary Kenny Endl, Inclusion Officer Erin Chambers, Treasurer Caleb Gardner, Social Secretary Shyanne Wieringa. Contact Elissa if you are interested in serving on the Youth BOD.

#### End of Committee reports

#### Election results Jim Woehl

- ADCA Youth Director election winner is Elissa Emmons
- ADCA Logo result – members voted for option #1
- Chris Odom Junior Division – Gloria Dooley / Senior Division – Makenna Hoover
- Chuck Daggett Good Citizen Award – Jennifer Wolf and Sean Silverman of Region 8
- Talisman Farm Award – Norman and Mary Hoover of Region 6
- Members at Large election – Emily Boeve of region 10, and Patti Adams of Region 6 were elected to represent the membership at the Wrap-up meeting following the AGM.

#### Member Question & Answer –

- Vicky Birdsong Jones – Could the ADCA send reminders to members with advertisements on the website when they are about to expire?
- Answer: Item will be put on the BOD meeting agenda to figure out a way to send reminders and develop a better process.
- For 90-day animal advertisements members should notify Ray when animals are sold so he can remove them.
- Patti Adams – Concerning the acronyms on the new registry software: On the software, PHA the non-carrier is shown with just the letter N and non-chondro is shown with just N, test results for reports is actually shown as NN for both of these. Would it not be preferable for the registry to show exactly what the test reports show?
- Answer: Information shown on the slide was language for the software to pull from the data base and not necessarily what

will show on the registry. The BOD could discuss the possibility of redesigning the Registry Certificates to reflect the actual testing results.

- Brandon Bilbrey asked if the new software will allow someone to register a Dexter under his farm name instead of his name?
- Answer: Jill said yes, she can actually do it now, but it's done more manually on her end.
- Sally Coad – Is the “registered owner only” transfer really necessary if the seller has signed registration papers and gives to buyers who can then scan to send to registrar with their online transfer.
- Answer: Jeff, the exact language in the adopted policy at this point is “it is the owner of record's responsibility to complete and submit the transfer application either online or via mail with the correct fee”
- Jenn Wolf asked if we have selected the location for the 2021 AGM?
- Answer: The 2021 ADCA AGM and EXPO will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster Ohio.
- Sally Coad – Will the financial expenditures not only the income be published in the Bulletin?
- Answer: Yes, as usual. That policy has not changed.
- Sally Coad – in response to Jeff regarding transfers, I do realize that is the current policy on transfers but is it really necessary, it seems that it is causing more issues for buyers?
- Answer: What we been seeing and what we are trying to address is that it is the owner of record that is responsible for transferring an animal. No one else should be allowed to transfer someone else's animal. That is consistent with the other 14 cattle associations that were referenced. The new policy has a process in place for buyers that have proper documentation including a sales agreement and the owner of record refuses to transfer.
- Brandon Bilbrey – Will the new database have an area that shows if an animal is homozygous polled A2/A2 etc.?
- Answer: Jill said yes it will show on the registry. If the BOD approves the registration certificates will need to be redesigned to add this information.
- Mark Ballard – I am a new member of the Association and wanted to thank the BOD/Regional Directors for the hard work they put into putting this Zoom meeting together. This is a great way to attend a meeting and visually see the reports.
- Kathy Kramer: how do you add a photo of your Dexters to the new website?
- Answer: For the current pedigree page, send photos, animal name and number to info@raydelaney.net. The new registration software will allow members to add and remove their own photos.
- Linda Rininger: Will the wrap-up meeting also be open to members to attend?

- Answer for Jim W: Traditionally the wrap-up meeting is not open to members, but the minutes will be published. The wrap-up meeting is to address any issues that came out of the AGM and to re-elect President, VP, Secretary, Registrar and Treasurer. Those positions are elected by the BOD and Members at large.
- Vicki Birdsong Jones asked how the members would be notified of the election results assuming the BOD is breaking for their meeting after this?
- Answer: Election results are typically made know at the banquet dinner during the AGM but this year an announcement will be placed on Facebook.
- Lisa: Will obligate animals show results of the parents that are already on file.
- Answer: Jill said yes.
- Jim W reaffirmed that the new registration software is being rolled out in three phases. Phase one is the registrar's portion with expanded fields for testing results. The next two phases will be membership driven areas giving member access to some portions and allowing them to add pictures and market animals. This should be happening approximately over the next year.
- Emily Boeve suggested sending the election results out via email to the members.
- Sharie from Rocking Star Ranch: What will we be doing with the funds not spent this year.
- Answer: Jim W said that the BOD does not according to the Articles of Incorporation, operate under a zero-balance budge. The association has some marketing ideas and other expenses. We have not raised membership dues for 7 years. The funds will help to offset next year's AGM and cover some of the capital expenditures.
- Kimberly Jepsen interjected to say that although it looks like we have a large bank balance, it does take a lot to run the association. She encouraged members to read the financial statements and know that its' important for the BOD to be financially responsible.
- Barbara Netti: Since the hetero/homo polled static along with the A2/A2 static, how will we be able to list obligate animals that have been listed as obligate for years?
- Answer: The new system will update obligate information for progeny of animals that have been fully tested. The animals that are already in the system as obligate will be carried forward. Jill and Susan are striving to ensure the data is as accurate as possible before extracting into the new software. New test results added to previously registered animals will automatically update progeny to obligate in the new system. Data entry for hetero/homo static can be guaranteed going forward but the association cannot promise it will be added to previously registered animals. Eventually and as time allows owners will be able to send in copies of results to be added to existing animals.
- Sharie from Rocking Star Ranch: Are the members going to be shown a detailed financial report particularly on the AGM?
- Answer: Financials are posted in the Dexter Bulletin. Historically

the largest expense for the AGM is for the venue. Nebraska was one stop shopping for a total around \$20,000 previous show were not. Honorariums are sometimes paid for speakers.

- Lisa - Would like opinion on using 840 tags.
- Answer: The 840 tag is a 15-number animal identification tag that identifies that animal to your farm. You must get a premise Id number for your farm from the state before you can obtain an 840 tag. Originally the USDA wanted everyone using 840 identification tags by 2021. They pulled out on that plan but recently rolled out a new plan to make all breeding animals use the 840 tags by 2023. With all that being said, you can still use a tattoo number to register your animals with the ADCA but if you plan to do any interstate traveling with your animals they will need to have an 840 tag or a veterinarian bright tag.
- Jennifer Hunt: What happens if an animal loses their 840 tag
- Answer: Replace the 840 tag and send Jill the last 6 digits of the new tag to update the registry. If needed members can order a new certificate for \$2
- The 840 tag needs to be placed in the animal's ear before leaving the farm.

Pat Mitchell made a motion, Terry Sprague 2nd, to close the Annual General Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 CST





**Come join us as members of the Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Association!**

The ODCA would like for you to consider joining our other members

- A thriving Youth Heifer Program to help get more kids involved raising our wonder breed
- A bigger and better Dexter Show at the Tulsa State Fair every year
- The ODCA helps provide support to the ADCA
- Free For Sale and Wanted Ads for our members on the ODCA website
- You don't have to live in Oklahoma to belong
- Two meetings a year, to get together and talk Dexter
- A farm membership covers all the household members who live at the farm, including children
- Each farm membership receives one vote in the association



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2020 ADCA  
TALISMAN FARM AWARD  
WINNERS

2020 TALISMAN AWARD NOMINEES:  
Jeff and Melinda Chambers  
Norman and Mary Hoover  
Zipporah Stahl



CONGRATULATIONS!  
NORMAN AND MARY HOOVER

# 2020 NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



2020 ADCA  
CHUCK DAGGETT GOOD  
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CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNIFER WOLF AND SEAN SILVERMAN

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