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BULLETIN

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION



EXPO SHOW INFO

Eddie



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

Howie



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

Roy



ADCA
#045014
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A, BL A/A,
Red
Carries
Dun

Harvey



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

Rocky



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Wild Type Red Carries Dun



Ragtime

ADCA #046330
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Carries Red and Dun



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ADCA CODE OF ETHICS

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

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

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.

EDITORS' NOTE



Dear Readers,

ADCA membership has increased significantly over the past several years; from 1,471 members in 2018 to 1,985 in 2021. Recognizing that many of you are new to Dexter ownership, the focus of this issue of the Bulletin is “Back to Basics”.

On page 4, we begin a new series entitled “Greetings from the Milking Parlor”. Each issue of the Bulletin will feature a topic related to the dairy side of Dexters from the perspective of Frank and Brenda Nutt. Like many of us, the Nutts got into the world of Dexters without having any previous experience with cattle. Their series will include both practical information and down-to-earth stories about their family milk cow.

On page 22, Region 8 Director Danny Collins encourages us to set aside our emotions when it comes time to decide the fate of each bull calf. Her helpful flowchart takes us through a series of questions as we wrestle with this age-old dilemma.

On page 26, Dave Cluff, the new Region 4 Director takes us step by step through the process of registering and transferring your cattle with the ADCA. He was motivated to write this article after recognizing that many calls from members to regional directors involve questions about this process. The information he provides is also very helpful in navigating the appropriate tabs on the ADCA website.

On page 28, Stefani Millman, Region 2 Director takes us into spring with her article about preparing for activities that pertain to this long-awaited time of year. Her list of suggested items for a calving kit will have you searching for an empty tote and heading to the local co-op or country store for missing supplies.

You may notice that many articles are written by regional directors. However, we invite anyone who has knowledge or experiences to share, and who enjoys writing, to contact us by email (addresses are listed on page 3 under Bulletin Staff). This volume of the Bulletin may contain brand new information, or it may serve as confirmation of what you are already doing. Either way, we hope what you read will foster a continued passion for the Dexter breed! ❀

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone is finding themselves well as we start off 2022. To say the last few years have been challenging could be an understatement; but on the flip side I also believe it has brought a lot of us together. The ADCA has grown leaps and bounds in our membership the last few years, and that is an amazing thing. More and more people are learning just how wonderful and, in my opinion, perfect Irish Dexter Cattle are for both the small homestead and larger operations.

As we welcome all the new members, I want to encourage them to reach out and keep in contact with the families and farms from which they purchased their animals. I am willing to bet that just about everyone one of us who has ever sold an animal is more than willing to lend an ear and give advice if needed. A good breeder is there to answer questions, no matter how big or small they may be. The ADCA is striving to gear this year's Bulletins and Expo towards going back to the basics. Informative articles and educational seminars will provide knowledge, ideas and tips for the new and seasoned breeders alike.

One major change happening with this year's Expo, "The FUN-Damentals of Owning Dexter Cattle", is the separation of the AGM (Annual General Meeting) from the Expo. The AGM will be held electronically this fall, giving all members a chance to be part of the meeting from the comfort of their own living room. No need to get dressed up or travel anywhere. Our hope is that by doing this, more members will be able to participate. Also, by having the AGM removed from the Expo, it will free up more time for educational seminars and member fellowship while at the Expo. We will no longer need to rush through a meeting in order to arrive on time for the banquet. The Expo will be June 16, 17, and 18, 2022 in Wooster, Ohio. Information on the schedule of events, show regulations and class listings can be found in both this issue and the upcoming May Bulletin, or on the ADCA website. Animals can start arriving Wednesday the 15th at noon. Thursday and Friday will be packed with educational speakers, seminars, and youth events. The ADCA Open Dexter Show and National Youth Show will be held on Saturday. I would encourage all that can make the trip to come and enjoy yourself, listen to some great speakers, and be able to put real faces to the names you hear about or engage with on social media. Nothing beats an afternoon of "cow talk" with other Dexter people like yourself.

As many of you may already know, Jeff Chambers resigned as President in December for personal reasons. I and the rest of the ADCA Board and membership want to thank him for his service, not only as President but also as a regional director and a voice on numerous committees. While board members may come and go, we need to always keep moving forward; working together to improve, promote and educate about the breed.

All in all, I am ecstatic to see the Dexter breed and its membership growing. As breeders, we need to remember we are here to preserve our wonderful tri-purpose breed; all the while helping, encouraging and mentoring our fellow breeders. I hope to see you all in Wooster this summer!

Laaci Louderback

| GREETINGS FROM THE MILKING PARLOR |

FRANK AND BRENDA NUTT | WALNUT SPRINGS RANCH



THE MILKING PARLOR BECKONS

Milk is the foundation of so much of our food. Without milk, many good things that we all enjoy eating would not exist. Cheese, cream, butter, sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese, ice cream, and many other products are made directly from milk; and many of the best baked goods, desserts, and sauces rely upon dairy ingredients for their texture, taste and richness. People worldwide have been successfully milking cows throughout history without the conveniences of modern life or industrialized agriculture, and continue to do so even today. With good preparation and hard work, it is still possible to keep, and milk, a cow for our own good pleasure, and to feed our family. Cows can be stubborn, willful and disobedient, but that is because they are so intelligent. Successful milking requires consistent kindness, good preparation, compassion for the cow, and perseverance in the face of adversity...as well as a sweet, trusting little Dexter cow to call your own!

Keeping a milk cow requires a long-term commitment to the daily efforts and hard work needed to meet her needs; regardless of what they might be, and what issues might arise. Prior to obtaining a cow, and throughout the time that she is in your care, it is necessary to ensure that she has a safe, comfortable and productive place to live. The minimum requirements that must be met are 1) good

fences in good repair (to ensure that she and her calf can't get out and that others can't get in), 2) plentiful, quality food every day, 3) plentiful, clean water every day, and 4) sufficient shelter to protect her and her calf in times of severe weather, extreme cold, and extreme heat.

It is also necessary to appreciate, prior to getting a cow, that cattle are highly social animals and do not do well alone. While a milk cow can, in fact, be kept alone, she will be unhappy and seek to find a herd to join at every opportunity. Therefore, every bovine, whether male or female, needs at least one bovine friend in their paddock with them at all times. While humans, horses, chickens, sheep and goats make good friends, they aren't a substitute for another bovine. If a second cow isn't an option, a steer makes an excellent companion that also represents a valuable investment in future beef.

BARNYARD BASICS 101

If you're a beginner, you need to start at the beginning. A Dexter cow that receives excellent care will live for 15-20 years, and will likely produce a calf every year between the ages of 2 years and approximately 18 years. Older Dexters produce calves that are just



as healthy and robust as the calves that younger cows produce, and they continue to produce sufficient milk to feed their calves throughout their entire lives.

A female bovine that has not yet produced a calf is referred to as a “heifer”, and then is called a “cow” as soon as she has produced her first calf. Throughout a heifer’s first year as a “cow” she can also be called a “first calf heifer”. A female that is not currently pregnant is described as “open”, “unbred” or “unsettled”. A female that is pregnant is described as a “bred heifer”, “bred cow”, or “settled”. A female that is pregnant and will soon deliver her calf is described as “heavy bred”. A milk cow that has just recently had a calf is described as having been “freshened”, in reference to her udder and milk production having been re-started.

An open female will be ready to breed every 21-23 days, and she will be noticeably unsettled in her behavior during that time. In fact, the entire herd will be unsettled and somewhat unpredictable. It is best to be very careful around them as all of the boys will be focused on her instead of you.

It is very important that a heifer must not be bred until she is at least 15 months old to avoid a “teenage pregnancy”. Dexter heifers and bulls both mature as early as 5 months old, and therefore a heifer must be securely separated at that time from any intact males over the age of 5 months until she is at least 15 months old. After breeding, she will require approximately 283 days to gestate her calf, thereby having her first calf at the age of two years. At this age, a heifer will be sufficiently developed to safely deliver her calf. After giving birth, a cow will typically rest for two or three months before being ready to breed again. If she is bred three months after giving birth each year, she will be on a convenient cycle of producing a calf every 12 months.

UNDERSTANDING THE LACTATION CYCLE

Prior to giving birth to her calf, a cow produces a special type of milk called “colostrum” that contains specific antibodies, nutrients, and other substances that are critical to the health of her calf. The calf must consume the colostrum during the first day of its life. Therefore the cow must not be milked by anyone else prior to her giving birth, and for a few days afterwards as well. Once the calf has consumed the colostrum, the cow will produce normal milk in abundance.

During the first month, the cow’s udder will be noticeably engorged. This is because her milk production is high but the calf is consuming little due to its tiny size and restful nature. The calf will grow quickly, and as it does, its consumption of milk will increase.

By the second month the calf will be very active and typically consumes all of the milk that the cow produces, emptying the cow’s udder at each feeding. As the calf grows, its demand for milk will increase, and the cow’s production will typically increase to meet

that demand up until the age of approximately four months. At that time the calf will begin transitioning to grazing, and soon thereafter the cow’s production will begin to slowly decline.

As the calf reaches the age of approximately six months, it may be ready to be weaned. At this time the calf will be independent and will not require milk, but will continue to desire and consume it. The cow might begin to walk away or kick when the calf tries to nurse, in an attempt to wean the calf. However, our experience has been that our Dexters will seldom wean their calves naturally. Therefore, the calf will likely need to be separated from its mother at the age of 6-7 months to force the calf to be weaned. The calf must be moved to a separate, fully-provisioned pasture with at least one other bovine friend to keep it company. The calf must remain separated for at least a few months to ensure that it is fully weaned. If the cow isn’t milked beginning on the same day that the calf is separated, her milk production will quickly cease. Her body will slowly absorb any remaining milk, and her udder will slowly shrink.

If the cow is to be milked during the months after her calf is weaned, milking must be done each day to keep her in production. Failure to milk the cow just once might start the process of “dry-ing-off”. Failure to milk the cow for more than a day can noticeably reduce production, and failure to milk the cow for two days might result in a rapid shut-down of lactation.

If she is milked out continuously the very best cow might produce for more than a year, but it is generally unhealthy for her to do so. It is best for a cow to lactate for only nine months, and then have three months to dry-off and rest her entire system before she produces her next calf and freshens again. These three months are necessary to allow the cow’s udder to relax, to provide time for her to regain body condition, and to allow her to complete the gestation of her next calf. If the cow’s pregnancy was timed for an early-spring birth, then the three months of drying-off time will conveniently occur during the coldest months of winter when milking efforts are less pleasant.

Whether you’re dreaming of a refreshing bowl of yogurt on a warm summer morning, or a hot cup of cocoa by the fire on a cold winter’s night, we encourage you to get out there and milk your sweet little Dexter girl to make that dream come true. Savor the Blessing! ❖

Editor’s Note: Frank and Brenda Nutt will be writing a recurring column for the Dexter Bulletin called “Greetings from the Milking Parlor”. The Nutts are proprietors of Walnut Springs Ranch in La Grange, Texas. You can read more about their operation at walnutspringsranch.com



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022

Cattle barn will be open at noon for animal arrival and check-in

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

Cattle barn will be open at 8:00 am for animal arrival and check-in

Educational opportunities throughout the afternoon

5:30 pm
Meet and Greet Pizza Dinner
(provided by the Board of Directors)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

Educational opportunities throughout the day

Q and A Expert Discussion Panel (Basics of raising Dexters for Beef and/or Dairy)

Animal Conformation- Jim Woehl

Registration 101 with Jill Delaney (registrar)

8:00 am
Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 am
Temple Grandin designed OSU Beef Facility Tour

12:00-1:00 pm
Meet the Breeders in the Barn

Photography Contest Display

Children's activity area

YOUTH SCHEDULE

11:00-12:30 Youth Showmanship Clinic

Lunch

2:00-4:00 Youth Costume Contest and Moo Olympics

4:00-5:00 pm
Talking Cattle Conformation

FRIDAY EVENING

ADCA Banquet and Dexter FUNdraiser Auction

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Youth/Junior Show followed by Adult Show
Best of Show announcement at conclusion of show

FOOD TRUCKS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT
VISIT DEXTERCATTLE.ORG FOR MORE INFO

2022 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW REGULATIONS

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND HEALTH REGULATIONS:

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

ANIMAL MANAGEABILITY REGULATIONS:

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

GENERAL BARN REGULATIONS:

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

- Electrical outlets will be available for fans and other needs. To be shared.
- Outdoor wash racks are available.
- Exhibitors may bring their own grooming chutes.

GENERAL SALE REGULATIONS:

- The ADCA supports private treaty sales at the Expo, but there will be no formal ADCA-sponsored sale.
- All animals "for sale" must be registered with the ADCA.
- Every animal must comply with all Expo health, identification, manageability, and check-in regulations.
- The ADCA will provide a veterinarian to write CVI's for animals that are sold. The schedule for the vet to be at the Expo will be announced later. The seller will pay both the veterinary's fee and the ADCA transfer fee.
- The seller must reserve barn space for their animal. The cost to reserve barn space is the same cost as entering the animal in the show. Animals that have not had barn space reserved will not be permitted to stay on the premises.
- All Entries to reserve barn space for a sale animal must be made through the Expo Store on the ADCA website by May 22, 2022. Late entries received May 23, 2022 thru May 30, 2022 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER May 30, 2022.
- 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"x11"

GENERAL PHOTO CONTEST REGULATIONS:

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

GENERAL SHOW REGULATIONS: (NEW GUIDELINES)

- **Open Show (new this year)- open to all ages, but animals entered in the open show must be owned by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must have owned the animal for a minimum of three months prior to the show.**
- **Youth Show - open to ages 8-17. Animals do not need to be owned by the exhibitor.**
- **Youth are eligible to compete in both the youth and open shows.**
- Youth younger than 14 who choose to show in the open show can not show bulls over one year of age.
- An exhibitor's age on the day of the show will determine class eligibility.
- All animals in the show must be registered with the ADCA.
- For more than first-place premiums to be paid, a class must have more than one exhibitor. If a class has only one animal, only the first-place premium will be paid.
- Calves being shown ONLY in Cow/Calf class, if less than 6 months of age, need not be registered but must have a Record of Birth.
- For female classes, winners of the Divisional Championships compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, with the Divisional Reserve

- Champions standing ready.
- For bull and steer classes, the Dexter placing first place in each class will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, with the second-place animals standing ready.
- All bulls 12 months and older must have an affixed nose ring or nose clamp. A lead strap must be affixed to the ring prior to entry into the show ring. NO STRAP - NO ENTRY.

SHOW ENTRY GUIDELINES:

- All cattle, including steers, must be registered with the ADCA prior to entry deadline.
- Animal substitutions will be allowed at check-in ONLY in the same sex, same age & same class.
- All Entries must be made through the Expo Store on the ADCA website by May 22, 2022. Late entries received May 23, 2022 thru May 30, 2022 will be accepted with DOUBLE ENTRY FEES. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER May 30, 2022. Entry fees for animals entered but not brought to the show or sale will not be refunded.
- All animals must be accompanied by their registration papers.

EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES

- The 2022 Show Committee, under advisement of the Board of Directors, will have final authority to uphold established rules and regulations.
- Exhibitors must be current members of the American Dexter Cattle Association.
- If an exhibitor wants to show two or more animals in the same class, the exhibitor MUST show ONE; any other non-professional individual in attendance may show the additional animal.

PREMIUMS PER CLASS:

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

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

- Absolutely no bulls may be shown in any Showmanship Class – Junior Youth, Senior, Youth or Adult.
- Peewee Youth Showmanship: youths 5-7 years old
- Junior Youth Showmanship: youths 8-12 years old
- Senior Youth Showmanship: youths 13-17 years old
- Adult Showmanship – 18 years and older

DRESS CODE:

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

- Collared/buttoned shirts (full button or polo/golf) with sleeves (length

- of the sleeves will be determined by the season/weather/temperature).
- ABSOLUTELY NO personal names, farm names and/or association names/logos other than the approved official ADCA Member Logo is permitted. This includes 4H/FFA logos.
- Long pants (jeans or slacks) that are dark in color and have no tears or holes are required.
- Boots or fully enclosed heavy footwear must be worn for safety reasons.
- Long hair must be tucked in a hat or tied back for safety reasons.
- Optional: belt, western hats, gloves or the use of show sticks and combs.
- Prohibited items include the following:
 - Baseball caps
 - Baggy, low riding pants that drag on the ground, for safety reasons
 - T-shirts or crop top shirts that leave the midriff skin showing
 - Sandals or canvas shoes, for safety reasons
 - Overalls

CATTLE GROOMING REGULATIONS:

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

Prohibited Items:

- Painting or polishing of horns or hooves with colored polish
- Artificial coat coloring
- Growth implants
- Drugs to alter the disposition of the animal (Xylazine/Rompun, Calf Calm Paste, etc)
- Adhesives or any compounds that have adhesive qualities that, when applied, cannot be combed or brushed through.
- These products and similar ones are prohibited: Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, etc.
- Alcohol, water, oil, or any products that are alcohol or water-based and have no adhesive or glue qualities are the types of grooming products that are permissible. These items include such products as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Show Sheen, and White Show foam.

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



2022 EXPO CLASS LISTING

Cows must have produced at least one calf · Heifers must not have calved · Mature bulls must have sired at least one calf · All animals entered into the Open Show must be exhibitor owned

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

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

YOUTH CLASSES

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

Class	Description	Age Range	Born On/After	Born On/Before
Y-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
Y-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2021	12/31/2021
Y-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	07/01/2021	09/30/2021

DIVISIONAL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

Y-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	04/01/2021	06/30/2021
Y-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	01/01/2021	03/31/2021
Y-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2020	12/31/2020
Y-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 and up		09/30/2020

DIVISIONAL JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

Y-8	Young Cow	up to 3 years old	07/01/2019	
Y-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	07/01/2017	06/30/2019
Y-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		06/30/2017

DIVISIONAL SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Y-11	Cow-Calf Pair	No age requirement - calf must be 6 months old or younger		
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GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

Y-12	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
Y-13	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	07/01/2021	12/31/2021
Y-14	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2020	06/30/2021
Y-15	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2019	09/30/2020

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

Y-16	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
Y-17	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	07/01/2021	12/31/2021

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL CALF

OPEN CLASSES

Youth may choose to enter either the Youth and/or Open Divisions.
All animals must be exhibitor owned.

Class	Description	Age Range	Born On/After	Born On/Before
A-1	Junior Heifer Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
A-2	Intermediate Heifer Calf	6 to 9 months	10/01/2021	12/31/2021
A-3	Senior Heifer Calf	9 to 12 months	07/01/2021	09/30/2021

DIVISIONAL HEIFER CALF CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

A-4	Spring Yearling Heifer	12 to 15 months	04/01/2021	06/30/2021
A-5	Junior Yearling Heifer	15 to 18 months	01/01/2021	03/31/2021
A-6	Intermediate Yearling Heifer	18 to 21 months	10/01/2020	12/31/2020
A-7	Senior Yearling Heifer	21 months and up		09/30/2020

DIVISIONAL JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

A-8	Young Cow	up to 3 years old	07/01/2019	
A-9	Intermediate Cow	3 to 5 years old	07/01/2017	06/30/2019
A-10	Mature Cow	5 years and older		06/30/2017

DIVISIONAL SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

A-11	Cow-Calf Pair	No age requirement - calf must be 6 months old or younger		
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GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF PAIR

A-12	Milking Cow	Must be in milk and milkable		
A-13	Junior Steer Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
A-14	Senior Steer Calf	6 to 12 months	07/01/2021	12/31/2021
A-15	Yearling Steer	12 to 20 months	10/01/2020	06/30/2021
A-16	Senior Steer	20 to 29 months	12/01/2019	09/30/2020

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

A-17	Junior Bull Calf	0 to 6 months	01/01/2022	Present
A-18	Senior Bull Calf	6 to 12 months	07/01/2021	12/31/2021
A-19	Junior Yearling Bull	12 to 18 months	01/01/2021	06/30/2021
A-20	Senior Yearling Bull	18 to 24 months	07/01/2020	12/31/2020
A-21	Young Bull	2 to 3 years old	07/01/2019	06/30/2020
A-22	Mature Bull	3 years and older		06/30/2019

GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

WHEN REGISTERING YOUR CATTLE...

To ensure a smooth registration transaction, please complete genotype/parent verification **BEFORE** submitting the registration papers.

Once received, attach genotype/parent verification document with your registration. Additional testing is optional and may be included as well.

Chris Odom Memorial Award



This award is in memory of Chris Odom, who worked tirelessly and with unending good humor to raise funds to support the ADCA youth programs. Applications for the award are available at dextercattle.org/adca-awards/. Requirements include answering test questions and submitting a written essay and photo. The Junior Division includes ages 6-12 and the Senior Division is for ages 13-18. (Age as of May 3, 2022.) Chris Odom Award Winners receive:

SENIOR DIVISION

1st place \$1,000
2nd place \$500
3rd place \$100

JUNIOR DIVISION

1st place \$500
2nd place \$250
3rd place \$50

Applications must be postmarked on or before May 3, 2022.

PICTURE THIS: EXPO 2022 NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



We want to see amazing photos of your Dexters! Not only are there prizes to be had, but the winner of the People's Choice Award will be used as the cover of an upcoming ADCA Bulletin. All photos submitted for the Photo Contest must be of ADCA-registered animals.

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

**1st place \$35
2nd place \$25
3rd place \$15**

CATEGORIES

**BULL
COW AND HER CALF
KIDS AND DEXTERS**

**FARM ANIMALS AND DEXTERS
HERD GROUP SHOT
PHOTOGRAPHER'S SPECIAL**

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

Entry fees are \$5 per photo, payable at the Expo Storefront on the ADCA website: Go to the ADCA website (www.dextercattle.org) and go to the "EXPO INFO" page listed under the ADCA EXPO tab. There you will find a link to the 2022 ADCA National Dexter Expo Store.

Each photo must be submitted both electronically to: ADCAPhotoContest@gmail.com and as an 8" x 10" print mailed by USPS to: Laaci Louderback, 1360 PH 10, Castle Rock, WA 98611

There is a printable Photo Contest entry form on the website that should be included when you mail your photo(s). The electronic entry deadline is May 22, 2022 and the mailed photo(s) must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2022. You may pick your photo(s) up at the completion of the Expo, or send a self addressed stamped envelope with your original submission. Submitting photos in the contest authorizes the ADCA to use your photo(s) in the ADCA Bulletin, on social media and on the ADCA website (with a photo credit, of course!)

THE TALISMAN FARM AWARD



The Talisman Farm Award is presented each year to a family, couple or individual who steward an exemplary herd of Irish Dexter Cattle. The award is in memory of John Hays, honoring his dedicated work with the Dexter breed. Those nominated must be ADCA members in good standing who demonstrate good herdsmanship and promote the Dexter breed with passion and integrity. If you would like to nominate someone, please do so at dextercattle.org/adca-awards/. Include the nominee's name, ADCA number and a short explanation and biography. Nominations are due by April 30, 2022. The Talisman Committee will review the nominations and determine the recipient. The award will be presented at this year's Expo.

The Good Citizenship Award is named after Chuck Daggett, a faithful educator to new Dexter owners and an advocate for Dexter Cattle. Those nominated must be ADCA members in good standing who are known for educating fellow Dexter owners, helping prospective owners who want to learn more about the breed, and are good citizens both in the Dexter community and society at large. Written nominations can be emailed or sent via USPS to your regional director. Nomination forms can be found at dextercattle.org/adca-awards/. Your nomination should explain how this person fits the award criteria. Nominations are due to your regional director by April 30, 2022. If more than one person is nominated within a region, the Regional Director will conduct a vote to determine the regional winner. The BOD will vote to determine the winning national Good Citizen. The award will be presented at this year's Expo.

Chuck Daggett Good Citizenship Award



NOVEMBER

November 2 2021
7 p.m. CDT

President – Jeff Chambers , Vice Pres – Laaci Louderback, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – , Region 4 – Becky Eterno, Region 6 – , *Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, *Region 8 – Danny Collins, *Region 9 – *Scott Wilson, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 - , Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany.

* - not present

1. The board meeting called to order at 7:00pm central and the roll call taken.

2. Stephani Millman made a motion, Kevin McAnnany 2nd, to accept the October 5, 2021, board meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports:

a) Registrar Report –

- Total members for 2021: 1842 (October - 16 paid and 77 unpaid/new members).
- Total members this time last year 2020: 1684 (October 2020 - 35 paid and 42 new members)
- There was a surge of registrations in October. With additional help, Jill was able to stay on top of registrations.
- In an effort to obtain correct new member information, Jill will be contacting new members via email to confirm information before processing transfers.
- Kevin McAnnany received a quote from Colorgraphics for preprinted registration certificates at .08 each. 10,000 copies would cost \$780. Pre-printed certificates will save time for Jill and reduce cost for paper, ink, and printers. The board was in favor of pursuing this option. Colorgraphics will be sending samples to Kevin and Jill.

October Totals 2020
Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Dexter Bulletin 1/4 Ad	4
Steer Transfer	3
90DayWebAd	5
BreederListing	1
Reg	96
Late	10
Tran	257
Prt Duplication Certs	6
Dues	25
Dues next year	3
Family Membership	5
Family Dues Next Year	2
Bull Registration	26
Steer Registration	4
Rush Charge	1

October Totals 2021
Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	5
90DayWebAd	11
Reg	119
Late	6
Tran	304
Balance Paid	1
Over/Under Payment	1
AI Bull Listing	1
Dues	16
Dues next year	2
Family Membership	2
Associate Membership	2
Jr Membership	1
Bull Registration	52
Steer Registration	3
Rush Charge	7

b) Treasurer –

- Total liabilities & equity \$369,981.63 as of September 30, 2021.
- Roberta will be providing the board with an updated budget spreadsheet for the Nov. 9, 2021, budget meeting.

a) Committee Reports

Bulletin –

- Kevin McAnnany – The next edition is on schedule and will be going to print next week. This edition is one of the smallest due to missing articles. Regional directors are periodically responsible for supplying articles for the Bulletin. Directors may also submit articles for consideration that are written by members within their regions. The next edition will include a membership renewal insert. Kevin stated that future editions will be built around a specific theme.
- Colorgraphics made Kevin aware that a nationwide paper shortage may be happening soon. The bulletin committee will be creating a digital magazine to use as a substitute for the printed version in case a paper shortage does occur. Kevin stated any printing quotes obtained from Colorgraphics are only valid for one week due to the possibility of a paper shortage.

Registration Member Management Software (RMMS) –

- Jeff Chambers reported that the software is coming along well. Data migration has occurred, and Jill will be practicing with her portion of the software soon. Susan Smythe will be giving a more detailed presentation about the progress of the software program at the December board meeting. Jeff recommended for the board to begin planning for the software rollout by creating training. The RMMS committee will soon have access to the software to help evaluate and address any issues. We will be using both programs simultaneously until we are certain the new software is ready to stand on its own.

Website committee –

- Kimberly Jepsen and Carole Nirosky are meeting weekly to amend the website to clean up the clutter and ensure a better flow of information.

Education committee –

- Laaci Louderback reported that the committee is in the process of putting together a list of reading materials and other resources for members to reference about Dexter cattle, homesteading, animal husbandry and more. Once completed, members will have access to the list on the ADCA website. Anyone with resource suggestions should email them to Laaci at her new email address: adcavicepresident@gmail.com.

Marketing and Advertising –

- Kimberly Jepsen stated that the advertisement placed in Mother Earth News has already produced over eighty new leads for people interested in Dexter cattle. The M&A committee is creating an information packet to mail to these and future leads. Kevin is negotiating with Hobby Farms magazine about placing an advertisement in the June/July edition to go alongside a feature article about Dexter Cattle.

4. Continuing Business –

- Region 1 election - scheduled for Saturday November 6, 2021, from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Library Station: Frisco Room – 70, 2535 N Kansas Expressway, Springfield, MO 65803. Region 1 member Peter Whipple, treasurer of the MDBA, graciously accepted the responsibility of receiving proxy votes from member and will lead up the election count. Following the meeting, Mr. Whipple will email election results to Jeff, Laaci and Carole.
- Region 2 - Stephanie Millman will continue as regional director, Region 4 – Dave Cluff will be appointed as the new regional director. Laaci suggested inviting the new directors to the December board meeting. The board discussed ways to help new directors adjust to their new role on the board. Skip Tinney proposed a review the standard operating procedures concerning regional director election and recommended for them to include board approval for qualified candidates. Jeff Chambers will add Skip's proposal as an added item for discussion at a future meeting.

5. New Business –

- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – The Bulletin committee proposed changes for the SOPs regarding the Dexter Bulletin. Proposed changes for scheduling and role definition were based on industry standards and intended to help future board members with procedures and production of the Dexter Bulletin. The board had concerns about the cost of compensation for the editor, associate editor, copy editor if those roles were to be redefined. The board recommitted the proposal back to the Bulletin committee to make revisions defining the roles and value of compensations for each. This board will revisit the SOP change and add it as an action item to the December 7, 2021, board meeting.
- Committee budgets – Jeff stated the purpose of this topic was to discuss committee budgeting requests and allow everyone to

think them through before next week's budgeting meeting.

- Marketing and advertising committee requested to increase the magazine advertising budget by \$3000 from \$1500 to \$4500. Kevin suggested moving to a percentage-based budgeting for 2023, where committees would be allowed a budget based on percentage of total income. Initially the goal of the M&A committee is to get the word out to the public about Dexter Cattle and advertise in the proper magazines to reach our targeted markets. They will be writing a mission statement and establishing SOP's to develop a long-term marketing plan.
- Chris Odom Committee – Laaci Louderback requested on behalf of the CO committee an increase of \$350 to use for mass mailing to encourage youth members to apply for the CO awards. Current award prizes include Senior prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250; Junior prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$50. Current CO budget is \$2400, increase would take it to \$2750 for 2022. Skip Tinney highly recommended a need to realign the entire budget for better understanding of expenses, and in this case suggested adding the increase to the postage budget. Kimberly Jepsen recommended for the mailing to state that youth do not need to be present at the National Expo to win in hopes of gaining more participation.
- Expo committee – Jim Woehl – Expenses for the 2021 expo were a little over \$12,000. In anticipation of inflated cost, the expo committee requested a budget of \$35,000 including pass-through items such as meals, t-shirts, and hay, but not to exceed \$19,000 in total out of pocket expenses. Skip Tinney wanted to clear up any misconceptions about referencing expo expenses as being a loss and instead viewed it as an investment in our membership. Skip asked the expo committee to take a hard look at expenses to see if adjustments could be made to prepare for the expected inflated costs. The committee is willing to evaluate and adjust help cut costs. They are also seeking corporate sponsors to help with expo costs. Jim encouraged directors to put forward location options for the 2023 expo. Jeff requested for the committee to produce a budget amount excluding pass through accounts for the 11/9 budget meeting.
- Education committee – Laaci Louderback requested a budget of \$2000 for 2022. The committee would use funds to produce educational materials about Dexter cattle, create educational videos and establish an incentive program for member generated videos.
- The board held a short discussion about redesigning the budget in the near future. The board will take into consideration a mid-year evaluation for reallocating unspent committee funds.
- Elissa Emmons requested reinstatement of the Youth advisory committee. Jeff Chambers will add this request to a future agenda.

CONFERENCE CALLS

- Registration Member Management Software (RMMS) – Jeff Chambers reminded the board that the RMMS committee does not have a budget, and any costs associated with developing the rollout and training plan for the new software program were previously deemed to be a capital expense and not a part of the yearly budget. He wanted to make everyone aware that there may be educational expenses related to the new software in the next calendar year.
- The board will meet November 9, 2021 - 7:00pm CST for the 2022 Budget meeting.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is December 7, 2021 7:00pm CST
Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm CST Submitted by Carole Nirosky

DECEMBER

December 7 2021
7 p.m. CDT

President – Jeff Chambers , *Vice Pres – Laaci Louderback, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman , Region 4 – Becky Eterno, Region 6 – , Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – Scott Wilson, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 - , Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany.
* - not present

1. The board meeting called to order at 7:00pm central
2. Roll call was taken. David Cluff and Susan Smythe were also in attendance. Jeff welcomed David, the newly appointed region 4 director, and asked him to introduce himself to the board. Jeff also thanked Becky Eterno for her many years of service recognizing her as the only board member to have ever served in two regions.
3. There were no corrections requested for the November 2, board meeting minutes. Santiago Lizarraga made a motion, Elissa Emmons 2nd, to accept the November 2, 2021, board meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed by a majority vote with Jennifer Hunt abstaining.
4. Reports:
 - a) Registrar Report –
 - Total membership as of December 1st = 1929 (30 paid / 55 new non-pay) 19 are dues 2022
 - Total membership December 2020 = 1823
 - New member verification letter – Jeff Chambers asked Jill Delaney to further explain the new member verification process that was recently implemented. Jill explained that due to the

large amount of returned mail, she is asking new members to verify contact and address information submitted by sellers before processing transfers. Kimberly Jepsen had concerns that the process is causing transfer delays, based on recent inquiries from members in her region. She was also concerned that the new rules have severely increased Jill’s workload. Following discussion and input from other board members, Jeff encouraged the directors to follow best practices by teaching sellers to use a sales contract, obtain correct buyer information and continue to mentor their buyers. Jim Woehl suggested creating a task force to evaluate the process related to return mail, transfers, and the new member verification letter. The task force consisting of Santiago Lizarraga, Danny Collins, and Stefani Millman, were tasked with bringing initial recommendations to the board at the January 2022 meeting.

November	ADCA 2020 Totals
	Sales Invoice Totals
Inventory Item	# Units
Dexter Bulletin 1/4 Ad	4
Steer Transfer	6
90DayWebAd	2
Reg	106
Late	16
Tran	171
Over/Under Payment	1
Dues	13
Dues next year	11
Family Dues Next Year	1
Jr Membership	1
Bull Registration	35
Youth Donation (Jr)	1
Steer Registration	7
Rush Charge	3

- b) Treasurer report –
 - Total liabilities & equity \$371,771 as of October 31, 2021.
 - Roberta requested approval to pay an invoice from Ranch House of \$800 which includes webhosting and services. This invoice was already included in the 2021 budget and authorized for payment.

	ADCA 2021 Totals
	Sales Invoice Totals
Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	3
90DayWebAd	4
Reg	104
Late	6
Tran	227
Prt Duplication Certs	4
Dues	11
Dues next year	17
Family Membership	2
Family Dues Next Year	2
Associate Membership	1
Bull Registration	39
Youth Donation (Jr)	16
Steer Registration	7
Rush Charge	1

5) Continuing Business –

a) Proposal to decouple the 2022 AGM from the Expo –

- Skip Tinney offered a presentation to the board based on a proposal previously made by Danny Collins concerning reimagining the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and separating it from the National Expo. The purpose to make the AGM available to all membership via Zoom and other media formats and to reduce costs and repurpose those funds into broader membership support. Skip suggested several action items for the board to consider for 2022 and forward. Action items included eliminating the awards banquet and reduce the number of days needed for the expo. Skip suggested making the awards announcements during the AGM zoom call and recognizing the recipients during the show portion on the Expo. Jeff said a work around might be to have the awards banquet on Friday night. Skip would also like to eliminate the request to regional groups to help fund the meet and greet dinner. Skip asked the board to review his proposal and add it to the January agenda for a vote. Skip also requested that the approval of the 2022 budget be delayed until the January meeting due to the impact his proposal may have on the 2022 Expo.
- Overall, the board was in agreement with the idea of separating the Annual General Meeting from the expo but not with eliminating the awards banquet. More discussion was held with differing opinions regarding implementation of separating the AGM from the expo. Jeff asked for the expo and show committees to review the proposal to see how it would impact the 2022 expo and make any recommendations to the board before the January board meeting. The proposal to separate the AGM from the expo will be added as an action item to the January board meeting.
- Jim Woehl made a motion, Stefani Millman 2nd, to postpone the 2022 budget approval until the January 2022 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Jeff encouraged directors to reach out to members for their input about decoupling the AGM from the expo.

b) Registration and Member Software Update – Susan Smythe

- Phase 2 of the software build has been split into smaller phases with the goal for the registrars portion to be available in early 2022. A study and cleanup of the old data has been completed ensuring an accurate migration. For historical and preservation purposes, registration information will be searchable by original volume numbers. The new software is on the web and currently being tested by the RMMS team. It will be thoroughly evaluated to make sure everything is working properly before going live for member use.
- Susan will be contacting Roberta to setup an account with the hosting and security sites. They will also begin addressing the financial component for Phase 3.
- Susan suggested training materials be developed and available for members before going live with the software. She suggested creating step-by-step instructions with screen shots. The RMMS team is hoping to share information at the AGM/Expo.

6) New Business

a) 2023 Expo location

- Santiago Lizarraga will be stepping down as chair of the Expo committee after 2022. Jeff requested that directors reach out to Jim Woehl for information about hosting the Expo in their region in 2023.
- Kimberly Jepsen, Dave Cluff and Skip Tinney have contacted facilities in their regions and will forward possibilities to Jim Woehl.

b) Regional Directors – Region 9 and 11

- Region 9 – Scott Wilson has reached out several times to members in region 9 in search of someone to serve the remainder of his term as regional director. Scott had two people respond, after some consideration one person declined, the other offered to fill in as the interim director only if no one else volunteered. Scott will reaffirm her offer to serve as interim and inform Laaci Louderback.
- Jeff stated the region 11 has been without a director for several years, at one time the board considered realigning regions to cover that area. He asked the board for suggestions on filling the position. One idea was to form a list of members that meet the three-year requirement and reach out to each of them. For now, the board will continue to search for a director in region 11. Names should be sent to Laaci Louderback for consideration.

c) Jeff asked for the ethics committee to be removed from the website. The bylaws do not require a standing ethics committee.

d) Danny Collins asked Jill to explain the rush registration process and how they are identified. With our current software and forms, we do not have the ability to change the process, but the new software may allow us to do so.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is January 4, 2022, 7:00pm CST

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm CST Submitted by Carole Nirosky

JANUARY

January 7 2022
7 p.m. CDT

President – , *Vice Pres – Laaci Louderback, IPP - Jim Woehl,
Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons,
Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman , Region 4 – Becky Eterno, Region 6 – , Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – , Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 - , Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany.

* - not present

1. The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:00pm central. Roll call was taken.

CONFERENCE CALLS

2. Laaci recognized Jeff Chambers resignation as the ADCA President effective December 30, 2021 and wanted the board's input about filling the president's position. The board discussed the bylaws and the process for appointing an interim president for the remainder of the term ending at the 2022 annual general meeting. Laaci Louderback offered to serve as interim president if nominated. The board considered options including the possibility of leaving the position open until the AGM. This discussion led to how a healthy board operates and should always include the ability to have vigorous conversations and debates. The board wanted more time to discuss appointing an interim president. Kevin McAnnany made a motion, Skip Tinney 2nd, to table any decisions about appointing an interim president until the next board meeting in February. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the December 2021 meeting minutes. No additional changes were requested, Kimberly Jepsen made a motion, Jim Woehl 2nd, to accept the December 7, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion passed. Several directors requested for the board to revert back to approving meeting minutes by email in order to get information out to members in a timely manner. The board agreed, meeting minutes will be approved via email going forward.

4. Reports

a) Registrar's report – Jill Delany

- 2021 membership 1985 vs 1823 memberships in 2020
- Member renewals are coming in as a result of the cards included in the last Dexter bulletin. The number of Family memberships have increased.
- The Kevin McAnnany asked Jill to keep track of the renewal cards being used to pay for membership. The committee would like to track the effectiveness of including them in the bulletin vs the \$800 cost.

b) Treasurer's report – Roberta Wieringa

- Total liabilities & equity \$367,338.70 as of November 30, 2021.
- Stefani Millman announced that the Dexter's in Denver show has been cancelled and knowing we had approved supporting

2020 Totals Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Credit Used	1
Steer Transfer	4
90DayWebAd	5
BreederListing	1
Reg	71
Late	6
Tran	164
Balance Paid	3
Prt Duplication Certs	7
AI Bull Listing	5
Dues	150
Dues next year	20
Family Membership	52
Family Dues Next Year	6
Jr Membership	7
Bull Registration	31
Youth Donation (Jr)	4
Steer Registration	15
Rush Charge	4

2021 Totals Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
90DayWebAd	3
BreederListing	11
Reg	103
Late	4
Tran	189
Prt Duplication Certs	4
AI Bull Listing	14
Dues	10
Dues next year	164
Family Dues Next Year	53
Associate Membership	3
Bull Registration	35
Youth Donation (Jr)	7
Youth Dues Next Year	3
Steer Registration	3
Rush Charge	7

them financially, asked Roberta not to send out the event support check.

- PayPal invoicing – Roberta recently sent annual renewal invoices to members with AI Bull and/or Breeder advertisements on the ADCA website. Currently charges are based the calendar year beginning in January. Billing went out late in 2021 causing some confusion for members when they received a new invoice for 2022. Discussion was held about our current process and the potential to change to an annual billing based on an advertisement order date. Jim Woehl suggested a task force be formed to work with Roberta to help find a better solution and update our invoicing practices. Jennifer Hunt and Kimberly Jepsen volunteered to work with Roberta and bring recommendations back to the board in February.
 - Kimberly had questions regarding the treasurer report and the difference in expenses comparing 2021 to 2020. It was determined that stipends were different due to being paid quarterly in 2020 vs monthly in 2021.
- c) Bulletin Committee –
- Kevin McAnnany reminded everyone that the next bulletin drop date is February 15th. An article concerning the president's position will need to be written up immediately following the February board meeting to be included in the bulletin. The next bulletin theme is Dexter 101. The committee would like to increase the size to 32-40 pages to keep production cost effective. Dave Cluff suggested and volunteered to write an article about how to do a basic registration/transfer.
- d) Marketing and Advertising committee –
- Kevin McAnnany stated they are in process of developing a mission statement. The marketing plan is on hold until the budget is approved. M&A is going to take on the responsibility of obtaining bulletin advertising including outside vendors.
- 5) Continuing Business –
- a) Directors for regions 9 & 11 – Laaci Louderback
- Laaci contacted a lead she received for region 9 and after talking with them determined that they would not be able to

fulfill the duties of a regional director. Laaci contacted Kim Newswanger, a previous director, and Kim is willing to be the interim director. Following discussion David Cluff motioned, Santiago Lizarraga 2nd, to appoint Kim Newswanger as the interim director for region 9. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Laaci Louderback talked with a region 11 member that is interested in serving as regional director. Per the boards instructions Laaci will contact him again and ask him to provide the board with a written bio.

b) Proposal to decouple the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from the ADCA Expo

- Skip Tinney stated that according to the bylaws, notice must be given not less than 10 days and no more than 60 days previous to holding a meeting, so the 2021 AGM could be decoupled from the expo even though the expo date has already been announced. Jennifer Hunt shared results she received from a survey presented to her region about decoupling the AGM from the expo and approximately 40% wanted the AGM separated from the expo, 6.8% wanted the AGM to stay with the expo and the remaining 54% didn't have a preference. Kimberly Jepsen had a few responses, members were not concerned either way about moving the AGM away from the expo. Santiago Lizarraga stated that overall, the expo committee was not opposed to separating the AGM from the expo but did not want to shorten the event and activities. They felt it was important to include the education and award banquet. Skip Tinney made a motion, Danny Collins 2nd, to separate the Annual General Meeting from the Expo in 2022 and going forward. Following a short discussion, the board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Skip reiterated that one of the goals of decoupling the AGM from the expo was to save money. The board spent some time clarifying the facility needs for the expo and determined we will be saving approximately \$2000. Skip then requested that the ADCA refrain from asking the regional groups to support the Thursday evening pizza party, stating the ADCA can afford to fund that dinner for its members. The board was in total agreement and the ADCA will fund the dinner going forward.
- Jim Woehl asked the board to set a date for the 2022 AGM. The board decided to hold the 2022 AGM in the fall with an exact date to still be determined. The board is considering February as the month for all future AGMs.

c) 2022 Budget approval –

- The board reviewed the proposed budget and after making some slight adjustments Jim Woehl made a motion, David Cluff 2nd, to accept the 2022 ADCA Budget as amended. A roll call vote was requested, and the motion passed by a majority vote. Yes to approving the 2023 budget: Jim Woehl, Elissa Emmons, Stefani Millman, Dave Cluff, Danny Collins, Santiago Lizarraga, Kevin McAnnany; No to approving the 2023 budget: Skip Tinney, Kimberly Jepsen, Jennifer Hunt.

d) Danny Collins requested for a budget committee to be formed for 2023.

e) 2023 Expo location possibilities –

- Jim Woehl has received 3 proposals for the 2023 expo, Salt Lake City Utah, Stillwater Oklahoma, and Springfield Missouri plus another submitted by Skip Tinney. Skip Tinney requested for the board to create a budget for the 2023 expo at the next meeting to give to the expo committee before a venue is selected. Jim Woehl agreed and stated that choosing a venue will help with creating an expo budget. The 2023 expo budget and location will be added to the February agenda.

6) New Business

- Youth committee Elissa Emmons requested for this to be tabled until the February meeting to allow for more time and help from the board.
- Rush Registrations – Danny Collins requested for this item to be tabled until the February meeting to allow enough time for thorough discussion.

7) Other –

- Jennifer Hunt had a request from a region 7 member regarding integrating and tracking genetic testing in the new software. Jim Woehl stated that this has been brought up before and will be considered once the initial software build is complete. The new software is a three-phase build, and we are currently in the beginning stages of phase two with completion expected in a year and a half to two years. The new software will be able to support additional information once the initial build is completed but we will have to negotiate a new contract to add any new features. In the future the board will entertain proposals for enhancing the new software while evaluating the benefits vs costs.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is February 1, 2022, 7:00pm CST

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky



1/8 PAGE (BUSINESS CARD SIZE)	1/4 PAGE	1/2 PAGE	1 FULL PAGE
1 issue \$30	1 issue \$60	1 issue \$120	1 issue \$240
4 issues \$100	4 issues \$200	4 issues \$400	4 issues \$800
4 1/4" x 2 3/4"	4 1/4" x 5 1/2"	8 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8 1/2" x 11"

DEXTER BULLETIN ADVERTISING
ADCA members can advertise in our ADCA Dexter Bulletin. The bulletin is published 4 times a year and is sent to each member's home. You can see digital copies of the ADCA Dexter Bulletin on the Dexter Bulletin website page. If you would like to advertise in the bulletin, fill out the Bulletin Advertisement Application found on the ADCA Website, attach your ad .jpg, and pay the appropriate fee.

HOW TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF YOUR BULL CALF

DANNY COLLINS | REGION 8 DIRECTOR

Editors Note: Previously Published

Soon after you begin your wonderful journey within Dexterdom, you will encounter your first bull calf. With his large eyes and an expressive face, he will melt your heart. The sheer cuteness will overwhelm you and somebody will say: "I can't eat him". If you purchased Dexters just as pets (hopefully not) and have an abundance of space and funds, that's ok. If, like the rest of us, you purchased Dexters to supply you and your family with beef, you're about to take that first big step to self-sufficiency. Yes, as adorable as he is, you will raise this little guy to feed your family. Congratulations on becoming a farmer!

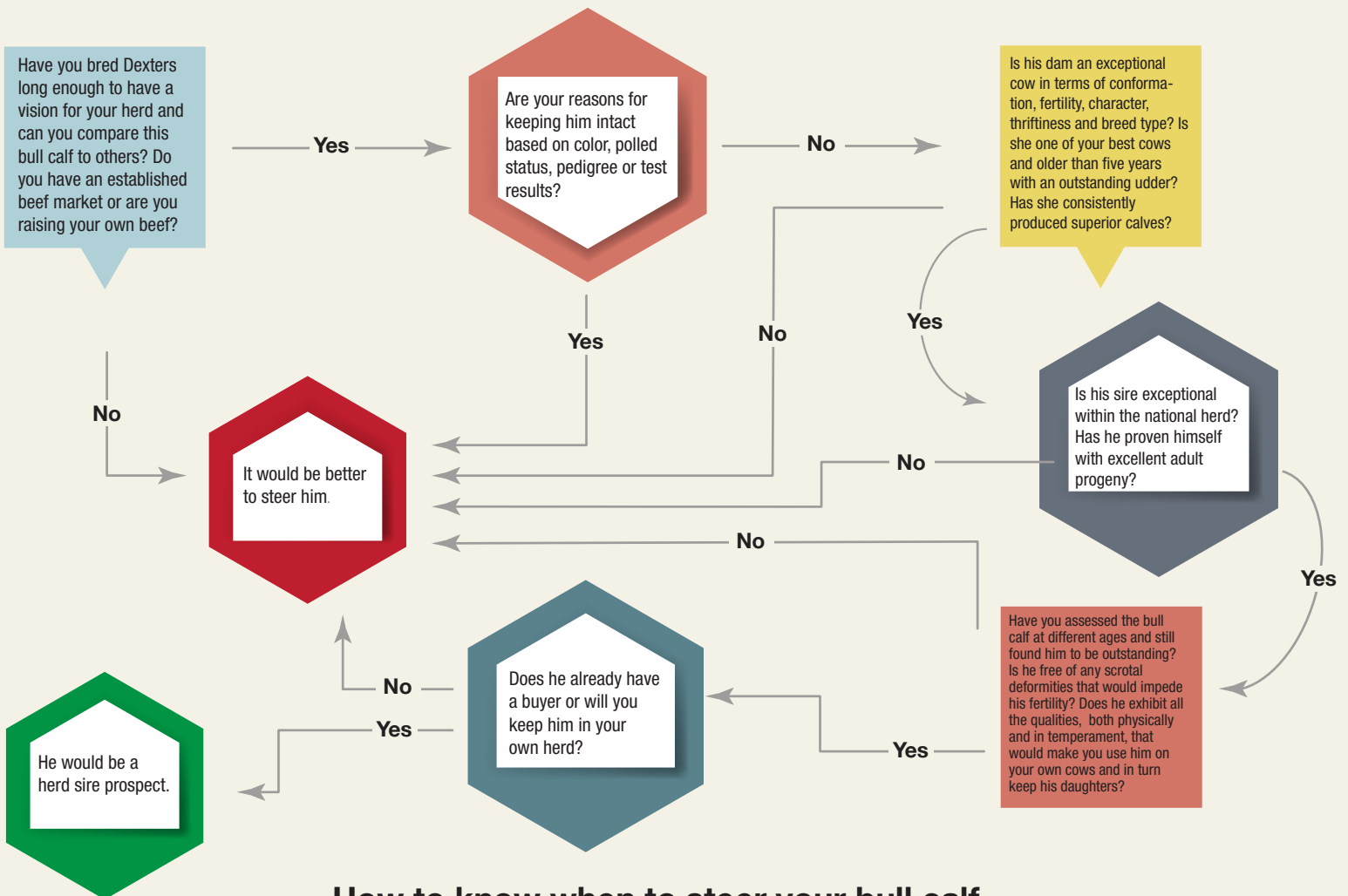
But what if you want to find a way to bypass his fate? You could register him and sell him as a bull! Stop right there. The market is flooded with mediocre bulls, most of which would have made only mediocre steers to begin with. Take a deep breath, remember why you wanted to raise Dexters and ask yourself if you have the experience to determine a quality bull calf from a cute one. A registration alone does not make a bull. Another scenario is that you've got some calving seasons under your belt and now you feel comfortable with selecting a bull calf as a potential herd sire. In both cases I hope the following flow chart and write-up will help you.

The first step is to realize that anything printed on paper is



worthless if the bull calf in front of you doesn't correspond to your vision and goal of breeding a superior bull. Chances are that those test results or pedigrees are shared by many a Dexter, so forget about them at this time.

Your calf can only be as good as his parents, so let's take a look at them. You should have been able to identify the one or two cows in your herd that are potential "bull mothers". Such a cow is older and has never given you a problem. Her mothering skills are impeccable, she's calved easily and has always bred back quickly. Her chunky calves are recognizably of a better quality than your other calves. Ideally she's beyond her third or fourth lactation and her udder is still beautifully attached, with a level udder floor smoothly transitioning to a far-reaching foreudder and a high and wide rear udder attachment with a strong medial suspensory ligament. Her teats are widely and evenly spaced, of equal length and thickness. Her teats should lend themselves to hand-milking. The correctness of her



How to know when to steer your bull calf

structure will always draw your eye. She keeps her condition easily because she is so deep and wide. The length of her straight topline never ceases to amaze you. To top it off, she is friendly and docile in every situation.

Your bull calf's sire is just as exceptional. His adult daughters are better than their dams. His steer calves have high hanging weights. All of his calves have been friendly and calm. He himself is a picture perfect Dexter. Long, deep and wide, with relatively little space between his belly and the ground, he moves like an athlete. His testicles are evenly shaped, the scrotal package without deformities, but with a pronounced backswing. His teats are evenly spaced and well in front of the neck of the scrotum. He is the perfect, respectful gentleman to you and within his herd. He breeds his cows early in the season because he is so fertile.

Both parents of your bull calf are well within the height recommendations, they are neither extremely short nor tall.

Now let's give your bull calf our attention. When he was born, you knew he was a bull just by seeing his face. He has a bit of a swagger about him, he knows his worth. He is also just as conformationally correct as his parents are, regardless of his age and maturity. He is easy to work with, yet respectful. You would really like to keep him, since he's one of the best calves you've ever seen. Maybe you will. On the other hand, you've had inquiries about potential herd sires from within the Dexter community because your homebred heifers have given you a good reputation.

It's a long process, isn't it? On average, only one bull calf out of twenty should be considered as being "bull worthy". Maybe it's easier to be picky about your heifers and not even think twice about castrating your bull calves. I also hope that this article helps those that are shopping for a herd sire, be it a mature bull or a prospect. On a side note: "proven" not only means that the individual got the job done, but it also means you can ask for pictures of his offspring.

Good luck and happy Dextering! ♣

TATTOO

LETTERS & YEARS

2003 – N	2015 – C
2004 – P	2016 – D
2005 – R	2017 – E
2006 – S	2018 – F
2007 – T	2019 – G
2008 – U	2020 – H
2009 – W	2021 – J
2010 – X	2022 – K
2011 – Y	2023 – L
2012 – Z	2024 – M
2013 – A	2025 – N
2014 – B	2026 – P

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For Annual Advertising



The following info can be found on our website: The ADCA Breeder's Directory offers our members an opportunity to highlight their farm and their contact information on our website. The fee is only \$60 a year. The ad listing includes an illustration of your farm's business card. To take advantage of this opportunity, fill out the Breeders Directory form on the ADCA Website.

| NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS |

KIM NEWSWANGER | REGION 9 DIRECTOR

Wanting a family milk cow, I got started with Dexters in 2007, with the purchase of one cow. One cow...with poor udder structure, not-great milk production, a firmly fixed idea that she was Boss Cow (even if I was the only herd member she had) and the horns to back it up. I learned a lot from her. Fast. But the bug had bit, and I gradually began acquiring more...and better...Dexters, to grow my little herd, learning as much as I could along the way.

Today, my family is grown and gone, but my dear Dexters remain. Change brought a new identity and I began operating as Songwood Haven Farm. I then picked up and moved the entire herd and farm one county over. I'm now raising Dexters on my own on approximately 30 acres near London, Kentucky. Don't ask me how many Dexters I have these days...I lose count and can't ever figure it out.

I suppose I can blame the cow addiction on my Great-Uncle Wilbur. Born and raised in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, I grew up with Holsteins all around me. I lived for the days the extended family gathered at Uncle Wilbur's dairy farm every summer. I was up close and personal with his cows as much as I could be... in the parlor at milking time, sitting on the wall of the calving stall watching calves be born, out back among the calf hutches. He knew I loved it all and was happy to let me tag along.

Dexters have been the perfect fit for me. I love the dual-purpose nature of the breed. Their friendly dispositions and small size works so much better on our hilly terrain here in southeastern Kentucky. I love the challenge of trying to breed for improvement in each generation. I enjoy sharing my knowledge with others new to the breed. And above all, I love Dexter milk!

I am passionate about the breed and committed to the ADCA. I've been on and off the Board of Directors, serving Region 9, over the last decade. After another short break, I'm happy to be back to serve the members of our region once again. I look forward to reconnecting with those of you who have been around awhile and getting to know those of you who are newer members. ❖



DAVE CLUFF | REGION 4 DIRECTOR



I am honored to be the new ADCA Region 4 Director! I look forward to working on the board to support the members of Region 4. In my short time as a director I have already heard from many members throughout the region and I look forward to getting to know you all.

I first encountered Dexters in 2007 while trying to find a mini - milk cow for my parent's small farm. The more I learned about Dexters the more I wanted one and my dad and I decided to establish a small herd. The following year we were invited to compete at a couple of shows. I had never attended a cattle show before and had no idea what to expect. Thankfully a couple of other breeders were kind to us and helped us out. Our cattle did well and we have been showing ever since.

In 2011 I saw a need for additional support for breeders in my area and I formed Rocky Mountain Dexter Breeders Club with the help of a few of my mentors. The organization has thrived thanks to the continued leadership of Weston Berry and Vicki Jones. What started as an idea of forming a breeder support group has accomplished that and so much more.

My dad, Carl, and I recently moved our herd from Fredonia, Arizona to Milford, Utah. We have had as many as 50 Dexters, but currently maintain a herd of about 20 at any given time. We continue to focus on conformationally correct animals that are a good representation of the breed's multipurpose heritage.

I love talking cows. If you are traveling through Southern Utah feel free to stop in for a visit! ❖



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REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER BASICS

DAVE CLUFF | REGION 4 DIRECTOR

“The greatest amount of wasted time is the time not getting started.”

—Dawson Trotman

The first few times registering or transferring animals can seem overwhelming, but it doesn't need to be that way. The *Registration and Transfer* tab on the ADCA website, dextercattle.org, has all the information you need to know to register and transfer your cows. Taking some time to familiarize yourself with all the information provided by the association will save you time and effort in the long run.

The most critical function of the American Dexter Cattle Association is maintaining the herdbook, or the genetic pedigree of the breed. The ADCA takes the responsibility of protecting the genetic integrity of Dexter Cattle seriously. Over the past decade a number of changes have been instituted to ensure the registry is accurate. Advancements in DNA testing have given us affordable tools to ensure the genetic record is accurate. By following the steps outlined in this article, the registration and transfer process will go smoothly.

REGISTRATION:

It is always advisable to register your animals prior to offering them for sale. When you register an animal make sure you start the process early and allow time for the lab to process the genotype, and for the registrar to process the registration. Registering your animals prior to offering them for sale prevents embarrassing situations for the breeder and frustration for the buyer.

STEP 1: PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

The first step you need to complete is to permanently identify the animal you intend to register. Acceptable forms of permanent identification include: 840 premise ID tag numbers (preferred), or tattoos.

Generic farm ear tags are not an acceptable form of identification. The permanent identification will be used to identify the animal throughout its life.

STEP 2: GENOTYPE

To get your cow genotyped you need to collect a hair sample from the tail switch. The sample should consist of 25-40 clean hairs that still have the root bulbs (follicles) attached. Place each sample in a separate envelope with the animal's name on it to keep the samples from being contaminated. Follow instructions from the lab of your choosing to submit the sample. You will need to know the file number for the sire and dam of the animal you are registering, so the lab will know which DNA samples to match to your animal. You will usually get the results back in two to three weeks.

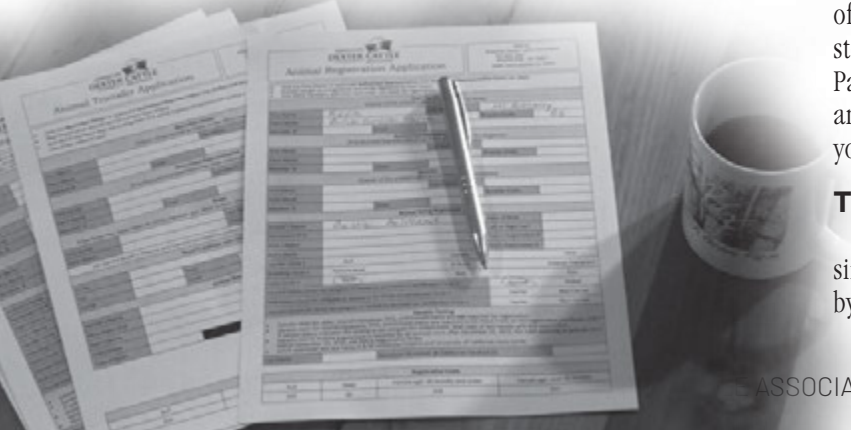
The *Registration Decision Tree* linked under the *Registration And Transfer* tab on the website is the best source of information to educate yourself about genotype requirements. **The only genetic test required to register your animal is the genotype.** All other tests are optional. The ADCA has two approved labs that can genotype your animals: UC Davis and Texas A&M. Complete information about the approved labs can be found under the Genetics And Labs tab under the Registration And Transfer tab on the website.

STEP 3: SUBMIT APPLICATION

The easiest way to submit a registration application is by doing it directly on the ADCA website. Familiarize yourself with the application before you start to fill it out. Gather the information that is necessary to complete the application and have it on hand. At the end of the application you will upload the genotype lab report. The final step is to select the correct payment and click on the Checkout with Paypal button on the bottom of the page. After you submit payment an email verifying your application will be sent to the email address you provided on the application.

TRANSFER:

The process to transfer ownership of a registered animal is very simple. Transferring animals to the new owner must be completed by the current owner. Application for transfer can be made directly



on the ADCA website under the Registration And Transfer tab. Look through the application and gather all the information you will need prior to beginning the transfer application. When you are transferring an animal to a buyer who is not already a member of the ADCA they will receive a complimentary membership for the remainder of the current calendar year. **Make sure you submit the correct contact information for the new owner!** Far too often the information submitted with the transfer application is incorrect. This complicates the process and causes delays in getting registration certificates mailed out to the new owner.

The information found under the Registration And Transfer tab on the ADCA website will answer most, if not all, of the specific questions you may run into when you are registering and transferring your Dexter Cattle. However, if you cannot find the answer to a question you have about registering or transferring an animal on the website, contact your regional director. In most situations your regional director will be able to provide the information you are looking for, or will assist you in finding the answer. ❖

HAPPENINGS

CONGRATULATIONS, CAROL

Carol Davidson, long-time ADCA member, Dexter breeder, and 2007 Talisman Award winner, has recently been awarded an Honorary membership to the United Kingdom Dexter Cattle Society. The award was given in recognition of Carol's involvement and support to the Society and in acknowledgment of her lifelong work with the Dexter breed.

REGION 10 OHIO VALLEY DEXTER BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHOW AND SALE

The OVDBA show will be held at the Wayne County fairgrounds in Wooster, Ohio May 13 & 14, 2022. Activities for adults and youth are scheduled for Friday; the show is held on Saturday. Join us Friday evening for a meet and greet pizza dinner. Early arrivals will be allowed Thursday May 12 after 3:00pm. Check out the OVDBA website for more details: ohiovalleydexters.weebly.com

REGION 2 WASHINGTON STATE SPRING FAIR



Puyallup, Washington.

This year's Spring Fair will be held over two weekends: April 14-16 and April 21-24. Come see Dexters and meet breeders during the first weekend of the fair. Dates are tentative, so be sure to look up the details before you attend: www.thefair.com

ADVERTISE YOUR FARM AT THE EXPO!



At this year's Expo in Ohio, we would like to load the welcome bags with promotional items from ADCA members! Anything with your farm name on it is welcome – things like memo pads, plastic cups, gum, magnets, candy, pens, lotion, sunscreen, coasters, keychains – use your imagination!

The welcome bags themselves can also be sponsored. Just imagine - your great big logo being carried around all weekend by EVERYBODY at the Expo!

We are planning on 100 bags, so just bring your items to the Expo and in they will go.

Or, if you prefer, send them to Becky Eterno, 15775 N 95th St, Longmont, CO 80504.

P.S. If you would like to volunteer for Hospitality duty during the Expo, please contact Becky Eterno at 210-870-9409 or beterno@risebroadband.net. Making sure people feel welcome and have a good time at the AGM is our job!

SPRING INTO ACTION

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”
—Benjamin Franklin

STEFANI MILLMAN | REGION 2 DIRECTOR

We welcome spring after a tough winter. Spring brings calving to some and weaning to those who had fall calves. It's very important to keep in mind that an ounce of prevention will make your animal husbandry that much easier.

You spring calvers should have a calving kit on hand. Get a tote and keep a few things in it: Rags/towels, probiotic paste, Jump Start/electrolytes/Bounce Back, colostrum replacer, bottle with nipples (lamb sized for newborn Dexter's) and/or large syringes, tube of Cal/Mag for mom, and your VETS EMERGENCY NUMBER!

To delve deeper: for those that have the skill level or don't have a choice of the veterinarian coming in the middle of the night, also include: OB Chains/lube, coronavirus-E.coli bolus, tube feeder, calf

bolus gun, penicillin, and oxytocin. To help you compile your kit, you can ask a mentor, do some research or contact your veterinarian. Have these supplies all together in one tote. It should be a permanent fixture that you don't steal out of and placed in a location where you can find it in the middle of the night.

Get those mother cows in a safe place; out of the main herd, with access to shelter, and in close proximity. Choose a location where they are monitored easily at all times of the day and night as they begin to show signs of calving. When approaching this area, do it quietly and try to observe their behavior for a few minutes before they know you are there. A cow can cut off labor if she knows she is being watched. I move my cows 30 days before the expected or

assumed calving date. Start supplementing them with a quarter of whatever supplementation you will put them on after they have calved. Get their systems used to the richer, higher in protein feed you provide when they are in lactation and raising a healthy calf. I personally use Calf Manna as an additional supplement. Calf Manna is a pelleted product that is easily digested and rich in nutrients the mother cow needs. It's also the feed highest in copper, a mineral that Dexters require. Be sure to keep it away from other animals who don't need it, such as sheep.

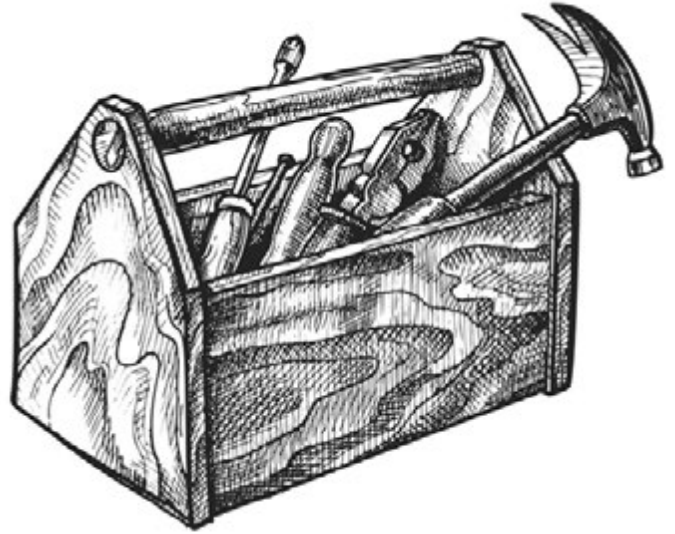
You fall calvers will need to gear up for weaning. Weaners require extra probiotics as they won't have mom's milk to aid in their digestion. Perhaps pick up some powdered probiotic as a feed topper, probiotic paste, or probiotic boluses and a calf bolus gun. Make this feed conversion slow and steady. A weaning buddy always makes this process easier. If there isn't another calf, a yearling will do, but be sure baby isn't pushed out of feed and shelter completely. If there isn't a buddy, consider fence line weaning or a weaner nose ring to reduce stress on both mom and baby.

Remember that spring grass is dangerous for your entire herd. Grass Tetany is very real. By the time an animal is down because of it, it's often too late. This can be prevented by adding magnesium to their diets. There are magnesium supplements that come out in the spring (and fall) that should not be ignored. Easy supplementations, such as a free feed protein tub with added magnesium or feeding alfalfa hay once a day, will greatly reduce the risk. Trace salt blocks are not adequate prevention, but won't hurt. You can also limit their grazing time by weaning them onto full time grazing slowly. Never put your herd on the wet morning grass when it's growing gangbusters. A more in-depth article on this topic can be found in Volume 2021/ No. 2, p. 21-22. Grass Tetany by Skip Tinney.

Yes, if we weren't a part of their lives, nature would take its course and they'd manage through survival of the fittest. But of course we don't want that to happen. Take care of your cows and they'll take care of you. ♣



A TOOL FOR YOUR TOOLBOX



The metaphor of the toolbox illustrates the concept that there are many skills or tools that a Dexter owner can rely on to be successful. As a new Dexter owner, there may be factors you wish you would have considered before starting your Dexter herd. There also may be information you would like to glean from prospective buyers in order to vet them before selling your own animals in the future. Using this questionnaire with interested buyers can spark discussion and help

avoid selling to someone who is unprepared or unable to provide a safe and healthy environment for the animal. When not needed, this “tool” can reside in a box (or in the case of this questionnaire, on the ADCA website: dextercattle.org/marketing/). This questionnaire was adapted from one that is used by Mary Jane Phifer at Steel Meadows Farm. ♣

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you currently own livestock?

Yes

No

If yes, please list type and number

2. How comfortable are you handling, walking and working with small and/or large livestock?

Very comfortable

Somewhat comfortable

Not very comfortable

No experience

3. Will your livestock have access to pasture?

Yes

No

If yes, how many acres and is the pasture divided into sections to allow rotation?

4. How often will your livestock be on pasture?

A few hours a day

During daylight hours only

24 hours a day

Not sure

5. Do you have a secure perimeter fence around your property?

Yes

No

If yes, what type? If barbed wire, how many strands?

6. How will you water your livestock?

Pond or stream

Self-filling trough

Manually filled trough

7. Will you be feeding hay?

Yes

No

If yes, grown on your own property or purchased?

8. Will you have your hay tested?

Yes

No

Not sure

9. Will you provide minerals and salt to your livestock?

Yes

No

If yes, loose or block form?

Loose, free-choice

Block form

Not sure

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS QUESTIONNAIRE

10. Will your livestock have access to shelter? Check all that apply:

- Trees or wooded area
- Barn
- 3-sided shelter
- Lean to
- Other

11. Do you currently have a large animal veterinarian that you use or do you know of one in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

12. Will you be able to secure your animal safely during situations requiring doctoring, tagging or veterinary procedures?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what type?

- Chute/head gate
- Stanchion
- Barn stall

13. How will you diagnose illness in your animals? Check all that apply:

- Have vet come to farm
- Take animal to vet
- I feel comfortable with my experience to diagnose and treat livestock

14. If recommended by a vet, will you give antibiotics to your livestock?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

15. Will you be able to confine and/or isolate your livestock during periods of illness?

- Yes
- No

16. Are there any contagious outbreaks of disease of livestock in your area?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

17. Will you be giving vaccinations to your livestock? Check all that apply:

- I do not believe in vaccines
- My herd will be closed and require no vaccines
- I will give needed vaccinations myself
- I will let my vet decide which vaccinations are needed and administer them

18. Do you plan to deworm your livestock?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

How familiar are you with the following:

19. Heat cycles, breeding and reproduction of livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

20. Pregnancy and gestational stages of livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

21. Normal birthing stages in livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

22. Abnormal birthing situations in livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

23. Normal newborn behavior in livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

24. Abnormal newborn behavior in livestock

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Not very familiar

25. Do you currently own or plan on purchasing a livestock trailer?

- Yes
- No

If no, do you have access to borrow or rent one?

- Yes
- No

| EXPO INFO |

2022 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER EXPO HOST HOTELS

Comfort Suites of Wooster (330)-439-1337 / 965 Dover Road, Wooster, OH 44691 Reservation Link: June ADCA: \$135 per night – June 15 (check-in) - June 19 (check-out) Group rate name: American Dexter Cattle Association/Reservations must be made by June 1, 2022 to guarantee rate Suites include 1 King or 2 Queen Size Beds/ Free WiFi/Hot Breakfast/Fitness Center/Indoor Pool/Smoke Free

Secondary Hotel:

Hilton Garden Inn 959 Dover Road, Wooster OH 44691 Reservation Link: June ADCA: \$135 per night – June 16 (check-in) - June 19 (check-out) Group Rate Name ADC (American Dexter Cattle)

Airports:

Akron Canton Airport –

Approximately 48 minutes, 45 miles from Wayne County Fairgrounds website: Akron-Canton Airport - A Better Way To Go

Akron-Canton Airport Cleveland Airport –

Approximately 71 minutes, 54 miles from Wayne County Fairgrounds website: Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (clevelandairport.com)

OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODES FOR IMPORTING AND EXHIBITING CATTLE



Exhibition of Animals: Lawriter - OAC - 901:1 Animal Industry (ohio.gov) click on Chapter 901:1-18

Import requirements for breeding cattle and bison: Lawriter - OAC - 901:1-17-03 Import requirements for breeding cattle and bison. (ohio.gov)

ALL Exhibitors MUST have a “Certificate of veterinary inspection” for each animal.



NATIONAL EXPO 22

BECOME A CLASS OR WINNER'S BUCKLE SPONSOR AT THE 2022 ADCA NATIONAL DEXTER SHOW



WHO CAN SPONSOR?

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

WHAT'S THE COST?

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

WHY SPONSOR?

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

WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE FOR SPONSORING?

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

HOW TO SPONSOR?

It's easy! Go to the ADCA website (www.dextercattle.org) and go to the “EXPO INFO” page listed under the ADCA EXPO tab. There you will find a link to the 2022 ADCA National Dexter Expo Store.



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WOOSTER OHIO



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- Hotel reservations can be made via the ADCA Expo Website link.
- \$135 per night - June 16 (check-in) - June 18th or 19th (check-out) .
- Optional June 15 check in available on a limited basis.
- Group rate name: American Dexter Cattle Association / Reservations must be made by June 1, 2022 to guarantee rate.
- Suites include 1 King or 2 Queen Size Beds/ Free Wifi /Hot Breakfast / Fitness Center / Indoor Pool / Smoke Free.

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