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The Canadian Dexter Cattle Association

Addressing and understanding the needs of dexter cattle owners in canada

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Top & bottom: Dundee and others from Mike Lafortune's farm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well we have finally got snow in our area so that means that now I have to wear my "Wintry Boots" outside rather than work boots. With snow on the ground the Dexters will now have to be fed in earnest rather than grazing out on the pasture and some supplemental feed, though they were out there this morning rummaging around. Since we have experienced some drought this past summer the supply of hay is limited. Saw an ad in our local UFA for 1000 small square 50lb alfalfa/timothy mixed hay bales at $8.00 each and if you bought the whole amount you could have them for $7.00 each, that works out to $320.00 or $280.00 per ton. I think we will manage as we have some hay, oats green feed, and barley straw. I may have to fed some grain to the pregnant cows, but not to the butcher animals as we are strictly grass/hay fed operation, so only if the weather causes me to feed more than normal.

I managed to acquire an old 1978 – 84 model 782 New Holland forage harvester from a neighbor for the price of moving it off his farm with a "No Returns'" agreement. Had to do some adapting, as it is 1000 RPM and my tractor is only 540 RPM, it turned out to be in fair shape for a machine of that age and the only thing that gave me a problem was that at a lower speed the blower wasn't fast enough and the discharge chute would plug up quite often. I removed the long large chute and replaced it with a 10 inch heating elbow, I think another elbow will make it work even better. I lined the harvester to a self feeder I made several years ago and shred bales into it, that way I can mix the different feeds and there is no waste, because the feed is chopped up so the cows only take a mouthful at a time and don't drop long hay stems when they turn their head and then trample the hay. I had made a shredder years ago from a lawn mower, a 45-gallon barrel and other odds and ends but it was too slow, as it was underpowered it would plug up and stall. Now I shred the bales as fast as I can feed the bales into the harvester. I chose this method as my tractor horsepower isn't big enough and bale buster is too expensive for my operation, so there's an option for us as small Dexter cattle owners.

I don't know if any of the Dexter owners in Alberta receive the "Alberta Farmer Express" magazine, but on the front page of Volume 12, number 22, October 26, 2015 is an article about an oral pain medication for cattle and horses called Oral Meloxicam. The medication is a tasteless liquid that can be administered in feed or with a syringe inside of the mouth when the head is held tilted up. I checked with my local vet, Dr. Hee and he is going to check out the cost as the article indicates it should be around the $2.00 mark but depend on your veterinarian. This is good news for cattle and horse owners, because as of Jan 1, 2016 the Beef Code of Practice requires producers to use a pain medication when dehorning cattle after the horn is attached and for castrating bulls over 9 months of age. The pain medication will last up to 56 hours for cattle. For those of you that have access to the Internet Google "Alberta Farmer Express" click on Digital issues, scroll down to October 26, 2015, down load and the article is right there. You will see in the board minutes, the need of more involvement from CDCA members to submit owner profile and experiences of raising their Dexter cattle. There is a lot to learn from each other's experiences, success stories are great and don't worry about some of the mistakes you have made or mishaps that have occurred as long as you are still well and are wiser because of them. I know that it gives me a good feeling if I can help someone by passing on information I have acquired thorough my own experience or gained from someone else. I had a bad experience over a year ago while unloading a stock rack from my truck. I tore my rotor cuff muscles in my right shoulder and now with the time passed the doctors say there is no way to repair the damage. It's not like I hadn't done this task before and did the same task in different ways without any problem, but mishaps happen and now I'm limited for the rest of my life with what I can and can't do, so think thorough the "What Ifs" and let others know about your good and the not so good experiences.

We also need someone to host the 2016 CDCA AGM; all it takes is someone to organize it, it's a good experience and something to reflect on in the future.

I had two replies from members that they had read my report, so that's a start, one wanted to know the results of my A1 A2 milk testing and I gave her an answer and now have all the hair samples ready to test the rest of our cows. I had some cows tested after I wrote my last report and was pleased with the results. Once all the tests are completed we will try to determine which cows should be given further consideration. This is part of our first step in developing an EPD for our Dexters. I'm still trying to get more information as to how Dexter owners want to get involved in an EPD program can do it without breaking the bank as in funds and time. I think if I can find more time I will have to interact with other breed associations and CBBC as there is funding out there and it just takes time to find the right source or people to talk with.

An update of information I received yesterday, Nov 24, on the transfer of DNA hair samples from Genserve to Delta Genomics is that the lawyers are working on the wording of the agreement. We don't know how fast it will get done, but at least there is an agreement in principle.

Will let you know how my Dec one cow calving turns out.

Hope you have a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year

Adrian Hykaway

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Hello all,
Hoping everyone's settled in for the winter, lots of feed, bred cows, happy calves… we have happy to have our herd home from summer pasture, we missed the sounds and smells in the yard.
Promotional items are not big sellers; they are available at cost, not to raise funds for the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association. The idea was to have some items with logos on them to be able to present to new buyers, people who speak on behalf of the Dexter Association, to friends of the breed, just generally to promote Dexters. They are available for viewing on the website and Brenda does have the photos elsewhere in the newsletter. Please have a look, and see if you'd like to have a handful of magnets to hand to the next group of children that visit your critters, or a cap for the fellow plowing your driveway for you….the nice lady who bakes some fresh buns for you might like an apron…? And the book is very interesting!
I find that the best promotion for the breed is to buy my customers (of breeding stock) a membership in the Association. First time members are only $25, and it's a great way to get them involved. Remind them that members' fees for registration and transfer are half the cost that a non-member pays, which is the BIG perk of membership.
I enjoyed our November conference call meeting! All directors were present, and it's so interesting to hear what's happening across this huge country. Dexters are such a specialty breed and there are some really neat things happening (SNP for DNA, new ideas for the website…marketing ideas..) lots going on.
Please consider writing up a profile of your operation and sending it in to our Newsletter for publication; a great way to advertise what you have to sell but also to encourage new members to jump in and try, maybe you have a novel way to store hay, to halter break animals, to train a calf to take an alfalfa cookie from your mouth….let's hear about it!!
Cheers, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the coming year from the sunny Cariboo, central BC,

Catherine Heinzelman

Photo courtesy of Catherine Heinzelman

Waiting for Old Man Winter to Arrive

We've been busy preparing our farm for winter even though we have yet to experience any cold weather and it's nearing the end of November. The extra time to get cover crops in, windbreaks up for the cows, screens replaced with storm windows on the chicken coops and the pig barn loaded with straw for extra warmth has certainly been appreciated on our farm. I'm sure by the time you are reading this we'll have snow on the ground and be experiencing below zero temperatures in eastern Ontario but for now, we'll enjoy this uncharacteristically mild start to winter. How have you been preparing for winter on your farm? Do you keep your Dexters in the barn for the winter or do you leave them outside in the elements? On our farm, the majority of the cattle spend the winter outside with a thick straw bedding pack in front of about 60 feet of wind breaks. When the wind is howling and the air is frigid, they seem ambivalent to the brutal weather swirling around them. The weanling calves are housed in a separate area with access to the barn. I look forward to hearing from fellow Dexter owners. Share some winter pictures of your Dexters and your farm with us and we'll put them in the next newsletter.
Happy Holidays Everyone.

Becky Williams

Four weanlings at Becky Williams' farm.

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DIRECTOR REPORT

Hello again from Saskatchewan.
Harsh cold weather, in our province we know we are going to get it, but when, that is the question.
As I write this report in late November we still have not got any significant amount of snow cover, the temperature is dropping daily but still no snow.
Our cows also sense the pending change they spend less time out on the frozen pasture and prefer the straw bedding of the coral and the shelter of the wind-breaks.
The evening of November 19th the directors teleconference was held, the second one that I have participated in, a chance to talk to my fellow directors and voice an opinion and be sure everybody has one.
The question of the newsletter came up, the very one that you are reading now.
How are you reading it, on your computer or hard copy sent in the mail?
We at C.D.C.A unlike some Dexter associations worldwide are few in number, around one hundred members so revenue is limited.
One way to save money is to deliver the newsletter electronically and if you want a hard copy you print it off yourself.
This option will always be available as part of your annual subscription.
If you want to continue to have the newsletter mailed to you, would you be prepared to pay a nominal amount added to your annual subscription?
Please email any of the directors with your opinion, we need to know what direction to take.
Bylaw review was another subject we talked about, if there are any bylaws that you as a member would like to see changed please make Mike or I aware and we will look into it.
Marketing, how do you sell your Dexter's?
Would you be prepared to share marketing information with other members?
Would you like to know how much Dexter's and Dexter beef in your area and other parts of Canada are and is selling for?
Dexter's and Dexter beef products that we produce will never be able to compete with the commercial breeds on quantity produced, we are a niche breed but we have qualities that are more and more being recognized by the "foodies", these people want know how their beef is produced, what it has been fed on, is it local and they are prepared to pay a premium for it.
Dexter breeders in other countries with large "foodie" movements are reaping the rewards now, we can do the same here, but are we ready?
We need to connect with these people and make them aware of whom we are, where we are and we are here to supply their needs.
With your cooperation we could develop a marketing opportunities plan, lets call it "DEX Connect" at this stage, if you want to know more please email me directly at ribble_eden_farm@sasktel.net

Nick Woodhouse

A couple of 19 month old heifers with the halter on for the first time, still calm, cool and collected.

Photo submitted by:

Nick Woodhouse.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Dexter Beef – the finest grass fed grass finished beef designed by Nature

Well it certainly has been a busy year for the Dexter Cattle Company. Evelyn and I started our Prince Edward Island company last year and it has been a flurry of activity since January (pun intended). We have spent the last year fencing and cross fencing acres and acres of pasture grass with Electrobraid fence. We re-shaped and contoured a few parcels to improve the drainage, tilled and reseeded pastures and brought in power and water lines. We built a working corral with a squeeze chute on one property and another corral with a loading chute on the other. We are now in the process of building several large shelters to house the animals over the winter and hopefully we will have the project completed before the heavy storms arrive.

Our year started with 5 Dexters and we are now at 40 head, with 3 standing bulls and a few more calves expected in the near future. Our goal is to provide the entire province with Certified Organic grass fed grass finished Dexter beef. We believe they are ideal for organic agriculture and our ranch and business model have been designed to highlight the benefits of this small hardy breed. Our intent is not to simply talk about how great Dexters are but to actually demonstrate on a larger scale the economic benefits of the breed. Obviously we are not competing with commercial herds on head counts and weight gains - that would be silly. No, we are competing on taste, humane practices, and good quality food. You have to pause and think… what does the consumer want? They want to know the person growing their food. They want to ensure the animals have been well fed and cared for. The consumers want to know the animal is safe to eat, has no antibiotics or hormones and has had a good life. They want to feed their families and themselves with quality beef that is tasty and of good value and have all the right nutrients. Yes, it costs us a bit more to raise organic beef at first, but we believe Dexters are perfect for fulfilling the growing demand for organic beef. And if we are going to grow organic beef, why not go one step further and have it be certified organic beef? That way the consumer is assured we as a producer are prepared to go the extra mile to fulfill their expectations.

Evelyn hugging one of the cows.

Over the next few months we will share with you a few stories and photos about our operation, things we have learned and things we could have done better. We do hope you write us with any tips, thoughts and concerns you might have. Drop us a line at Lafortune.mike@gmail.com

Until then, please take care and have a safe and fun holiday season.

Mike A. Lafortune

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Here it is, the end of another year already. That means it is time to look at some statistics and see where we are at relative to last year. For the CDCA, there is good news. At the end of October, there had been 32 more Dexters registered in 2015 than at the same time in 2014 and there had been 20 more animals transferred than last year. Membership numbers are consistent with last year, but as has been the case in years past, there has been about a 25% turnover, with 25 new members in 2015, but an equal number from 2014 who have not renewed this year.

Your Board of Directors held its first regularly scheduled conference call meeting on Nov. 19th. There was a lot of good discussion and several ideas put forth, on which there will be information in this Newsletter from the various directors. Members' input is being sought on several subjects, so I would encourage all members to make their views known to the directors. As secretary of several breed associations, I have to come to appreciate the fact that it is frustrating for directors when they do not hear anything from the members. The CDCA is every member's association, not just the directors' association.

Speaking of being secretary for several associations, November has been a busy month for me in that regard. Not only did I take part in the Dexter directors' meeting, but I travelled to Niagara Falls ON for the Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association AGM and then to Edmonton for the Canadian Galloway Association AGM at Farmfair.

By the time you read this, membership renewal notices for 2016 will have been sent out from CLRC. I would encourage all members to renew their membership as soon as the notice is received so that it does not get forgotten.

In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to wish all CDCA members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from myself and all at CLRC.

Ron Black

STEAK CHALLENGE RESULTS

Dexter Beef wins bragging rights at the World Steak Challenge

The world steak challenge took place in October at Hyde Park in London, England. This event provides a platform for countries and steak producers to benchmark their steak production against international competitors and use the publicity and recognition that it generates to promote their exports on the world stage, plus drive sales in home markets.

As producers, it provides the opportunity to engage with consumers to celebrate the joy and benefits of eating steak as part of a healthy balanced diet while highlighting the quality and standards of steak production around the globe.

Dexter Steak won the impressive Gold Standard Quality Medal as well as a Silver Standard Quality Medal which was no small feat with 70 steaks from 10 different countries being entered into the World Steak Challenge. Of these, 17 producers qualified to be Silver standard quality medal winners and 11 steaks qualified to be Gold Standard Quality Medals.

For more information on the World Steak Challenge go to www.worldsteakchallenge.com

World's Best Steak Producer

Entered By	Country of origin	Breed of animal
Albers GMBH	Australia	Wagyu F2+ 75%

Gold Winners

Entered By	Country of origin	Breed of animal
Australian Agricultural Company	Australia	Wagyu Cross
Eleven Mill Iron Ranch	United States	Black Angus
Jan Zandbergen	Australia	Black Angus
Nice to Meat	Japan	Japanese Black Wagyu

Rangers Valley Cattle Station	Australia	Angus
Albers GMBH	Australia	Wagyu F2+ 75%
One Earth Farms/Heritage Angus	Canada	Angus
Scotbeef (M&S)	Scotland	Aberdeen Angus
Miller and Carter (Mitchells and Butlers)/Blade Farming, Somerset	England	Aberdeen Angus Cross
Flat Iron	England	Dexter
Hannan Meats	Northern Ireland	Shorthorn

Silver Winners

Entered By	Country of origin	Breed of animal
Giraudi	United States	American Black Angus beef
Scotbeef (Aldi UK)	Scotland	Aberdeen Angus
Gourmetfleisch.de	United States	Limousin & Blank Angus
ABP Ireland	Ireland	Angus Cross
Lincolnshire Co-operative	England	Lincolnshire Red/ British Blue
JBS Global	United States	Angus and Angus Charolais Cross
2 Sisters Red Meat t/a St. Merryn Foods	Wales	Aberdeen Angus
Danish Crown UK	Germany	Heifer
Dawn Meats	England	Aberdeen Angus Cross
Morrisons Supermarkets	Scotland	Shorthorn Cross

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Barbecoa	Scotland	Charolais
Zandbergen World's Finest Meat	United States	Angus/Angus Cross/Limousin/ Charolais
Dovecote Park	England	Hereford Cross
Tendermeats	Ireland	Aberdeen Angus Cross
Davidsons Inverurie	Scotland	Wangas
The Butchery	England	Pure Bred Dexter
Rangers Valley Cattle Station	Australia	Angus

BREEDER PROFILE

We stumbled upon our first cow on Kijiji - we were looking for a milking cow - and bought her already bred. No papers, nothing - we were only interested in a small cow and did not care about registration at that time.
When it came to breeding her again, I bought the last 3 straws of Trillium Cluny that EastGen had in its semen bank, but AI was unsuccessful, even with hormone shots etc. I finally sold the last straw of Trillium Cluny semen on Kijiji and bought a bull, also on Kijiji. He was purebred, unproven and not registered. The breeder said that they would not be interested in registering him.
The bull turned out quite nice and was throwing good calves and thus began my interest in actually starting to register my animals and I joined the Dexter Association to learn more.
That basically sums it up!

Jacqui Ehninger-Cuervo

Cow with calves at Mike Lafortune's

4-H REPORT

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MY FIRST YEAR OF 4-H

Hello, my name is Rachel Schenk. I am only 9 years old so this year I was able to show in our Pee Wee Club. My steer's name was Mr. Brown. My friend, Riley, and I shared My. Brown this year. I went to two fairs this year. The 1st fair I went to, I had to show against teenagers and really big market steers. I was scared because they were so big.

I already have my 4-H calf picked out for next year and her name is Cinderella.

Rachel and Mr. Brown

MY 1ST 4-H REPORT

My name is Riley Walker, I am 10 years old. I will be 11 years old on October 23. I am a townie. This was something I really wanted to try, because I wanted to work with animals. I got to hang out with the Schenks on their farm. My cow is a Dexter, he was born on August 11, 2014, His name is Mr. Brown (heavy on the "Mister"), I went to the Schenk's once a week to work with Mr. Brown. I would brush him, walk him, and wash him in that exact order. When I took him to the fair I got 1st place for market steer. Mr. Brown was sometimes a dough head and would not listen. If I would give him some grain he would listen more intently.

It was a great experience, because most kids like me don't get to do stuff like this.

Riley and Mr. Brown

4-H...More Than You Ever Imagined

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4-H REPORT

My 4-H Project 2015

Hello, my name is Curtis Schenk. I just turned twelve. This is my second year showing a Dexter. This year my heifer's name was Bella. I did not do very well but I that if more people show Dexters the judge would know more about them. The more they know the better we would do. I think it is important that people know that they are dual purpose cows. Bella had more dairy characteristics so it was pretty hard to compete against the more commercial breeds, and I love shoeing Dexters and I am showing a Dexter again next year and her name is Cinnamon.

I am encouraging more people to show Dexters so they are more popular just like the Herefords and Black Angus and have better chances. Bella is a red Dexter who now lives in PEI. I am sure Mike, her new owner, will take great care of her. My favorite part about a Dexter is there are easy to handle and they don't pull you around the ring. That's another reason it is nice to start off with a Dexter. I also think I should be able to show dairy or beef when showing a Dexter because Bella looked more like a dairy heifer.

Curtis and Bella

My 4-H Project

My name is Jessica Walker. I am 8 years old. I was happy to go to the Schenks farm each week to play with all the animals. I got to work with Curtis and Bella. Cutis showed me hoe to care for Bella. What food she lies to eat and how to wash and brush her.; I helped Curtis get Bella ready for Fair day. I was really nervous because I got to show her in the ring. I was glad we were able to take and adult with us. But I did a great job and needed no help at all. Bella and I are good friends. But now she has moved away.

Jessica and Bella

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. . . to my club, my community, my country, and the world.

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FROM THE EDITOR

As I work on the newsletter this last weekend of November, I have been bouncing back and forth between newsletter and watching the Senior Boys volleyball team of our local school play in the 2A provincial play downs, that were live streamed online. These are young men that I have dealt with for their entire school career, whether it be as a bus driver or an educational assistant, 7 of whom will be graduating this coming June. I have worked in their classroom off and on since they were in kindergarten and I feel as though they are my kids. I have watched them mature into fine young men who are excellent ambassadors for our community. They now have a full set of medals as this year they captured the gold, last year was silver and the year before that they brought home the bronze. A perfect ending for the 7. It is a proud day for our small community of about 500.

In this issue I have included headshots of your directors. I would also like to include headshots of all those who submit an article as well. I feel that this is one way to "get to know" each other. We can kind of get an idea of what a person is like by reading what they write, but sometimes that person may be totally different looking than you might imagine. I also think it will add to the reading experience of the newsletter.

Today as I finish up the newsletter , it is December 8. The temps have been exceptional. Our high today was 0C and we have had positive temps as well. Not bad for December. This has given us the opportunity to get a lot of the yard work caught up and I also managed to get my insulated chicken house moved home from John's mom and dad's farm, thanks to my mom and dad for their trailer and help. My hens are now happier in their new home and the move hasn't affected them much as they have not dropped in their egg production. I was successful in raising 25 of the 31 chicks that I purchased this spring and they have joined my 21 hens that are a year old. I order just pullets when I buy chicks, but somehow this year, a rooster emerged when they got older, so I have 45 hens laying an average of 3.5 dozen per day. So far they seem to be earning their keep as I sell eggs at $3.00/doz.

So until next time, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Brenda Pollard

Directors' Roles and Responsibilities

All board members should:

- Be familiar with the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Constitution.
- Uphold the interests of the CDCA and its membership.
- Act in good faith and in the best interests of the CDCA by avoiding conflict of interest situations.
- Be prepared for and actively participate in meetings. Develop a working knowledge of meeting procedures.
- Maintain confidentiality of board business.
- Speak positively of the CDCA to the public.
- Deal with the public and each other in a fair, ethical and straight- forward manner.
- Educate and inform new Dexter owners and the public about the Dexter breed and the CDCA.

Mom and baby at Mike Lafortune's farm.

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MY EXPERIENCE

Jacqui submitted her experience as to why she calves in the fall. Thanks for sharing your story Jacqui.

IN MY EXPERIENCE

I have switched to fall calving after a horrendous experience this spring: My first ever Dexter cow, Andromeda (according to our teenage daughter, the cow needed a "cool" name) was due to calve in March, which was still in the depth of winter this year. She had never experienced ***any*** calving problems before, ***ever***. We became suspicious, when she had walked around strangely most of the day and by early evening there was still no calf. By the time I tried to bring her into the barn, she had lost so much strength that she couldn't quite make it - she kept falling. At least, I got her up to the feeder area where there was lots of dry hay. The vet was called in the middle of the night and he had to pull the calf. She got up, at which point the vet decided she was probably OK and left, a bit too fast, no doubt yearning for his warm bed. We wanted to give her some time alone with the calf. Mistake! She didn't stay up, but in her weakened state and with her continued attempts to get back up, managed to roll down an icy incline and was now no longer in the dry feeder area. Vet came again and gave her calcium and phosphorus. By now she was in such bad shape, that she kept rolling onto her side and we had to prop her up. She was also melting a hole into the ice. Vet left again, but I was desperate. I figured that if I left her where she was, we would lose her. So I called a dairy farmer friend at 4:00am (I knew that he normally got up around this time) and asked for help. He came with his pickup truck, tied a rope around the cow's horns (thank God for horns in this instance!) and pulled her up the hill to in front of the barn door, where we had her calf. It seems brutal, but I think it's what saved her life. At least I had some straw down there for her and I was able to blanket her. She was down for probably close to a week. She got another calcium and phosphorus flush. I bottle-fed the calf. The vet was not optimistic. What gave me hope was what another old farmer told me. He said: "Oh, I remember we had cows that were sometimes down for a week. They're a pain to manage though!" In true Dexter fashion, Andromeda was determined to get back on her legs to nurse her calf. In fact, everyone, including the vet was convinced that if it hadn't been for the calf, she would have just given up. Finally, after a couple of days of trying to get up and falling back down, she had at least managed to get herself into the barn. It was a few more days, before she could stand steadily. Anyways, it is not an experience I EVER want to repeat. Hopefully, with most Dexters, things like are exceedingly rare. But they can happen, particularly when animals get older, or if they have a case of undetected mastitis, etc. If you do have a downer cow like this, her chances are much better, when there is still grass to eat and the weather is fair. So, perhaps the best way to approach calving time is by looking at every animal individually. Spring is fine for animals in their prime, who are proven moms, fall is likely better for any cow that carries a risk factor.

Jacqui Ehninger-Cuervo

Jacqui's Dexters

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

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Apron: white, with eight inch screened logo on bib …..$20

Shopping bag, red with Dexter logo ……..$5

Fridge magnet. (ask about bulk pricing)……...$2

Hats: Ball—cotton, black or dun with Dexter logo……$20

Book (Dexter Cattle: A Breeder's Notebook)..$32

Shipping included in price, but price may vary. Please make cheque payables to Canadian Dexter Cattle Association.

T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies available.

Please ask for sizes that are available.

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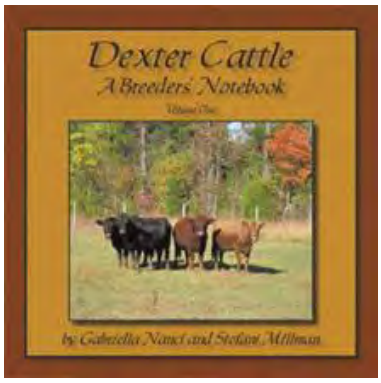

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles to

Rita Hykaway by:

February 25	**August 25**
May 25	**November 25**

This will help with how swiftly you will receive your copy. Thank you!

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GUIDELINES FOR DEXTERS

GENERAL - The Dexter is a dual purpose animal with both beef and dairy qualities. In judging, both of these qualities are essential.

COLOUR - Whole black, red and dun. All colours are of equal merit. A small amount of white is allowed but only on the underline, udder area, organs of generation and the tassel of the tail. White forward of the navel should be strongly discouraged.

HEAD – Broad between the eyes tapering gracefully toward a broad muzzle. Strong jaws with an even bite. Eyes bright and prominent. Nostrils should be wide and distended. Size of the head in proportion to the body.

NECK - blending well into the shoulders, thick but not too short. Head should be carried well above the spine.

HORNS - Dexters may be horned or polled. When not disbudded, dehorned or polled the horns should be moderately thick with an inward¸ slightly upward curve. Bulls should not have as much of an upward curve as the cow. The removal of the horns should not be penalized in the show ring.

BODY – Breast prominent, chest floor wide, well sprung ribs, wide across loin, quarters thick and deep, broad hips, well rounded fleshy rump. Straight level topline with the tail set level with the spine. When viewed from the rear, tail should run straight from the spine. Straight level underline. Good width between the front and back legs. Legs should be moderate length in proportion to body size, squarely placed under the body, wide apart and perpendicular when views from the rear. Feet should have short toes, be deep heeled, and level soled. The length of the back from shoulder to tail set should be the same or greater than the height of the animal at the shoulder.

Cows – Udder should be well attached, high and wide rear attachment, carried well forward. Teats of medium size, well placed in the udder, hang plumb and are of equal size. Strong medial suspensory ligament.

Bulls – well hung testicles of even size, scrotum long and well away from the body.

SKIN – loose and pliable, hair short and sleek in summer, longer and thicker in winter.

WEIGHT AND SIZE - as dual purpose animals, Dexters should not be overly short and leggy. Overly short animals cause milking problems and possible mating problems. Leggy animals lose the beefy qualities. Both extremes should be strongly discouraged.

Cows – at four years old, cows should not exceed 850 pounds. Height should be between 36 and 44 inches at the hip.

Bulls – at four years old, bulls should not exceed 1100 pounds. Height should be between 38 and 46 inches at the hip. Overly large and tall animals or extremely small, short animals are to be strongly discourages as suitable breeding stock. Dexters in Canada are eligible for registration in accordance with the rules set out in the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Constitution.

NOTE: Guidelines are for breeding, selecting and judging purposes.

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CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSICIATION

FEE SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 2012

ADD 13% HST TO ALL FEES FOR RESIDENTS OF NB, ON AND NL
ADD 12% HST TO ALL FEES FOR RESIDENTS OF BC
ADD 15%HST TO ALL FEES FOR RESIDENTS OF NS
ADD 5% GST TO ALL FEED FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL OTHER PROVINCES

MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership $50
Annual membership for a new member or a member rejoining after a lapse of three years or more.....$25
Junior membership..... $5
Associate membership (non-resident) $50

Registration of animals: N.B. All male calves must be DNA typed in order to be registered.

Males and females up to 24 months of age $30
Males and females 24 months and over $40
Registration of CDN born animals previously registered in a recognized foreign association (including all transfers).....$25
Registration of a CDN born animal previously registered in a recognized foreign association (10 or more in the same submission) (including all transfers) $15
Registration of an imported animal.....$50
Registration or transfer of an embryo.....$15
Change of name of recorded animal $30
Registration of a herd name (prefix).....$20
Registration of tattoo letters.....$20
Transfer of a herd name.....$25
Registration of lease.....$30
Transfer of tattoo letters $25
Transfer of ownership (live animals).....$25
Transfer of ownership of 5 to 10 animals form same seller to same buyer in same submission.....$20
Transfer of ownership of 11 animals of more from the same seller to same buyer in same submission $17.50
Each transfer of lease or ownership to windup an estate or where a parent takes a son or daughter into partnership, or where a son or daughter enters into partnership with a parent to one of his or her children, or forms an incorporated company within an immediate family, or where a partnership is dissolved and a transfer made of the partnership animals to one of more continuing partners, provided there is no financial consideration involved.....$12.50
Replacement of lost or unobtainable certificates.....$20
New certificates.....$20
Reject fee $15
Rush fee (except for export).....$15

NON MEMBERS

Fees are double that of members' fees for all transactions
Subscription to newsletter only $15

IF AN ANIMAL IS SOLD BEFORE BEING REGISTERED, THE REGISTRATION AND EACH CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP IS CHARGED FOR AT THE REGULAR RATE.

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