

Dexter Cattle Club



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## The DCCT Newsletter

### Introducing New Stock

### So, you bought *another* one?

I'm not sure about you, but since I got into Dexters 20 years ago, I can't tell you how many times I have heard this question! We all know Dexters are addicting, but when you are on the way home with your "prize" in the trailer, what you do when you get there should be thought out well before you pull in the driveway!

- ◆ **Quarantine** - This isn't necessarily because you bought from a questionable source, but because of the stress you have just inflicted on this social animal: removing it from its herd, putting it in a moving barn, and opening the doors to new sights, sounds, smells, animals, bacteria and the viruses your other cattle have developed immunity against. Stress wears down the immune system. Internal parasites flourish in stress (causing yet a larger drop in the immune response), and stress can open the door for some nasty pneumonia (aka shipping fever), even in well-vaccinated animals. The vet's ideal scenario is to quarantine for 30-60 days. We cannot do that, and it's usually more like a two-week quarantine.
- ◆ **Support and Observe** - We like to offer a stress tub for all new arrivals as well as a dish of high quality minerals. Make sure you put eyes on your quarantined new animal(s) as frequently as possible. Some things you want to look for are in the next section of this newsletter, but at the very least you can establish a normal behavior for your new addition(s) once they are off the trailer for 48-72 hours.
- ◆ **React** - If your new animal starts acting sick, do NOT assume it will be able to fight it. Get your veterinarian to come take a look. Shipping Fever / Pneumonia can strike fast and hard. It is not something for which you want to delay treatment.

Once you realize what to look for and what is "normal" buying new animals can even easier - and less risky! Check out the DCC sales

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PLEASE "SHOW" YOUR SUPPORT TO THESE TN FAIRS  
THAT OFFER DEXTER CATTLE SHOWS!!



PLEASE VISIT OUR  
SPONSOR'S WEBSITE!



<https://www.springtimeinc.com/>



Sept. 8-17, 2017

The members of the DCCT are encouraged to help find a handful of corporate sponsors for this Show. **Springtime, Inc. has already agreed to fully sponsor the Dexter Steer division with their \$500 sponsorship!** The Club will have a membership meeting at the Wilson County Fair on August 21, 2017. Whether you want to show cattle or not, please come support the exhibitors and attend this first Annual General Membership Meeting! Please contact Sally - [dcct.president@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.president@gmail.com)

We still need more sponsorship for this event in order to be able to display our Club information and to support a Dexter show. The Dexter Show will be on September 14. This is a "show and go" venue, so you have to be there by a certain time in the AM, show at 2 PM, and get released at the Livestock Superintendent's discretion, usually somewhere between 5-10 PM. Please contact Kathy and Mark Chaney - [dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.mkchaney@gmail.com)



CLUB APPAREL UPDATE -  
WELCOME LYNCHBURG T-SHIRT CO.

*"Care is an absolute.  
Prevention is the ideal"*

*- Christopher Howson*

Coming soon to the Club website! Lynchburg T-Shirt Company will be offering Club design T-Shirts, Polos, Sweats, etc., for online purchasing!

**Shipping Fever!**

Symptoms of shipping fever, or BRD (Bovine Respiratory Disease), usually develop within four weeks after weaning, marketing, or moving.

Clinical signs can be variable since there may be one or more viruses and bacteria involved in this disease complex.

Early clinical signs usually include: depression, loss of appetite, and dull eyes. These cattle should be pulled from their group and checked for fever. A temperature of over 104° F indicates early signs of BRD.

Clinical signs later in the course of the disease include: rapid/labored breathing, droopy ears, coughing, diarrhea, staggering, nasal discharge, or sudden death.

Because the onset of shipping fever, or BRD, should be expected after weaning, marketing, or moving, producers should closely monitor every calf and new arrival twice daily for the first few weeks. Left untreated, calves with severe BRD will die from their pneumonia.

Source: Washington State University Veterinary Extension



# HERD HEALTH

*Health Care advice given here, or anywhere in this publication, is NOT intended to replace care by a licensed Veterinarian. Always call your vet if your animals show signs of illness!*

## New Arrival Protocols - Weaned Calves

- Quarantine the new calf or new group.
- Try to support the calf nutritionally on AT LEAST the same level as it was prior to your possession. For instance, if you have a grass-fed only operation and the calf was on feed, continue to feed it, and after about 30 days start limiting feed usage and transition to grass/hay, but only as long as the calf continues to thrive.
- After seven days or more, when the initial stress of the move has subsided, put the calf in the chute and deworm it, booster it with a broad vaccine like Triangle 10HB, and booster the clostridial vaccine as well. If it is a heifer calf and you have not seen her cycle, preg test. The professionalism of the seller is not in question, but mistakes happen and bulls are tricky. Preg check to be safe and prepared.
- Check the calf over for ticks, ringworm and lice. All

## New Arrival Protocols - Mature Animals

- Quarantine the new cow or new group.
- Mature cattle are quite resilient and should not get overly stressed to the point of getting shipping fever.
- It is important at this time to preg check cows. Regardless of what their pregnancy status was supposed to be, its important to know with certainty.
- Sometimes sellers move cows from their property without properly weaning calves that are still nursing. Knowing this in advance would be valuable information in order to determine a cow's well-being if she arrives bawling and with a full udder.
- Moving cows within 30 days of their due date, or less than 30 days after breeding, can result in premature delivery or loss of the embryo.
- Adults get vaccinated and dewormed, depending on pregnancy status.

## HOW SOON IS TOO SOON?



Now that you have your new addition, when should you start halter training it? While it is true you do not want to overly stress a calf or a new addition to your herd, while you have them quarantined is an ideal time to start getting them used to the idea of halters, leading, tying, and basic close contact with human beings.

We feel that the younger an animal is, the easier this is. If they are in a stall or a small area, you can put a halter/lead rope combination on them and let them drag it around. If you use a poly rope combo (like the one pictured above), tie it off at the noseband/lead connection so that it does not tighten on their chins when stepped on.

After a few days of this (or omitting that step altogether), put a halter and lead rope on the subject animal and just get it used to your presence. Brush it, scratch its shoulders and brisket, and do this as often as possible until the calf or new addition no longer fears you and your touch.

Adults take longer than calves, heifers take longer than bulls, and everything takes longer than you plan.

Leading is the next important step and is dealt with on the next page.

### SIGNS OF BRD

- ◆ Decreased activity
- ◆ Droopy Ears
- ◆ Rough Dull Haircoat
- ◆ Coughing / Panting
- ◆ Discharge from Ears
- ◆ Discharge from Eyes
- ◆ Discharge from Nose
- ◆ Abnormal Stools
- ◆ Fever of 104° F +

Shipping Fever / BRD can come on quickly and can kill a calf or cause permanent lung damage if not treated quickly and aggressively.

Call A Vet!

Our preferred Rx:

Nuflor: 6ml per 100 lb plus  
Draxxin: 1.1ml per 100 lb

These are Rx treatments. Call A Vet, and use his/her advice!

## EVENTS & SUCH

### JULY

#### **22 - Philadelphia, TN- AI Workshop**

Held at Freedom Farms. Chad Hazelton of Ohio will be here holding an AI Workshop to teach folks how to artificially inseminate their own cattle! **The class is limited to 20 participants and there are still a few openings left.** This event is only open to Club Members. The fee is \$115 per person, and it includes a catered lunch. There will also be the opportunity to have your halter broke heifer or cow AI'd if synchronized for this date! Pre-registration and payment is required. Please contact Sally for more information:

[dct.president@gmail.com](mailto:dct.president@gmail.com)

#### **29 - Cumberland Furnace, TN**

At Red Hill Dexter Farm - Educational Farm Day. Speaker on Feed & Minerals, rotational grazing, and Dexter visiting! Email Dwight for info/RSVP: [dwiththambley@yahoo.com](mailto:dwiththambley@yahoo.com)

### AUGUST

**1 - Entry Deadline for the Wilson City Fair** in Lebanon, TN. Classes are listed in this newsletter. **Our Annual Membership Meeting will be AT this show on August 21, 2017.**

**17 - MO State Fair Dexter Show, 10 AM in Sedalia, MO (Open to ADCA, PDCA, & Legacy)**

**21 - Wilson County Fair Dexter Show & DCCT First Annual General Meeting (Open to ADCA, PDCA, & Legacy)**

**25 - Entry Deadline for the TN Valley Fair Dexter Cattle Show**

### SEPTEMBER

**1 - Entry Deadline for the Tulsa State Fair Dexter Show, Tulsa, Oklahoma (ADCA members/animals only)**

**14 - Open Dexter Cattle Show** at the TN Valley Fair in Knoxville **(Open to ADCA & PDCA)**

**16 - JR. Beef Dexter Show** at the TN Valley Fair in Knoxville

**30 - Tulsa State Fair Dexter Show**

### OCTOBER

**13-14 - MDBA Dexter Show & Sale, Marshfield, MO (ADCA members/animals only)**

## Training to Lead!

Here are some tried and true tips for training to lead:

- ◆ Never get in a tug of war. Use short, quick bursts of pressure.
- ◆ Reward for forward movement with pressure release on rope.
- ◆ Be Patient. Never use a tractor or ATV for training to lead!
- ◆ Do not tie an animal until they understand pressure/release.
- ◆ Control halters release pressure quicker than rope halters.
- ◆ Always lead in an enclosed area. Large paddocks are fine if enclosed!
- ◆ Do not give up! Do not lose your temper!
- ◆ Lead daily. Usually they "get it" by day 4. Continue at least another 3-4 days after they are doing great, then they can go months - sometimes years without halter work and still remember!

### DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

**JULY :** Sign up today to learn artificial insemination skills!

**AUGUST 1:** Deadline for entry for the Wilson County Fair Dexter Show & DCCT Annual Meeting!

<https://www.wilsoncountyfair.net/schedule/2017-schedule/320-dexter-cattle-show>

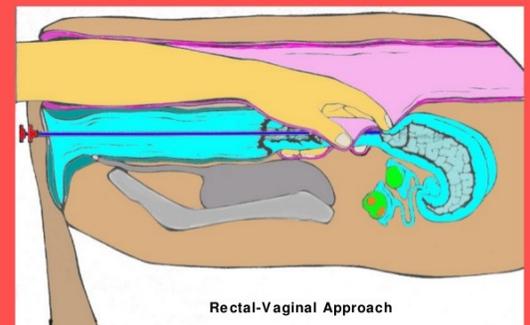
**AUGUST 25:** Deadline for entry for the TN Valley Fair Dexter Show  
<http://www.tnvalleyfair.org/assets/open-beef-show.pdf>

### SIGN UP TODAY!

**AI'ing your cows give you an almost endless choice of genetics to add to your farm without having to sell your bull, inbreed, or sell your bull's daughters!**

**WORKSHOP: JULY 22!**

### Insemination of the Cow



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Pam & Greg Baker of Annapolis, IL!**  
**Robin Bleeker of Bloomingdale, MI!**  
**Roy & Tammy Munro of Morrice, MI!**  
**Jabe Thomas of Owosso, MI!**  
**Frank Welling of Alma, MI!**  
**Richard Yockey of Lucasville, OH!**

## DCCT Members' Sale Page



Melissa Sterling of Wartrace, TN has an A2 Polled Bull for sale. [hiddenhollowtn@gmail.com](mailto:hiddenhollowtn@gmail.com) or 931-224-5099



Ruth Campagna of Floral City, FL has a Dun A2 polled Bull for sale. 727-244-4327 or [racamp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:racamp@tampabay.rr.com)



Mike Mendenhall of Hartford, Iowa has a Legacy Bull for sale. 515-989-4375 or [mendenhallfarm@gmail.com](mailto:mendenhallfarm@gmail.com)



Bill & Kim Stewart of Paris, TN have an A2 Dun Polled Bull for sale. [kandbfarm@gmail.com](mailto:kandbfarm@gmail.com) or 479-883-3484



Teresa Schoellkopf of Loudon, TN has an A2 Red Bull for sale. Contact her at 865-405-4896 or email at [weldrbrat@yahoo.com](mailto:weldrbrat@yahoo.com)



Maria & Joe Legler of Petersburg, TN have several nice heifers available now and later in the summer. [cleglermaria@gmail.com](mailto:cleglermaria@gmail.com) or 931-684-8503



Fran Ashbrook of Woodruff, SC has several heifers available. [sfrollingacresfarm@gmail.com](mailto:sfrollingacresfarm@gmail.com) or 864-270-3033



Michele Woolford of Lawndale, NC has several Dexters for sale. Contact her at 704-775-3057 or [dcctmwoolford@gmail.com](mailto:dcctmwoolford@gmail.com)



Carol Farrell of Coldwater, MS has a nice red A2 heifer available. Contact her at 901-604-0787 or [cfarrell662@aol.com](mailto:cfarrell662@aol.com)



Sally Coad of Philadelphia, TN has several A2 Dexters available.

865-213-0590 or [freedomfarmdexters@gmail.com](mailto:freedomfarmdexters@gmail.com)



Cathy Aller of Henry, TN has several Dexters available. 713-416-7920 or [cathvaller@peoplestel.net](mailto:cathvaller@peoplestel.net)

TSU has beef on the hoof for sale with these 3 cull cows. Contact Dr. Browning at 615-430-8396 or [rbrowning@tnstate.edu](mailto:rbrowning@tnstate.edu)



# Wilson County, TN - Lebanon, TN

## 2017 Dexter Cattle Show

**Monday, August 21, 2017 - 5:00 PM:** Large Animal Livestock Barn (Bldg. W)

**ENTRY FEE is \$5 per class. ENTRY DEADLINE: August 1, 2017 for special CLUB MEMBER prizes & awards.**

Livestock Exhibitors transporting livestock enter at the TN Blvd. Entrance and follow the signs to the Large Animal Barn (Bldg. W). No straw bedding allowed.

**Information & Entries:** Sally Coad: 865-399-8664 or 865-213-0590; [dcct.president@gmail.com](mailto:dcct.president@gmail.com)

### DEXTER SHOW CLASSES

1. Jr. Weanling Heifer - born Feb. 1, 2017 or after
2. Sr. Weanling Heifer - born Nov. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017
3. Young Heifer - born Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2016
4. Late Yearling Heifer - born May 1 – July 31, 2016
5. Early Yearling Heifer - born Feb. 1 - Apr. 30, 2016
6. Senior Heifer - born Aug. 1, 2015 – Jan. 30, 2016
7. Young Cow – born Aug. 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015
8. Cow/Calf Class - Any cow with her natural unweaned calf at side (calf born no earlier than Feb. 1, 2017)  
\***Champion Female (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**  
\***Reserve Champion Female (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**
9. Bull Calf under 6 Months - born Feb. 1, 2017 or after
10. Bull Calf 6 – 12 Months - born Aug. 1, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017  
\***Champion Bull (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**  
\***Reserve Champion Male (Rosette, Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy)**
11. Young Prospect Steer - born Aug. 1, 2016 or after
12. Market Steer - born Aug. 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016  
\***Champion Steer (Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy plus Premium Sponsored Payout)**  
\***Reserve Champion Steer (Sponsored Banner and Sponsored Trophy, plus Premium Sponsored Payout)**

### RULES

- ◆ Dexter Cattle may arrive as early as Sunday Evening, the 20<sup>th</sup>, and may stay overnight on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ◆ All Dexter Cattle **MUST** be in place and checked in by 3 PM, Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ◆ All Dexter Cattle **MUST** be removed by Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, EARLY AM.
  - ◆ **Tennessee Health Requirements apply to all cattle.**
  - ◆ Unruly animals may be excused from the show ring by the Judge or Show Chairman.
  - ◆ Show cattle should be on grounds two hours before show time.
  - ◆ Trucks and trailers shall park in designated areas after unloading.
  - ◆ All cattle must be registered with their respective breed association or registry.
  - ◆ Livestock trailers should enter through the Tennessee Blvd. entrance.
  - ◆ All Livestock Exhibitors\* and Drivers of vehicles transporting livestock will be admitted **FREE**.
- \*An Exhibitor is defined as the person who attends the animal in the show ring. All others **must** pay regular Fair Admission.

Announcements made the night of the event supersede all previous announcements.