

# CDCA



## The Canadian Dexter Cattle Association

Addressing and understanding the needs of Dexter Cattle owners in Canada



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*For 2012*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Adrian Hykyway*

Well the AGM is over for another year and I want to thank Jason Beaton and his wife Stephanie for organizing the AGM, the pasture tour at the Amherst, Nova Scotia Beef Research Station, and hosting the post AGM social and dinner, it was much appreciated. I guess no one was interested in having a vacation in the east coast and attending the AGM other than Brenda and I along with our respective spouses. For that matter no one was interested enough in the AGM to participate by means of teleconferencing so we didn't have a quorum. I can recall that we have had this same situation before and not enough members attended, (but that was before teleconferencing) so the AGM was a waste of time and money that you the members are paying for, at least the board members attended the three meetings so we had a quorum for two and were one shy of a general member for the AGM. Two of the amendments to the constitution were passed and two were basically tied so were not passed. There were close to thirty ballots returned, probably by the same members that filled out the survey earlier this year, and again were willing to take the time to fill them out and mail them back. I would like to know what is the matter with the rest of you; don't you have any interest in your association?

You will find this issue of the newsletter be emailed to you that requested it in the survey, as for the rest of the members, the board would appreciate it very much if you would also like the newsletter emailed to you as well. So please let Brenda, Jason, or myself or any of the other board members know how you want to receive the newsletter in the future. We are trying to save money and the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is very expensive and takes a big bite out of our yearly income; besides if you receive it by email it will be in color. You will find one more board member profile in this issue and the last two board members will have their profiles in the next issue so after that we hope that the rest of you will be willing to volunteer and come forward with your profiles. These profiles are important to the membership as a whole and now that the newsletter is featured in the CDCA website, they are also read by other people and what a great way to get free advertising for you and your Dexters, unless you don't want anyone to know about you or your Dexters. As for me I want every one to know we have Dexters and come see them.

Along with the directors this term I want to work on revising the information package that we send out to people when they make a request for them. The package is important to our Association in letting people know about the Dexter breed and its members, but I think we can update and improve the information. It would be much appreciated if you, the members would come forward with ideas and information of what you would like to see in the information package as the board is only six and our ideas could be limited to our own experiences. I know for one, that some of the new potential Dexter owners have never had any experience with cattle or any animals for that matter, and need general information as to what is required to own and raise Dexters; such as shelter, feed, handling facilities, pastures, fencing, etc. the list goes on. There is information out there, but these people want to know specifically what Dexters require.

In the last newsletter you have read what David Trus had to say at the CLRC AGM of what the future may hold for us as owners and breeders of animals. It looks like we may have to add some articles to the CDCA constitution and work with other livestock producers and find out what the government is planning as far as regulations are concerned. We need to inform our respective provincial agricultural departments that we are following good animal welfare practices and how regulation could affect the industry. We also need the general public to have confidence in how we raise our livestock. I, for one, would like to hear from the general membership your thoughts on this important issue as it won't go away and we could be affected dramatically both emotionally and financially.

*Adrian Hykaway*

## FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

*Brenda Pollard*

Here we are once again with the reports due and I find myself so far behind I think I'm first. Maybe I have just gotten myself in too many projects. The summer seemed to fly by and other than our trip to the AGM in New Brunswick we haven't been able to do much holidaying at all. We usually go camping a couple of weeks each summer at a small local lake, Picnic Lake. I did, however, manage to take in the annual camping trip with my family at the Battleford's Provincial Park the first two weeks of July. We have a blast and this year there were about 33 of us.

Our trip to New Brunswick was enjoyable once we got there. We spent a night in Toronto after a 1.5 hour delay in Calgary caused us to miss our connection to Mon-

ton. The airline took good care of us and provided us with a room as well as meals during our unexpected stay in Toronto. We enjoyed a tour of the Bay of Fundy with Roads to Sea Tours, and got to see both high and low tide as well as walk along the ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks. We also took in the Magnetic Hill Zoo and enjoyed seeing the animals there.

School is back in session, harvest has pretty much wrapped up and the feed is in for the livestock. Hunting season for geese and ducks is nearing the end with deer and moose season close behind. The local cattle producers are starting to think about which animals they will be bringing into the annual Fall Fair held in Edam, the last Saturday of

October. The show has been extended to include a People's Choice class on the Friday night with the show and sale taking place on the Saturday. There is also a craft and trade show that takes place the same weekend.

John and I attended the Lloydminster Rare and Exotic sale on September 22. We quite often get to visit with Ruth Stone at these sales and this fall was no exception. We also extended our four legged family by purchasing a small flock of Shetland Sheep. This is a new venture for us and we are eager to learn more about them. The sheep were raised in a petting zoo and are very friendly which will be a hit when the students come out to the farm for their annual spring visits.

*Brenda*

## More from the directors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to sit as a director with the CDCA. Your board members are wonderful people and bring much to our association. I have had the opportunity to

learn and share much over the course of the last year. At this time I will be stepping down from my position. This decision does not come easily but it is one that is best for me and my family.

I encourage all of you to actively participate in "your" association and I look forward to doing the same.

*Angela Peladeau*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Fall is upon us, as we put what was a very challenging summer behind us; too much rain in some parts of Canada, and practically none in other parts. Hopefully everyone has, or can find, enough hay for the winter months.

Another CDCA Annual Meeting has taken place. I want to thank Jason for his work in organizing the meeting, and both him and Stephanie for their hospitality to those of us who were in Moncton, and also to congratulate them on the safe arrival of their baby boy. Although the attendance was very small, the day was very interesting and worthwhile. The drive to, and time at, the Experimental Station in Nappan was especially enjoyable.

Personally, my wife Sue and I were able to combine holiday time in New Brunswick and

Boston and Cape Cod with the trip to Moncton for the meeting.

The two proposed amendments to the CDCA by-laws that were passed have now been submitted to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for approval. The amendment that asked members to choose between two options did not produce a conclusive vote and so neither option passed.

Congratulations and thanks to Brenda Pollard and Allyn Nelson for being re-elected to the CDCA Board, and to Adrian and Brenda for being re-elected as President and Vice-President respectively.

It will soon be time to renew your membership for 2013. Be sure to watch for your re-

newal notice from CLRC a little later in the fall. Dexter registrations this year are down a bit from 2011 numbers, so hopefully there will be quite a few animals registered this fall. I would remind breeders also to send a copy of the PHA test results for the animals they have tested to CLRC for inclusion in the CDCA database.

*Sincerely  
Ron Black*



**The herd at Amherst Research Station**

# BREEDER PROFILE

My husband, Paul Zeegers, and I read a most interesting article on Dexter Cattle in the Harrowsmith magazine many years ago. It started us dreaming about what sorts of animals we'd like to have on our small farm - which was also a dream at that point; we were living in an apartment in North Vancouver, working hard and trying to save some money.

I had grown up in the Cariboo, central B.C. and it was our dream to move from the city to a place where we could afford to live, buy some land and live a more relaxed lifestyle where we would produce and eat food that was fresh and we knew where it came from. A simpler lifestyle to raise a family in; Paul was from a small town in Holland so it would be all a new adventure to him!

As our family grew, a farm became a more important goal, and we seriously looked for acreage in a good growing area, along the benchland of the Fraser river. We have our 80 acre spot, and in 24 years have made many of our dreams come true; we grow a lot of our own food and now are selling some at the local Farmer's Market, we have a small herd of purebred Dexter cattle, and our children have all grown into great people that we are happy to know, and we're enjoying grandchildren.



We started our herd with a small heifer and lots and lots of wonderful advice from the seller, Andrea Lenny of Mystique Farm in Clearwater, B.C.. She was very passionate about the breed, and we sure learned a lot with the heifer, Ta'ri! As I met folk on the phone to talk about these wonderful little animals, or visited herds in other areas of the province, it was clear that they are outstanding members of farms big and small, and we were so happy that we'd decided on Dexters

rather than Highland or Jersey. We were encouraged further when we met Elaine Bagg of C&C Dexters who was milking a herd in Hixon, just north of our city, and willing to share information and expertise.

Our area is noted for cow/calf commercial operations, but mostly large breeds. The children showed Dexters as 4-H projects and had to submit to a fair amount of joshing and disappointment, but learned to speak up and educate some of the judges. Our daughter was awarded Reserve Grand Champion heifer one year, then Reserve Grand cow for her cow/calf project.

We had planned to use A.I. for breeding but were unsuccessful and it would have been very costly, so we borrowed a bull the first year, and then decided to invest in a bull (and a secure fence) and ensure all the cows would be bred. The first few years were interesting as nothing but heifers were born, increasing our little herd exponentially. It was almost a shock when the first bull calves were born, and we were off on another learning curve, with having to learn to castrate and then butcher.

We like the breed due to the dual-purpose quality, and we did milk a dun cow (Hillside breeding) for several years, enjoying all the benefits with yoghurt, butter, soft cheese and all the milk we could drink. We also like the horns but we de-horn calves every spring because we like to handle the animals a fair amount and the horns are a liability- but the genetics are there. We like calves to come mid-March, and have been fairly successful in this, although when we've purchased cows they come with their own agendas so we've had a few late calves.

We halter break calves before we sell them, and find that a few days invested early on is worth it, they never forget and they are much easier to handle and move about.

This past year we've invested in having our bull Hiyu Saturn's Warlord collected for semen sales, and he's listed on AltaGenetic's catalogue available across Canada. It was an interesting process, there's more interest in A. I. and I am glad that his genetics have been preserved. We also donated semen to Rare

Breeds Canada, and to a program in the University of Saskatchewan, both preserving genetics for the future.



We currently have 9 cows and their calves, half are black and half are dun, and we have one red cow. Two of our 'girls' are turning 17 years old and are in good condition, but we're keeping replacement heifers this year.

We purchase hay as our small acreage doesn't produce enough to pasture and feed through winter, we're guaranteed quality and as long as we have one or two calves sold they earn the keep of the herd. We have a customer list that includes two of our butchers, they enjoy the quality of the meat as well as the small carcass size.

Paul has retired from millwright work at the mill to work full time here on the farm, and I am teaching music through the school year and rushing off to visit grandchildren; life is rich and full. We also produce garlic, tomatoes, seasonal pork and poultry, trying to negotiate through the bureaucratic nightmare paperwork in regards to slaughtering.

We host International youth for varying lengths of time, we both volunteer in different capacities in the community and I have been a Board member of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association for a couple of years. One of the highlights, for me, was the tour of the Lacombe Research Station arranged at the 2011AGM. I enjoy meeting members; it's so interesting to hear of other herds and how folk run their farms across this huge country. As a Director I get lots of requests for animals and information, and enjoy trying to connect animals with new owners. I would encourage people to let their name stand for election, and be an active part of this organization.

*Catherine Heinzelman*

# NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles to Rita Hykyway by:

February 25

May 25

August 25

November 25

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



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French student with Cathy Heinzelman's granddaughter.

Photos in this issue courtesy Cathy Heinzelman and Brenda Pollard.



## FRIENDLY REMINDER

The Dexter Cattle Association requests that all paperwork be kept up to date to be in compliance with the Animal Pedigree Act, for example; an animal that is registered and has died, or has been slaughtered, or has been sold as unregistered the registration certificate must be returned to CLRC with the word(s) printed/

written across the registration certificate slaughtered, died, sold as unregistered. You can make a copy of the original registration certificate after printing/writing on it what has happened to the animal to keep for your records, but make sure you return the original certificate to the CLRC.



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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 discouraged 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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