

What is a polled Dexter??

A polled Dexter is a Dexter who is born with no horns, not a Dexter whose horns have been removed. Since the polled gene, (P) is dominant, an animal must have two genes indicating horns, (pp) in order to express horns. Therefore an animal with horns cannot carry any 'polled genetics'.

So;

- an animal that is 'pp' will have horns
- Pp will appear polled but carry the horn gene recessively (heterozygous polled)
- PP will appear polled and not carry any gene for horns (homozygous polled)

A homozygous horned animal, (pp) bred to another horned animal will produce 100% horned offspring.

A heterozygous polled, (Pp), animal bred to a horned will produce a polled offspring 50% of the time.

A homozygous polled animal (PP) bred to a horned animal will produce 100% polled offspring.

Polled genetics were introduced into Dexters through Saltaire Platinum, who was heterozygous for the polled gene, (Pp), inherited from his dam, Saltaire Pedrilla.