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"Bringing breeders together
Preserving rare, old bloodlines.
Free from modern upgrading."

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Flying86 Farm

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As we face these difficult times across our nation & around the world, We remember all those who have lost friends & loved-ones to the virus & on-going crisis. Lives have been forever changed…

We join with you in hope & prayer that this season will soon pass, with Peace & Joy soon returning to our lives. Thank you all, for your ongoing kindness & patience as we continue to work together in these difficult times.

… When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.

-from the Irish

We Have a Winner!!

Dawn Meier

Nature's Way Farm in Albion, NY

"My Chondro Dexter ox, Ardan giving rides at the Niagara Celtic Festival this past summer. He enjoys the work and the attention, and the people just adore him."
-Dawn

Congratulations
Nature's Way Farm!

Thank You for sharing your wonderful photo.

And to everyone for sending in your photos & having some fun!!

So many to choose from…

A few more favorites.

LDCB NEWS

-much happening in our Dexter world today

Welcome Everyone!!

To our newest members as well as to those who have been with us from the beginning! So much excitement in the air. New calves are coming everywhere now. Bringing joy & the "promise" of a bright future with them. The Traditionally Horned Irish Dexter is spreading out. We are seeing new breeders coming into the preservation effort, each bringing new insights & creative ideas. Our world is growing & there is so much to do.

The "Times" is also growing & will soon be adding some new features to further help & support our members. A new "Sales Page" is in the works to help you in advertising your available Dexters. Let's get the word out!! A new "Farm/Ranch Ads" section soon is also in the planning stage, giving each of you the opportunity to advertise your farm & herd in upcoming issues. Information on these projects as well as others (including pricing) will be posted on our group forum. https://legacybreeders.proboards.com/ Announcements will also be sent out as group e-mails. With the huge success of the "AI Page" we know these upcoming projects will be a great opportunity to continue to serve our LDCB members & our breed.

We are excited to announce LDCB is now over 100 members strong!
Each member representing a breeder/ a herd. All working together to preserve our "most unique" and irreplaceable Dexter breed. A milestone has been passed & we are going strong…

Exciting news coming from the Livestock Conservancy!

Updates & Information on how you can get involved in this project in upcoming newsletters!!

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"Wonderful news……finally a Dexter study tracing foundation lines towards maximizing preservation efforts. Quote from the second page "uniquely American lines are now in danger of being lost."
- Shaun Ann Lord

News Alert

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ANALYZING GENETICS TO SAVE DEXTER CATTLE

Pittsboro, N.C. [April 28, 2020] – The Livestock Conservancy has begun analyzing the genetic health of Dexter cattle in both the United States and the United Kingdom. This research project will trace Dexter foundation threads through both DNA and herdbook analyses so current herds can be optimally managed to maximize the preservation of unique genetics. Still facing population challenges in both countries, some genetic lines are in danger of being lost forever.

"The Livestock Conservancy is excited to begin this work at a time when farmers are making tough livestock decisions," said Executive Director Alison Martin, herself a Ph.D. geneticist. "The Dexter's small size, feed efficiency and mild temperament make them a great choice for today, when farmers need to control their costs."

Many small farmers depend on Dexter cattle, an important dual-purpose heritage breed, for both beef and dairy production. Standing only 40 inches tall, Dexters are ideal for farms with fewer acres for livestock. They also produce lean, high-quality meat and milk with high solids, which is great for making butter and cheese. This breed is hardy, forage-efficient and can rid pastures of pest plants.

"We bought our first Dexters about 20 years ago," said Charles Barnes, a Livestock Conservancy Member and farmer in Virginia. "We've found Dexters to be excellent grass-fed beef and easy keepers. They are fertile and easy to work with. We also keep a few for milking and they furnish fluid milk, cheese and yogurt for our farm year round. As a testament to their multipurpose, my son is also going to start training a yoke of oxen."

Dexter cattle owners and breeders like Barnes are highly engaged and organized, which has contributed to the recent advances the breed has made in their overall numbers. This research into unique genetics will help target specific portions of the breed that would benefit from a conservation breeding plan. "As our numbers have increased, we've been selling seed stock and it has been very satisfying to help establish and add to small farmstead herds, for which they are well suited," Barnes said. "I'd like to think that by choosing to raise Dexters that I've contributed to moving this rare breed a little further to recovering."

Dexter cattle have been a staple on small American farms for more than one hundred years, resulting in good genetic diversity. "Over that century, the breed has seen various imports, along with diverse selection goals among breeders," said Phil Sponenberg, D.V.M., Ph.D., Technical Advisor for The Livestock Conservancy. "This has led to a breed with interesting and important threads that run through it."

Although the breed originated in Ireland, purebred cattle there were either lost or crossed and then re-imported from England to Ireland. As a result, the United States and the United Kingdom hold most, if not all, of the genetic variation found in Dexter cattle today. "An early peek into the genetic influences of present-day Dexter cattle holds tantalizing hope that some of those earliest threads are still available to breeders on both sides of the Atlantic," Sponenberg said. "Bringing all of this information together and scientifically documenting it will allow breeders to make informed decisions, whatever their individual goals."

The Livestock Conservancy received a donation from Lowell and Carolyn Larson of Burlington, Wis., to begin this important research into the genetic diversity of Dexter cattle. Members of The Livestock Conservancy since the 1980s, the Larsons have supported science-based efforts to save both American Cream and Caspian horses in addition to Dexter cattle.

"We like specific projects," Carolyn Larson said. "Helping Dexter cattle is something The Livestock Conservancy wanted and needed to do, but couldn't without more funding."

The Larsons' continued commitment to sustain rare breed conservation will make a tremendous difference for Dexter cattle, currently ranked as recovering on The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List (CPL). Recovering status means the breed was once listed in the Watch category, but now has more than 2,500 annual registrations in the United States, along with an estimated global population of more than 10,000 animals. Twenty-one breeds of cattle are currently listed on the CPL as critical, threatened, watch, recovering or study.

The Livestock Conservancy's small staff works with a vast network of volunteer farmers, ranchers and shepherds throughout the United States, who raise more than 150 endangered breeds across 11 species of traditional livestock and poultry. Serving as animal stewards, the volunteer network does the hard work of securing and sustaining breeding populations, so their irreplaceable genetic value is available for future food and fiber needs. In more than four decades, The Livestock Conservancy has never lost a breed to extinction.

The Larsons' generous support, coupled with the efforts of those who raise Dexter cattle, will help move one more breed toward stability with the hopes of eventually graduating off the CPL. "It's a pleasure for us to see The Livestock Conservancy grow and be a part of that mission," Carolyn Larson said.

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About the Livestock Conservancy:
The Livestock Conservancy is America's leading organization working to protect over 150 heritage breeds of livestock and poultry from extinction. Included in its mission are donkeys, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, pigs, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. Founded in 1977, the Conservancy is the pioneer organization in the U.S. working to conserve historic breeds and genetic diversity in livestock. The Livestock Conservancy's mission is "to protect endangered livestock and poultry breeds from extinction."

Why are domestic breeds of livestock and poultry in danger of extinction?
Modern agriculture and food production favors the use of a few highly specialized breeds selected for maximum output under intensively controlled environments. Many traditional breeds do not excel under these conditions, causing their popularity to decrease and leaving them faced with extinction. Although these breeds do not fit today's mainstream model of agriculture, they are exquisitely suited for backyards and small to medium-sized farms.

Why is genetic diversity important?
Like all ecological systems, agriculture depends on genetic diversity to adapt to an ever-changing environment. Genetic diversity in domestic animals is revealed in distinct breeds, each with different characteristics and uses.

Traditional, historic breeds retain essential attributes for survival and self-sufficiency – fertility, foraging ability, longevity, maternal instincts, ability to mate naturally, and resistance to disease and parasites. As agriculture changes, this genetic diversity may be needed for a broad range of uses and opportunities. Once lost, genetic diversity is gone forever.

What Are Heritage Breeds?
Heritage breeds are traditional livestock breeds that were raised by our forefathers. These are the breeds of a bygone era, before industrial agriculture became a mainstream practice. These breeds were carefully selected and bred over time to develop traits that made them well-adapted to the local environment. And they thrived under farming practices and cultural conditions very different from those found in modern agriculture today.

Heritage animals once roamed America's pastoral landscape, but today these breeds are in danger of extinction. Modern agriculture has changed, causing many of these breeds to fall out of favor. Heritage breeds store a wealth of genetic resources that are important for our future and the future of our agricultural food and fiber systems.

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Larsons Fund Dexter Cattle Breed Analysis

by Karena Elliott

Lowell and Carolyn Larson of Burlington, Wisconsin, continue to generously support rare livestock breed research with a $15,000 gift to analyze the genetic health of Dexter cattle in both the United States (U.S.) and the U.K. Members of the Conservancy since the 1980's, the Larsons moved the needle for endangered breeds with their previous support of both American Cream and Caspian horses.

"We like specific projects," explains Carolyn Larson. "Helping Dexters is something the Conservancy wanted and needed to do, but couldn't without more funding."

Dexter Cattle have been in America for more than one hundred years resulting in good genetic diversity. "Over that century, the breed has seen various imports, along with diverse selection goals among breeders," shares Phil Sponenberg, D.V.M., Ph.D., Technical Advisor for the Conservancy. "This has led to a breed with interesting and important threads that run through it."

The breed's Irish origin was interrupted in the middle of the last century with re-importation from the U.K. As a result, the U.S. and the U.K. hold most, if not all, of the genetic variation found in Dexters. This research project will trace the various Dexter foundation threads through both DNA and herdbook analyses so current herds can be optimally managed to maximize the preservation of unique genetics.

Using science-based research to direct conservation efforts for rare breeds has made significant advances for two of the Larsons' earlier Conservancy projects. A DNA snapshot of the genetic health of American Cream draft horses resulted in new conservation breeding strategies. And the three key Caspian stallions identified and collected with their first major gift in 2015 were the first heritage horse semen banked with the USDA's National Animal Germplasm Program.

"The Conservancy makes us feel appreciated," explains Carolyn. "We've always had good communication about progress or stumbling blocks as the work was on-going."

While they enjoyed heritage Dominique chickens and other rare breeds for many years at their Buffalo Ridge Farm, equines, and specifically carriage horses, are near and dear to their hearts, as is the Larsons' love of history.

"Lowell had longed for horses since he was a kid and spent summers on his uncle's farm," explains Carolyn. His generation witnessed the importance of equines used for both agricultural work and pleasure driving first-hand.

The couple collects and restores carriages, especially those made in Wisconsin. Lowell, former CFO of Snap-on Tools, serves on the board of directors for the Carriage Museum of America. The Larsons' support was vital to bringing Cleveland Bay horses to Colonial Williamsburg. And both

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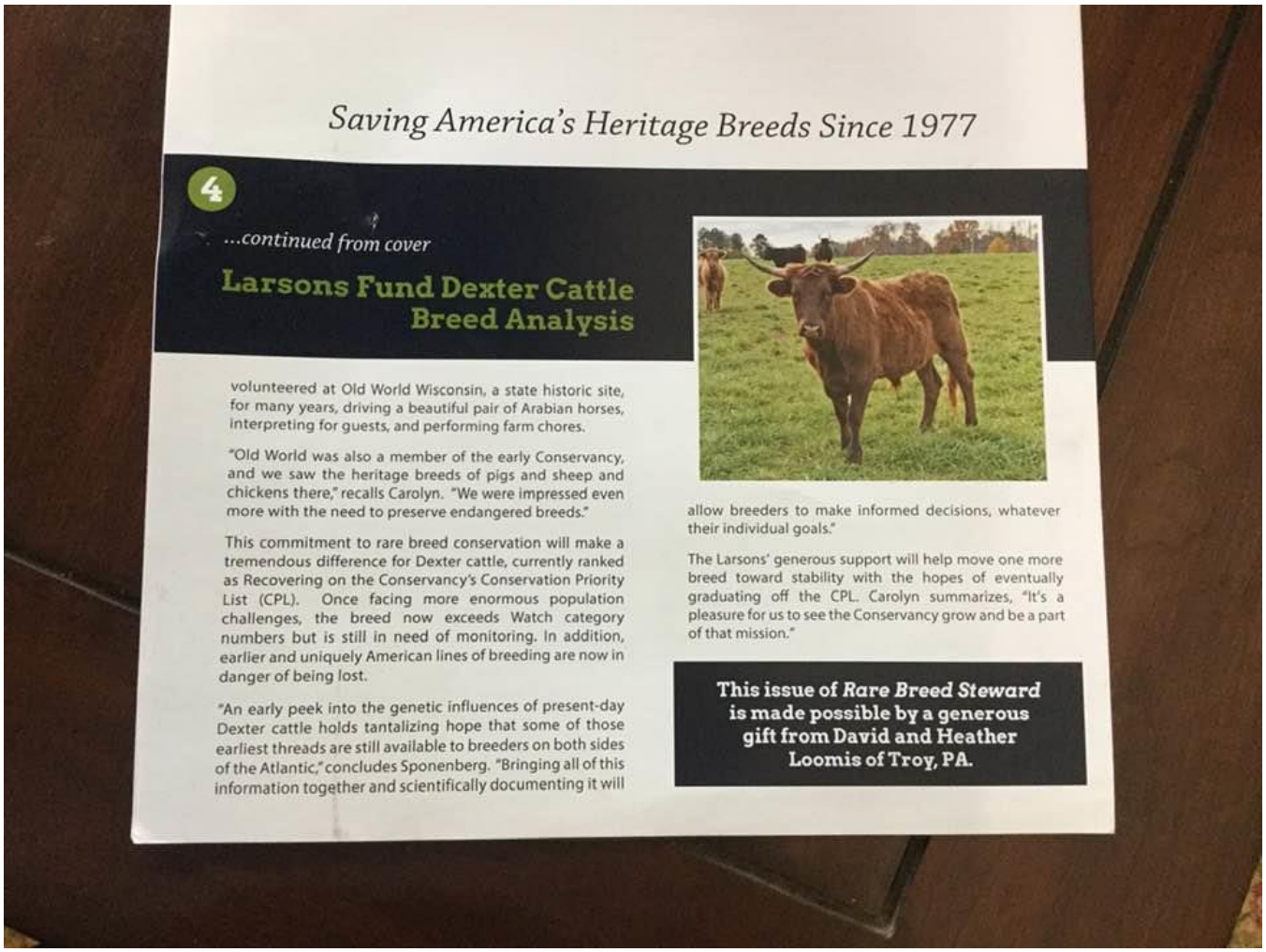
International Heritage Breeds Week

• 17-23 May, 2020 •

#HeritageBreedsWeek



Saving America's Heritage Breeds Since 1977

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Larsons Fund Dexter Cattle Breed Analysis

volunteered at Old World Wisconsin, a state historic site, for many years, driving a beautiful pair of Arabian horses, interpreting for guests, and performing farm chores.

"Old World was also a member of the early Conservancy, and we saw the heritage breeds of pigs and sheep and chickens there," recalls Carolyn. "We were impressed even more with the need to preserve endangered breeds."

This commitment to rare breed conservation will make a tremendous difference for Dexter cattle, currently ranked as Recovering on the Conservancy's Conservation Priority List (CPL). Once facing more enormous population challenges, the breed now exceeds Watch category numbers but is still in need of monitoring. In addition, earlier and uniquely American lines of breeding are now in danger of being lost.

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Preservation Update

Saving Dwarf Genetics in LH/Legacy Horned Dexters

"Using IVF to Preserve Dexters"

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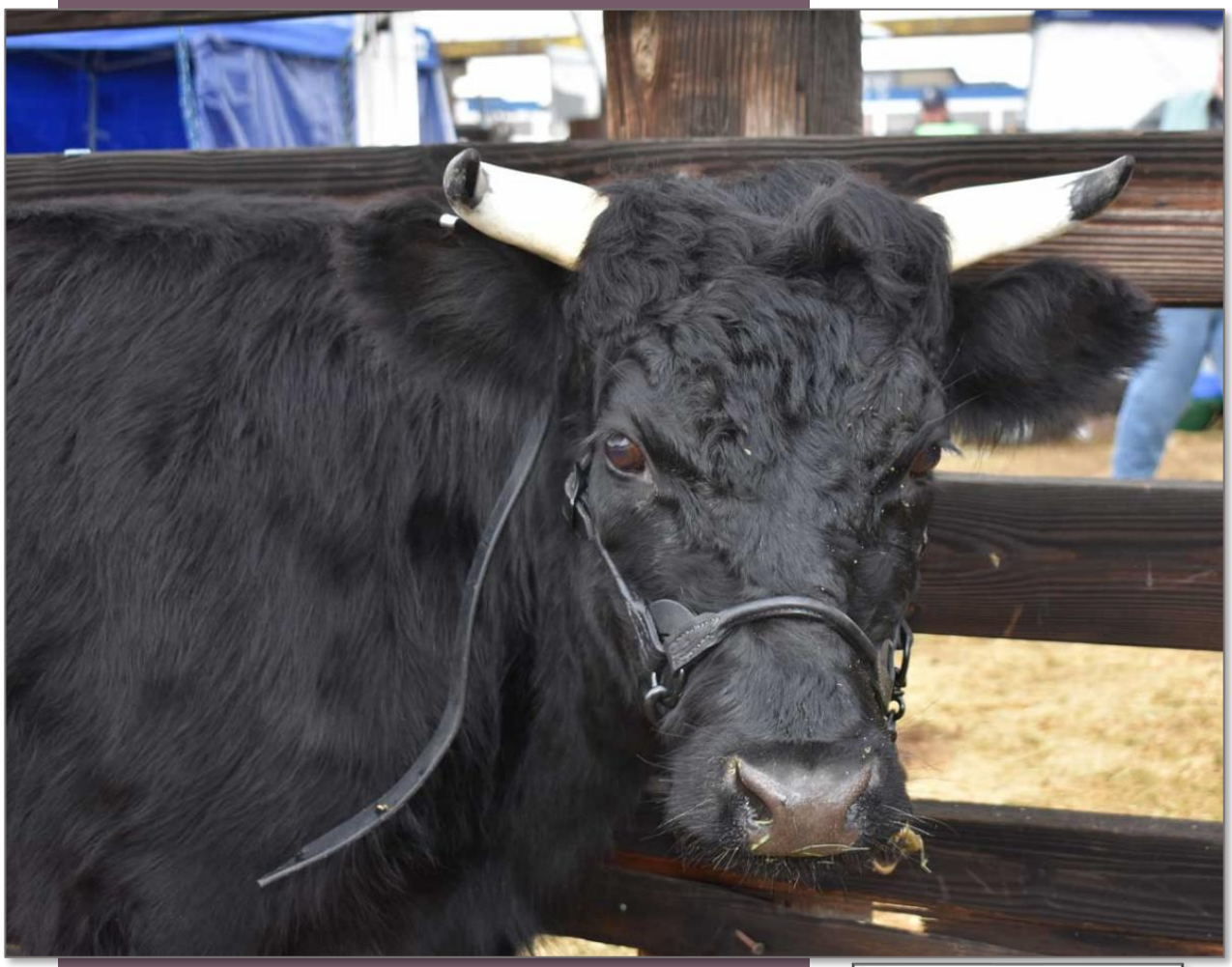
https://www.legacybreeders.org/irish-dexter-times.html

"We now have a Dwarf bull from our embryo project."

Congratulations Mike & Joanne!

Mendenhall Farm
Hartford, IA

I Am a Dexter

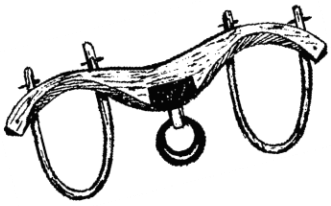


Lil Bitty Fand
Legacy #L02531TH-16HH

Lil Bitty Fand is a Traditional/Preservation cow born April 6th 2016. She is named after the ancient Irish goddess who was wife of Manannán Mac Lir, lover of Cu Chulainn, and daughter of Flidais (goddess of the forest).

The things I most love about her are her small stature (44", non-chondro), perfect Dexter horns, nicely shaped and suspended udder (small, but produces a gallon of milk at morning milkings), and temperament. This picture is from when I showed her at the 2019 National Western Stock Show.

- Craig Turpin



** Bring on the Ribs **

-In the slow cooker

3 lbs short ribs
1 ½ tsp kosher salt
½ tsp pepper
2 tbs olive oil
1/3 cup beef stock
¼ cup red wine
½ cup water
½ tsp liquid smoke – opt.
1 cup favorite barbecue sauce
1 tbs Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp onion powder
½ tsp chili powder
½ tsp garlic powder

1. Salt & pepper ribs
2. Heat olive oil in large skillet. Sear ribs on all sides. 2-3 mins
3. Remove & place in slow cooker.
4. Combine beef stock, wine, ¼ c water. Pour over ribs. Opt. add liquid smoke.
5. Cook for 2½ - 3 hrs. on med heat.
6. Drain ribs & return to cooker.
7. Combine BBQ sauce, 3 tbs water, Worcestershire sauce, onion powder, chili powder, and garlic powder until mixed through. Pour over ribs & reduce to low heat. Cook for another 2-3 hrs.
8. Serve.

-On the grill BBQ ribs

4 - 5 lbs beef back ribs (about 10 ribs)
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup honey
1 (4-ounce) can diced green chilies
1 large onion (chopped)
4 cloves garlic (minced)
1 tsp cayenne
1 tsp salt
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp dry mustard

The secret to indirect grilling is to be sure the food does not get any direct heat. Rotate the ribs occasionally to cook evenly.

1. Trim excess fat
2. Combine salt, pepper & cayenne. Rub over ribs
3. Preheat grill, then place ribs over drip pan & close lid
4. Cook 3 - 3½ hrs over a medium low, indirect heat. Keep temp under 265F
5. Prepare sauce. Combine onion, honey, ketchup, peppers, garlic & mustard in saucepan. Heat over med-low heat. Stirring until warmed.
6. Begin brushing onto the ribs to when almost finished cooking. Brush on a thick coating.
7. Let stand 5 min & serve.

Wasting hay?

-an idea for the small breeder

Here at Knobley we have that number, that perfect number… Too many animals to deal with feeding square bales all winter, but not enough to do a good job cleaning up the round bales. So, what to do??

After years of frustration & tons of wasted hay, we are trying something new this year… And it is working! Working very well in fact. This season we estimate hay waste has dropped from losing over 1/3 of each bale down to almost nothing. A huge savings in cost & labor. Another bonus - We no longer need to take the tractor in & out of pasture areas risking getting bogged down in the mud & snow. It is proving to be a winner.

We found the basic design on the internet but added a few tweaks. We used one half of a bale ring, attaching it securely to the heavy-duty fence posts buried 3 ½-4 feet into the ground. Telephone poles would also be a good choice. The fencing surrounding the new "feeder" was also heavily reinforced to stand up to the added animal pressure in that area. We added a plywood "roof" to help protect the hay from rain & snow. The added protection from the sun also helps keeps the hay from drying-out so quickly, another concern with feeding large round-bales to small numbers of cattle.

The front of the "roof" is supported by 2x4s drilled & bolted into the hay-ring itself. (It is important to over-build cattle feeders & to always avoid using nails/screws or other sources of metal wherever possible to reduce the risk of accidentally introducing hazards into your feeding area. The back of the "roof" is supported by 2x4s bolted to the heavy-duty posts, giving easy access to load the bale by tractor. We also attached two 8ft cattle panels to the outside of each post to act as an easy gate. One on each side. Opened, they easily push back out of the way to load the hay. Closed they overlap securing the bale while keeping calves & any small animals inside the pasture area, and from going on walk-about around your farm.

To really save on hay, we keep a strong 2x4 placed through the ring in front of the bale to help "ration" the hay & keep it from being pulled over. A 2x4 in the back will also help secure the bale in place where you want it. Giving access to just the amount of hay you choose for the day.

If you decide to give this a try, be sure to choose a good location. High & dry is best, no low spots or you may end up with a big mud hole. Easy access for the tractor is also a must, especially in areas that get a lot of snow & ice in the winter. This is for ease & time saving too, so be sure to choose wisely. We now have 2 of these feeders in use here at Knobley with plans to build a 3rd in the back section before winter.

-Karrie Winebrenner

AI Bulls

Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders

Traditionally Bred Irish Dexter Bulls for the Preservation Breeder

Brenn of Paradise

L00062TH-04HH

Traditional Horned
Pure Black (ED/ED B/B)
A2/A2 beta casein
Chondro carrier / PHA Free
39" hip height at 3 years

Excellent Conformation/Temperament
Top scores for fertility 40 mil sperm/straw

Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M

Gene Bowen
genebo16@msn.com

$25/straw
$225/10

SF Ferdinand

L17853TH-05HH

Traditional Horned
Dun carries Red (ED/E+ b/b)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
47" at the hip at 9 years
63" from shoulder to pins
Calm, Even temperament
Dark Mahogany
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M
Ph: 716-965-2502 / 716-673-5379

Shaun Ann Lord
lordmikie@me.com

$30/straw

Ace of Clove Brook

L00280TH-03HH

Traditional Horned
Black carries Dun (ED/ED B/b)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
Excellent Disposition
48" at the hip 92" overall length
55" from shoulder to pins
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M
Ph: 716-965-2502 / 716-673-5379

Shaun Ann Lord
lordmikie@me.com

$30/straw

West Wind Thomas

L00384TH-01HH

Traditional Horned
Black carries Dun and Red (ED/E+ B/b)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
47" at the hip at 10 years
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M
Ph: 716-965-2502 / 716-673-5379

Shaun Ann Lord
lordmikie@me.com

$30/straw

Legacy Mendenhall Ollathir

L01626LH-13HH

Legacy Horned
Black does not carry red or dun (ED/ED B/B)
A1/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
41" at hip at 2 years
Very high fertility
Great disposition
Genotyped and parentage verified, UCD

$50/Straw ($25 for Traditional preservation)

Craig Turpin
craigaturpin@gmail.com

Knobley Macklynn

L01909TH-14HH

Traditional Horned
Red carries Dun
(e/e b/b)
A2/A2 beta casein
Chondro Carrier / PHA free
Genotyped and Parentage verified,
UC Davis
Gentle temperament

Shaun Mooney
oxenyoke@yahoo.com

$50/straw

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AI Bulls

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Traditionally Bred Irish Dexter Bulls for the Preservation Breeder

Max of the Double D

L00115TH-00HH

Traditional Horned
Black does not carry red/dun (ED/ED B/B)
A2/A1 - Beta Casein
Chondro carrier / PHA Free
39" at hip at 4 years
846 lb. at 4 years
Triple Purpose – Milk, Meat, & Draft
Smooth Coat
Excellent Temperament
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis VGL: LEG115

Quality tested
Semen tested for Export.

Jody Jess $30/straw
jessracin@comcast.net $250/10

Legacy Jams Dunder

L00083LH-06HH

Legacy Horned
Dun (ED/ED b/b)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-Chondro / PHA Free
Tri-Purpose Bull
Beefy build / Deep Bodied
Good legs & feet
Throws small calves
Excellent Temperament
Genotyped and parentage verified, UC Davis

Preservation Breeders Pricing
Up to 2 straws per each Trad Female $20 ea
Up to 2 straws per each Leg Female $10 ea

Gene Bowen
genebo16@msn.com $40/straw

Fairy Hill Peter

L00081LH-87HH

Legacy Horned
Dun (ED/ED b/b)
-does not carry Red
Non-Chondro / PHA Free
Not homozygous for A2 beta casein
A1/A1 -or- A1/A2 (untested)

Tri-Purpose Bull
Old dairy bloodlines
Excellent Udders
High Milk Production
Genotype On File - UC Davis

Limited Quantity Available
*LDCB Members ONLY
*Legacy Horned females ONLY

Judy Sponaugle
LegacyDatabase@aol.com $25/straw

Armstrong of Paradise

L00697TH-10HH

Traditional Horned
Pure Black (ED/ED B/B)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
41.5" hip and shoulder height at 2 years
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M

Gene Bowen $30/straw
genebo16@msn.com $250/10

Adam One of Paradise

L01899TH-14HH

Traditional Horned
Black carries Red (ED/E+ B/B)
A2/A2 beta casein
Non-chondro / PHA Free
43" shoulder height at 3 years
Genotyped and parentage verified,
UC Davis and Texas A&M

Gene Bowen
genebo16@msn.com $30/straw

AI List - LDCB

Preservation Bloodlines ONLY
*LH / Legacy Horned
*TH / Traditional Horned

Members must provide the following to list on this page.

> Legacy Registration #
> Chondro/PHA status
> Genotype & PV info
> Pricing

** Contact us -*
Early bull not genotyped/PV?

Send information & inquiries to
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Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders

Traditionally Bred Irish Dexter Bulls for the Preservation Breeder

LAF Black Licorich

L03071TH-12HH

Traditional Horned
Black / Black
Does not carry red or dun
A2/A2
Non-Chondro / PHA Free
Brucellosis and Tuberculosis free

Quiet, gentle bull
Throws birth weights typical of Traditional Irish Dexter bulls.
47" hip at seven years of age
Smooth coated even in cold months
Easy keeper
Genotyped and parentage verified, UC Davis and Texas A&M

Shaun Ann Lord
lordmikie@me.com
$30/straw

BHD Buckhill AC Reilly

LF37079TH-16HH

Traditional Horned
Black / Black
A2/A2 beta casein
Kappa Casein AB / Beta Lactoglobulin BB
Non-chondro / PHA Free

Sire: Ace of Clove Brook
Super gentle bull, easy to handle
Produces small & very long body calves
46" hip height at 2 yrs
Genotyped and parentage verified
VGL Case# NC37079

Limited Quantity Available

Jody Jess
jessracin@comcast.net
$30/straw
$125/5

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WORLD HISTORICAL PROJECT

LEGACY DEXTER CATTLE REGISTRY

Legacy invites Dexter owners worldwide to enter your Dexters and their photos in the Legacy Registry. A unique one-of-a-kind Dexter registry with the wonder of the past, the focus of the present, and the promise of the future.

YOU are needed to bring reality to the dream.

A dream of an unprecedented historical record of the Dexter breed recorded in pedigrees to the earliest Dexters with available photographs and data in one location available to all for information, research, or simple pleasure.

Legacy keeps the cost to place your Dexter in the registry at a minimum so all can participate.
PLEASE PARTICIPATE !

Participate by adding your Dexters and their photos, early photos and articles of Dexters and their owners.

Calving Table

Based on 283-day Gestation

Service	Calf Due	Service	Calf Due	Service	Calf Due	Service	Calf Due	Service	Calf Due	Service	Calf Due
Jan 1	Oct 10	Mar 1	Dec 8	May 1	Feb 7	Jul 1	Apr 9	Sep 1	Jun 10	Nov 1	Aug 10
Jan 2	Oct 11	Mar 2	Dec 9	May 2	Feb 8	Jul 2	Apr 10	Sep 2	Jun 11	Nov 2	Aug 11
Jan 3	Oct 12	Mar 3	Dec 10	May 3	Feb 9	Jul 3	Apr 11	Sep 3	Jun 12	Nov 3	Aug 12
Jan 4	Oct 13	Mar 4	Dec 11	May 4	Feb 10	Jul 4	Apr 12	Sep 4	Jun 13	Nov 4	Aug 13
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A Standard Description of the Dexter

Chondro bull – Walnut Lawn Shadwell

Chondro cow - Odetta of Sussex

Non-chondro bull - SF Ferdinand

Non-chondro cow - Legacy Blue Tully

1. The Dexter is essentially both a milk-producing and a beef making breed, and both these points should, in judging, be taken into consideration.

2. Colour.--Bulls.-Whole black or whole red (the two colours being of equal merit). A little white on organs of generation not to disqualify an animal which answers all other essentials of this standard description. Cows.-Whole black or whole red (the two colours being of equal merit). Black with white on the udder, or red with white on bag. The extension of the white of the udder slightly along the inside of flank or under side of the belly, or a little white on end of tail, shall not be held to disqualify an animal which answers all other essentials of this standard description.

3. Head AND Neck.--Head short and broad, with great width between the eyes, and tapering gracefully towards muzzle, which should be large, with wide distended nostrils. Eyes bright, prominent, and of a kind and placid expression. Neck short, deep and thick, and well set into the shoulders, which, when viewed in front, should be wide, showing thickness through the heart, the breast coming well forward.

Horns.-These should be short and moderately thick, springing well from the head, with an inward and slightly upward curve.

4. Body.--Shoulders of medium thickness, full and well filled in behind, hips wide, quarters thick and deep and well sprung, flat and wide across loins, well ribbed up, straight underline, udder well forward, and broad behind with well-placed teats of moderate size, legs short (especially from knee to fetlock), strong, and well placed under body, which should be as close to the ground as possible. Tail well set on and level 'with back.

5. Skin.--The skin should be soft and mellow, and handle well, not too thin, hair fine, plentiful and silky.

6. Dexter Bulls should not exceed 900 Lbs., live weight, when in breeding condition. Dexter Cows should not exceed 800 Lbs., live weight, when in breeding condition.

It should be noted that this early standard describes Dexters with Chondrodysplasia (dwarfism). It should also be noted that at the time the standard was written genetic testing was not available, and dun had not been distinguished as being its own color, separate from red.