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The Promise of a New Generation



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Our Mission

Spring is finally here! With it comes another exciting calving season and the 2nd issue of Irish Dexter Times, the official publication of Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders. The only group dedicated to the preservation of the Traditional Horned Irish Dexter.

Welcome to all our new members! Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders continues to grow as more and more Dexter breeders join with us, bringing their herds into the effort. Gone are the days of watching another rare heritage breed fade quietly into history..... Today we are making the turn and

LDCB is leading the way!

Spring!

Gaelic Style

By Angie Gaines



Nothing speaks of spring time to my Gaelic heart better than happy folks sipping on a cold Guinness while listening to the lonesome lyrics to "Amhrán na bhFiann" floating through the air; meeting the enticing smells of simmering corned beef and boxty ready for the tasting. This can be found the first weekend of March every year during the North Texas Irish Festival (NTIF). A few weeks ago we shared the three day fun-filled festival and our adorable Irish Dexter Lit'l girls. We originally were asked to bring our Curly Mustang Stallion, O'Sparky, to join other beautiful horses such as our friend's Black Clydesdale, Belgium and Friesen in performing demonstrations for the crowds. It did not take long for me to ask the lady in charge if we could also share our Lit'l Irish Dexter girls, and when the answer was yes we started training Arlana of Hilltop and Shona of Hilltop for their big debut.

Our Lit'l girls were a huge hit! Most folks had never heard of Irish Dexter Cattle, much less had met a dwarf. Our Lit'l girls are Chondro carriers and I adore them. They were so well behaved, jumping in and out of our trailer with their friend O'Sparky with ease; walking around the festival letting folks take photos with them. And giving the crowd quite a chuckle when they voiced their opinions with deep, smooth moos. The only thing that was a bit of concern for the Lit'l girls was the manholes and grates. In all fairness the water grates were as big as them, and we avoided walking nearby and those manholes seemed to be everywhere but after making the trek to our demo area and back to their stalls twice a day they soon became accustomed to them and just walked over with no fear.

We found the crowds to be mesmerized with our girls, and we shared the wonderful Legacy Irish Dexter brochures to give them more information about our cattle and Legacy's mission. Many folks noted that they wanted to move out of the Big D (Dallas) and find a small place where they could have Irish Dexters. The crowds were especially impressed with our Irish Dexter's characteristics and all agreed they are perfect for small homesteaders who want to have fresh milk.

Our friend in charge of the Festival admitted she was unsure what to expect as they have never had cattle attend the event, but was so thrilled with our Lit'l Girls she asked for a photo with them and quickly asked if we could bring them to the Festival next year. Oh yeah, we will be there for sure as it is so much fun sharing our Irish Dexter cattle with everyone and ringing in Spring time in Gaelic style.





Mark Your Calendars

2 Great Upcoming Events

May 12 – 13, 2017

OVDDBA Dexter Cattle Show & Sale

A great time for all! The 2017 Ohio Valley show is again being held May 12-13 at Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, Ohio. The show is open to all registered Dexter Cattle regardless of registry and is a great opportunity to showcase your animals and meet other breeders. There will be several LDCB members at the show. If you are planning to attend make sure to stop by and introduce yourself. Fellow LDCB member, Vicki Solomon will be giving a clinic on oxen training; sure to be a highlight of the day.

Legacy has always been a strong supporter of OVDDBA and encourages everyone to come out and enjoy this event. This year LDCB is PROUD to join with Legacy in support of our Ohio friends, and sponsoring show classes.



Grand Champion Bull – Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders

Grand Champion Female / Grand Champion Showmanship – Legacy Dexter Cattle Registry

For more information on the Ohio show check out the OVDDBA web site. <http://ohiovalleydexters.weebly.com>

August 17, 2017

Legacy Dexter Cattle Show – Missouri

The inaugural Dexter Cattle Show at the Missouri State Fair last year was a huge success! And this year's is proving to be even better!! Make your plans to come out. Bring the family and of course the Dexters; and have a wonderful time. This is such a great opportunity to showcase our rare heritage breed. Registrations are not yet open. Registration deadline is 6-30-17.

Class list - <http://www.mostatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/premium-guide/dexter.pdf>

Schedule - <http://www.mostatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/premium-guide/beefschedule.pdf>

The show is open to all Legacy, PDCA, and ADCA registered Dexters. Any show updates will be posted when available on the LDCB website. Spread the word! And come out and support this great event.

Sponsored by Legacy Registry and Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders.



History

Royal Dublin Society Herd Book – Vol 1
Excerpts taken from Preface

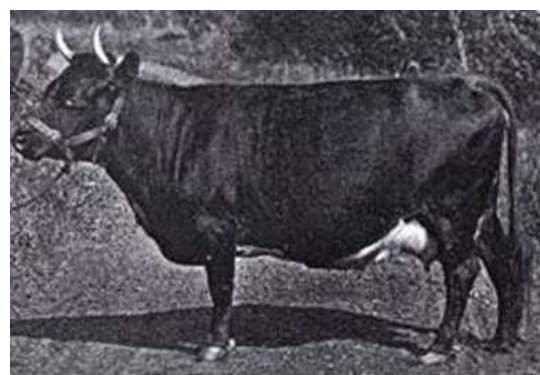
PREFACE.

The increasing attention devoted to the Kerry and Dexter Breeds of Cattle induced the Royal Dublin Society, early in the year 1887, to establish a Herd-book for those breeds.

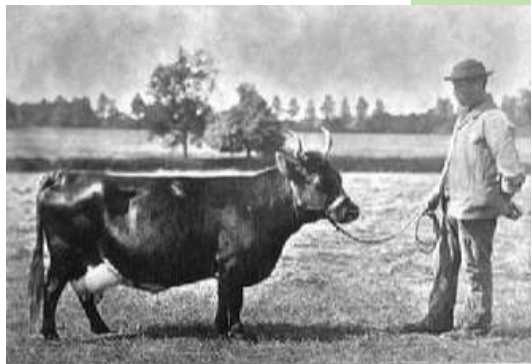
Previous attempts in this direction had been made. In 1879 the County Kerry Agricultural Society passed a resolution approving of the publication of a Herd-book under their own auspices; but difficulties arose which prevented the project from being carried out.

The “Farmers’ Gazette” undertook the publication of a Register, and in January, 1887, published the first issue of their “Register of Pure Kerry Cattle and Dexters.” This Register extended to three volumes, including 46 Kerry Bulls and 100 Kerry Cows. It did not include any Dexter Bulls, and only 10 Dexter Cows. The Royal Dublin Society acquired from the publishers of the “Farmers’ Gazette” their rights in connexion with this Register; and the Cattle, with the numbers originally assigned to them, are now included in the Society’s Herd-book.

Kerry Cattle were shown for the first time at Cattle Shows of the Royal Dublin Society at the Spring Show held in 1844. A distinct class for Dexters was first introduced in 1876. It is generally believed that Kerry Cattle are the descendants of a well-defined native breed of great antiquity; but it is difficult to trace the history of the breed further back than the idle of the last century.



Top: IF2 Irisine
Born 1877
First Royal Dublin Herd book
Name changed to Gesneria



Left: IF 4 Rosemary
First Royal Dublin Herd book

Bottom: IM18 Paradox
Born Feb, 1884
First Royal Dublin Herd book



The views expressed by David Low about Kerries, nearly half a century ago, are of special interest at the present time. He says: -

“These cattle are hardy and capable of subsisting on scanty fare. Although stunted in size when brought from the bogs and sterile pastures on which they are reared, they make a wonderful advance in size, even though several years old, when supplied with suitable food. The fat of their beef is well mixed with the muscular parts, or, in technical language, marbled; and they fatten well in the inside, a character which renders them valuable to the butcher, and distinguishes them, in a remarkable degree, from the long-horned breeds of the lower country.

“But the peculiar value of the Kerry breed is the adaptation of the females to the purposes of the domestic dairy. In milking properties the Kerry cow, taking size into account, is equal, or superior, to any in the British Islands. It is the large quantity of milk yielded by an animal so small which renders the Kerry cow so generally valued by the cottagers and smaller tenants of Ireland. She is frequently termed the poor man’s cow, and she merits this appellation by her capacity of subsisting on such fare as he has the means to supply.

“This fine little breed has been greatly neglected; scarce any means have been used to produce a progressive development of form, by supplying proper nourishment to the breeding parents and the young, and no general care has been bestowed on preserving the purity of the stock. In almost every part of Ireland the breed has been crossed with the longhorns; and a great proportion of the cows of the country, known under the name of Kerries, are the result of crosses of this kind, and so have deviated in a greater or less degree from the native type, and almost always for the worse.

A few honourable exceptions, however, exist to this general neglect of the mountain dairy breed of Ireland. One attempt had succeeded to such a degree as to form a new breed, which partially exists with the characters communicated to it. It has been termed the Dexter Breed. It was formed by the late Mr. Dexter, agent to Maude Lord Hawarden. This gentleman is said to have produced his curious breed by selection from the best of the mountain cattle of the district. He communicated to it a remarkable roundness of form and shortness of legs. The steps, however, by which this improvement was effected, have not been sufficiently recorded; and some doubt may exist whether the original was the pure Kerry, or some other breed proper to the central parts of Ireland now unknown, or whether some foreign blood, as the Dutch, was not mixed with the native race. One character of the Dexter breed is frequently observed in certain cattle of Ireland, namely, short legs, and a small space from the knee and hock to the hoofs. This has probably given rise to a saying sometimes heard of, “Tipperary beef down to the heels.” However the Dexter breed has been formed, it still retains its name, and the roundness and depth of carcass which distinguished it. When any individual of a Kerry drove appears remarkably round and short-legged, it is common for the country people to call it a Dexter.....

I Am a Dexter



This is Mac Cuigiu of Paradise, the fifth calf of Legacy Eve of Paradise and a member of the American red restoration project.

His name is hard to pronounce, so he's called Cujo, after author Steven King's rabid dog. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Cujo is a gentleman. Note how well formed he is, with the flat, level back and stocky body he inherited from his grandsire, Brenn of Paradise. Cujo carries American Traditional red, that he inherited from his dam.

Legacy #L02336TH-16HH

Hey! Every issue we will be featuring another outstanding Traditional/Legacy Dexter. Send us a photo and a little something, and we can all Share the Legacy!

A Standard Description of the Dexter



Brenn of Paradise – Dwarf Bull



Lochinvar – Non-dwarf Bull



Legacy Jams Tuatha Jitsy – Dwarf Cow



Legacy Blue Tully – Non-dwarf Cow

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.

Working for you!

New Programs Launched

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Membership Packets

LDCB is providing Membership Packets to all members as a Thank You for your dedication and commitment to the Dexter breed. Each packet contains a beautifully printed Certificate of Membership, as well as one of our newly designed LDCB business cards. The packets delivered by USPS are provided to our membership at no charge.

Certificates of Recordation

In support of the efforts made by our membership, LDCB is now issuing Certificates of Recordation to every preservation Dexter in our members' herds. All Dexters registered as Legacy Horned and Traditional Horned in the Legacy Database are included in this program. Now you will have documentation honoring your Dexter's increasingly rare, pure bloodlines and identifying his/her special status as a Preservation Dexter.

Recordation Certificates printed on parchment paper and mailed USPS are also available upon request for a small fee to cover postage and expenses. If you have any questions about this program or would like to order printed certificates; please contact Karrie, LDCB secretary/registrar at legacybreeders@gmail.com.

Member's Map

Want to get the word out about your herd and let people know where you are located? Check out the new Legacy Dexter Cattle Breeders Map at www.legacybreeders.org/members-map.html.

Go to www.legacybreeders.org/members-map-form.html and sign up to take advantage of this new service. This program is optional and open to LDCB members only. Just fill out the form with the information you want displayed and you are in. What a great way to help visitors locate your farm, and for potential buyers to find Traditional Irish Dexters available in their area.



Dexter Calving Table - Based on 283 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
Jan 5	Oct 14	Mar 5	Dec 12	May 5	Feb 11	Jul 5	Apr 13	Sep 5	Jun 14	Nov 5	Aug 14
Jan 6	Oct 15	Mar 6	Dec 13	May 6	Feb 12	Jul 6	Apr 14	Sep 6	Jun 15	Nov 6	Aug 15
Jan 7	Oct 16	Mar 7	Dec 14	May 7	Feb 13	Jul 7	Apr 15	Sep 7	Jun 16	Nov 7	Aug 16
Jan 8	Oct 17	Mar 8	Dec 15	May 8	Feb 14	Jul 8	Apr 16	Sep 8	Jun 17	Nov 8	Aug 17
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LDCB News



1 Get your registrations up to date, and make sure all your Traditional animals are included in the Legacy database, to be eligible for the new preservation certificates.

2 If you haven't yet, be sure to join the **Members' Forum** at legacybreeders.org to get the latest news and group announcements.

3 We are getting a lot of inquiries from people all around the country, looking for Traditional Dexters available in their area. Take advantage of our resources, and make sure you list your animals in the For Sale section of the forum. With the weather improving, this is the time of year many people start thinking about adding to their herds, or like so many of our recent callers – beginning one.

Legacy encourages everyone to add your photos to the online pedigrees. It is easy to do, and adds so much information to the listing. Create a record of your Traditional Irish Dexters for future generations.

Got Purple?

Our Mission – To bring Dexter breeders together to preserve the old bloodlines free from modern upgrading and save the Irish Dexter from disappearing. Forever

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