



Purebred Dexter Cattle Association of North America, Inc.

Addendum

Registry Rules and Regulations

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General Information

- 1. Registration Applicants:** Current members of the PDCA can apply for registration at the current member rate. You must either be the breeder of the animal or the owner at the time of calving. If you are purchasing a “registrable” animal, you must have complete detailed documentation from the breeder or the owner at the time of calving on the acceptable PDCA forms allowing for registration to include transfer information. Non-members can also apply for registration but will be charged a 50% premium from member rates, (please contact the registrar at pdca.registrar@dexterstoday.com for proper invoicing if you are a non-member).
- 2. Breeder:** The person who owned the cow at the time of breeding.
- 3. Dam Owner:** The owner of the cow/dam at the time of calving. Note: *Dam owner* might not necessarily be the *Breeder* of a calf as in the case of purchasing a bred cow, frozen embryo or recipient cow carrying an implanted embryo. Although the calf was born under your ownership of the cow/dam, the seller would be the breeder. The calf shall be registered with *Breeders* herd prefix included in the name.
- 4. Sire Owner:** The owner of sire/bull used to breed the cow/dam regardless of breeding method (live cover, AI, or embryo transfer).
- 5. Permanent Identification:** Acceptable forms are: Permanent unique tattoo (*further defined below under tattoo*), 840 tag (last six digits), Microchip (last six digits), Brand (if unique to one individual animal) or Veterinary applied brucellosis tag. All other ear tags do not comply with permanent identification requirements.

6. **Documentation Responsibility:** The applicant is solely responsible for providing the complete documentation to submit for registration. Depending on the situation or documents provided, the registrar has the right to request additional documentation or proof substantiating the applicant's request. Assistance or questions regarding obtaining registration information from breeders should be referred to the Registrar for assistance.
7. **Methods of Submission:** Submissions may be done either through the USPS or mail courier on PDCA approved forms or via the website electronically at www.dexterstoday.com/forms
8. **Pricing:** All current pricing is listed on the website, non members registration fees will include a 50% premium.
9. **Recognized Registries:** The Purebred Dexter Cattle Association recognizes Legacy and ADCA as acceptable United States Irish Dexter Cattle Registries.

Registration Criteria

- The Applicant must agree to Best Breeder Practices Statement provided at time of registration.
- Date of Birth, Color, Horned status and sex must be provided.
- Both parents (sire and dam) of an animal to be registered must be registered with PDCA or an accepted United States Irish Dexter Cattle registry.
- Animal to be registered must have a unique permanent identification as listed above and the location properly noted.
- The animal's recorded name must include the Herd Prefix of the Breeder and be no longer than 28 characters to include the prefix and spaces.

Standard Registration

- Animals to be registered must meet/comply with all Registration Criteria.
- Animals resulting from live cover breeding do not require genetic testing except where verification of parentage, color or polledness is deemed necessary by the Registrar.
- Animals resulting from **artificial insemination** must be sire verified.
- **Embryo Transfers** shall require donor sire and donor dam parentage verification; the breeder is always the owner of the donor dam.

Certified Registration

- Animals to be registered as Certified must meet/comply with all Registration Criteria and Standard Registration Criteria.

- In addition, proof of genotyping, Chondro status (positive or negative) and PHA status (positive or negative) must be provided. Proof may be copies of test results or by obligate status.
- Proof of parent verification is required to claim obligate status.
- If an animal is presented as genotyped (on file) and either one or both the parents are genotyped, it must be verified back to the parents that have accessible case numbers.

Foreign Registered Parentage

- Animals submitted for registration that have foreign registered parents (not registered in an accepted United States Irish Dexter Cattle registry) will be reviewed for eligibility on a case by case basis by the registrar or a board appointed committee if deemed necessary.

Herd Prefix:

- A herd prefix must be established as an identifier for each breeder. It is unique to each breeder. There can be no duplications in any of the United States Irish Dexter Cattle registries.
- The Registrar has the right to approve or disapprove prefixes to prevent duplicates within the registry database or other United States Irish Dexter Cattle registries.
- A breeder's herd prefix must remain consistent for all animals bred by that breeder.
- Direct family members (father, mother, son, daughter or descendants) may use the same prefix as long as their animals are maintained on the same farm. If direct family members choose another prefix, then they must establish their own membership.

Tattoos:

- The tattoo of an animal should include a series of letters and numbers, the first letter being the first letter of the breeder/owners prefix of the farm on which the animal was born. The middle digit should be unique to the breeder/owner's farm where the animal was born (order of birth is preferred) and the last digit should be the year designation of PDCA.

*Example: High Horse is the prefix of breeder or the owner at the time of calving, first letter is "H"

*The calf is the third born in the year 2023, the second digit is "3"

*The PDCA Year code for 2023 is L so the last digit is "L"

*This results in a tattoo of H3L in either the right or left ear

- Please see above for other methods of permanent identification that are accepted.

Registration Standards

Color: Accepted solid colors are Black, Dun & Red.

Excessive White: White on a Dexter is acceptable only on the organs of generation (on the underline from the navel to the udder or scrotum). White appearing on a Dexter outside of the underline forward of the navel or anywhere else on the body is considered excessive and shall be noted on their registration application or online via the note box to the registrar. Pictures for verification can be requested by the registrar at the time of registration. If so deemed to be overly excessive by the registrar, the application will be submitted to the Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the Board of Directors, the animal may be deemed ineligible for registration.

Polledness:

- “Polled” (which is an inherited lack of horns) is to be differentiated from “dehorned” (which refers to the removal of horns or horn buds on an animal.)
- Dehorned animals shall be registered as horned.
- In cases where an animal is reported polled, but comes from horned parentage, genetic testing will be required to determine polledness and parentage.

Appendix Registration: No upgrading/out-crossing program is available for any animals to be registered with the Purebred Dexter Cattle Registry.

Transfer of Registered Animals

- Current membership is not required to transfer ownership of a registered animal.
- When transferring ownership of a registered cow with an unregistered calf, the seller shall provide the name of the sire, case number, date of birth, sex, color and horned status of the calf on the reverse side of the registration certificate of the dam.
- When transferring ownership of a bred cow, the seller shall provide the name, registration number and case number of the bull the cow was exposed to and include the date range of exposure.
- The seller is responsible to provide to the buyer any and all testing documentation, if applicable.
- When transferring a registered PDCA animal there are three options. 1. Complete the reverse of the certificate and provide it to the buyer. 2. Complete the online registration transfer for your buyer (preferred). 3. Complete a transfer of ownership form and provide it to the buyer so they are able to facilitate the transfer.

- An animal must be registered to be transferred. If you are selling a “registrable” animal, you shall provide your buyer with an application for registration and a completed transfer form.
- If selling a registered animal as unpapered (without registration papers or official animal transfer), a courtesy Notice of Transfer Form may be submitted online by the seller to inform PDCA of the ownership change and the request for the animal to remain unpapered or report the animal as deceased. This does NOT transfer the animal it only notifies the registrar of the status of the animal to be noted on their record. Both options are found under the “Forms” section under “Notifications”.

Record of Birth

- Records of Birth are a courtesy to current members and are done at no charge.
- It provides a recording of the birth of an animal and IS NOT a registration.
- Only the owner at the time of calving is able to record a birth from a cow.
- The dam must be a PDCA registered animal. The sire can be from any accepted United States Irish Dexter Cattle registry. Breeder Prefix, DOB, tattoo, horned status, color, parents registration information and breeder are required to complete the submission.
- The recording does not name the animal. The breeders prefix, tattoo and sex are what is provided as the “name” of the calf recorded. Example: High Horse H1L Heifer or High Horse H3L Bull
- Records of Birth are not eligible for “ownership” and are not transferable as they are only a recording. A record of birth IS NOT a registration.
- When officially registered, the PDCA number will remain the same. At the time of registration the designation of “RB” will be removed and the animal given a name that the owner selects within the PDCA guidelines.

Rights of the Registrar

- Registrar has the right to request or require additional testing or verification to validate registration eligibility or ownership.
- The Registrar has the right to refuse any registration or transfer if documentation proving the eligibility for registration or transfer is not provided.

Rights of the Members

- A timely recording of any transactions submitted that adhere to the Registry Rules & Regulations.
- Any declined transaction may be appealed to the Board of Directors.