

DEXTER CATTLE AUSTRALIA INC. (DCAI) BREED STANDARD AND IDEAL

The Dexter Breed Standards for Breeding, Showing and Registration (Male), represents the basis to which Dexters should conform and to which the quality of Dexters should be judged both in selecting for breeding, showing and registering.

<u>DCAI DEXTER BREED STANDARDS FOR BREEDING, SHOWING & REGISTRATION – MALE</u>				
FEATURE	<u>IDEAL</u>	<u>ALLOWABLE</u>	<u>UNDESIRABLE</u>	<u>UNACCEPTABLE for REGISTRATION</u>
COLOUR	As stated in Breed Ideal	Black / brown tinge Red with darker face	Mealy muzzle	Any Colour other than Black, Red or Dun
WHITE MARKINGS	None	Small amount of white on organs of generation. White hairs in switch of tail A few white hairs in coat.	White pigmentation on under line behind the navel White flecking of hairs over all or part of body.	Patches of white pigment anywhere other than on the underline behind the navel.
HORNS	As stated in Breed Ideal	Polled animals are acceptable if from one of the sources of polling recognised by the society, or if pedigree is supported by blood-type certificate.		
HEIGHT OVER RUMP AT 3 YEARS OLD (AT HIP BONE)	As stated in Breed Ideal	97 cm (38 inches) – 117 cm (46 inches) approx	Under 97 cm (38 inches) or over 117cm (46 inches) approx	
TESTICLES / TEATS	As stated in Breed Ideal		Fewer than four teats. Teats markedly uneven	More than four teats. Absence or atrophy of testicle Scrotal hernia.
LEGS AND FEET, GAIT	As stated in Breed Ideal		Overgrown feet, low at heal. Slightly clicking fetlocks Uneven toes	Twisted fetlocks. Feet turned in or out. Badly clicking fetlocks Throwing legs sideways when walking. Splayed gait.
HEAD / BODY	As stated in Breed Ideal		Any of the following; Narrow Head / Poor top line/ Shallow body/ Narrow rump / High tail setting / Low tail setting / Too short in body.	Overshot / Undershot jaw. Wry tail

DCAI DEXTER BREED STANDARDS FOR BREEDING, SHOWING & REGISTRATION – FEMALE

FEATURE	<u>IDEAL</u>	<u>ALLOWABLE</u>	<u>UNDESIRABLE</u>	<u>UNACCEPTABLE for REGISTRATION</u>
COLOUR	As stated in Breed Ideal	Black / brown tinge Red with darker face	Mealy muzzle	Any Colour other than Black, Red or Dun
WHITE MARKINGS	None	White pigment on underline behind navel, including udder. White hairs in switch of tail and on vulva. A few white hairs in coat.	White pigmentation on under line forward of navel. Pronounced white flecking of hairs over all or part of body.	Patches of white pigment anywhere other than on the underline or udder.
HORNS	As stated in Breed Ideal	Polled animals are acceptable if from one of the sources of polling recognised by the society, or if pedigree is supported by blood-type certificate.		
HEIGHT AT RUMP AT 3 YEARS OLD (HIP BONE)	As stated in Breed Ideal	91 cm (36 inches)- 112 cm (44 inches) approx	Under 91 cm (36 inches) or over 112 cm (44 inches) approx	
UDDER / TEATS	As stated in Breed Ideal	Rudimentary extra teats (These should be removed as soon after birth as possible)	Blind quarters, except when caused by mastitis. Bottle teats, Misshapen, uneven udder.	Fused teats, either with other main teats or with extra teats.
LEGS AND FEET, GAIT	As stated in Breed Ideal	Slightly clicking in fetlocks, provided this is not accompanied by twisted fetlocks, or twisted feet.	Overgrown feet, low at heal. Severely clicking fetlocks Twisted fetlocks, Feet turning in or out.	
HEAD / BODY	As stated in Breed Ideal		Over / Undershot jaw. Extremes of any of the following: Narrow Head / Poor top line/ Shallow body/ Narrow rump / High tail setting / Low tail setting / Too short in body.	