

# Registration Basics

## Herd Names and Prefixes

New members must request a herd prefix (maximum 10 spaces) and if the prefix is not already used by others members, the registrar will register it in the registry.

- The complete name should not exceed 25 letters.
- The Herd Prefix for the breeder of the calf must be at the beginning of the calf's name. This applies only to members who have not yet registered cattle. Current members will retain their naming protocol, but it still must be limited to the total length of 25 total spaces.
- Once each breeder has used a Herd Prefix, that must be the one used in the future

If you are transferring an animal from another registry, the name will not be unchanged even if it does not follow our naming protocol.

## Required Testing

- **All bulls registered by the ADCA after December 31, 2008, shall be genotyped and have the report on file in the ADCA Registry office prior to the completion of their registration.**
- **All animals registered after 2009 must have their sire's genotype on file with ADCA register.**
- **If it is impossible to attain bulls genotype, contact Chuck Daggett for your options.**

Existing herd sires (all bulls used for breeding) shall be genotyped and have the report on file prior to the registration of any calves sired by those bulls and born after December 31, 2009.

The current cost of the genotype test is \$25 per animal. The person submitting the application will receive two official copies of each report from the lab.

All genotyping shall be done at the owners expense by the ADCA's designated Laboratory. (Texas A&M)

### **Genotyping done by other Labs will be accepted if Compatible with The Texas A&M lab**

- Test results must be submitted directly from Lab facility to Lab facility not by/from individuals.
- Texas A&M will charge the owner a processing fee of \$5 to enter outside test results into the ADCA database.
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**Once on file at Texas A&M, Texas A&M will send a Genotype report to you.**

The genotype verification will be sent to the Registrar. **If registering an animal on-line, include the Accession number of the animal's report in the comments field at the bottom of the application. Breeders should retain the testing certificates and passed on when selling your Dexters.**

## Elective Testing

Other testing is available but these tests are elective and documentation must be sent to the registrar to be included in the registry. The Dexter owner is responsible for the accuracy of the information and should check the information on the certificate and Online Pedigree. Contact the registrar if the any information is incorrect.

## Coat Colors

- Black, Dun, and Red. No other colors are accepted. all three of the Dexter colors are verifiable by DNA testing.

In order to register a Dexter as RED, it must be tested (DNA verified) as red unless it is the offspring of a registered red sire and a registered red dam or at least one parent has been tested as a non-carrier of dun.

**If a non black Dexter is not tested for red, they will be recorded as Dun. If they are red tested after registration the color designation can be changed by submitting appropriate documentation to the Registrar.**

## Horned/Polled

Dehorned animals are registered as horned.

To be registered as polled

- One or both parents must be a registered polled Dexter.
- Polled animals may not be registered as horned. If a polled animal is indicated as horned and is discovered to be polled at a later date, the registration may be revoked.
- Polled Dexters from other recognized registries will be accepted if they meet the ADCA criteria.
- If both parents are registered as genetically horned and a mutation is suspected, Both parents MUST be available for DNA parentage genotyping

## Tattoo letters guidelines

The tattoo letter for 2011 is "Y". The Table below gives each year and its associated tattoo letter.

Most breeders use the following sequence for tattooing:  
First, the letter initial of their farm, followed by the number of the calf for the year, and then the associated tattoo letter for the year.

EXAMPLE: If your farm name is "Cherrydale" Dexter Farm, and you are tattooing the 5th calf that is born in Year 2009, then the tattoo for this calf will be: C5W  
(Where "C" stands for the farm initial; "5" identifies it as the fifth calf born this year; and "W" stands for the tattoo letter associated with Year 2009.)

Tattoo Letters for year:

2010 - X  
2011 - Y  
2012 - Z

The ADCA reserves the right to review Registries, require testing, and revoke registration of any animal improperly registered.

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