

BREED STANDARD FOR THE SA DEXTER

CLASSIFICATION

The Dexter is classified as dual purpose.

FEATURES

(1) HEAD

- Male:** Masculine appearance with good length and breadth with strong eye brow ridges.
Female: Feminine appearance with a calm expression, good length and width.
- Eyes:** Large and bright, not showing much white.
Ears: Of medium size and carried alertly.
Muzzle: Broad and strong with large open nostrils.
Jaws: Well defined, broad and strong.
Teeth: Large and strong, fitting well against the pad of the upper jaw.

(2) NECK

- Male:** Long, deep and thick with a well developed crust.
Female: Long, flatter than the bull. Wrinkles on the sides finer than those of the bull.

(3) SHOULDERS.

- Male:** Well muscled, neatly attached, moving well, and rounded across the chine.
Female: Smoother, without heavy muscling.

(4) CHEST.

Broad.

(5) CHEST CAPACITY

- Male:** Broad and deep.
Female: Broad but with less depth.

- Crops:** Full
Back: Broad and straight.
Loin: Broad and full.
Ribs: Well sprung.

(6) HIPS

- Male:** Broad, slightly rounded on top. Hip bones less prominent and not as widely spaced as with females.
Females: Broad, slightly rounded on top.

Rump: Long, broad, with slight roofiness, and medium fall from front to back, and wide thurls.

(7) **HIND QUARTER.**

Male: Long, broad, well muscled. Broad in pinbones with widest point in the thighs. Must resemble the shape of a horseshoe.

Female: Deeper, without heavy muscling.

(8) **LEGS AND HOOVES.**

Squarely placed. Well shaped hooves with good depth behind. Broad, strong, cleancut and refined hocks on a flat bone structure.

(9) **COVER.**

Skin & hair: Skin loose and pliable, well pigmented, hair short, thick, soft and shiny.

(10) **COLOUR.**

Black, Red and Dun.

Male: Limited white near genital organs allowed.

Female: White on udder and limited to behind the navel on the underline allowed.

Black: Limited white in switch allowed.

Red & Dun: Predominant white in the tail switch allowed.

Pigmentation on muzzle, eyelids and genital organs to be flesh coloured and hoofs amber. Limited smokey pigmentation on muzzle and hooves allowed. Black or dark pigmentation on muzzle, eyelids and genital organs is undesirable and for registration purposes will be penalised by at least one level.

(11) **UDDER AND TEATS.**

Well balanced udder with four functional quarts. Attached well forward, almost level with underline. Four teats of average length and thickness. Udder must be carried above the hocks. Higher rear attachment preferred.

(12) **GENITAL ORGANS.**

Male: Well developed and normal in all respects. The scrotum contains two uniform, well developed testes, hangs straight down, a relatively thin neck, away from the body, and is covered with soft hair. The sheath blends well with the underline without appearing excessively coarse.

Female: Well developed and without any visible signs of infantilism or malformation.

(13) **GENERAL APPEARANCE.**

Male: Masculine and robust. Sufficient muscling on forearm, back, loins and thighs with a well defined masculine crust. Bone structure relatively fine but strong, with a well developed front quarter and chest depth in relation to length of body.

Female: Finer than the bull in all aspects. A sound, balanced framework with a wedge shape from hips to shoulders, also seen from the side, with the rear end deeper than the chest. Superfluous fat covering during lactation is highly undesirable as is excessive fat covering next to the tail root, on the brisket, the udder and flank.

(14) HEIGHT.

Male: Maximum 120 cms. measured immediately in front of the rump.

Female: Maximum 112 cms. measured immediately in front of the rump.

(15). UNDESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS.

- a. Tendency towards being too big or too small;
- b. Pigeon toes;
- c. Excessive white in switch or underline;
- d. Excessive fat deposits on females;
- e. Defects in hocks;
- f. Small badly suspended udders with oversized teats;
- g. Twisted scrotum;
- h. Hollow or roach back;
- i. Excessive fineness in bulls or coarseness in cows;
- j. Black pigmentation on muzzle, eyelids and genital organs of red or dun animals;
- k. Baboon tail.

(16). DISQUALIFICATIONS.

A disqualification is a deviation that renders an animal unfit for stud breeding.

- a. Any of the undesirable characteristics in (15) occurring in an extreme degree;
- b. Post hockedness;
- c. Infantile or malformed genital organs;
- d. Any signs of subfertility;
- e. Colour mixtures;
- f. Skew tail;
- g. Overshot jaw;
- h. Undershot jaw;
- i. Skew face;
- j. Devils grip;
- k. Bad temperament;
- l. Small testes.

(17). APPROVAL

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