

## Taking Charity to the County Fair

by Sam Sears

We took our dexter, Charity, to our county fair. Charity was a little bit scared of the noise from all the blowers and big fans. She was the only dexter

at our fair and was in the open class beef barn. A lot of people did not know what she was because she was so small compared to the other beef breeds. We had to explain Charity was a dexter and is so short because she



also has chondrodysplasia. Lots of people thought she was a very cute cow. They petted her and gave her lots of cookies. She loved that! We also gave her a bath and brushed her so she was nice and clean. When it was time to practice in the show ring, we learned she is terrified of turkeys because of their loud gobbles! But the practice paid off because when she was showing, she wasn't as scared! People in the barn already asked if she can come to the fair next year because they think she is so cute and nice.

**Youth, do you have a story to tell?** Perhaps a funny event or a lesson you've learned? Your tale could be highlighted in our next MOOSletter! Plus, as a youth member, submitting your story will earn you a ticket for the heifer drawing at the 2025

Dexter Cattle Show in Warren County, Ohio. We're also eager to hear YOUR ideas and suggestions for future youth activities, whether for the show or potential outings like field trips. What sparks your interest? We'd love to hear from you!

**What Dexter-tastic projects did you participate in this summer?** Did you strut your stuff the country fair or other event? Well, did you know that you could be racking up entries for the heifer giveaway? Say whaaat?! Give us the scoop! Just shoot an email detailing your project or event to Renae at [youthdirector@ovdba.com](mailto:youthdirector@ovdba.com).

### We have a winner!

Congratulations to Josiah Lizarraga for taking first place in the Summer Coloring Contest. While every participant received a ticket, Josiah earned an extra ticket for the heifer drawing at the 2025 show.



**Mark your calendars for the 2024 Christmas Gathering!** Join us on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 PM in Rittman, Ohio, at The Gathering Place, 12555 Benner Road. We're cooking up a day filled with games, crafts, and activities for the whole family! Meat and desserts? We've got you covered! Just bring along a side dish to share. Don't forget to RSVP to Katie at [secretary@ovdba.com](mailto:secretary@ovdba.com) by November 25th!

# FALL ON THE FARM

## Scavenger Hunt





# FALL PROJECT: BUILD-A-BARN!

During the sunny summer days, our Dexters were living the dream, munching away on the greenest grass and frolicking on the hills! But alas, autumn has rolled in, and that grass is slowing down like a sleepy sloth. When winter frosts the ground, our bovine buddies will be chowing down on the hay we harvested in the summer sunshine. So, the big question is: where in the hay can we stash all that golden goodness to keep it safe from the elements and pesky critters all year long? A hay barn, of course!

## SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

- Cardboard
- Index cards
- Cotton balls
- Cotton swabs
- School glue
- Tape
- Scissors
- Paint
- Toothpicks
- Craft Sticks



## ACTIVITY STEPS

1. Dream it. Picture your barn in all its glory! For some barn-tastic ideas, hit up the internet and search for “popsicle stick barn” or “3D barn craft”. You can also scan the QR codes below for inspiration!
2. Build it! Grab those supplies and get crafting! Pro tip: unleash your inner architect! Just remember, every barn needs a solid foundation. Craft sticks are your best friends for creating those sturdy walls and base.
3. Stuff it! Once your barn is standing proud, toss in some cotton balls or anything that screams “hay” to see just how much your barn can hold!
4. Show it off! Snap a pic of your creation and send it to Renae at [youthdirector@ovdba.com](mailto:youthdirector@ovdba.com). And why not strut your barn at the OVDBA Christmas Gathering on December 7th? Let your Dexter fan-club admire your crafty creation!

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This job isn't for everyone.

But hay... it's in my jeans.