

The day was grey, but the mood was much brighter for the third South Island Dexter Breed Show held in conjunction with the Gore A&P Show on the 1st of February. Because of the limited number of entries no separate Dexter classes were held but the animals that were there certainly did more than just hold their own against the other breeds.

Stalwarts of southern South Island Dexter showing, Julia Eden (Java) and Marion Corbett (Hi-Way) each presented a total of twelve animals for judging. The results of the Small Breed All Breeds classes were as follows:

Heifer calf born since 1 June	2 nd	Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Elouise
Bull calf born since 1 June	1 st	S & J Eden	Java HGB
Pair of calves	1 st	S & J Eden	Java HGB & Java Maddie
	3 rd	Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Elouise and Hi-Way Erica
Heifer 1 year old	1 st	Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Tuppence
	3 rd	Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Penny
Bull 1 year old	2 nd	S & J Eden	Java Herbie
Heifer 2 years	1 st	S & J Eden	Java Dot
Bull 2 years and over		S & J Eden	Java Slowpoke
Cow 3 years and over	3 rd	S & J Eden	Java Hope
Breeders Group	2 nd	S & J Eden	Java Slowpoke, Java Hope, Java HGB
Junior Reserve Champion Male		S & J Eden	Java HGB
Junior Champion Female		Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Tuppence
Senior Reserve Champion Male		S & J Eden	Java Slowpoke

In these classes the stiffest competition was from the Belted Galloways and it is impressive and encouraging to see the Dexter contingent do so well.

The results of the Dexter Breed competition are as follows:

South Island Supreme Champion	S & J Eden	Java Hope
South Island Champion Female	S & J Eden	Java Hope
South Island Reserve Champion Female	Marion & Colin Corbett	Hi-Way Tuppence
South Island Champion Male	S & J Eden	Java Slowpoke
South Island Reserve Champion Male	S & J Eden	Java HGB
Best Dexter Calf	S & J Eden	Java HGB

Thanks go to Hi-Way Dexters and Mainland Minerals who provided prize money for the Dexter Championships.

In conjunction with the show we ran a small display and provided information to people interested in the breed. We had quite a few enquiries about the both the breed, generally, and about obtaining animals and some of the new prospective purchasers even expressed enthusiasm at the possibility of showing animals in the future. It would be great to see more Dexters and more Dexter breeders represented in the show ring next year.



Julia and Stewart Eden with Supreme Champion Dexter 'Java Hope' and calf, Java 'HGB' behind. Gore Show

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Colin Corbett with 'Hi-Way Tuppence' wearing her Small Breeds All Breeds Junior Champion Ribbon

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