

# OFFICIAL STANDARD

As Accepted by The American Rabbit Breeders' Assn., Inc.

## BLANC de HOTOT

**BODY TYPE:** Well rounded and thick-set with a well balanced distribution of musculing creating a look of uniform strength. Muscle development and compactness should be sought throughout. The body is of medium length. The forequarters are made up of a short neck, well-set firmly fleshed shoulders and legs, and a full chest indicating a sufficiently ample rib cage. The back rises slightly from the neck to a hind section that is full and well rounded. Medium size dewlap in does. **Points 45**

**Disqualification:** Long and thin body type or "giant" type.

**HEAD:** Strong and rather broad in males. In the female, the head is slightly more elongated and refined. **Points 5**

**EARS:** Well furred and carried in a "V". The ear of the Hotot is drawn in at the base, widens gradually, and then narrows to a slight point. The length is in proportion to the size of the body and measures  $4\frac{3}{4}$  to  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inches (12-13 cm). **Points 5**

**EYES:** Bold, having a dark brown color, the shade being absolutely uniform over the entire area of the iris. **Points 0**

**Disqualifications:** Spots in iris. Any other color than dark brown.

**FEET AND LEGS:** The front feet and legs are very straight, of medium length, and resting lightly on the ground. The hind feet and legs, are very strong, bold and poised. Toe nails to be white or flesh-colored. **Points 5**

**Disqualifications:** Any other color toe nails.

**TAIL:** Straight, well furred, and in proportion to the rest of the body. **Points 0**

**FUR:** Very dense, supple and rather fine, and very lustrous. The abundance of visible guard hairs causes a frosty sheen that is characteristic of the breed. The coat should fall or roll gently back into position when stroked from tail to head. Ideal fur length is between 1 inch and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches (2.5-3.8 cm). Recommended for showing in "Breed Fur" only. **Points 15**

**Faults:** Fur too short. Guard hairs not sufficiently visible. Thin coat.

**Disqualifications:** Guard hair not visible.

**COLOR:** Frosty white over entire body except for eye circles. **Points 5**

**Disqualifications:** Any spot of color in fur normally without pigmentation.

**MARKINGS EYE CIRCLES:** There is a thin ( $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch, (2-3 mm) lustrous deep black circle around each eye. Eyelids and eyelashes are black. **Points 15**

**Faults:** Eye circles slightly irregular or somewhat wide.

**Disqualifications:** Eye circles incomplete or more than  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch (5 mm) wide. Any other color eye circles.

**CONDITION:** Firm and solid in flesh. Tight, live and lustrous coat. Bright eyes and alert expression indicating good health. Clean coat free of stain. **Points 5**

### SHOW ROOM CLASSES and SENIOR REGISTRATION WEIGHTS

**Seniors:** 8 months of age and over Bucks 8 to 10 pounds — (3.6 - 4.5 kg) ideal weight 9 pounds (4.1 kg). Does 9 to 11 pounds (4.1 - 5.0 kg), ideal weight 10 pounds (4.5 kg).

**6 - 8:** 6 to 8 months of age, Bucks not over 9 pounds (4.1 kg). Does not over 10 pounds (4.5 kg).

**Juniors:** Under 6 months of age, Bucks not over 8 pounds (3.6 kg). Does not over 9 pounds (4.1 kg).

**Pre-Jun.:** Bucks and Does, under 3 months of age, up to 5 pounds (2.3 kg).

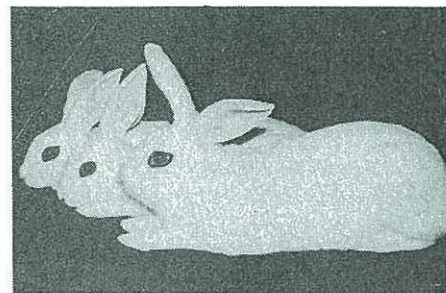
### SCHEDULE OF POINTS

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|-------------------|----|--------------------------|------------|
| Body Type.....    | 45 | Fur .....                | 15         |
| Head .....        | 5  | Color .....              | 5          |
| Ears .....        | 5  | Markings .....           | 15         |
| Feet & Legs ..... | 5  | Condition .....          | 5          |
| Tail .....        | 0  | <b>TOTAL POINTS.....</b> | <b>100</b> |

# YOU ARE INVITED

By Bob Whitman

For some, this message would seem a bit premature; yet to those who have seen the Hotot rabbit and realize its potential, probably wonder why it's taken this long to truly give the breed the recognition and support it so deserves. There has been a total of 56 years that have past from the breed's acceptance in France in 1922 to their arrival in America, June of '78. Several individuals who breed and/or fancy the Hotot are now seeking to make up for lost time.



The purpose of this message is, of course, to advise each of you of the formation of the "HOTOT RABBIT BREEDERS, INTERNATIONAL".

In the last issue of *Domestic Rabbits*, I tried to present a brief history of the Hotot through its appearance at the past ARBA Convention and Show in Saginaw. Now, as you can see elsewhere in this issue, the ARBA has officially recognized the Hotot into our ARBA Standards. This, in itself, is a major achievement and honor. I would like to say now that we, fanciers of the Hotot rabbit, sincerely appreciate all the time, labor and effort that has been allocated by the ARBA Board and Standards Committee-men in their consideration that has resulted in the Hotot's acceptance to the ARBA Book of Standards.

We feel the Hotot shall go far — as a striking show specimen, wherever rabbits are on exhibition, and too, as a commercial animal. The Hotot is unique, and shall be branded as such, in all facets of the industry, that is, with the joint efforts of each of the club's members.

Foreseeable goals of the "HOTOT RABBIT BREEDERS, INTERNATIONAL" are: No. 1 International membership, No. 2 One standard established universally, No. 3 Pure breeding, by registering all eligible animals, No. 4 100% or-

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ganizational support whenever Hotots are exhibited, No. 5 Prestigious and unique awards, No. 6 Official publication with photographs, No. 7 National show, No. 8 All members, ARBA members, No. 9 Close associations with foreign breeders and organizations, No. 10 Historical reference service.

Within the ARBA we have many outstanding specialty organizations and each one has stood out in some respect for being unique; yet, we have the desire, and yes, the ability to achieve each goal that we set forth. We are no different from any other organization in wanting to support our particular breed. The fruition of our goals can only be accomplished by: working closely with the ARBA, our membership and the industry in general. To some of you, these goals may seem too far reaching, but with the time, desire and knowledge, such can and will be accomplished.

Whether you are a youth, teenager, young adult, grandma or grandpa — YOU are invited to be a part of this organization — with the stipulation that you can, and desire, to pledge full support and assistance, from our beginning to the culmination of all our goals. Personally, I would much rather see a small supportive membership than a large lackadaisical one who expects the other fellow to do all the work.

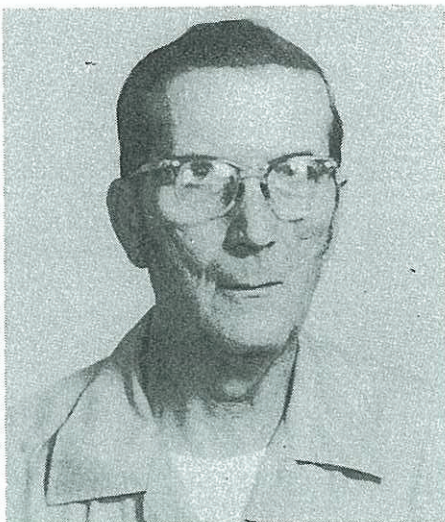
Archaeologist Howard Carter, who discovered the Egyptian tomb of Tutankhamun, once said upon breaking the seal to the tomb: "I inserted the candle and peered in. At first I could see nothing, the hot air escaping from the chamber causing the candle flame to flicker, but presently, as my eyes grew accustomed to the light, details of the room within emerged slowly from the mist, strange animals, statues, and gold — everywhere the glint of gold. I was struck dumb with amazement, and when Lord Carnarvon inquired anxiously, "Can you see anything?" it was all I could do to get out the words, "Yes, wonderful things."

So, as we pursue our ideas we can say, "Yes, wonderful things are ahead for the Hotot rabbit, PHARAOH OF THE RABBIT KINGDOM".

Won't you share your talents and join us? Memberships are: Single, \$7.00; Husband and Wife Combination, \$10.00; Youth, \$3.50; and Foreign, other than Canada and Mexico, \$10.00.

For membership, write: Bob D. Whitman, HOTOT RABBIT BREEDERS, INTERNATIONAL, P.O. Box 100, Mauriceville, Texas 77626, Phone 713/745-2461.

## Life Membership



IRVING SWALLOWELL

The ARBA Board recently granted Mr. Irving Swallowell of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a life membership-judge and registrar license. He has been a member of ARBA since August, 1943, registrar since November, 1944, and a judge since February, 1949.

His main interest in rabbits has been with the "FANCY", and he raised various breeds starting with Blue and Steel Flemish and ending up with Dutch.

Being a Navy man, he has been associated with rabbits in various locations while on duty. He founded and was an official in the Mid-Maryland Club at Westminster, Maryland, member of the Maryland State and the Eastern Fanciers Association. In the late 1940's he was a member of the Crawford Co. Club in Pennsylvania and in the 1950's was associated with the Iowa State and Nebraska State associations. At present, he is associated with the Bernallillo County R.B.A. in New Mexico.

Activity with ARBA and affiliates was often interrupted by Naval Service as a Chief Petty Officer during World War II, and the Korean and Viet Nam conflicts;

with periods of shipboard duty overseas. Retired for disability in the fall of 1969, moved to Albuquerque where he and his wife now reside.

We like to run a brief history of our members but have not received the necessary information at this time to do so.

We salute Mrs. J.H. Bashore, Ohio; Mr. Paul Markel, Ohio; Mr. Wayne Jones, Illinois; and Mr. Jack Mundhenk, Ohio, for having reached the age of 65 years and serving ARBA for the past 25 consecutive years.

Our thanks goes to the above for their many years of devotion and service to ARBA. If it were not for many of our old time breeders, like yourselves, it would be hard to say exactly where ARBA would be today, along with the rabbit industry in general.

We extend our sincere wishes to each of you and trust you will be able to enjoy another 25 years with us.

## Questions Answered

**QUESTION:** Some Dwarf litters provide youngsters with oval-shaped heads, abnormally bulging eyes, and two-thirds normal size. My family is closely bred through my female line and these young result from half brother — half sister matings.

Should I introduce new blood? — V.P. — Ma.

**ANSWER:** Your youngsters appear to be examples of pure Dwarfism. Similar youngsters appear occasionally in Dutch; and, I suspect, in other small breeds.

Dwarfism is genetically recessive and to reproduce has to be present in the genetic make-up of each parent.

Ordinarily I would suggest bringing in new blood — as you must do — with a doe, but since your problem is not so much adding a feature as eliminating one, I am suggesting you try a new buck as testing your whole doe herd would require test mating to a true Dwarf and would be time consuming. — Al M.

## The Californian Rabbit Specialty Club

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