

SPECIALTY CLUB REPORTS

American English Spot Rabbit Club

By Fred Miller, Publicity

It seems that NEW regional English Spot rabbit clubs are cropping up in several areas of the U.S.A. and this has to be good for our breed.

One of these new clubs is the Mid Atlantic English Spot club. Anthony Rippel of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, is the club secretary. This club has sponsored an English Spot show the last two years and this past October

held their 1979 show in Macungie, Penn. 134 Spots were entered in the open classes with a fur entry of 32.

Best of Breed was awarded to a Black Junior doe owned by Donna Fowley of Cornish, Maine. This same rabbit won the fur class with Best Opposite Sex going to a Black Junior buck owned by Jody Kilpinen of Maine.

The Hawkeye English Spot rabbit club, Cheryl Buker, Secretary, of Gladbrook, Iowa, held their show September 16 in Gladbrook, Iowa. Sixty-seven Spots were shown with Best of Breed being awarded to a Gold Senior doe and Best Opposite Sex to a Lilac Senior buck, both owned by Ivan Miller of Illinois.

The American English Spot Rabbit Club will have a new president as of January 1, 1980. When all ballots were tabulated Larry Slavick of West Chicago, Illinois was the winner. Larry breeds only Blacks but is very interested in the breed. Directors elected were: John Platt of Indiana, Stan Bell of California and Fred Miller of Illinois.

Our club owes a very special thanks to our outgoing president, Billy Terhune. He elected not to run due to other commitments. Billy has done more for our club than most people will ever realize. Thanks again Billy and we expect to see you and your Spots at the shows as always.

The election of officers recently completed saw a good number of candidates vying for each office up for election. The winners of the various offices are: vice president, Donovan Grantham, Nebraska; secretary, Chuck Czapski, Pennsylvania; directors, Pat Holbrook, California, Marilyn Livingston, Michigan, Mike Godin, Ohio. With the number of candidates seeking office this time around, a very healthy future seems assured for the N.A.R.B.C.

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Breeders living in these areas having an interest in Angoras should get in touch with these secretaries for assistance. Breeders in areas where there is not yet enough activity for the formation of a local club, please contact the National Angora RBC Secretary. Angora Breeders are always ready to help.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International News

Bob Whitman, Secretary

The 56th ARBA Convention and Show is now history. For the first official showing at a National Convention, the Blanc de Hotot pleased us all with an impressive display of 40 animals on exhibit.

Oren Reynolds did a jam-up job in his judging with Bob Whitman and David Ingalls winning BOB with their 6-8 doe and taking BOS with their Sr. Buck. Charles Reko had first Senior Doe and first Junior Buck in a class of 11. Whitman and Ingalls took first in the 6-8 Buck class, with Walt and Bernadine Hawkins taking first Junior Doe in a class of 14. The Hawkins took Best Display and Whitman/Ingalls won the Fur.

In appreciation for Judge Reynold's thorough judging, the HRBI awarded him with an appreciation trophy. Thank you once again, Oren.

Members who had a part, whether it may have been in financial support, the actual construction, or the installation of our Hotot Booth, can feel satisfied that our work was not in vain as the booth won second place.

The social highlight of our club's gathering was the Hotot banquet held at 'YE OLE LAN-TERN'. The food, literally, never ceased being served — from hors d'oeuvres to the dessert (which a few brave souls attempted). The

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National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club

Mike Godin, Publicity Director

Those of us who have been with the Angora Rabbit for a number of years have long predicted a comeback for this most fascinating and challenging animal. Even the most ardent admirers are somewhat pleasantly surprised; however, at the steady, sustained growth we've achieved.

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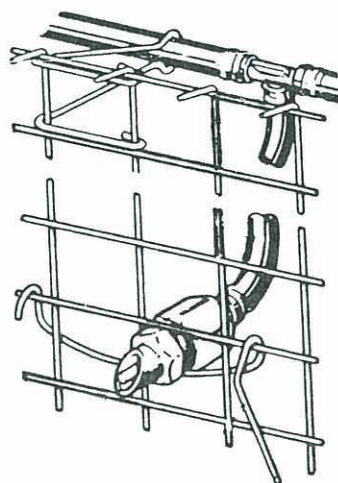
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evening gave us all a chance to meet, understand, appreciate, and get to know one another much better. In that same vein of thought, it should be declared that our membership unity was unusual, to say the least, no matter how diversified our individual talents and personalities.

The Board and membership passed unanimously to ask the ARBA to please consider a word change in the Hotot Standard to show the word band(s) in the place of circle(s) when referring to the eye markings.

Since many of our constituency live in California, and of the exposure it would give the club, the membership agreed at the AGM that we help support the financing of a Hotot Booth for the 1980 California State Convention.

Memberships now embrace 19 states (including Hawaii), 2 Canadian Provinces, Scotland and England. Our numbers may be small compared to older established groups but we are mighty, growing, and most importantly, we are a club of UNSELFISH participants which we are SELFISHLY aiming to perpetuate.

For any information on our unique breed, or for membership and sanctions, please write to: Bob Whitman, Secretary, P.O. Box 397, Mauriceville, Texas 77626. Phone 713/745-2461.

American Himalayan Rabbit Association

Bev Pearsall, Publicity Director

The 1979 convention is now history. The Himalayan was well represented with a total of 58 entries and 11 exhibitors. Breeders showing were Gayle and Ada Allen, TX; Robert Berry, TX; Wenton Carlton, AZ; Dave Holland, CA; Stan and Elizabeth Krpal, IL; Trudy Milburn, AZ; Bev and Steven Pearsall, MD; Mavis Phifer, CA; Ron Smelt, CA; Pat Tudor, TX; and Mike and Flo Zazzaretti, VA.

Dave Holland took BOB with a Junior doe and Mavis Phifer took BOS with a Senior buck. Best Display went to Dave Holland and Best Fur to Stan Krpal. Ron Smelt exhibited two Blue Himmies.

There were 3 exhibitors and 4 entries in the youth department. They were Sarah Rider, Cindy Haden, and Cindy Persson. BOB went to Cindy Haden and BOS to Cindy Persson. This is not an official report from the youth department.

Doc and Mrs. Allen did an excellent job of putting together and displaying the Himmie booth. A big thank-you to the Allens on behalf of the AHRA.

Plans were made to hold the All Himmie Speciality show at Ohio in May of 80. So start making plans now to attend that show. I understand it will be a 4 show weekend and well worth the trip. More details later. Spe-

cials will be needed if you would care to contribute.

Watch for an up-coming article in Rabbits magazine about Doc Allen and Himalayans.

Himmie breeders enjoyed the convention and the great weather in Tucson.

Rhineland Rabbit Club of America

By Eunita Boatman

The RRCA has a new secretary: Betty Kelly, 4149 State Highway 6, Chehalis, Wash. 98532. All sanction requests and memberships should be sent to Betty.

Our new president is Jake Saum also of Washington; vice president, Richard Blaetler; and directors new this year are George Sutherland, California and Charles Browning of Wisconsin.

Best of Breed at the A.R.B.A. Convention was won for the 3rd year in a row by Jerry and Nancy Kast of Adrain, Michigan. Best Opposite Sex honors were captured by George and Betty Kelly of Chehalis, Wash.

Members report that breeding stock is still hard to supply with the demand still high in all areas of the country.

The club is awaiting final approval of their standard before releasing the New Guide Book.

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