

Specialty Club Reports

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Again, I'm hoping for a big attendance at both of these activities. A specialty club is only as good as its members want it to be. Also, it still isn't too late to send in additional specials for the 1983 ARBA convention.

We'd like to encourage anyone who is raising or is interested in Mini Lops to join the Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America. A quarterly newsletter is included in the membership and the knowledge that you are supporting the specialty club of a large number of breeders' favorite breed of rabbit. Please consider it.

For anyone who wants Mini Lop supplies, our new supply person is Jane Steinberg of Martinez Lake, Arizona. Send all requests to her at P.O. Box 72271, Martinez Lake, AZ 85365. Drop her a line to get a list of what's available.

There is a great deal happening right now in the MLRCA.

We're in the process of electing five new directors, amending the constitution and getting ready for convention. In the next issue there should be plenty to communicate; so, for now, keep those nest boxes cool and full.

American Checkered Giant Club

By Dave Freeman, President

Attention, all show secretaries, the ACGRC

sanction fee has been raised to \$6.00, effective immediately. Please make a note of this and send the correct amount to Secretary Duane Holman, P.O. Box 481, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051, when requesting sanctions. If you don't send \$6.00, it may delay your sanction and cause excess paperwork. This increase was made necessary because of the increasing cost of the rosettes and ribbons that we offer to the winners, and is still in line with the sanction fees of most other specialty clubs. Thank you for sanctioning Checkered Giants.

I think the entries of Checkered Giants this spring at most shows was greater than ever. Many local shows in Ohio had 75-150 Checkered Giants, and I believe entries were up everywhere. It was indeed a banner year, and this was reflected in our strong sweepstakes races. I don't know the final exact tallies, but I understand that Bob Wallace (Iowa) edged out Allen Freeman (Ohio) for the open class sweepstakes, and that Jim and Steve Duncan (Ohio) held on to beat Sue Peterson (Wisconsin) and Rex Roach (Michigan) in the youth. Dave Freeman (Ohio) barely slipped by Mike O'Connell (Missouri) and Teddi Zenone (Washington) to win the pre-junior sweepstakes. Total points were up, and the race for the final 10th place trophy was stronger than ever.

With the summer heat grinding shows to a halt, we are now looking forward to the fall. The Michigan Checkered Giant Rabbit Club has its fall show planned for Saturday, September 17, with Glen Carr judging. The Ohio Checkered Giant Rabbit Club fall show is

Saturday, September 24. These shows should start bringing the breeders out again and start building the excitement for Colorado Springs.

Our annual elections are taking place this month, and I expect a good turnout of votes and several close races. Again this year we have many qualified people competing for several offices.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street

Membership percentages are heading up in a hurry for Hotot Rabbit Breeders International. But that's partly because with a small specialty club like ours, it doesn't take a football stadium worth of folks to make a big difference. In the last quarter we have gained more than 10% in membership, and renewals are running at a strong pace as well.

Texas and California continue to lead the field with membership in HRBI, reflecting the fact that both states are strongholds for prize-winning Hotots. However, it looks like the race may be on for more memberships east of the Mississippi, as new members have signed on from Louisiana, Georgia, Maryland and Michigan.

Inquiries about Hotots have also been steady, as it appears interest is building in the all-white rabbit with the seductive black eyebands. It is still a challenge, though, to produce show quality specimens, as some rabbits in a lot of litters are mismarked black and white (piebalds) or have one eyeband or circle instead of two. These are known as boxers. Club members are still working on improvement of body type, and other refinements of this breed which was imported to the U.S. in 1978. These factors contribute to the limited availability of the rabbit in many parts of the country.

Membership in HRBI is \$10 per year for adults, \$5 per year for youth, and husband and wife memberships are \$14 annually. Inquiries and show sanction requests should be sent to C. M. Street, 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Next month's issue of our quarterly club newsletter, Hotot International News, will contain the roundup of top finishers in our annual sweepstakes competition. We'll mention their names in this column in the next issue of *Domestic Rabbits*.

American Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club

By Donna Decker, Secretary

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 1984 National All-Dwarf Show will be put on by the Oklahoma Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club. The show will be held on April 14, 1984 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Tulsa Rabbit Breed-

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