

## Specialty Club Report

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like to see us offer for sale, drop me a note and we will take a look at it.

State Rex clubs interested in hosting the 1985 National Rex Show should be working on their bid now. These bids must be submitted at the 1984 National Rex Show meeting or turned in to me in time for me to submit them at the meeting.

I hope the winter is not too hard on you and look forward to seeing you at the spring shows. Let's raise a lot of good ones and go for Best in Show at Orlando.

## American Beveren Rabbit Club

By John Parker

It seems the American Beveren Rabbit Club has not had a report in *Domestic Rabbits* in quite some time. We can remedy this situation if the Beveren breeders will keep me posted as to what is happening in your area in regards to our beautiful Beveren.

I guess ours can be considered a "rare breed" as there are so many people, even rabbit breeders, who don't know what a Beveren is. If we exhibit at every show in our area, where practical, we can overcome this. Let us all make a special effort to promote our breed.

At our annual general meeting in Colorado Springs, it was suggested that each member make a special effort to recruit a new member to our club this year. There are many young fanciers who could be encouraged into our breed with a little help from our present members. Remember, the youth of today is the adult fancier of the future.

The only news I have for this issue is the ARBA convention and show report. John & Lola Parker, Oregon, won Best of Breed and Best Opposite with a pair of Junior Blues, Dani White, California, had Best White with a 6/8 Buck. Fred Cremer, California, had Best Black with a Senior Buck.

The Beveren club had a booth at the convention, and Dani White did an excellent job as booth chairman. The Parkers donated a pair of Junior Blues for the club raffle, and these were won by Nyta Cabaniss of McLoud, Oklahoma.

Good luck with your breeding, keep your nest boxes full, and prepare for the spring and summer shows.

## American Checkered Giant Rabbit Club

By Dave Freeman, President

The ACGRC honored Leonard Biskie at the convention in Colorado Springs. Leonard was presented with a beautiful clock plaque in honor of his 50 years of devoted service to the ACGRC. He served the majority of those 50 years as our treasurer, but also served several



LEONARD BISKIE

years as secretary. He has made a major contribution to our club by serving on many committees including several times as the guide book chairperson, and many years as the news bulletin editor. For six years he served as treasurer of the ARBA. We appreciate the many years of loyalty and dedication Leonard has given our club and he is most deserving of this prestigious award.

Congratulations to David Ross (OH), whose beautiful Black Sr. doe won B.O.B. at the convention. There have been many good Checkered Giants shown this fall. Entries have generally been on the increase which is always good news. Several large fall shows were held by our state clubs. Caleb Thomas (IN) won B.O.B. at the Michigan CGRC Fall Show and Glen Carr (OH) won B.O.B. at the Ohio CGRC Fall Show. Congratulations to these and all other winners.

In our recent election, I had the good fortune to be re-elected. Our other officers for 1984 are vice president, Caleb Thomas (IN); treasurer, Bob Jenkins (IN); secretary, Duane Holman (TX); and directors, Carol Edwards (OR), Gordon Halsey (MI), Jerry Ross (NY), Bob Wallace (IA), and Darrell Wallace (TX). All of our elected officers were present in Colorado Springs and are very active members who will do an excellent job serving the membership.

Our annual show will be hosted by the Nebraska CGRC on April 28, 1984, in Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. There will also be an all Checkered Giant show on Sunday, April 29. This will be an opportunity to have an enjoyable double show weekend, so plan to attend. For more information, write to Lowell Banks, Box 207, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska 68023.

Membership in the ACGRC is \$5 per year and we offer a 100-page guide book to new members and a bi-monthly news bulletin. Our sanction fee is \$6 and we offer rosettes and ribbons to our members winning at qualified shows. Send all dues, sanction requests, and

inquiries to Duane Holman, P.O. Box 481, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051.

In closing, I would like to thank all the local clubs that sanctioned Checkered Giants in 1983 and helped us make it a record year. Our members have been pleased to find so many clubs now have larger show tables to exhibit Checkered Giants on properly, and this is appreciated. With your help, we hope to show even more in 1984.

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

The ARBA national convention in Colorado Springs was quite an event, especially from the perspective of someone like myself who had never before attended such an affair.

It was a welcome opportunity to meet people with whom I had corresponded, and talked with on the telephone, but had never met. And it was the first chance I've had to see Hotot rabbits other than my own. (Club members may remember reading that I bought my first trio of Hotots before I ever saw one in the flesh.)

The Hotot entry was disappointingly small, but there were some fine animals in the coops and on the show table with top honors going to a junior doe owned by Bill and Ushie Heller of Heller's Rabbit Tree in Alvin, Texas. Best Opposite went to a 6-8 buck owned by Tammy Carpenter of Salinas, California.

Walt Hawkins did a thorough job of judging the breed, although in doing so he had to forego entering some of his own Hotots which have done so well. A day later Walt also filled in for President Margaret Henderson and conducted a brief meeting of members in attendance at the convention.

Enthusiasm for our breed among those members is high, so watch this column in the months ahead as we try to build greater momentum and interest in those all-white rabbits with the alluring black eyebands, the Hotot.

Best wishes for the New Year to our rabbit friends everywhere! And remember the advice they give bicyclists: Keep on peddling... the only way you can coast is downhill!

## American Tan Rabbit Specialty Club

By Edna Bresnahan

At the annual meeting of the Tan club in Colorado Springs, Angela Powell of 6701 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, was appointed secretary/treasurer replacing Diane Russell who had to resign because of employment pressures. Angela stands ready and willing to help us all in any way she can.

Despite a few minor setbacks, the American Tan Specialty Club stands ready to help all present and future Tan breeders. Tans are being shown in greater numbers all throughout

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