

American Himalayan Rabbit Association

By Bev Pearsall, Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to our new AHRA members. We hope you will enjoy raising and exhibiting Himalayans, and we look forward to seeing you at the shows.

It is time to start getting ready for the national shows. The national Himalayan show will be held in Norwalk, Ohio, on May 23. Richard Hunkley of Ohio is the breed secretary. If you would like to donate specials, or want to receive the catalog, please contact Richard at once. This show is being held in conjunction with the Huron County R B on May 23-24. The AHRA will have a booth at the National ARBA Convention. It is too late to list specials for the convention catalog, but late specials will be listed at the AHRA booth, if you care to contribute.

If you are having trouble finding Himalayan breeding stock in your area, write me for a list of AHRA members.

AHRA now has members in the states of Kansas, Minnesota, South Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky, Vermont and Oklahoma.

Members in the state of Ohio are busy forming an Ohio State Himalayan Club. We wish them much success.

The AHRA welcomes Dorothy Bayliss of California as a LIFE member. Dorothy has been a promoter and breeder/exhibitor of the Himalayan for years.

We invite everyone owning Himalayans to become a member of the AHRA. Membership dues are \$5 - adult, \$3 - youth, and \$7 - family. We publish a newsletter that is sent out every other month. Our club booklet has a few pictures, and hopefully will answer many questions about the Himalayan. Arm patches and booklet are for sale at \$3 each.

Remember, the Netherland Dwarf (Himalayan variety) IS NOT a Himalayan rabbit. If you need this explained to you, please write and send a SASE.

Club members, keep up the good work of promoting the Himalayan in your area of the country. You are the future of the Himalayan!

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Palomino Rabbit Co-Breeders Association

By Steve Peterman

By the time you read this the all-Pal show will be only a month away. It is going to be held at Mansfield, Ohio, at the Richland County Fairgrounds on April 11-12. These fairgrounds have some of the nicest facilities in the entire state of Ohio. There are full, hook-up campsites available right on the grounds for your RVs. There are plenty of motels within a couple miles of the show room. For more information, contact Kent Gimble.

It is also time to start thinking about how you want the next Standard to read. There has been much discussion on taking some points off color and putting them someplace else. We have talked about putting them on type or putting them on condition. Roger Banks is chairman of this committee, and he would like to hear from you on these issues.

I would also like to say that we have a new specialty club. It is the Midwest Palomino Rabbit Breeders. For more information, contact Steve Peterman, Box 162, Washta, Iowa 51061.

Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America

By Janice Yarnell, Secretary

Time goes by quickly when you are kept busy. Another deadline is near for the *Domestic Rabbit*.

Since my last article to you I have been kept very busy sanctioning over 100 shows. I was really surprised to have that many requests in such a short time. The frequency with which our breed is being sanctioned speaks well of its popularity.

Our upcoming Mini Lop specialty show on May 24, 1987, will be hosted by the Mini Lop Rabbit Club of Dixie. It will be held in Nashville, TN. Show Secretary is Vi Crowder and Superintendent is Bruce Ford of Georgia. Anyone wishing to donate specials can send them to Bruce at Rt. 1, Lee Peter's Rd., Loganville, GA 30249. Bruce is also handling our catalogs. I am looking forward to Tennessee in the spring; it should be beautiful.

Sweepstakes Chairman, Gary Liebschner, is busily tabulating points on about 80 more shows. This is a HUGE undertaking, so please be patient.

I hope everyone is back into the show season with renewed interest and expectations. With such a great little rabbit to show, we can't help but spread a little "Mini-fever" around. Keep up your support of your club and you will certainly belong to one of the most progressive clubs in the ARBA.

Once again, anyone with any input can write to me at any time. All letters, whether gripes or suggestions will be welcomed.

See you next issue.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

What constitutes a rare breed of rabbits? Who decides which ones are scarce and which aren't? Rabbit shows can provide a good means of measuring rabbit populations. As you attend shows around the country, you find certain breeds in great numbers, others in moderate numbers, or not at all.

Judging from the number being shown, the Hotot is still a rare breed in the United States even though it has been in this country for more than eight years now. We know of breeders in only 10 states.

Half of our show year is now over, and here are our Sweepstakes standings through December 31, 1986:

1. C.M. Street, VA 864½ points
2. D. & B. Carpenter, CA 408 points
3. J. Shifflet, VA 70 points
4. B. Haberkorn, CA 57 points
5. K. Lorentz, CA 29 points
6. P. Brewer, CA 25 points

With the spring show season now underway, we can count on these totals changing in a hurry!

Our breed continues to appeal to rabbit folks who want a different sort of rabbit. Hotot breeders face a multitude of challenges as the breed is still being developed... perfection is still in progress.

So, Hotot breeders are strong on perseverance — through litters lost to freezing temperatures, mismarked rabbits, or that tiny glint of blue in eyes that should be brown. The next time you see Hotots on the show table, know that it has taken some work to get them there. If you are up to the challenge, write for more information. Hotot Rabbit Breeders International, 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Buckeye Florida White Rabbit Fanciers

By Janice Yarnell

There seemed to be a tremendous amount of interest in the Florida White rabbit here in Ohio; and in talking with other breeders, it was felt a state club would help to coordinate breeders' efforts and further the promotion of the breed within the state.

Accordingly, there was an organizational meeting held in Lima, Ohio, February 8, with the following appointments: President — Jessie Yarnell; Vice-President — Chuck Fisher; Secretary-Treasurer — Hilary Friederich; Directors — Sherrie Friederich, Dale Baroff, Ed Fitzgerald, Harold Krahl, and Paul Hoover.

We welcome all breeders of Florida White rabbits to join with us and help promote the breed. For more information, contact Hilary Friederich, 106 E. Elm St., Middle Point, OH 45863.

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