

Specialty Club Report

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Havana Rabbit Breeders Association

By Wayne N. Alexander, Publicity Chairman

It definitely looks like 1989 will be a banner year for the Havana rabbit. Sanctions continue to increase across the country for our great breed, and more and more new members are joining our club. To all you new members, welcome to a great club made up of down-to-earth, friendly people, who love to raise rabbits.

One of our members is once again having an exceptional season at the shows and in sweepstakes. The Springfield Rabbit and Cavy Breeders sponsored a show in Ohio on March 12, 1989. Mark Billet went Best of Breed Havana with a BLUE junior buck. Most of us would have been happy with that, but the Best of Breed Havana went on to win Best Four Class! Congratulations, Mark, keep those blues in the winners circle!

How many of you folks remember seeing lots of blues in the winners circle prior to the acceptance of the black variety? What year was the black variety accepted? Which variety came first, chocolate or blue? It's all in our guide book.

Here in Nevada, we just went from -23° F to 85° F in a six week span. From heat tape on the watering system to cranking up the swamp cooler, if the rabbits survive this they're gonna be tough!

Shows are in full swing, and I hope for a record turnout of Havanas at the national in Huntington, Indiana, on May 27, 1989. You will never know how your rabbits compare to the best if you don't make it to at least one National show or the Convention.

Folks, I've bored you long enough. Send articles for the next issue. As of this writing, I haven't received one item of news from YOU. Here's the address: 1056 Tenabo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada 89410.

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Cinnamon Rabbit Breeders Association

By Karna Coffman

With the National Convention behind us, Cinnamon breeders have a lot to look forward to.

Congratulations go to Candy Hankins, BOB; Arthur Rouse, BOS; and Martha Adams, Best Fur at Madison.

On May 13, 1989, the first ever National Cinnamon Show will be held at Reading, Minnesota.

With the increase in breeders and quality of rabbits being shown, this should be a great show.

I hope everyone's nest boxes are full of spring bunnies and wish you all good luck at the spring shows.

Anyone looking for Spicy Cinnamon bunnies can contact: Nancy Searle, 550 Amherst Rd., Belchertown, MA 01007. She is our secretary and will publish the request in the Cinnamon News. Also contact her for sanctions.

Californian Specialty Club News

By Sharon Sazonick, Publicity Chairman

Hope everyone noticed what breed was pictured in the last issue of *Domestic Rabbits* in the Heinhold Feed ad. (Nice looking specimen, Kyle!)

President Trouba has put our committees to burning the midnight oil. The Bylaws Committee (Louise Fisher, Chairman), put together a large number of proposed changes. These were given in the last issue of our newsletter.

The Standards Committee (Billy Dodge, Chairman) proposed several important changes for the 1991 Standard. These are: Reduce the points given to General Type from 70 to 65 (accomplished by removing 2 points each from the Head to Ears and 1 point from Feet and Legs);

Increase the points on the Condition from 5 points to 10 points. (This is Condition per ARBA definition and does not mean that "hard as a brick, flat as a brick" wins).

Some changes were proposed to the wording in the showroom classes to reflect changes in ARBA rules governing legs for grand champions and other wording changes made in the descriptions to clarify certain points. (Details in the last newsletter).

The Tulsa Convention promises to be a good one. Our judges will be Billy Dodge and Bob Wallace. Louise Fisher has lined up a great motel for CRSC members. Flagship Inn, 3131 East 51st St., Tulsa, OK 74105 (Telephone 1-918-743-9811) will host us for \$28/night for two persons. This motel is approximately three miles South of the show room. It has a restaurant, heated indoor pool, saunas, radios, free local calls and complimentary paper.

The votes are in for our judges for the 1990 convention in Tampa. Harold Conrad and Greg

Trouba will be our judges. Howard Keller will be our stand-by.

Several of our local Specialty clubs are hosting Spring shows. The New England Californian Rabbit Specialty Club will have a show on May 13 at the Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield, MA. The judge will be William Thibeault.

The Ohio Californian Rabbit Specialty Club will hold their Spring show on May 20 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio. Bob Swartz will be the judge. At this show there will be Commercial Meat Classes with over \$400 in specials (payment to 10th place). Bring along a meat pen or single fryer — maybe it will pay for your trip.

Our elections for officers and directors this year will include the position of Secretary-Treasurer. I understand that several qualified persons are running. We don't all have the time and talents to do this important job for our club, but we can take a few moments to vote. Please do. We also need more people to run for Director.

BIS at the Orlando, Florida Fair was won by Dale Grabenbauer with a 6-8 doe. Judge was Billy Dodge. Rumor has it that there have been several other BIS Californians recently but modesty seems to have prevented the winners from sending me the details. If you won't do it for yourself, folks, then do it for your rabbit.

P.S. Expect to see more of the newly retired Bob Keller at the shows.

American Himalayan Rabbit Association

By Bev Pearsall, Director

The Secretary of the American Himalayan Rabbit Association is Lois Ann Mancor, R#2, Box 232, Pomfret, Maryland 20675. Dues are \$6.00 adult, \$4.00 youth, and \$8.00 family. Sanction fees are \$6.00 open and \$6.00 youth.

Anyone having any problems or questions about the AHRA or Himalayans please contact Lois.

The Himalayan rabbit is a very nice docile bunny weighing 2½ to 4½ pounds. It is a fancy breed, raised mainly for show purposes, but they are also good pets for young children. The Himalayan is an easily handled rabbit.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street

Club President Barbara Carpenter has reappointed me to the post of secretary-treasurer of our club. In an all-out effort to develop records necessary to the operation of our club, I need the help of many individuals. If you have joined H.R.B.I. since January 1, 1988, please

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drop me a letter or postcard, advising when you applied for membership, and whether you have received a membership card.

We will plan to send out an issue of Hotot International News before the end of June, and anyone who was a member in good standing as of September 1, 1987, will receive a copy. Every effort will be made to get the flow of information to club members on an even keel, and if you have anything to share, please pass it along to me.

Secretaries of local rabbit clubs are requested to send future sanction requests for standard Blanc de Hotots to my attention. We will provide free sanctions in every case where no standard Hotots were shown at your previous sanctioned show. If you have that situation at hand, or have other matters to discuss or report, please contact me.

Our club, like our breed, may be small in numbers, but if we pull together and keep everlastingly at it, good things will happen!

Send all correspondence to H.R.B.I., C. Murphy Street, Sec./Treas., 6 Purvis Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405; 703/373-1881.

National Angora Rabbit Breeders Specialty Club

By Cindy Guzanowski, Publicity Director

With just a little over a month to go before the 1989 National Angora Show, I hope you were already and the winners and fun will be over till the time you read this. Report on the fun and honors awarded will be made in next issue.

1989 National ARBA Convention: Carole Kerris - Twinbrook Farms at 115 Lincoln St., Norton, Mass. 02766. Telephone 508/238-4434 asked me to inform all of you planning to attend the following:

Coast to Coast Crafters is looking for three more people interested in selling their crafts at the 1989 convention. The cost is \$17.50 for the booth and about four hours of your time. All profit from items is to be yours. Contact Carole at the above address if interested.

Just received another fabulous issue of the Pacific Angora Fanciers newsletter. The quality has to be seen. They include numerous articles for spinners, samples of yarns, etc. Contact Mandie Richardson, our National Vice President for more information. If any one is remotely interested in spinning, etc.

NEWS OF BEST IN SHOWS:

Michaeline Lancaster, Calif. - Best Reserve in Show in early February with her English Doe, "Amberelle". Then on February 18, "Amberelle's" sister called "Amber Eve" won Best in Show at the Kern County RBA Show, held in Bakersfield. The sister is a Lynx English Angora Sr. Doe. What is terrific is that they are both grandchildren of "Alexander", Best Opposite Sex at 1986 ARBA Convention in Columbus and of "Amber" (two time all breed Best in Show winner). That is one breeding I am sure Domestic Rabbits / May-June, 1989

she will repeat. Also, one great family going.

Judi Riedel, of Wisconsin, recently reports that the French Angoras had a terrific day at the Lakeland show in Elkhorn, Wis., on February 12. Chip Mornard won open BIS with a French White Senior doe and Kim Riedel won youth BIS with a French white Senior buck. Different judges were involved in the selections. The weather cooperated very nicely for the show and they had a nice turnout - around 1600 entries (1000 open and 600 youth).

Also, Lori Fran, a youth member from Fond du Lac, WI, who shows and breeds English Angoras was first runner up in the queen contest at the Madison Convention. She also won several of the wool contest categories at Madison.

Hope you all took the hint for providing donations for the raffle and trophies and sent your pledges to the right people.

Again, please check with your show secretaries and remind them to request show sanctions from Audrey Thomas and send completed reports to Donna Hagan.

In the latest issue of "Rabbits Today," Scott Rodrigues of Wyoming wrote a great article with terrific pictures of his stock. Shame we can't get the same cooperation sent to me with more than Best in Show information. I realize I'm limited with space, but other than a few short items, information is usually provided by our club editor, Polly Holmes, and our secretary, Linda Lewis. How about the other directors sending some pertinent information?

In the meantime, take care, Cindy

American Satin Rabbit Breeders Association

By Randy Shumaker

Mike Avesing said in his last President's report that he would be looking for a talented and capable person to write this article. Apparently he had some difficulty finding one, because here I am.

First, I would like to thank Roger Hassenpflug for the outstanding job he has done for the past seven years. His witty style made his column a highlight of the *Domestic Rabbit* magazine and will definitely be a hard act to follow.

It seems he left something out of his explanation for giving up the column, though. I understand that he has had to take on a couple of part-time jobs, including Security Guard at a bank, to pay for some new furniture that also kept him from attending the National All Satin Show. Sorry, officer!

The American Satin RBA is continuing to undergo changes. In addition to our new President, Vice President, and News Editor, we now have a new Director. Bill Wilkinson has resigned, and President Avesing appointed Bruce Howery of Texas. I'm sure Bill will be sorely missed on the board as he has put in many years of dedicated service. Bruce will do a bang-up job in his place, though.

We will be electing new officers this fall. Terms that expire are President Avesings, Directors Darling, Moessner, Naylor, Weih, and Howery. Petitions must be to Edith Weih by September 1. If you feel you are qualified for any of these positions, please get a petition and run. Holding an office is a great way to support your club and promote Satins in general.

Jack Etnyre is getting the ball rolling on our next edition of the guidebook. Jack was chairman for the last edition, so we can be assured of another quality publication. He is in the process now of deleting, revising, and adding articles. If you have any information or articles or have anything in particular that you would like to see in the next edition, let Jack know.

Wally Matthews will be shooting all the pictures so that aspect of the guidebook will be improved also. Tentative release date for the new guidebook will be the Florida Convention.

By the time this column is printed, the National Show in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be history. I would like to congratulate all the winners before hand. I will have all the information and results next issue.

If there is anything I have left out of this column or anything you would like to see, please let me know. I am willing to print anything . . . almost.

American Federation of New Zealand Breeders

By Harry Rice, Secretary

By the time you read this another good National New Zealand Show will have come and gone and some lucky one will have had a very delightful show. It is a shame that all of them could not win, for I feel sure that many fine animals will go through the eagle eye of the fine judges. And the grapevine tells me that the competition in the Youth will be as good as the

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Holiday Inn, Temple Texas
July 8, 1989 — 1:00 P.M.

Plan to stay and attend the TRBA State Meeting, 8:00 a.m., July 9, 1989, Holiday Inn.

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