

## Specialty Club Reports

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With cold weather on the way in most parts of the country, ventilating your rabbitry is still an important part of keeping your rabbits healthy. Remember, summer heat is harder on the bunnies than cold temperatures, so don't be afraid to open doors and windows when it is especially stuffy in your enclosed rabbitry during the winter months. Proper ventilation is just one way to keep your rabbits healthy all year long.

Keep those health tips, wins, breeding tips coming. Write me, Connie Bishop, 120 Opal NE, Albany, Oregon 97312, phone (541) 926-5338. E-mail: bbunnies@juno.com.

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## American English Spot Rabbit Club

by Susan Berry

What a crazy summer it has been. First I broke my left hand before the Spot National. By the time the cast came off, the fairs and really hot weather had set in. Since June, I've had to conserve water so the well doesn't go dry like it did last year. To end the summer, my 1/2 Arabian mare broke a leg

and had to be euthanized.

Still it seems like only a few weeks since the English Spot National. The winners went home with diamonds and fond memories. Melissa Rand took top youth honors of BOB and BOS with a pair of Blacks. She also took BEST IN SHOW the next day in the All Breed Youth Show! Variety winners were: Blue: Aaron Barnes; BOSV SRB: Jamie Branham; Chocolate: Melissa Hamilton; BOSV: J. Branham; Grey: J. Branham; BOSV: A Barnes; Lilac: Shaun Gromley; BOSV: M. Hamilton and Best & Opposite Tort.

Taking the crown jewels in Open was Joel Marshall's Chocolate Senior doe and BOS was a Lilac Senior buck owned by Mike Wiley. Black: Bob Berry, BOSV - J. Marshall; Black B & K McNeese, BOSV Kim Berry, Choc B & BOSV Joel Marshall; Gold - Susan Berry, BOSV Paul Kyle; Grey - Paul Kyle, BOSV T & J Branham, Lilac - Mike Wiley, BOSV - McNeese, Tort - Susan Berry BOSV - Joel Marshall.

Many thanks to the judges, Karen Waliser and Bruce Ormsby.

New T-shirts were on sale this spring. They have a diamond and 75 years design enhanced with silver glitter. Very flashy!

Recent election results are as follows: President - Tim Branham; Directors - Sukana Berry, Paul Kyle and Duane Shrader.

Fall is now upon us and soon the Spots will gather in Louisville. I will be judging along with Robert Berry (no relation!). The winners will receive handpainted diamond shaped plaques made by me. I'm trying not to break anymore bones in my body so I can get them finished on time.

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

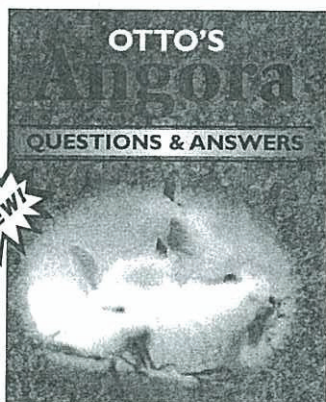
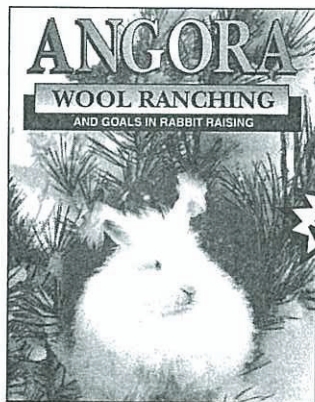
by Roni Noble

Hello again, from the world of Blanc de Hotot (remember we pronounce it "Oh-toe"). ARBA Nationals at Louisville, KY, was a big success with 25 rabbits from 7 exhibitors showing in Open, and 6 rabbits from 4 exhibitors showing in Youth. BOB Open was a Senior buck owned by Brandy Burton, MO; and BOS was a 6/8 doe owned by Matt Fisschesser, IN. Youth BOB was a Junior doe, and BOS was a Junior buck, both owned by Erin Drozinski, KS. Best Display honors went to Brandy Burton in Open and Erin Drozinski in Youth. Several people commented on how nice the quality of rabbits were this year. Way to go breeders! Next year the National Convention will be in Columbus, OH. Let's see if we can double our numbers of pure bred quality rabbits shown!

The Hotot National Show was held in Columbus, OH, on May 16, 1999, with 19 Open rabbits shown by 4 exhibitors, and 6 Youth rabbits shown by 2 exhibitors. BOB was a Senior buck owned by Brandy Burton, MO; BOS was a 6/8 doe owned by Freddie Hughley, CA. In Youth, Brandy Burton, MO, won BOB with a Senior doe, and Sara parr, IN, won BOS with a 6/8 buck. Murphy Street (Open) and Sara Parr (Youth) took Best Display honors. Next year will again find our National Show held in May during the Ohio Mini Convention. Mark your calendars, and watch for more details later.

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Hotot club business was conducted on Monday during convention at 1:00 p.m. Highlights of the meeting include working on updating our constitution and bylaws, discussing how to increase paid memberships, and filling committee positions. Look for a newsletter soon with more details. The new sweepstakes and sanctions chairman is Matt Fisschesser, IN. Remember clubs, our sanctions are **FREE** for both Open and Youth, so there is no excuse for any show not to have Hotots sanctioned. Several new members joined our ranks during convention, as well as rabbits going to new breeders in Texas, Maine, and Alabama. Welcome to you all.

Our sympathy and best wishes go out to Freddie Hughley and family for the recent loss of her father, Woody Hughley. Woody and his late wife, Mary Hughley, have been long time breeders of Blanc de Hotots and supporters of the Hotot Rabbit Breeders International Club.

**Commentary:** Several new people have joined our group and we welcome each one of you. Those of us who have worked for several years now to improve fur and type on our wonderful Blanc de Hotots are beginning to see the fruits of our labor. Each generation is better than the one before and still pure Hotot. Any project worth doing requires patience and hard work. Newcomers, please don't be in such a rush to get "better" body type that we lose the purity of our bloodlines. If you do cross another breed in, please keep meticulous records so that you will know when those offspring are again showable and registerable. Wouldn't it be great to have all our Hotots registered with Red, White & Blue pedigrees?

Here's hoping all your nest boxes are brimming full into the new millennium. Robi Noble, 660-244-5968; 12123 Argo Road, Linneus, Missouri, USA, 64653-8218; rsoble@netins.net.

## American Checkered Giant Club

by Bruce Johnson

The hot topic today would have to be the upcoming ARBA Convention in Louisville. If this event lives up to its hype, it should be a fitting conclusion to the 90's and this century. By the time this is being read, the smoke will have cleared and we will have another beautiful Checkered Giant photo to grace the cover of our news bulletin.

TOP TEN checkered Giants for the past year and their proud owners are as follows:

1. LT205 owned by Larry Thomas, Bloomington, Illinois
2. NYMYGUY owned by Butch and Margie Card, Apalachin, New York
3. NYFASHION owned by Butch and Margie Card
4. MVWIN owned by Mike Schaeffer, Linwood, Maryland
5. TM6 owned by Larry Thomas
6. ZELDA owned by Ralph and Dorothy Lucius, Tiffin, Ohio

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7. BSBIG owned by Bob Skow, Johnston, Iowa
8. KE391 owned by Keith and Carol Edwards
9. 724RW owned by Bob and Betty Wallace
10. MSJO owned by Ron and Joann Duncan, North Star, Ohio

Congratulations to you all.

Congratulations as well go to our Sweepstakes winners. The top ten trophies in the open class go to the following:

1. Bob and Betty Wallace, IA 5821 Pts.
2. Howard and Suzie Turner, KY 4527 Pts.
3. Bill Knight, IA 2843 Pts.
4. Dan and Terri Ryan, MN 2803 Pts.
5. Dan and Judi Boatwick, TN 2480 Pts.
6. Ron and Joann Duncan, OH 2441 Pts.
7. Jim Vierling, MN 2041 Pts.
8. Bruce Johnson, WI 1978 Pts.
9. Gordon and Evelyn Halsey, IA 1928 Pts.

10. Rustin Stephenson, NE 1890 Pts.
- Open Pre-Junior trophy winners:
1. Bruce Johnson, WI 665 Pts.
  2. Dan Iribeck, IA 433 Pts.
  3. Rustin Stephenson, NE 356 Pts.
  4. Gordon and Evelyn Halsey, IA 340 Pts.
  5. Jim Vierling, MN 296 Pts.

### YOUTH, Regular classes

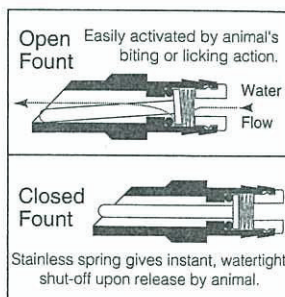
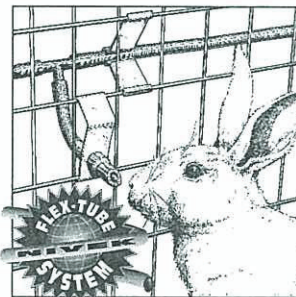
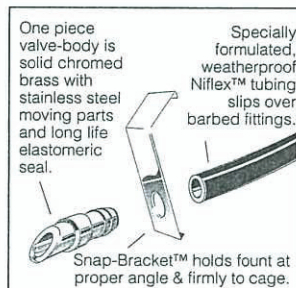
1. Melissa Rand, OH 303 Pts.
2. Jennifer Wesley, IA 278 Pts.
3. Amanda Thompson, IA 340 Pts.
4. Jessica Shell, OH 216 Pts.
5. David Schomaker, OH 142 Pts.

### YOUTH Pre-Junior

1. Amanda Thompson, IN 60 Pts.
2. Black kids (Craig) OH 20 Pts.

The Michigan State Checkered Giant show was won by Gordon and Evelyn Halsey with a black

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