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February, 1981

## American Satin Rabbit Breeders Assn.

By Roger Fitchorn

Satins were plentiful at the Milwaukee Convention, down a bit from the last Milwaukee Convention, perhaps due to high prices. Over 400 were in open and over 100 in Youth.

Two Wisconsin Breeders took top honors, Al Lunde and Randy Stoen were the breeders with the "TOP TWO". Tracy Thomas & Earl Webster were the Youth with Best & Best Opposite Satin.

Even our Booth came through with a SECOND place among the booths at Milwaukee. Oren Reynolds and Louis Dees, both member Judges did the honors of judging. Our President Pete Naylor and ASRBA Director Jim Lemon placed the Satins in Youth.

The Convention was very well planned, except for our meetings. Ever try to have several groups meet in one large room? Try conducting a meeting along side another group, especially when they have a public address system going.

The American Satin Rabbit Breeders have to change their financial structure to meet higher postage costs, printing, trophies, rosettes and ribbons. At our meeting and on a vote of the membership our schedule beginning January 1, 1981 will be:

Memberships: Single Adult, \$6.00; Single Youth, \$4.00; Husband and Wife, \$8.00; Single Adult - 3 years, \$15.00; Husband and Wife - 3 years, \$22.00; Foreign Membership regular dues plus \$3.00, Service Charge; Comb. ARBA & Satin dues - Single, \$15.75.

Sweepstakes: Satin Sanction (open), \$6.00; Youth Sanction, \$4.00.

### Sweepstake Requirements

B.O.B. ....	\$5.00
B.O.S. ....	\$3.00
Best of Variety .....	\$1.00

(ten or more in Variety)

Best White Satin Fur .....	\$1.00
Best Colored Satin Fur .....	\$1.00

In 1981 we are going to stress proper texture for Satin Fur. We ask ALL JUDGES to be extra critical on giving remarks on our fur. The past few years many judges have been forgetful of the fact "We do not want a flyback type texture," just a slow return to normal position. Also we have increased the points on Sheen. Please mention it in your remarks.

Our 1981 National All Satin Show will be held in Sacramento, Calif. in May. Plans are being laid for a "Bang up show". Write Ronald Jacobsen, 4300 Lichau Rd., Penn Grove, Ca. 94951 for complete details. Plan to attend.

Now is the time to get into Satins, competition is keen, but friendly. Stock is a bit scarce, but good. We will gladly assist you in improving your herd and breeding skills. Be different go with Satins.

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## Texas Rex Specialty Club

By Rozella Salsman

The National Rex Show is to be held in Dallas, Texas. March 21, 1981, at Fair Park Fairgrounds. People driving will exit off Thornton Freeway which is I-30 and I-20. At Fair Park signs onto 2nd Ave., which goes straight to the front gates of the Park.

The Texas Rex has decided the entry fee is \$2.50 and fur class \$1.25. Youth show entry fee is \$1.75, fur class \$1.50. The judges for National Rex will be Fibber McGehee of Oklahoma, Tex Thomas of Missouri. Francis Morgan will judge the Youth. Entry deadline is March 3, 1981. Show Secretary Rozella Salsman, 910 E. Monica Dr., Garland, Texas 75041.

Headquarters will be the Howard Johnson Motor Inn, 7201 Ferguson Rd., Dallas, 1-214-328-4681 or toll free 1-800-654-2000. Carol Eskridge is handling the special price. (Rabbit Show) room rate - single \$26.00, double \$32.00 plus 7% tax.

The Banquet will be at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn, time 7:30 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$8.50 per person (5% tax and 15% tip included). Tickets can be bought when sending in entry, or at the show before 11:00 a.m. Maureen Duncel will be the banquet hostess. For those who are still on the bottle, they can bring their own bottle and mix.

Rabbits being shipped must contact Ron Roye 1-214-436-1202 or Jerry Armstrong 1-214-436-3279.

The building will be open till 10:00 p.m. Friday. Building will be open about 5:30 Saturday, March 21.

The Oklahoma Rex Rabbit Club is having a show March 22, 1981 in the same building. Georgia Ann Holler, show secretary, Rt. 2, Box 255, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464. Their judging will start at 8:00 a.m., Sunday. They will have the same judges. They have trophies and specials up on all varieties. Let's show with them.

The Texas Rex wants to thank the Oklahoma Rex Club for their special help, and all the others that donated specials to help make this show a success. We couldn't do it without your help.

## American Harlequin Rabbit Club

By Pam Granderson, secretary

Congratulations to the big convention winners, Al Roerdanz with a Black Magpie junior doe and Bobby Rhodus with a Black Harlequin junior buck. The over all quality exhibited at Milwaukee was the best ever and for the first time all eight varieties were exhibited.

There are several changes in our standard and the name change will be of importance to show secretaries. The Harlequin group (orange) will now be called the Japanese to end the present confusion caused by having a

group name the same as the breed name. The Harlequin Harlequin is now the Harlequin Japanese. Exhibitors should mark their entries Harlequin Japanese with the appropriate color (black, blue, chocolate or lilac) or Harlequin Magpie (white) with black, blue, chocolate or lilac. Each of the eight varieties will still be judged separately.

Edinboro, PA was chosen as the site for the 1981 National All Harlequin show. It will be held May 9, 1981 in conjunction with the Northwestern PA RBA show.

The Harlequin club secretary has moved and the new address is Pam Granderson, Star Route 1, Box 235F, Leopold, IN 47551. If you have any questions concerning Harlequins, membership in the club, sanctions, or availability of stock in your area, write the secretary.

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International News

Bob Whitman, Secretary

Another convention has passed us, memories will linger for those who attended and those who weren't so fortunate of which I was one. Having just purchased a new home - I had to decide should the convention savings be used on building a new rabbitry, or go conventioning. I chose the rabbitry.

Although Hotots weren't in great abundance, only 9 animals were shown - I'm sure the enthusiasm was forever more present. Our congratulations to Diane Oldham of California for her BOB Sr. Buck win. Diane also had the BOB in the Youth Division. Loren Wilkins of Iowa had the B.O.S. win with his Jr. Doe.

No doubt, due to the location of this year's convention, the Hotot entries were down. Most breeders at present are located in California and Texas - but give the breed a chance and she'll be represented in all 50 states, Canada as well as Mexico.

The HRBI is an aggressive young club since its formation only in May, 1979. Some of our proud features of promoting this unique breed include, a fold over membership card featuring a Hotot photograph, a six color arm patch, stationery for sale to the membership and probably the most professionally done news bulletin that has ever been attempted by a specialty club, which includes photographs.

Projects in the making are sanction show certificate awards, pedigree blanks, and Guide Book.

Final tabulation in our 1979-'80 Sweepstakes series are in with Walt and

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## AREA NEWS

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had a good time. I know that the Wisconsin group will have done everything that they can for a great convention.

### AREA 9

W.H. Kennedy

Area 9 was the recipient of the "1980 National Domestic Rabbit Week" four awards.

1st award — No. Western Pa. R.B.A.

2nd award — Richmond R.B.A.

3rd award — Southside Va. R.B.A.

4th award — Old Dominion Rabbit Club, Va.

Approximately 24 rabbit clubs participated in the contest.

The judges committee was composed of the following:

Chairman — Dr. Murray DePillars, Dean of School of Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University, Va.

Thomas DeSmidt — Asst. Dean of School of Arts, Virginia Commonwealth University, Va.

Dr. Barbara Waxman — Asst. Professor of English University of Richmond, Va.

Robert Waxman — Educator Specialist in Audio Vision.

The composition of the committee was excellent, due to their knowledge of the type of materials submitted.

The point system used was as follows:

45 Points — Activities promoting Domestic Rabbit Week.

40 Points — Presenting the above in Scrap Book Form.

15 Points — Other rabbit activities during the balance of year promoting Domestic Rabbits.

The above information supplied by Sig. Gershman, Chairman — National Domestic Week; 1911 Vandover, Richmond, Va. 23229. For information and participation in the 1981 Domestic Rabbit Week, contact Sig. Gershman.

### Another 1st — "Showing Your Rabbits To Help Crippled Children"

The Richmond R.B.A. will hold their 1981 Spring Show, March 7, in the Auditorium of the Crippled Children's Hospital, Richmond, Va. They are securing eight sponsors to donate \$50 to \$100 for specials, from the business sector of Richmond.

The \$1.25 entry fee, along with any other income will be donated to the Crippled Children's Hospital.

This is a very worthy project and they hope the Rabbit Breeders will support this show.

## Specialty Club Reports

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dine Harokims of California winning 1st, Melissa Cuenca, California — 2nd, Charles Reko, California — 3rd, Bob Whitman, Texas — 4th, and Mary Hughley, California — 5th. As you can see, California is becoming a hot spot for the Hotots.

Fanciers of the Hotot were sorry to hear about the total loss due to dogs in Beth and Susan Hakeshism's rabbitry in California recently.

If you would like more information about our unique breed and our progressive specialty, please write Bob Whitman, Secretary, Hotot Rabbit Breeders International, 2355 Rusk, Beaumont, Texas 77702.

## Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America

By Roberta Draper, Secretary

We would like to acquaint you with the newest A.R.B.A. National chartered Specialty Club: The Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America.

Club dues: Youth, \$5.00, 1 yr., \$9.00, 2 yrs.; Single, \$7.00, 1 yr., \$12.00, 2 yrs.; Husband/Wife, \$12.00, 1 yr., \$18.00, 2 yrs.; Family, \$12.00, 1 yr., \$22.00, 2 yrs.; Canadian or Foreign Country add \$2.00.

Sanction fees: \$6.00 Open. \$4.00 Youth

We are now over 500 members strong and growing daily. We would like to invite anyone interested to join with us and help us to grow.

Our officers are: President, Herb Dyck, California; Vice President, Beth Butler, Washington; Secretary/Treasurer, Roberta Draper, Utah; Directors, Darline Venziano, Ill.; Frank Schott, Ga.; Pat Tudor, Tx.; Carol Lemke, Wisc.; Julie Wichert, Wa.

The 1980 Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisc. was our final showing for the Mini Lop. The A.R.B.A. has granted a charter and accepted the Mini Lop as a breed. Our Mini Lop Standard is now printed in the new "Standard of Perfection".

The Mini Lop is known as the Lovable animal and this is the truth. They are a very lovable animal, easy to work with and good mothers.

For information about joining the Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America, contact the Secretary, Roberta Draper, 3151 S. 7900 W., Magna, Ut. 84044.

## Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor:

I would like to pass on to the members a few things that I have found that works very well for me.

1. An easily grown plant, and very productive, that is a real treat for bunnies is Nasturtium. The entire plant is edible and especially enjoyed by the bunnies.

2. A quick external remedy for runny eyes caused by bacterial infection of the tube between the eye and nose is a drop of combiotic (intermuscular type) commonly called or sold as penstrip. Dosage is a couple of times a day drop 2 drops in the affected eye.

3. When rats moved in on me and started eating in the feeders I took newspaper and crumpled it up and stuffed in the hoppers fitting snugly. I have not seen a rat in the feeders since. Be sure not to use any newspapers with colored ink as some may try to eat the newspaper.

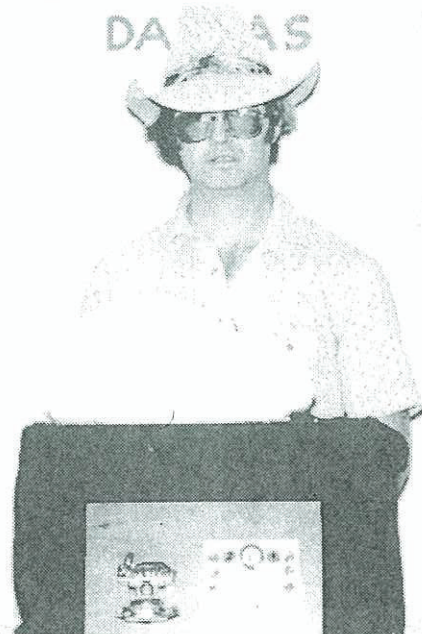
4. Some of the most interesting and informative literature on rabbits comes from the OSU rabbit research center, Oregon State University, by Drs. Cheeke and Patton.

Leann Ferguson  
Seattle, Wa. 98108

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Dallas, Texas

There were 902 rabbits shown by 142 exhibitors in the all breed rabbit show during the state fair.



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**HAVE A JOYFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

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