

Specialty Club Reports

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American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club

By Marylouise Cowan, Secretary-Treasurer

As we send in our first renewal for our charter, our club members are proud of all our "firsts." We now have 143 members, 80 show sanctions, and over \$1,600.00 in the bank. Twenty proud members exhibited 119 rabbits at the national convention, judged by Dr. Terry Reed. We are planning our first National American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club Show. Details will come out just after the first of the year.

Congratulations go to:

Kathy Huntling of Westminster, CA, who is the first person to win a Best in Show with a senior buck, November 25, 1984, at the San Gabriel Valley Rabbit Breeders Assn. Show in Pomona, CA, judged by Elmer Paquette. She also won Best Opposite Breed with a senior buck at the 61st national convention.

Patty Greene of Rhinebeck, NY, who won the first Best Fancy with a senior doe, October 20, 1984, at the Hudson Valley Rabbit Breeders Assn. at Yorktown Heights, NY, judged by Jack Pugh. There were approximately 1000 rabbits entered in the show.

Our president, Elizabeth Forstinger of Vista, CA, who not only won the Best of Breed with a senior doe at the 61st national convention, but also Best Junior Doe and most sweepstakes points at the convention. She also is first in sweepstakes points from July 1, 1984 to November 16, 1984.

Our vice president, Glenn Pensinger of South Haven, MI, hopped to the altar with Jill October 27. She is another enthusiastic Dwarf Hotot rabbit breeder for our club. He also won Best Opposite Junior with a junior buck, plus Best Display.

Our club for winning the Best Booth at the 61st national convention. It was our president's home-grown roses and the silver trophies donated by our members that helped win this award.

Jessica Brooks of Winton, CA, and Jennifer Alexander of Las Vegas, NM, our first junior members to participate in the ARBA youth contest. Jessica came in fifth in the rabbit queen contest.

Roger Cota of Waterville, NY, Glenn Pensinger of South Haven, MI, and Bill Heller of Alvin, TX, who are writing our first guidebook, which they plan to have out in mid-spring.

Our many members who are serious breeders in dwarfing this super little rabbit. Most of the members are using Red-Eyed White Netherland Dwarf does to dwarf the breed. Some are experimenting with Blue-Eyed White and Black Netherland Dwarf does.

Crystal Hackett of Anaheim, CA, and Patty Greene of Rhinebeck, NY, who are forming

our first two local specialty clubs in California and New England.

The state of California that comes in first with 23 members in our club.

Ushie and Bill Heller for recommending the most members. (Texas has the second in count of members, and with the national show in Houston, I bet Texas will give California a close contest.)

You ARBA members who want to join our club and have the challenge of raising "The Eyes of the Fancy," our logo for the Dwarf Hotot. Please contact me at P.O. Box 54, Newagen, ME 04552.

Giant Chinchilla Rabbit Association

By Mel Behrens, Secretary-Treasurer

With spring shows approaching, we hope to see large entries of Giant Chins, especially at our local shows.

The demand for breeding stock is fantastic, and many sales can be made at shows with personal pickup.

We are again asking for convention specials or your pledge — either cash, rosettes or trophies. We hope to repeat our Orlando specials offer, which was quite attractive. To start the ball rolling for the 62nd ARBA convention, Oct. 28-31, 1985, Houston, Texas, we have \$50.00 cash special already by Wayne Bracy, Ohio. The deadline to put in Giant Chin specials in Houston catalog is March 1, 1985. That means we must hear from you at once, since this Jan.-Feb. 1985 *Domestic Rabbits* will reach you about two weeks before the deadline. PLEASE ACT TODAY!

One of the best ways to promote our breed and club is through sweepstakes shows. Groups of breeders should be set up everywhere to see that all shows are sweepstaked for our breed in their locality, offering to pay the \$5.00 sanction fee and to put up the minimum in Giant Chin specials if necessary. Remember, no one else is going to boost our club and breed — we have to do it ourselves. This mini-newsletter gives all up-to-date reports on our activities every two months, so read it carefully.

Director Avis Behrens reports final 1983-84 sweepstakes results. Congratulations to Wayne Bracy, Ohio, again, our trophy winner.

Final 1983-84 GCRA Sweepstakes Report: Wayne Bracy, Ohio, 1,048; William Bowman, Ohio, 837; Naomi Loveday, Mich., 681; Donnie King, W.V., 481; Carl Filliater, Ohio, 335; Jean Nugent, Ohio, 293; Kenneth Dennison, Ohio, 201; Bernard King, W.V., 196; Kathy Bomia, Mich., 191; Gary Klemen, Ohio, 165; Peggy Tomlin, Ore., 164; Earl Gray, Maine, 140; Bruce Mitchell, N.J., 124; Linda Ladd, Ohio, 91.

Brief reports on some shows follow:

ARBA convention, Orlando, Fla., Oct. 1-4, 1984 — Judge Gary Grimm, 13 entries. All awards to Wayne Bracy, Ohio.

Sandusky Valley RBA, Fremont, Ohio,

Sept. 23, 1984 — Judge George Johnson, 25 entries. Best of Breed, Best Opp. Sex, Best Display, Carl Filliater, Ohio.

Eastern Mich. RBA, Goodells, Mich., Sept. 15, 1984 — Judge Claude Bennett, 10 entries. Best Senior, Best 6-8, Kathy Bomia, Mich. B.O.B., B.O.S., Best Junior, Best Display, Loveday's Rabbitry, Mich.

Winn-Forest Rabbit Club, Inc., Rockford, Ill., Oct. 14, 1984 — Judge Kyle Cunningham, 14 entries. All awards to Bob Dautermann, Wis.

Tri-County RBA, Kalamazoo, Mich., Nov. 3, 1984 — Judge Mark Henry, 20 entries. Best Senior, Best Display, Wayne Bracy, Ohio; Best Intermediate, B.O.S., Loveday's Rabbitry, Mich.; B.O.B., Best Junior, Kathy Bomia, Mich.

1984 was a fairly good year for our breed and club, and we're looking forward to a better year in 1985 with plenty of ACTION.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street

The Hotot sweepstakes points for 1983-1984 have finally been tallied. Delay was caused by missing show reports. Club members finishing in the top five places had to attend a lot of shows because of the limited number of Hotot rabbits to be found in the U.S.

Finishing in first place in the annual competition was Tammy Carpenter of Salinas, Calif. Second place went to Bert Banderob of Modesto, Calif. Placing third were Ken and Terry Brown of San Martin, Calif. Fourth place went to C. Murphy Street, Fredericksburg, Va. Fifth place was won by Bill and Ushie Heller of Alvin, Tex. All of these members were awarded trophies.

New this year was a "Special Recognition" trophy provided by the club secretary/treasurer to recognize extra efforts made in promoting the Hotot breed. The trophy has been awarded to Bert and Duane Banderob of Modesto, Calif., who individually or together showed Hotot rabbits at more shows in 1983-1984 than any other member of our club.

Our younger members continue to show up most of the adults when it comes to taking an active part in promoting our rare breed — the all-white rabbit with the alluring black eyebands.

Congratulations to new member Randall Sly of Mountain View, Calif., on having Best of Breed and Best Opposite at the recent national convention.

For information or show sanctions on Hotot rabbits, please write C. Murphy Street, Secretary/Treasurer, HRBI, 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, Va. 22405.

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