

involved when I take office. I, personally, and the club, in general, owe a special debt of gratitude to Joyce.

## Palomino Rabbit Co-Breeders Association

By Steve Peterman

First, I would like to congratulate the winners at the ARBA Convention. If the show was half as good as the plans, it should have been a great one.

I would also like to congratulate Doug Michael of Colorado for winning the membership contest. Chuck Zahren donated the trophy. He will be supplying the trophy next year, too, so everyone try to get new members and win the trophy for yourself. The contest runs with the sweepstakes year. We also have a registration contest. Send your copy of the registration to our secretary, and she will copy it and mail it back to you. The winner gets a free membership.

The winners of this year's sweepstakes are: Banks and Hobbs 8,116; Bob Sorrels 4,378; John Robinson 2,999; Chuck Zahren 2,421; and Steve Peterman 2,416. Congratulations to all the winners!

## Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street

The 1985-1986 sweepstakes competition for our club ended June 30, 1986, and the top-five finishers for the year were: first place, C. Murphy Street, Fleur-de-Lis Rabbitry, Fredericksburg, VA; second place, David and Barbara Carpenter, Carpenter's Better Built Bunnies, Salinas, CA; third place, Walt and Bernadine Hawkins, Salinas, CA; fourth place, Kevin Lorentz, 4 L's Rabbit Menagerie, Atascadero, CA; fifth place, Duane Banderob, Banderob's Backyard Bunnies, Modesto, CA. The top five finishers will receive trophies. Placing sixth was Pat Brewer, Petaluma, CA, and in seventh place, Jeffery Shifflett, Brightwood, VA.

Non-members of our club have been exhibitors of Hotots at several shows in the west, and would have placed in the top ten, had they been members of HRBI. We invite all to join us.

Two things were definitely accomplished with our club booth at the Columbus convention. Number one: we let a lot of folks know about our breed and our club, and by way of our map we showed them that there are still very few Hotot rabbit breeders in the U.S.

Secondly, we were afforded another opportunity to remind rabbit folks that there are two types of Hotots: standard and dwarf (and a lot of people still confuse the two breeds). Hope our display helped to set the record straight.

For information, club membership or show sanctions for the standard Hotot, please con-

tact Hotot Rabbit Breeders International, C. Murphy Street, Secretary/Treasurer, 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

## American Himalayan Rabbit Association

By Bev Pearsall, Secretary

The Himalayan is a long-bodied rabbit with a snow-white coat and bright pink eyes. Legs, feet, tail, nose and ears are black in Blacks; and medium blue in Blues. Their nature is very docile and inquisitive.

An AHRA member recently exhibited a Himalayan at a show in which the judge stated that this rabbit was out of balance due to his length. This left the exhibitor confused as he felt that Himalayans are supposed to be long. The next question in our club newsletter was "does anyone know the correct length of a Himalayan?" This snowballed into comments and letters from several of our members.

I attended a show in Northern NJ on September 28, 1986. I was very concerned to see some Himalayans on the table that were evidently crossed with the Netherland Dwarf Himalayan-marked variety. Their ears were very short, head was dwarf type, and body was short but not cobby. The judge simply made the remark that they were too short in body type.

The above two stories are factual. The Himalayan Standard does not state the length of body or ears. However, all Himalayan breeders need to be aware of what is good Himalayan type and what is not.

It has been my experience over the years that Himalayan body length is approximately 16 to 18 inches long, from nose tip to hock, when the rabbit is in the proper pose. Ear length is 3 1/4 to 4 inches long. Weight is 3 to 4 1/2 pounds. I am giving you these measurements as a guideline. Please do not go stating that these measurements are required. We must always strive for a rabbit well-balanced in body type.

Many people are still confusing the true Himalayan with the Netherland Dwarf Himalayan-marked variety. It is not a Himalayan! They are two distinct breeds and should never be crossbred.

The Himalayan National was held in Ventura, California, August 16. In Open, 47 Himalayans were shown by 11 exhibitors. There were 38 Blacks and 9 Blues. BOB was a Black senior buck owned by Mavis Phifer; BOS was a Black junior doe owned by Leslie Dowd. In Youth, 13 Himalayans were shown by 4 exhibitors. BOB and BOS were a Black senior doe and Black senior buck owned by Gretchen Moitoso.

Late Himalayan sanction requests are still being asked for by exhibitors and clubs. No more! A sanction request must be received in my mailbox 30 days in advance of your show. Glen Carr has assured me that ARBA does not issue sanctions less than 30 days from show

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to become more efficient and productive, and at the same time lessening the hours needed to get the job done. Secondly, we will be using a different approach to marketing Angora products by the Commercial Wool Committee. Bonnie Almond and I have spent the past year working on this project — Bonnie doing most of the work, and me serving as cheerleader. If the membership will support this project, I feel we will be successful in our approach to marketing Angora products. No, the club will not be involved with direct buying and selling. Our goal is to make the public aware of Angora products. The plan will be unveiled in its entirety shortly.

Connie Cunningham has resigned as newsletter editor. Mark Mallick will be our new editor. We, as club members, owe a special "thank you" to Connie and Larry Cummings for their many hours of dedication and service to the club's newsletter.

Angoras continue to pick up Best in Shows and Best Four-Class finishes. Susan Conley won BISs at the following shows with her English Angoras: June 28 at the California Angora Rabbit Society's specialty show and at a double show July 5 at the Golden Empire RBA. Susan also had a Best Four-Class finish July 20 at the Sabinas Valley Rabbit Association. Joyce Gwartz also won three BISs with a senior French Tort doe. They were at the following locations: Crawford County RBA, Richland County RBA, and at the Fiberfest in Hastings, Michigan.

Finally, a transition between presidents of any organization can be as easy or difficult as the two parties involved want to make them. A club the size of the NARBC cannot afford a difficult transition. During the past year Joyce has kept me updated on all club activities, insuring that their will not be a learning process

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