

Specialty Club Reports

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Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Our club joins with many others in the rabbit world who mourn the passing of Walter Hawkins. A brief note from ARBA headquarters to our president Barbara Carpenter, with a copy to me, was the first word received by this office on the passing of one of our charter members, Walter Hawkins of Salinas, California.

Walt had served as the first president of Hotot Rabbit Breeders International. More recently he had served as director, by appointment of our immediate past-president, to fill the spot vacated by another member.

Walt and his wife Bernadine have both done a lot to help promote the Hotot breed. They finished near the top in sweepstakes points year after year. They got a lot of folks started with Hotots and were always available for sound advice. Perhaps of chief importance was Walt's continuing production of Hotot breeding stock during a period when some of the other early breeders of Hotots in this country found it necessary to phase out of the rabbit enterprise. He sold me a trio of Hotots to get me started with the breed, and even held them through the summer of 1981 until temperatures were right for air transport.

At the 1985 National Convention, the BOB and BOS Hotots (one from the west coast, one from the east coast) were both out of Hawkins' stock. It is hoped that Walt found some measure of satisfaction in that.

The members of Hotot Rabbit Breeders International will miss Walter Hawkins, and extend condolences to his family and friends.

Members are reminded that our club will have a booth at the National Convention in Columbus, and we can use all of the ideas (and help) that you care to provide. Our club and our breed are both small in numbers, but we intend to promote both as we visit in Ohio. Hope to see you there!

Mini Lop Rabbit Club

By Janice Coffelt

The 1986 National Show in Puyallup, Washington, is now part of history. Although the show was not near the entry that we had anticipated, it was a good show. I think all were pleased with the awards, booth, and banquet. There were seven board members in attendance which allowed us to conduct a board meeting. Our winner of the MLRCA 1986 National Show was Tom and Marty Reese from Burlington, Washington, with a beautiful broken junior doe. Best Opposite Sex was won by Kevin Engen's solid senior buck. Kevin

lives in Seattle. Before we close the book on this show, I wish to apologize to the Ohio Mini Lop RBA. They had sent the Sunset Mini Lop Club \$75.00 to help out with expenses, and when I typed the catalog, I left them out of the list of those who had donated.

Our newly elected officers are: President - Carl Budnick from Baltimore, Ohio; Vice President - Sandra Sheriff, Catharpin, Virginia; Secretary - Janice Yarnell, Westerville, Ohio; Directors - Alexandra Orazi, California; Chuck Fisher, Ohio; Richard Kincaid, Texas; Howell Crowder, Tennessee. Congratulations to all of you.

The judges' election results for the 1988 ARBA National Convention are as follows: 1. Janice Coffelt, 2. Connell Addison, 3. Caleb Thomas.

Clyde and Doris Jones of Fort Worth, Texas have donated a pair of Mini Lops to the ARBA Research Raffle. This is a most worthy cause and I wish to thank them on behalf of the entire membership for their generosity. The animals will be placed with all of the other breeds at the National Convention to be raffled for a worthy cause. Tickets will be on sale all during the convention and through the *Domestic Rabbits* magazine for those who are not attending the convention to be able to participate.

I look forward to seeing you all in Columbus, Ohio.

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Palomino Rabbit Co-Breeders Association

By Steve Peterman

I would like to start out by saying "Keep up the good work," to our new *Pal News* editor. Cindy has been doing this since the first of the year and she is doing a great job. It is nice to get the *Pal News* every other month again.

I would like all the members to read the next issue of the *Pal News* very close as it will have a lot of things that will need to be voted on over the next few months. The most urgent being the new constitution and by-law changes; so read this part very carefully and vote when the time comes. This is the only thing left to do and we can print the new guide book.

The Standards Committee is starting to work on the 1991 Standard book and would like comments from you, the breeders and judges, on how you would like the Standard changed. A few comments have already been made, like changing the wording of the color standard, or maybe leaving the color alone and putting more points on type instead of color. As it is, now we have 45 points on fur and color. If you have any comments on these issues send them to Roger Banks, 6801 Wooded Acres Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

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