

# Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Hats off to the Buckeye State and all of those Ohio rabbit folks who did such a "bang-up" job in producing and managing the 1986 ARBA Convention. Hotot Rabbit Breeders International members were happy to be a part of such a history-making event.

We had the strongest showing yet at a national convention, with nineteen Hotots shown by four exhibitors. Judging was ably handled by Oren Reynolds, and Best of Breed honors were won by a 6-8 doe owned by David and Barbara Carpenter, Carpenter's Better Built Bunnies, Salinas, California. (They also had a nice English Spot which took Best of Breed.) Best Opposite Sex was won by a junior buck owned by C. Murphy Street, Fleur-de-Lis Rabbitry, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

An active business meeting of our club saw final action on redrafting a section of our constitution which now eliminates requirement of payment of dues or other renewal fees to our national specialty club by any chartered state specialty club. Also revised was the number of directors, going now to four at-large, drawn from all parts of the country.

President Barbara Carpenter appointed two directors to fill openings on the Board: Jeffery Shifflett of Brightwood, Virginia, and Jim Cornett of Dublin, Texas.

Membership dues were trimmed from \$10 to \$5 for individuals and from \$14 to \$7 for husband and wife, effective immediately. Also voted upon was a new policy on sanctions whereby if no Hotots are shown, a free sanction will be issued to the sponsoring club for their next show.

We may be a small club, but we're on the move, because the only way you can coast is down-hill! Why not join us in working with a rare breed?

On a personal note, your reporter was the winner of the Tandy/Radio Shack computer outfit raffled off at the convention by the ARBA Research and Development Committee, ably chaired by Mrs. Marylouise Cowan, secretary-treasurer of the American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club, Newagen, Maine. My thanks to Mrs. Cowan and members of her committee for their enthusiasm and hard work in putting together another great raffle, which benefitted me as the computer winner, but more importantly, has produced such substantial sums which will work to the benefit of the ARBA and its membership everywhere. Thanks again, Mrs. Cowan!

## American Checkered Giant Rabbit Club

By Dave Freeman, President

As was noted in the last *Domestic Rabbits* the new secretary of the American Checkered Giant Rabbit Club is Carol Edwards, 542 Domestic Rabbits / January-February, 1987

Aspen Street N.W., Toledo, Oregon 97391. Please send all sanction requests and general correspondence to her.

At the ARBA convention in Columbus we inducted three members into our ACGRC Hall of Fame. Those honored were David Ross, OH; Robert Wallace, IA; and Wilford Wells, OH. These three men have done a great deal for Checkered Giants and our club; they richly deserved the award. They were each awarded a plaque recognizing their accomplishment and their names were added to the list of previous recipients on the Hall of Fame plaque, which will be displayed in our booth at every ARBA convention. Congratulations to all three.

I was proud to see such an excellent entry of Checkered Giants at the convention. It was probably the largest entry we have had at any convention and the quality of the animals was outstanding. Congratulations go to Chet Jenkins, IN, who won Best of Breed and 2nd Runner-Up Best 6-Class in the show with a very nice Black 6-8 doe (CJ460).

Another excellent doe from Indiana won our 1986 E.B. Shultz award as the Best Checkered Giant of the show year. The Black doe, LM89, owned by Lou and Clara Moody won five Best of Breeds for a total of 468 points. Included in her five wins was Best of Breed at our annual show. She is an outstanding doe and is still winning on the show circuit.

Looking back on 1986, the club had another great year. For the third consecutive year we set a new record for most Checkered Giants shown and most sanctioned shows in a single show year. We had a very exciting sweepstakes race won by Bob Wallace, IA, with 7371 points; followed by Diane Schaeffer, MD, with 6518; and Gene Gilmore, TX, with 6435. Our youth sweepstakes was won by Chip Biensach, MD, with 3364 points which was also enough for 7th place in the open competition. Our Pre-junior sweepstakes was won by Bob Evertson, KS.

With the momentum we have, look for even more Checkered giants at the shows in 1987. If you wish to learn more about Checkered Giants, please send \$5.00 dues to Carol Edwards and you will receive our 100-page guide book and bi-monthly news bulletin.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year from the ACGRC.

## National Federation of Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders, Inc.

By Roger Dent, Secretary-Treasurer

What an Autumn for the Federation! The Eastern States FGRBA had an outstanding show on September 14 in Cortland, New York — 227 Flemish were shown by 24 members. Harold May, a gracious host, showed some animosity by bringing the "big ones" out of the back barn and winning BOB and BOS with his Sandy senior doe and 6/8 buck. Fibber

McGehee and Bram VanVelden did the sorting. It was a terrific weekend. Wish you all could have been there. Results were printed in the September newsletter.

In October the Michigan FGRBA held their annual fall show — 120 Giants were shown by 18 members with Bob Shaftoe judging. The Sandies won again! Rick Hallett's senior doe won BOB and Joy and Mike Hagerty got BOS with a junior buck. A very nice pot luck luncheon was served.

In early November several members headed for Columbus, Ohio, and the ARBA Convention. It was a fantastic gathering of breeders. The facilities, schedule of events, and the efficiency of the Buckeye Rabbit Show personnel were outstanding. We had 474 animals entered by 46 Giant breeders. Phil Macy and Fred Cremer sorted the critters. Harold May won BOB with his Sandy 6/8 doe (as well as BV in five other varieties). Bob and Lynn Bolyard won BOS with their Sandy senior buck.

Our booth was the best ever. The raffle items brought in by our members were quite a selection. Special thanks to two members that sent in items for the raffle: Paul Townsend (CA), for the nice five-piece luggage set and Clyde Shaw (OH), for the handmade milking stool. Thanks to all that participated and contributed to the success of the Flemish portion of the convention.

The Awards Night Banquet was another highlight. Bob and Audrey Thomas got roasted; the President and Secretary got "leader" hats, and Midway Rabbitry got the toilet seat. On the serious side, LaVerne Sikes and Fred Cremer were added to the HONOR ROLL and Roger T. Kenney was cited for his many years of service to the Federation. Music was provided by Gary McCall. It was a truly memorable evening.

For everyone that put forth an effort to improve the Federation this past year, I say, "Thank you." Without your help we would just be an ordinary club. I appreciate all the previous support and look forward to another outstanding Giant year.

Plan to attend an all-Flemish show; try to get a few new members, and continue to strive for the "perfect Flemish."

Hope to see many of you at the Ohio show in May. There will be another Rabbit Raffle. So far we have Sandies from H. May, Kurt Witt and Jim AhYou.

Hope your holidays were happy and healthy and that 1987 will be a grand and glorious year for you and your Flemish.

Enjoy your GIANT hobby!

## National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

By Mary Bethell, Secretary

Another ARBA Convention has come and gone. What a great show — a super

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