

# Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Has the time come for Hotots? Are people really about to join the Hotot Army, and push our rare breed forward into middle America and beyond?

Sure enough, in spite of the confusion over the Dwarf Hotot (American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club) and the standard Hotot represented by our club, more and more folks are asking about our breed, judging from phone calls and mail.

Key attractions seem to be that because they are medium sized, they can go into the pot, oven or frying pan if they aren't suitable for show or breeding purposes.

Secondly, not many people have them, so they suit breeders who would rather have something a little different than the rest of the crowd.

As best I can tell right now, there are Hotot breeders in 11 states. That's a little better than the count when I took on the assignment of writing this column for our club more than four years ago.

But obviously, we still have plenty of room to grow. And with a concerted effort by our members, we will gradually see our breed expand over the country, and show improvement

in type and other ways. Without that kind of effort, we may see Hotots fade away fairly quickly.

This is my last report as secretary/treasurer of HRBI. A successor will be announced in the ARBA annual Secretary's Handbook, and probably in this magazine.

It has been an education to me, a source of much pleasure, and a considerable amount of work. I now have an even greater respect for the folks who perform such chores for the bigger rabbit specialty clubs. I have appreciated the comments received from our club members, former members, and other ARBA members who have said nice things about my reports.

May the days ahead be good ones for you. May the young ones in your nest box — or on the way — be the very best rabbits you have ever seen. My best regards, until we meet again. — C. Murphy Street

## National Silver Fox Rabbit Club

By Mary Bethell, Secretary

The Convention is upon us as this is being written, so much that I would like to report on has not yet happened. We are looking forward to the Judges' Conference in Portland where

Don Mathews will present the Silver Fox.

The annual meeting is always something to look forward to, with old friends and new gathering to contribute to our club activities.

Recent elections were held with Dan Brink, Michigan, being elected as the new Vice-President, and I remain as Secretary/Treasurer, since no one wanted to run for that job.

Directors, Bill Bethell and Paul Block, were retained another two years. Club members should be very proud of the 57% who cast their ballots this year. Most Specialty Clubs seem to have a much lower response from their members.

I want to thank the members who ran for the various offices and who were defeated: Patsy Butcher, Steve Blaettermann, and Julie Orwig are club members who care, and we hope will be back to run again next year.

On Sept. 26, Lou Gaschke, ARBA State Representative, California, held an official Judges Conference in Yuba City, CA. I was pleased to be asked to present the Silver Fox. This was a first experience for me, and even though I was nervous to begin with, it turned out to be a rewarding day, with local judges, registrars and breeders attending.

I'll be leaving for Portland in a few days so next issue will have more news from there. For membership information, write Mary Bethell, 5081 Buck Rd., Shingle Springs, CA 95682. Remember, we have the versatile rabbit: food, fur, fun, fancy.

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