

American Himalayan Rabbit Association

By Bev Pearsall, Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to all our new AHRA members. If you have any problems or questions concerning Himalayans or the AHRA, please contact your AHRA officers.

The 1987 ARBA Convention date is very close. We invite everyone to stop by the Himalayan booth and introduce yourself. There will be a small TV to the one that makes a donation for the lucky ticket. If you raise Himalayans but are not a member of AHRA, be sure and join the club at the booth.

Late specials will be posted in the show room. Contact Greg Hickmott of Oregon to donate. Don't forget the youth department!

If you are wanting Himalayan breeding stock, there will be a Himalayan auction. A few breeders will also have stock for sale in the showroom. This is an excellent opportunity to buy a Himalayan. For those that cannot attend the convention, have a person from your area that is attending, bring one home for you.

AHRA does not have a combination ARBA-AHRA membership available for youth. Youth have sent me the \$14.75 which is an adult membership, and would put them in the adult division. Please be careful when sending membership fees. Our youth dues are \$3, adult

\$5, family \$7, and adult ARBA-AHRA comb. \$14.75.

It is AHRA election time again. I hope each member will take the time to vote. I took the time to send you your ballot — be an active member and VOTE!

Who will host our 1988 National Himalayan show? The written bid should be sent to me before the '87 ARBA Convention. It is to be presented at the AHRA general membership meeting.

We encourage everyone owning Himalayans to join the AHRA, to take part in our sweepstakes, to receive a copy of the AHRA booklet, the bi-monthly newsletter, and a membership card. The booklet is for sale to non-members at \$3 each, and the arm patch is \$3.

Everyone have a great time at the convention and Happy Himmie Hopping!

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Spring 1987 shows produced a big flurry of points as Hotot breeders finished up the annual sweepstakes contest. June 30 marked the end of competition and the final tally of all show reports provides the following rankings:

1st place — Fleur-de-Lis Rabbitry, C. Murphy Street, Fredericksburg, VA, 1673 points

2nd place — Carpenter's Better Built Bunnies, David and Barbara Carpenter, Salinas, CA, 424 points

3rd place — Jim and Kathy Cornett, Dublin, TX, 227.5 points

4th place — Jefferey Shifflett, Brightwood, VA, 100 points

5th place — Kevin Lorentz, Templeton, CA, 75 points

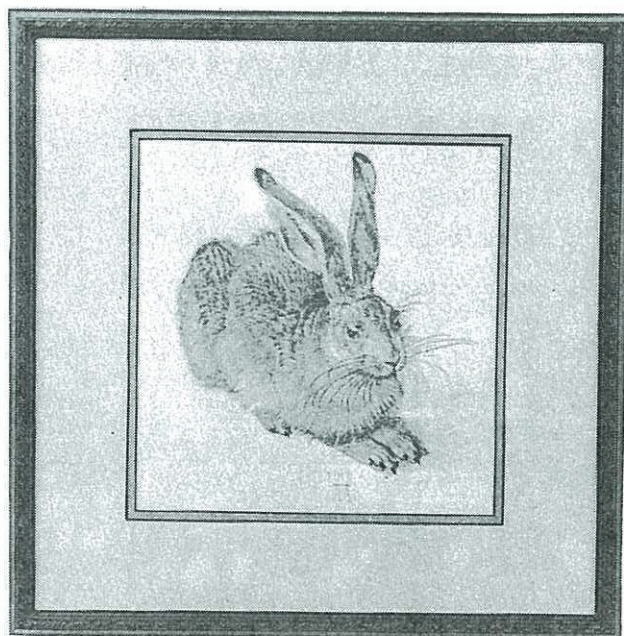
Congratulations to the top five finishers, who all have qualified for trophies. Narrowly missing trophies were Beth Haberkorn of Salinas, CA, with 57 points, and Pat Brewer of Petaluma, CA, with 55 points.

Three California exhibitors who show Hotots regularly, but were not members during the 1986-1987 competition, would have placed 4th, 6th, and 7th in the annual Sweepstakes. So, we hope to sign them up real soon!

Once again, after a whole year of showing has been accounted for, we have demonstrated that there aren't many Hotots scattered around the country. Nor are there anywhere near the number of Hotot breeders we would like to see.

But just wait. Hotot folks are a tenacious lot, who don't give up when setbacks present themselves. And even though it may take years to get a good number of breeders

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sprinkled throughout the country, the day may come.

In the meantime, if you are looking for a breed that sets apart from the "big time" breeds, take a look at the Hotot, the medium size all-white rabbit with brown eyes and black circles around each eye. We would love to have more breeder members.

Write to me at 852 Colebrook Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405 for more information. Or better yet, look for our club's booth at the National Convention in Portland!

National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club

By Cindy Guzanowski, Publicity Director

Since I just received my *DR*, I realized that it is time for this column to go to print. The only problem is that in the last two months I received only one newsletter from the Pacific Angora Fanciers. For that I give my thanks or to the club more specifically. The newsletter was very well organized and full of great information. It included everything from recipes, show results, and loads of information for spinners.

Since I can't reprint the whole newsletter, I will include certain show results from their

Specialty Show that was held on April 4 — total number of Angoras, 58 — Best in Show was given to an English Angora owned by Rose Baxter. From the look of the report, she took everything else also. Best of Breed French Angora, Dawn Yager — and BOS, Jessie Muro.

I will also add there was a very good article on the responsibility of an Angora owner. This was an article which summarized the care needed to be an owner. I think as breeders we should all take part in educating a new owner on what it takes. The article was to be reprinted and handed out. I for one, not only hand out such an article, but include an ARBA and NARBC membership application. I figure through all three, most people can be educated enough to handle the main problems.

I found only one thing wrong. Some people will not read anything. They will invest in stock, but not the time and the small amount of money needed to join and receive the information.

I still thank the many people that were there when I needed advice, but I always looked in the book and to this day still do when certain problems occur.

By the time this goes to print, the National Angora Show will be history and, according to Jimmie York, will be the biggest and best yet. If no problems occur, I plan on being there and look forward to seeing in person this spectacular event.

I will have a report next time, that is if Jimmie gives me information since I never heard


from him prior. I will admit that he is very involved with all the organizations.

This brings us to another problem. Only a few (compared to the total membership) want to be involved. Since we have clubs on the National, State and Local levels, why not get involved? Instead of sitting watching TV, donate the time to a club and take the load off the ones that have to carry the weight. Also the ones in office, if you can get the people to help. Don't be afraid to delegate work. We are all human and make mistakes, but let's realize our capabilities and recruit others when the work load gets too much. One person can't handle everything.

Also, one question, What is an alpine Angora? According to my guide book, we have French, English, Satin and working on acceptance of a commercial angora, but according to ads I see there are a few strange things out there along with 1/2 this and 7/8 this and the only parts I know I mentioned.

Anything else should be purchased with caution so you know what your limitations are with regards to registration, showing, breeding, etc.

Until next time, Take Care, — Cindy.

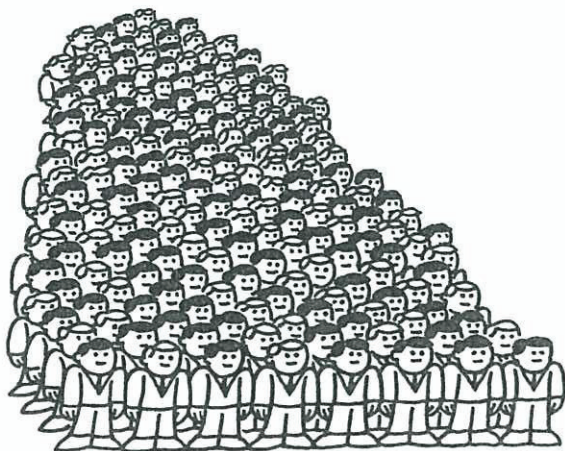


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