

Specialty Club Report

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interested in hearing your comments on which variety of the "Mink of The Rabbit Family" has the best finished coat and which holds that top show condition the longest before going into a moult. Many breeders also feel strongly about housing Havanas and especially Chocolate Havanas in very subdued light. I would tend to agree with this theory and your comments are welcomed.

One last area of consideration regarding the Chocolate variety. Should you breed strictly Chocolate to Chocolate or try a Black cross every so often?

I'm sure there are lots of breeders out there who have opinions on the above questions and there are just as many breeders awaiting your responses.

Remember, it's your club and it's only as strong as you make it. Please forward your ideas, opinions, or thoughts to me at 1056 Tenabo Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410.

American Polish Rabbit Club

By Betty Strathman, Secretary

As we start into a new decade, the 1990's, the American Polish Rabbit Club is moving forward with plans for our Polish breed.

First, our National Show will be held in Urbana, Ohio, on Saturday, June 16, 1990. This show is held in conjunction with the Mad River Valley (all breed show) and the Buckeye Polish Rabbit Fancier's shows on Sunday, June 17. Three big shows for Polish all on the same weekend. It's also a good opportunity for new breeders to buy Polish stock first hand.

Specials and catalog requests can be sent to Joyce Judy, Show Secretary, 10 Central Ave., Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044.

The American Polish Rabbit Club will have a booth at the ARBA Convention in Tampa, Florida, in November 1990. Our booth chairperson will be Susie Whitehurst of Westminster, Maryland, and she is also in charge of the raffle at our booth. Carlton B. Kemper of Farnham, Virginia, will serve as the Polish breed chairman, and the breed secretary is Betty Strathman of Terrace Park, Ohio.

History of the Polish Rabbit Club shows it being organized in 1935 at the New Haven, Conn., ARBA Convention with James Blyth as chairman. At that time it was named the "National Polish Federation." Then in 1944 it was reorganized and chartered by the ARBA as the "American Polish Rabbit Club."

So, our small breed named "The Little Aristocrat" has 55 years of historical background. If you are interested in this little rabbit, information about joining the club can be obtained from the Secretary, Betty Strathman, 417 Washington Ave., Terrace Park, Ohio 45174.

American Tan Rabbit Specialty Club

By David Neill, Secretary-Treasurer

The big event of the Tan year will be in the final planning stages by the time you read this article. This is our National Tan Show, which is going to be held this year in Springfield, Nebraska, (near Omaha), The big event will take place May 26, 1990, which is Memorial Day weekend.

Eugene Johnston, Jr., informs me that there will be two other open shows the same weekend, so we will have a triple showing of our Tans. The judge this year for the National Tan show will be Walt Grebner. For more information on the show, contact Eugene Johnston, Jr., 8807 Meadow Parkway, Omaha, NE 68138.

I received some response to my last article from prospective new Tan club members, and would like to again invite anyone who raises or is interested in raising Tans to join us.

At the annual meeting, we decided we wanted to see something in every issue of *Domestic Rabbits* concerning what is going on with our breed. I'm sure that there is something worth printing, but I have received nothing. If any of you have anything you would like included in this column, please write to me. My address is: David Weill, 9204 Shady Oaks Dr., Austin, TX 78729.

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary/Treasurer

Twelve years ago this July, the first Blanc de Hotot rabbits were imported into the U.S. from France. Although breeders in various parts of the country have worked with them since that time, they would still have to be considered a rare breed. My guess is that there are probably fewer than 500 in the entire country at this time.

Some of the strangest things happen to Hotot breeders that tend to set back their breeding programs or interrupt their plans. I suppose that folks who raise other rare breed rabbits have, like us, come to expect the unexpected. Nature does indeed play strange tricks sometimes, and it takes a real optimist to keep on keeping on.

Columbus, Ohio, is a central point to many of our breeders east of the Mississippi. The Ohio State Rabbits Breeders Association has sanctioned our breed in open and youth for their show on May 19-20, 1990, at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus. It would be great to see a lot of you turn out for that show. Why not start making plans for it now?

For sanctions, club membership, or breed information, on Blanc de Hotots (the medium size white rabbit with brown eyes and black eyebands), write to C.M. Street, Secretary/Treasurer, HRBT, 6 Purvis Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

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