

Special Club Reports

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dict was that she should cull every one.

Well, Greg must have started to feel sorry for Nita because on his next visit he brought six rabbits and told her she could pick any three (Nita knows a good judge when she sees one, so she asked Greg which three he would choose and kept those).

As a test, she decided to enter them in the show. Of course, one of the three won BIS. Nita says she was too embarrassed to admit any of this when everyone looked around for the owner of the winner (maybe just too out of practice?), so she yelled for Greg.

He got the fame and fortune, and she kept the sweepstakes points. Continuing the saga: the winner has five babies and another doe of the trio is raising two very large babies, Moose and Buffalo. Nita says Moose and Buffalo will probably be the only two she has to choose from for Tampa.

I don't have all the details, but several other folks have won BIS, too. Robert Keller of Illinois has won twice and Charles Cornwall of Oregon and Frank Clark of California have each won once. (If anyone else is desperate to win BIS, I suggest you invite Greg Trouba to judge and bring some rabbits).

See you at the shows!

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS!

American English Spot Rabbit Club

By Duane Shrader, Publicity Chairman

Late summer, the pending of fall-time, brings about the long-awaited fair season. A time when our youth are busy competing and bring forth their finished product of many months work. The cool nights should alert the English Spot breeders to start their brood does into production.

This is the time to finalize your plans for 'Taking it to Tampa'. If you haven't sent for your show catalog, suggest you do it now. Send \$6.00 and your catalog request to: Don Senften, 6843 Myakka Valley Trail, Sarasota, FL 34241. A reminder that the English Spot booth at the Convention needs items for its raffle. Would encourage you all to send a note or letter to our secretary describing items you will provide in order to make this effort a success. Those of you that know you are going to attend and would like to help with booth activities, should contact Judy Messer, club secretary, of your willingness. Thank you.

Congratulations to the proud owners of Grand Champion English Spots, *Domestic Rabbits* July-August issue: Derek Knight, CA; Brenda Mumper, CA; Billy Terhune, KY; Fred Whittlet, KY.

Summer, 1990 has produced many activities for our English Spot membership:

Texas — recorded some very hot days, with

21 days in a row over 100 degrees. This is tough on rabbits and takes its toll. One recent day with temperatures 110+ no breeze or wind, the death toll included some outstanding show winners belonging to some mighty fine members. But then, we should look to the bright side and raise up some new ones.

Kentucky — Summertime brought out a 'fun show' on July 21 at Frankfort. Five exhibitors showed 50 English Spots with Judge Tom Walsh doing the honors. After the judging a potluck picnic was served. For dessert, awards were passed out with BOB going to Kentucky Fancy Rabbitry, black junior doe; BOS to F & M Rabbitry, black junior buck. Then the "worst" rabbit of the entire show going to Billy Terhune, winning a chocolate cream pie. No mention who ate the pie.

These 'Fun Shows' might be something other English Spot members might want to try. But keep in mind only one chocolate pie per 'worst rabbit' in show, and Billy, you have won yours

Alabama — Our vice president and southern gentleman, Don Burchfield, has recently 'temporarily retired'. He has a lot of catching up to do with his Lilac and Chocolate English Spots. Seems there are too many stray spots. Didn't mention if that was in the markings or in the barn?

This is a good time to cull your herd. Replace questionable producers or animals that might be suspect. Start preparing your stock for the changes ahead, such as seasonal climatic conditions, show activity or production. Along with this effort, check your hutches, building and equipment. Replace and repair as needed.

Meantime, send me some 'new news' of what's happening in your area. Will leave you with this thought for the day: "In every desert of calamity, only English Spots offer an oasis of comfort."

Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

By C. Murphy Street, Secretary-Treasurer

Present members and prospective members alike should have recently received an update on the status of our club. If you did not receive your copy, drop me a note in the mail and I will send a report your way.

HRBI will have a booth at the upcoming National Convention in Tampa. We're open to donations from members to be used for fund-raising activities that will help pay the rent there.

This will mark the fifth year in a row that our club has been represented with a booth at the ARBA National Convention. As always, we can use volunteers willing to lend a helping hand. Small clubs such as ours have limited manpower to draw upon, thus we welcome your help.

Sanction requests and other correspondence for our club may be directed to my attention at 6 Purvis Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

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