



Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

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As this reaches everyone winter will be upon us in full force, I hope all the rabbits and their owners are warm and healthy! The 2010 ARBA convention was a huge success this year! The HRBI had a fantastic display and that was due mainly to the work of Tami Wickham in Iowa! I have to give her credit for all her hard work and for helping make the HRBI look great at the convention! I loved the booth, kudos to Tami. I also wanted to thank Margaret Cummings and Tami Wickham for the HRBI awards for the winners this year. Tami Wickham had tote bags embroidered as awards, she also had koozie cup holders and T-shirts printed. Please check out the HRBI website if you are interested in ordering any of the promotional items. Tami paid for the t-shirt printing out of her own pocket and donated any remaining t-shirts to the club to be sold as a fund raiser. Barb Semb also donated a great Wisconsin gift basket to the silent auction. Thank you Barb it was very nice and it has several bids which helped raise funds to pay for the booth next year. It truly is great to see so many of our members who are supportive of the club. Great job to everyone and keep up the good work!

The HRBI approved a contest to design a new club logo. The previous logo was designed in the early years of the club and has served the HRBI well. We are having HRBI club patches printed with this logo and should be available to the members soon. Please if you have any artistic ability, feel free to submit your new logo design by May 1st, 2011. I will put the new logo designs together for the members to vote on. Your design could be the face of the HRBI for the next several decades!

The HRBI is looking for its historical documents. They were at the last convention in Indianapolis but have been lost. If you have them, please let me know. The club also voted on constitution and by-laws changes and they were also mis-placed. If you have any of that information, please forward onto me and I will make sure they are forwarded onto the correct responsible individuals.

It is charter renewal time also. If you need to pay your dues to the ARBA, please do so in January so the charter renewal process runs smoothly.

Next year the HRBI will be looking for donations for the raffle. I am offering the services of my mother to make a rabbit quilt for the raffle next year. Rather than making a Blanc de Hotot quilt, I thought it would be nice to have an

all inclusive quilt for all the recognized rabbit breeds. We would draw more attention that limiting the bidding to just our rabbit club. My mother has a computer program which can convert color pictures to fabric, so please start collecting pictures of rabbits from each breed. If you are not a member of the HRBI but would like to have your rabbit pictured on the quilt, please submit your pictures to me at matthewhinderman@yahoo.com. I would like to collect the pictures from as many willing rabbit breeders as I can. No pictures will be used without the breeders consent and will only be used strictly for the rabbit quilt project.

There was concern raised over the lack of registrations with the Blanc de Hotot. Since we are now the #1 rare breed, we really should make a great effort to register as many Blanc de Hotots as we can. One thing many breeders have faced is senior rabbits that are not registerable because they do not meet the senior weight requirements. With this in mind we would like each breeder to keep data on their rabbit weights. If you keep detailed records of your rabbit weights, please forward onto the HRBI secretary for their data base. We are interested in looking at any trends and if any conclusions can be drawn from this data.



Lop Rabbit Club of America

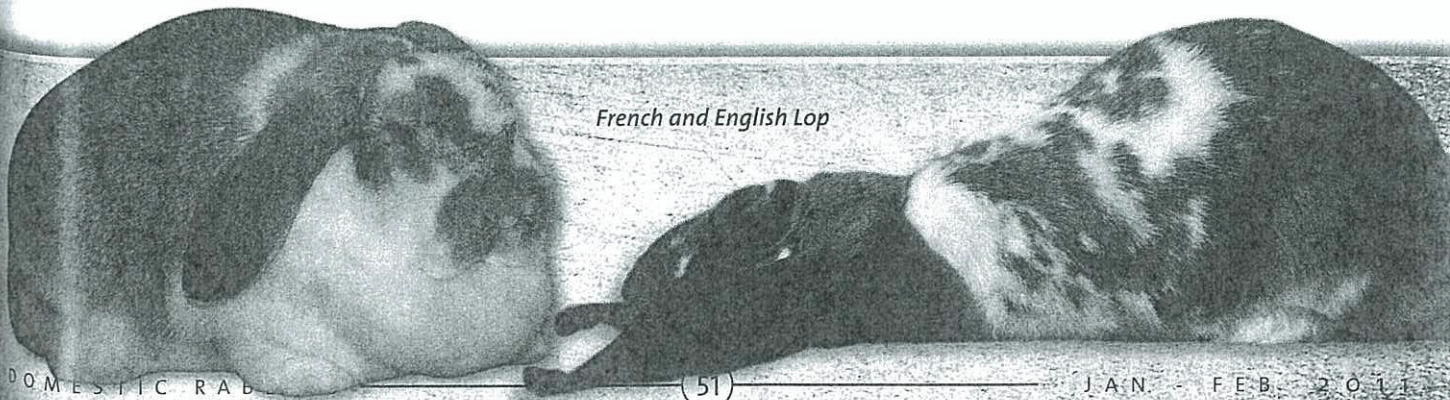
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Happy New Year Lop friends!! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is starting out with a great New Year!! I know we are all trying our best to keep our rabbits and nestboxes as warm as possible during this time of year!!! And in just a few more months, we again will all be faced with the hot temps during the summer months!!

Let me remind everyone that we have a new club secretary, Sandy Bennett. Her address is: 323 Macedon Drive, Lexington, SC 29073. Email address is: Ircasec@gmail.com All membership, correspondence and sanction requests are to be sent to Sandy. Show reports should be sent to: Courtney DuCharme at : eeeyores_ears75@yahoo.com. Please make sure your show secretaries have been informed of the new changes.

Lop Nationals are only a few months away and will be held in Belton, TX on April 9, 2011. There will also be another show on Sunday, April 10th, so you can show your lops twice. I know you will want to make travel plans soon for your hotel and plane reservations. Airlines need to be booked far in advance, to allow for the carrying of your rabbits. The headquarters hotel is the La Quinta Inn,



Blanc de Hotot

French and English Lop