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President's Report

Kevin Hooper

The 2006 National Dutch Show has come and gone. Thanks to the Allegany Mountain Dutch club for hosting this event. The winners at this years show were varied with the top honors in youth going to Adrienne and Mac Great with a dandy Black Jr Doe. I was fortunate enough to bring home the top honors in open with a Black Sr buck. It has been a while since the blacks won both honors at the NDS. Congratulations to all of the winners.

One concern going into the show was how many we would have? Most everyone in the midwest reported the same trouble having live litters over the winter, so I expected the numbers to be down considerably. I was wrong! It ended up being the largest NDS ever! Over 1200 hundred were entered, with the final open number being 743, and over 420 in youth! Even though some of us may have been down in numbers, we had many exhibitors make up for those of us with fewer Dutch.

I want to mention that the Best Opp Dutch in open went south, way south! The Patton family from Louisiana won with a Steel Jr Doe. Anyone remember anyone from the deep south winning one of the top awards at the NDS or ARBA Convention Show? They are at a disadvantage down there with the heat, not to mention there aren't many Dutch form those areas! Congratulations!

As you will notice in this edition of the DR, we have a new editor. Dick Gehr has been given the responsibility of publishing the DR, while Julie Hume of Michigan is working on content, and Rick Billups is handling the advertising portion. You will notice a couple of new features which Julie worked to develop. Both are "Ask the" articles, based on point / counterpoint. We are open to new ideas for the DR, so let us know what you might like.

Also, Melody has been adding more to the web all of the time, so

check our website for information and updates, including many past DR articles that would be helpful to the new breeders who had not seen them before.

There was a concern brought up during the General Membership meeting regarding the current method that we use to select members for the Hall of Fame. We currently have members nominate those who may be deserving. The Board then is to compile information on the top nominees, with the committee selecting those who may be qualified. We were behind this year, and with Wayne Mackinnon (Hall Of Fame Chair this past year) having open heart surgery, the process was slowed. We will be revisiting the nomination process with the committee to address these concerns. Also, those nominated will be listed in the DR along with the election results, but the number of nominations will not be listed.

We also decided that we would begin listing members email addresses when we publish the annual membership list the first issue of the year. So, if we do not have your email address, send an email to the ADRC secretary noting you would like your email added to the membership list. We do have emails for all of you who entered the ARBA Convention Show in Indy last year.

A complete financial statement in listed in this DR, complete with a list of all expenditures. As you can see, we are doing well even though we have made a few large purchases this year. The largest purchase was a laptop computer for the ADRC Secretary. Briony used that at this years NDS. It was used to compile meeting minutes, figure the Display awards for the show, as well as figure the payback for the seller's class, and write checks for the seller's class on the spot! This will be used at all future Conventions and National Dutch Shows.

Speaking of Display points, Valerie Worzella worked with Dick Gehr at the show to make a last minute fix on our Sweepstakes program, and the Awards were announced at the banquet! Please find them listed elsewhere in this issue. Thank you all for your patience! I would always suggest you hang on to your show

reports if you are concerned about your points being counted properly. It often happens that the Sweepstakes person may not receive a completed show report, or any show report! If you do not have a copy, and the Sweeps Chair does not have a copy, then we cannot get you your points!

Thats it for now! Keep your Dutch cool this summer and make plans now to attend the '06 ARBA Convention and show in Fort Worth, Texas, and the '07 NDS in Saginaw, Michigan.

Vice-President's Report

Sue (Strandwitz) Hill

Once again we zipped through the Spring and are now into the midst of the summer. The fans are on in the barn and the rabbits are lazy in their pens from the heat of the day. The National Dutch show in Washington, PA was a great time to see everyone again and to enjoy all the efforts of the hosting club to put on the show. As usual, those of us able to attend went home with lots of good memories and a fresh perspective on what we want in our herds at home.

So just what are your criteria for keeping an animal for your herd? Do you insist on a strong hindquarters, shoulders, particular markings, or a nice head? Do you keep animals with some marking faults and not others? How long do you keep juniors to watch their development before deciding they join the herd or are sold? It would be nice to have some articles from you, the breeders, to share with us all.

Awhile back, Jill Pfaff and I were talking about how we respectively check over our rabbits for health issues. Aside from the obvious (seeing illness or someone leaving feed or water untouched), we both found we did the same thing; when it was breeding time for a doe, we used that opportunity to go over both the buck and doe for problems. It is also the time we clip toenails. It's amazing how quickly those things grow. It certainly makes sense to stay on top of them so a toe doesn't end up broken when caught in the wire. The tasks involving rabbit care increase tenfold

with the larger herd so having some constant schedule to follow is very helpful.

The club is still working on some quirks with the DR getting to long time members. Briony found a glitch in the program and is trying hard to rectify it. Unfortunately, it took a couple phone calls and emails from members to make us aware of the problem. Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou to you ALL for your patience right now until things are straightened out.

Dick Gehr is our new editor so please welcome him to the position when you have a chance. He is really anxious to have people step forward and share some knowledge, or anything pertaining to Dutch. It doesn't take a degree in journalism, nor does it have to be an article of any great length. Julie Anderson did a tremendous job with the DR for many, many years. Matter of fact, she was continuing to promote the Dutch long after the last one left her home. Thankyou, Julia, for your dedication with time and energy over the last several years! Dick has some big shoes to fill!

The ARBA Nationals in Texas means coming up with ideas for the publicity department to pursue. We were talking about having more warm weather items available for that show because of the location, but Angie and Jill Aisbet are interested in any ideas we may have as well. What are your thoughts? If you have any, pop on our website and contact either Angie or Jill. They want to be working on clothing, and other promotional items you all find appealing. If you see something really exciting at another show, jot it down and let us know.

Some other thoughts; how about having someone designated at each Nationals as the official photographer? Anyone interested in using your skills with the camera to capture moments for the DR? Let me know if you are. What about having a "grand rounds" at ARBA Nationals to discuss correct color for Grays, Steels, Blues, and perhaps Chocolate eye color? We could set time aside to travel down the aisles and look at what is entered. It may help to see what people are breeding for and how closely it comes to what the standard is asking us to follow.

Last summer, our Upper Midwest Dutch Club held a meeting and a little fun event at my home here just south

of Madison, WI. All members were able to bring a junior of any color that was then judged by everyone. Each club member listed their first through third choices. The award was for the most promising junior (which went to Melody Stremkowski with a little black). It was fun to then go to the shows that fall and see how that baby did. We had so much fun with that little event that it may become a permanent part of the meeting!

I look forward to seeing you all during the fall shows and to see what is going to be at the top of the heap!

Please contact your directors if you have any upcoming issues, and feel free to email Kevin or myself as well. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and best wishes with strong babies with great markings!

One last thing; for those of you not aware, I was married this past April so you'll be noticing a new name with my articles!

From the New DR Editor Dick Gehr

Hello all !

It is with great pleasure that I take on the task of seeing the Dutch Reporter is published each quarter.

I certainly hope I will be able to accommodate the membership with the quality and timeliness that Julia Anderson has over the past years. I wish Julia all the best, and want to express my personal appreciation for the time, labor, efforts, and dedication she has offered to the DR and the ADRC membership.

Having had a hand in publishing the DR many years ago, when Norma was the ADRC Secretary, I am well aware of what is necessary to produce the periodical. I am very lucky having Norma to lend a hand whenever I need it. It is like having a treasure chest of knowledge and ideas with her here to help, and I am certain she will offer as much to the DR as I do.

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If you write to me, I will respond in order to assure you that your email has been received. For those without email, you can contact me best by

phoning 815-634-2676. As that phone line is used for our internet access, sometimes it is very difficult to reach me using it, so keep trying. The phone has a caller ID on it, so as long as your number is not listed as "private", I will at least receive your number and will return the call ASAP. Remember though that email is really the best and easiest way to reach me.

Naturally we will like to include pictures in the upcoming issues of the DR. We all hear and read names, but when we have the opportunity to put a face with that name, it is always nice.

If you submit any pictures for use in the DR, please know we will try to use them whenever possible, however at times due to space limitations we may not get them in immediately. Also, normally pictures would not be returned, so either send us ones you do not mind us keeping, or make sure you send a request to have it returned when we are through with it.

Digital pictures are welcomed, and can be sent as attachments to emails. HOWEVER, most digital cameras (at least the older ones) shoot at a resolution of 72. In order for a picture to really turn out clear when printing, it should be 300 resolution (DPI) or better. The digital cameras that are 3 megapixel or more will usually work fine. You can check your picture before sending it by using a photo editing program and checking the "image size". That should tell you the resolution and physical size of the image. If it is 72 or 150 resolution (DPI), the physical size of the image should be at least 6" in width for me to be able to reduce the size and enhance the resolution. If you have any questions about a picture you would like to submit, send it to me and I will take a look at it and email you back informing you if it will work, or if we need to try something different.

Sending an actual developed photo, like a 35 mm photo, will always work well, as I can scan it at the resolution necessary to come out clear. If you try to print a photo on your computer's printer and send that, it may or may not work, depending on the printer resolution and quality of the picture.

I would like to extend my appreciation and Thanks to the ADRC Board members for having the confidence that I will be able to publish the DR in a manner acceptable to the membership.

Secretary - Treasurer Report

Briony Barnes

Hi Dutch Breeders -

It's been quite awhile since I've written one of these, and a lot has happened in the meantime.

First of all, thank you so much to the Allegheny Mountain Dutch Rabbit Club for a wonderful job hosting the 2006 NDS! I'm sure they're glad they can relax now! I hope you all will consider making the trip to Ft. Worth for the ARBA Convention. It looks as though our Dutch numbers may be down. I wonder if those of you who came to our Convention in 2003 will reconsider if I tell you it's only an easy 6 hour drive past Wichita? I suppose it can't hurt to try!

While going through the show reports it was interesting to see how the variety numbers have changed over the years. In Open, Black was as usual the largest variety, followed by Gray, Chocolate, Tort, Blue and Steel. In Youth Blacks also had the largest entry, next was Tort, then Blue. Chocolate and Gray each had 61, and Steels had the fewest. While I'll be the last to complain about a proliferation of Torts, I wonder why the Blue numbers were so low, especially in Open?

I'm sure many of you noticed at NDS that I had a laptop. This is property of the ADRC and was purchased in early April, brand new, for a great price. This has already made a huge difference at NDS! I can't tell you how wonderful it is to be able to look up and update memberships on the spot, and print out checks for Seller's Class and other expenses. Thank you, ADRC Board!

Also, welcome aboard to new DR editor Dick Gehr. Dick has served previously as our DR editor and will, I'm sure, do a great job! Thank you also to Julia Anderson, who served for over 10 years as DR editor.

On a personal note, I would like to once again thank everyone for their kindness and support after the fire that destroyed our barn in March. I have decided to write an article about this to be placed elsewhere in the DR.

GENERAL FUND (Checking)

Opening Balance from Checking	\$8,787.62	
Opening Balance from CD	\$2,993.66	
		\$11,781.28
Total Income		\$5,420.40
Memberships	748.00	
Sanction Fees	1,323.00	
DR/Website Ads	28.00	
Seller's Class	1,843.40	
Convention Specials Ads	45.00	
Convention Banquet Tickets	1,433.00	
Total Expenses		\$7,183.19
Bank service Charges	6.00	
Dues & Subscriptions (ARBA Charter)	30.00	
2005 NDS Advance	500.00	
2006 Convention Booth Space	300.00	
Office Supplies	852.10	
DR Editor's Fee	300.00	
Postage & Delivery	374.93	
DR Printing (J/A/S 05 & O/N/D 05)	1,533.00	
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Sanction Chair Commission	158.00	
Secretary's Commission	187.00	
Sweepstakes Chair Commission	657.00	
2005 Convention Breakfast Banquet	1,360.00	
President's Fee for 2005 Convention	50.00	
Secretary's Mileage for 2005 Convention	259.00	
Publicity Fund Percentage of Dues	93.50	
Contingency Fund Cut of Dues	67.00	
Flowers to Jack Wireman	68.08	
Board Name Badges	70.62	
Seller's Class Tags	39.33	
Ending Balance 1/2/06		\$10,018.49

CONTINGENCY FUND (Savings)

Opening Balance		\$8,075.95
Total Income		72.31
Cut of Membership Dues	67.00	
Interest Earned	5.31	
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Ending Balance 1/2/06		\$8,148.26

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$18,166.75**

MEMBERSHIP			
Single Adult	207	Total Open	373
Youth	141	Total Youth	235
Husband/Wife	82		
Family	178	Total Current Members	608

Director's Report District One Rick Billups

The 2006 National Dutch show is now history and unfortunately I had to miss it due to work. This is the first NDS I've missed in 12-15 years and I hope not to miss too many more in the future. Congratulations to Kevin Hooper for winning BOB in the Open Show and the Patton's winning BOS. BOB in the Youth Show went to the Gerhart's while BOS was won by Naomi Wisinski. Please look in this issue for further show results.

I understand Tommy D' and Kevin Hooper are the recent inductees into the ADRC Hall of Fame, congratulations to you both! I can remember calling up Tom and pestering him when my brother and I were youngsters and just started showing Dutch. Tom was always helpful and patient with everyone, including two young hillbillies from West Virginia.

The 2007 NDS will be in Kalamazoo, MI and then over to Illinois for the 2008 show. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one of these great shows. Attending a Nationals allows you to meet new friends and see old friends from years past.

The Ohio State Dutch Rabbit Club held their spring show over Memorial Day weekend and ended up with a little over 100 rabbits in both the open and youth. The 1st Open show was won by Todd Uran with the Kline Family won BOS and then Mike Smith won BOB in the second show with BOS also going to the Kline Family. The Gerharts won BOB in both Youth shows and also BOS in the 1st show while the Lapes won BOS in the 2nd show.

We stopped by to visit Barb and Denise Kline and were truly impressed with their rabbitry. I have asked them to submit a brief article with pictures for the next Dutch Reporter. It's was nice to visit someone's barn and get so many good ideas.

A big thanks is owed to Julia Anderson for all her hard work as our DR Editor for the past 10 years. The big job has now gone to Dick Gehr who has past experience as the editor and I know will do a good job.

See ya soon !

Director's Report District Two Dick Gehr

Spring shows are almost past and the Fairs will be starting up in no time. As a matter of fact, our first one is only a couple of weeks away.

Dutch litters have been few and far between at Nor-Dick rabbitry, but we keep on breeding the does. We are confident someone will decide to kindle one of these days, and I expect to see about 4 or 5 "perfect" Dutch in the nest box. RIGHT !!!!!

Oh well, what is it they say? Christmas is July?? Guess we can wish, just like we do for the real Christmas. (One of these days that old fat man will hear me.)

I am very pleased to announce the 2008 National Dutch Show will be held right here in District Two, and even better news is that it will be right here in Illinois. The Illinois Dutch Rabbit Club will host the event in Bloomington, home of the ARBA Headquarters. You should plan on coming in a day early, or staying a day after and visit the ARBA office. The Hall of Fame Library has more rabbit material in it than you would ever imagine!

We look forward to sponsoring a cracker jack NDS in an outstanding facility. The building is very comfortable with heat or air conditioning if the needs arise, and the banquet will be held right in the same building. Food is good, and there will be plenty of it.

The cooping being used was purchased just last year, and will have been used only about 3 or 4 times before our event.

The headquarters motel is only about a half mile or so from the show building, and there are ample eating facilities, a WalMart, Farm & Fleet, and other businesses in the immediate area. Just think, you don't have to pack a thing to come to the 2008 NDS...you can check into the motel with what you were wearing when you left home, and then stop and buy fresh clothes and anything else you need on your drive from the motel to the show room!!

Also, Andrew Craig (and family) lives just a short hop, skip, and a jump from the show facility, so we could stop the judging and all pile over to their house for a good old fashioned cook-out for lunch...hmmmm... Only kidding Karen, we wouldn't do that to you!

I know Jill Pfaff and her Standards Committee have been diligently working on clarifications and possible modifications for the dutch standard. There are a couple of issues I would like to see addressed, and would appreciate hearing anyone else's views on the subjects.

First, is the DQ for a white spot in a full neck marking. The ARBA Standards Committee has made an interpretation that when there is a full neck (the wedge behind the ears completely filled in with color), and a white spot appears in the area, it is a Disqualification. I would contend that this would be improper, as the area is actually supposed to be white!

If a complete Hairline is not present, but there is a spot of white where the Hairline should be, it is not considered a DQ. The spot in a full neck should be no different. True, the Hairline does not have any points allocated and the Neck marking does, however I fail to see the logic of DQ'ing an animal for having something that it is supposed to....that being white in the Neck marking area.

I would personally, also like to see a slight modification to the points in the Dutch standard. I have given my thoughts to Jill, and hopefully she and her committee will consider my input. I believe type should remain as the top priority, with a little shift of points throughout the markings. We shall see what is recommended in the near future.

If you have any desires or concerns regarding the Dutch standard, by all means contact Jill Pfaff or one of the other committee members and let them know your feelings. An article for the Dutch Reporter might also be a thought.

For those of you that know Andrew Craig, you may or may not have heard he was involved in an accident at his workplace. Andrew is one of our bright young shining stars (although he will be a senior in high school this year I believe), and has made a mark on the Dutch world since becoming involved as a very young breeder.

Andrew received some rather critical burns on his leg and hand, and spent several days in the hospital.

He is at home now, and on his way to recovery. There are some limitations at present, but we are hopeful he will be back to himself in no time.

I know that I, for one, wish him the best. He has become a very instrumental part of the Dutch scene here in Illinois, and we always count on him around here to keep things exciting.

Director's Report District Two Dawn Schwartz

Hello Dutch Breeders,

What a BIG let down it was for Dan & myself to miss the Spring National. As we were preparing for it, and thought we had all of our ducks in a row, things just did not work out. Leave it to work commitments & a 16 year old daughter who has to be in too many places in one day.

I'm sure you have all heard of the news of our youth Andrew Craig from Illinois for being in a freak accident. He was burned while at work at Farm & Fleet. It seems that an employee had very poor judgement in what he thought would be funny. Andrew has had skin grafts on his leg & is now home recuperating. It sounds like his mom Karen is having a tough time keeping him from being too active. This is always a good sign, our Hopes & Prayers for a quick recovery our with Andrew & his Family.

Well if you have not thought about it yet, start to now. Hard to believe but our juniors should already be out of the nest box's for the ARBA Convention in Texas this Fall. Have not map quested this one yet, kind of scared to. If anyone has any information on flying bunnies, I think it would be a great time to get an article in the Dutch Reporter, as some of us just may opt for that route.

A Grateful Thank You just does not seem like enough for Julia Anderson, for all of the timeless hours that she has devoted to this club. Thank You - for all the hours of reading that both Dan & I have enjoyed over the years. A Big Thank You to Dick Gehr for taking on the task as the Dutch Reporter Editor, this is not a small task. As I've said in the past, no one knows how many hours are put in these jobs until you do something like this yourself.

Keep your bunnies cool, see you at the shows!

Dawn

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Director's Report District Three Jill Pfaff

Hello fellow Dutch Fanciers....was wonderful to see everyone again at NDS in Pennsylvania and wow what a turnout of top quality Dutch shown !

The show season in the Pacific Northwest is in full swing and the NW Dutch Rabbit Club just had their annual show with 151 Dutch judged by Erik Bengston. For the Youth Autmn Dennistoun took the top honors of BOB & BOS with a Chocolate Jr. Doe and Black buck. In the Open BOB went to Sarah Cleavenger with a sharp little Black Jr. Doe sired by her Blue buck DD's Stryker that was quite a big winner last year. BOS went to Hilary Wittrock with a cute little Steel buck she brought home from NDS bred by Ron & Renee Russ.

This show is really enjoyable as we have a potluck lunch and allows everyone to visit. Once again Heidi Britton was the hostess at her lovely home in Everett, WA. Sweepstakes awards were also handed out and a surprise presentation of Life Memberships to Pete & Debra Nelsen and myself.

We have a total of 8 NW Dutch Specialty shows planned for the year with an even split between Oregon and Washington.

The Dutch are definitely on the upswing with more numbers and also the quality is improving with more Best In Show wins. Graham Shields took a BIS at the Spring 4-H Critter Romp in McMinnville. At the Oregon State Convention in Newport I was thrilled to take BIS with a Blue Sr. Doe under Cliff Dick and a few weeks before took RIS with a Black doe under Uno Kivi in Canby at the Crazy 8's show.

There is an interest in holding a National Dutch Show on the West Coast again but we are still having difficulty with a location. We are planning a Western Regional Dutch gathering at the Nevada State Fair in Reno on August 26th and 27th, if you are interested drop me a note for more details.

Don't forget to make plans for the upcoming ARBA Convention and Scoot your boots to Fort Worth, Texas. Hotel and the club breakfast information will be available elsewhere in the issue. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the shows !

Sincerely yours in Dutch

Director's Report District Three Bob Bergene

Recently attended the Kansas Dutch Picnic and Show in Wichita, KS the first of June. It was a fun time with everyone bringing potluck, Daryl Gardner getting the grills set up and enjoying delicious barbecue. Jack Colborn kept things lively with a fun auction. Marvin Cole won BOB with a nice little Gray jr doe. It has slowed down for shows this summer here in the midwest, however there are a few to go to yet. Coming up is the Dutch Specialty show in Holt, Missouri which usually gets a good turnout. It is Dutch only and is held in an air conditioned building.

Congratulations to the Illinois Dutch Rabbit Club for getting awarded the NDS for 2008 in Bloomington, Illinois. I know many of the people in our District have expressed an interest in going to that and seeing the new ARBA library. Kansas is currently putting a bid together for hosting the NDS in Hutchinson, Kansas in 2009.

It is not to early for you Dutch breeders to be thinking of, and making reservations for the ARBA show in Fort Worth, Texas this October 29 to November 2nd. The Dutch Headquarters hotel is the Homestead Inn and further information on making reservations can be found in this issue. I have spoke with several Dutch breeders that were unable to attend the past ARBA in Indianapolis that are planning to attend the Fort Worth show.

Have a great summer and hope to see many of you this fall.

Regards.



*There is more to rabbit shows
than just rabbits !!!!*

ADRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The ADRC General Membership Meeting was called to order on April 29, 2006 by President Kevin Hooper.

Answering roll call were President Hooper, Vice President Strandwitz, Secretary-Treasurer Barnes, District 2 Director Gehr, and District 3 Directors Bergene and Pfaff.

Norma Hart moved, and Allan Gerhart seconded to dispense with the reading of minutes. Motion passed.

Denny Kline moved and Sue Strandwitz seconded to approve treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Sweepstakes: Valerie reported that there is still one glitch in the sweepstakes program, when fixed the 2005 sweepstakes will be finished. Awards will be mailed.

Standards Committee: Jill reported that the Standards Committee has been working on ideas for new standard, info will be in the next DR.

Website: Melody reported that the website is averaging 1500-2000 unique hits each month. The top 3 pages accessed are breeder listing, breed info, and photo gallery. Online memberships should be up and running by end of May.

Publicity: New publicity items are available, and a scholarship raffle for an MP3 player is being conducted.

Scholarship: Scholarship award winners have been selected and will be announced at the banquet.

Dutch Reporter: DR on the way, delayed because of show reports. Julia has resigned and we will need a new DR editor.

Old Business: None

New Business: Membership pins are available at the show.

A list of email addresses will be compiled and printed in the DR.

Upcoming sanctioned shows are available on the website.

We still need ideas for the club. Mention ideas for publicity to the Board or Publicity, ideas for website to Board or Melody.

NDS 2008 is still in need of a host.

Hotel & banquet information is available for Ft. Worth. We are still working on locating a breed superintendent.

Al Miller moved Jill Pfaff seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

ADRC BOARD MEETING

The ADRC Board meeting was called to order on April 28, 2006 by President Kevin Hooper.

Answering roll call were President Kevin Hooper, Vice President Sue Strandwitz-Hill, Secretary-Treasurer Briony Barnes, District 2 Directors Dick Gehr and Warren Wiltman, and District 3 Directors Bob Bergene and Jill Pfaff.

Warren moved and Jill seconded to dispense with reading of minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed.

Jill moved and Bob seconded to approve the Treasurer's report, motion passed. (add in totals)

Committee Reports:

Sweepstakes: Valerie reported that she and Dick are still working on 05 sweepstakes, some glitches still in the program. SS winners will be announced as soon as they are available. Members will be asked to hold onto show reports.

Website: Melody reported that there are consistently between 1600-2000 unique visitors each month. The three most popular pages are breeder listing, breed info, and photo gallery by number of hits. Online membership will be up and running by end of May, programming so memberships will be done in one transaction (if there are any extra fees). Reports will be created on secure site for Briony to be reconciled with Paypal. Online store will be the next step with a link to Publicity site/store. A sorted list of upcoming shows by state & date is also planned.

Publicity: Angie reported that the CD is around 1800.02. Any extra funds will be donated to scholarship fund. (The CD is for ARBA Convention BIS fund, \$1000 open \$500 youth, so any over \$1500 is extra.) New items will be available at Fort Worth.

Scholarship: No scholarship report. 2 applications have been received.

Standards: Standards committee planned meeting and have been communicating. Hope to have some changes to bring to membership by next year. Will try to find out why the past changes were rejected.

Dutch Reporter: DR should be in the mail the first of the week. New DR editor needed as Julia Anderson has resigned.

Sanctions: Lots of requests received, over 700 since end of October. Postcards will be sent to all local clubs. Postage will be sent to Doreen to make it easy for her to forward mail to Jill & Briony.

ARBA Convention Liaison Committee: Jill has contacted Gay Sparks in Texas, Bill O'Haver has been recommended as show superintendent, Sara Sparks will help with youth. Info for headquarters hotel, breakfast meeting is being set up. Awards are still in the works. Will send \$ to John Neff and have awards delivered at Convention.

Sue moved Dick seconded to approve committee reports. Motion passed

Old Business

A new DR Editor is needed, will be brought up at general membership meeting.

Fran's Audit Fee: \$250 donated to scholarship fund in Fran's name.

The issue of listing members' email in the DR will be brought up at the General Membership meeting.

We need a Youth Dutch judge for Convention, as Bill Patrick has signed on with Mini Lop.

Briony moved Sue seconded to adjourn, motion passed.



I would like to congratulate the 2 winners of the ADRC Scholarship for 2006, David Moll of Michigan and Megan Kline of Ohio. Each of these recipients will receive \$750.00. The scholarship fund currently has a balance of \$922.70. We received donations from Ohio State Dutch Rabbit Club of \$250.00 and Marshall Pet Products of \$170.00. The MP3 player raffle brought in \$134.00. We received \$127.00 from Purina Mills for feed bag weight circles. I would like to thank the following members for donating their weight circles, Pat Mareska of Arizona, John Graybeal of Pennsylvania and Becky Canfield, Phil Lape and Steve Wilch all of Ohio. Please continue to save your Purina weight circles and send them to me. So far this program has generated \$902.00 for the scholarship fund. If anyone has any other ideas on how to raise money for the fund or if anyone would like to donate to the fund please contact me.



2006 Hall of Fame Inductees

~ Tom Dietrich ~

I would like to thank all who had a hand in my hall of fame induction. It is the ultimate honor for a die hard Dutch raiser. It was especially gratifying to go in with Kevin Hooper, who is a young person with an older persons resume. I always felt Kevin and I thought a lot alike as competitors and as rabbit ambassadors. It was also good to see David Moll get a scholarship award. I always said he is a young Kevin Hooper, which is a compliment. (I guess Kevin is getting older)

I will give a brief history about myself, as having written as it seems millions of articles on dutch rabbits, a lot of you have heard this before.(I even let my rabbits write articles) I will be 56 years old this june, raised in Hadley Michigan, in a grocery store environment. I had quality rabbits as a kid and used them to buy the finer things in life, such as ball gloves, hockey sticks, basketballs, footballs, ballcards, etc. my first rabbit as a kid was named tracy, a chocolate doe, whose first litter included blackie, inky, chip and snoopy. Blackie produced dominate show rabbits, inky was the opposite of blackie and noted motherhood was not her thing. Chip was my favorite but was part of the supper meal one night, funny thing I never cared for rabbit meat after that. Snoopy became a dominate show rabbit after he was purchased for fifty dollars. I enjoyed the rabbits as a kid but sports in high school and college would cause me to be out of rabbits until 1976. After graduating from Michigan Sate University in 1972, I married my wife Teri in 1975, a concert pianist and artist. Dutch rabbits came back and four boys would follow. Bret, 1977, named after the race horse Bret Hanover. Bret is currently working in home land security in Arizona. Blair, born in 1979, named after a pro baseball player. Blair is currently unemployed and living at home. Scott in 1983 named after my wife's brother, Scott is working in accounting in Arizona. Benjamin born 1985, name is a compromise between wife and husband. Ben is studying to be an optometrist and is big in paintball with a trip to Tampa for a tournament and Chicago the following weekend. He could be on ESPN, very exciting times.

As an adult I worked for 31 years in

the state of Michigan mental health facilities, retiring in 2002. I enjoyed my time there but it was time to move on. Other highlights included being director of Lapeer county Special Olympics for 15 plus years. Playing and managing various ball teams across the U.S. Training and racing harness horses for ten years. Coaching youth sports for thirty years.

In the rabbit world won numerous national, state, and local shows and supplied stock for others to accomplish this. I also held offices in national, state, and local clubs. I am currently a Purina mills rabbit ambassador and I was told I was the inspiration behind the modeling of this program. Well this is getting lengthy and I probably forgot a whole lot but that will give me something else to write about.

P.S. Thanks for the standing ovation it was appreciated and brought tears to my eyes.

Best of everything,

"Tommy D."

~ Kevin Hooper ~

The 2006 National Dutch Show turned out to be a very memorable show for me. Not only was I able to win the Open show, but I was inducted into the ADRC Hall of Fame! Now, winning Best Dutch was very rewarding, but it does not compare to being in the Hall Of Fame! On top of that, I was inducted along with good friend and Dutch breeder Tom Dietrich! Tom has always been a class act in the Dutch world and I could not think of a more deserving member to be in the Hall than Tom!

I am not usually at a loss for words, but I could hardly speak after it was announced I was inducted. The ADRC and the Dutch rabbit mean a lot to me. I have worked on the Dutch themselves since my first rabbit (a Dutch) when I was nine. That was 31 years ago!

I began with only a pet quality black doe named Gretchen. She was one of maybe 25 I ever named. After raising a litter with her, and my brother showing New Zealands, the logical step was to get a better rabbit. I did that, and began showing a bit more when I was 12. I showed only open against the likes of Jack Wireman, Andy Barton, Mike Stinehelfer, Ed Chandler, Al and Barb Butler, and Elmer Hand. I began having success in 1980 with a black doe - K26. She won several times that year, could never get her bred because I wanted to show her, and she ended with thirty two legs! Pretty good for a kid showing against several future Hall of Famers!

In 1981, at the ripe old age of 16, I

was made the secretary of the Ohio State Dutch Club. This was the period where Jack said he raised me! I continued this until I went to Ohio State in 1985. I did manage to keep my Dutch going through my college years. I went home on weekends, while my dad begrudgingly fed and watered them through the week. He still gripes about that!

I graduated from college in 1988 and moved to southwestern Ohio. It took about a month to get a rabbit barn up once I found a place to rent. That fall at the ARBA Convention in Madison, WI, I had my first big win. A Steel Sr buck, "Jake" won Best Opp Dutch! My next wins, also BOS, went to the famed "Old Man". That tort buck won Best Opp in Peoria in '96, while a blue buck, KB04 won Best Opp in Louisville in '97, or '95? I did not win the top honors until the NDS in Hutchison in '98. That was followed by a Best Opp at the York NDS, and Best Dutch in Rhode Island in '04.

I first started on the ADRC Board in 1990 - or 1992. After several years on the Board, Fred Mullinax decided not to run again for President, and I was elected in 2000.

I mentioned at the NDS banquet after I regained my composure, that we have had a large turnover in members in the last ten to fifteen years? I put a question mark there as it seems we have. A past Dutch breeder who got out of Dutch was planning to attend the NDS this year for the first time in 14 years. He asked me who would still be there. My reply was that we would not recognize many!

We have seen many of our long time breeders who either no longer show, or have passed away! We have also seen a huge increase in the number of new breeders, in both open and youth! So, is it because of a losing members or gaining a bunch? I know in first going into the NDS this year, I thought I did not know three-fourths of those who were there. Now that number may not have been that high, but it sure seems like it! So, the moral of this is realize that those who you develop a friendship with in the Dutch world won't be in the Dutch world forever, so enjoy them while they are in Dutch.

Thanks for the honor of being named to the ADRC Hall of Fame,

Kevin Hooper

ARBA Convention 2006 Fort Worth, TX

American Dutch Rabbit Club

I found a hotel that is just about 2 miles from the Convention Center. It is easy to get to and in a nice part of town. I talked to them and they have 33 rooms reserved for Lone Star Rabbit for overflow from the downtown location. They will let us have the rooms for \$ 64.99 per night, which is really a good price for the location. There are several restaurants nearby and a shopping center. You will need to call and make your reservations and mention that you are with Lone Star Rabbit & Cavy.

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There are several other hotels within 10 minutes of downtown. They are located on the west side of Fort Worth. I have stayed in all of these at one time or another and didn't have any problems. I didn't check on pricing but they are always fairly reasonable.

Days Inn, 8500 Las Vegas Trail,
817-246-4961

Hampton Inn, 2700 S. Cherry
Lane, 817-560-4180

Comfort Inn, 8345 W. Freeway,
817-244-9446

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817-246-7168

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817-244-9740

There are a lot of hotels on the north side of town just off I 35 but you don't want to stay there. They are all really new and nice but if it is a NASCAR weekend you can't get a room and the traffic is horrible. Even on days when there are no races, I 35 is one of the worst roads in the city. It is only 2 lanes and it stays backed up at morning and evening rush hour. You will never get to the show barn. I strongly suggest you stay on the west side of town. East side is a bad part of town for crime. I can tell you some short cuts when you arrive in case you happen to get caught in traffic.

I talked to the Park Central Hotel downtown about breakfast. They can seat up to 60 in a dining room. We will

need to be out of the dining room by 9:30 if possible for them to prepare for the lunch crowd, said they might could put us on the covered patio if the weather is permitting. In Texas, it could be 80 or 40, who knows. They are not open for breakfast but for special occasions. The buffet would consist of eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, biscuits, gravy, potatoes, and cold cereal. Coffee is complimentary. I know that this one is just across the street from the convention center; it is not the host hotel.

Winning Best Dutch at the '06 National Dutch Show

by Kevin Hooper

I was fortunate to win this year's NDS. It was my second win at the NDS, and my third big win overall. This win was with what I feel was my best rabbit of the three.

I have been working on rebuilding my blacks for the last few years. While I had seen steady improvement in working on only black to black, my thinking was that it would be my steels that would end up helping my blacks. In the end, that was indeed what has happened, although not intentionally.

Before I tell the story of K657, I want to mention how a couple of his relatives fared. My winner has a great grandfather who was a steel buck named Hooper's KS257. The Best Opp in open, raised and bred by the Patton family, had KS257 as a grandfather, as well as the Best Dutch in youth owned and bred by the Gerhart's also has the same KS257 in background. Two of these winners were blacks, one was a steel.

I produced one black buck a couple of years ago that was all black for two generations, with a steel and a blue great grandparent. This buck was a good candidate to use for the production of not only blacks, but I felt steel as well. Now as a side bar, I showed this buck in Rhode Island. He placed about tenth in the junior buck class - about where I thought he should be. While I was grooming this buck, the senior judge from this year's NDS said not to keep him due to his square cheeks. I knew he was not that nicely marked, but the body and structure were very nice, and he was very smooth. So, I began using him on my

black does, as well as my steel does as the steels were too light. I have produced a few steels out of those breedings, and many blacks. I showed 16 blacks at the Indy Convention last year, all of which were out of the same black buck! This buck is one of those blacks

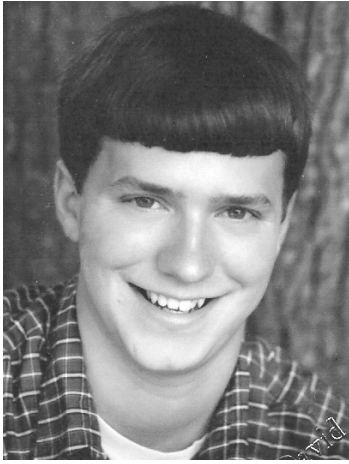
The winning black buck was just over a year old. Most senior bucks do not have good fur once they get a little age, but this buck is different. He is out of the black buck I previously mentioned and a STEEL DOE who won Best Steel as a Jr doe at the '04 NDS in Ohio.. (Now for those of you who are always concerned about steels producing blacks with stray white hairs, this buck has only one stray white hair, on his forehead.) He has the density of a good steel coat, and very good texture. He also has the fullest hind quarters of any buck I have ever raised. Now, with all of that being said, he was nearly culled as a junior!

He had very good depth as a young buck, and was very smooth as well. BUT, he was narrow! So narrow, he looked long! I debated whether to cull him a couple of times, but I knew that my line has the tendency to look narrow especially in the shoulders when they are young, so I kept him.

His first show he won BOB with only a few being shown. The second show was a double in which he won his first Best In Show. That was a surprise! I did like him, but did not think he was that good? Then, in the spring, he won his second Best In Show under judges that I don't usually do well under? So, now I'm thinking, he might have a chance at doing well in Washington, PA? The closer the NDS got, the more that I thought he would win his class, maybe more? The big question when going into a show like this is what does everyone else have? I knew he was good enough, but how many more would be good enough.

He did well in the class. Many told me after the class he would go on to win the show. Even if he would not have won, that was nice to hear from other breeders who thought he looked good enough to win.

When he did win, it was a good feeling. Not as much of a thrill as the first time I won, but this was more satisfying to know that I am on the right path. Hopefully this buck will produce as well as his father, and maybe once again I will achieve the top honor at the NDS.



Dear ADRC Scholarship Selection Committee and members,

Thank you for selecting me for one of the first ADRC scholarships. It is truly an honor to be recognized for this award, especially to receive the award with Megan Kline since she has set the standard for youth breeders. Also thank you to all of the members who have funded the scholarships through donations, raffles, and giving your Purina feed tags to the ADRC.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a sophomore at Michigan State University, studying Agri-Business Management. After graduation I am looking forward to starting my career working with commodity markets. Currently, I am an ARBA Registrar and anticipate applying for my judge's license after college. For the last 13 years, my family has been trying to breed the elusive 'perfect Dutch', but mainly we have been showing on the show circuit since 2000. Since my brother Greg and I are both attending college, we have slowed down on the number of shows that we go to in a year, but we are planning to attend more once we graduate. I really have to thank my family for taking care of the rabbits while I am away at school!

I have been fortunate to have met several key Dutch breeders that have shown me how to appreciate the Dutch breed through their own appreciation, including: Kevin Hooper, Tom Dietrich, Jay Imes, Rick Billups, the Kline Family, the Lape Family, Ed McKinley, Todd Uran, and Tony Micallef. I would also like to thank the Michigan Dutch Rabbit Club members as they are very supportive of their youth. There are so many others that have kept me encouraged through the years; the list literally goes on and on! I would sincerely like to thank all the breeders who have mentored me!

The main person to initially push my family to show more frequently and nationally was Tony Micallef. He truly played a vital role in my past experiences and in my future. I will continue to be grateful for meeting Tony as he literally changed my life. I highly encourage you to work closely with 'up-coming' youth breeders as you will leave a lasting impact on their lives. From my own experience, I am very appreciative for the breeders who have helped me!

For the youth members, I can't express how important it is to participate in the youth activities (like royalty, judging, and breed identification) and simply talking to the older breeders. You will learn a lot from competing and you will learn a wealth of information from the experienced breeders.

Thank you once again for the award.

David C. Moll



Dear ADRC Scholarship Selection Committee and members,

My name is Megan Kline and this fall I will be a sophomore at The University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. There, I am pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology with minors in Chemistry and Biology. I plan to graduate in the year 2009 and then obtain a position as a nuclear medicine technologist at a hospital.

I would like to send a great thank you to the ADRC scholarship selection committee for selecting me as a recipient of the ADRC scholarship award. I am very thankful that the ADRC has

chosen to begin their very own scholarship fund and I believe that there are many ADRC members who deserve the recognition that this new scholarship fund will be capable of providing. Additionally, I would also like to thank all the Dutch rabbit breeders who have generously shared their knowledge and advice on raising and showing rabbits and for their friendly competition. The list of rabbit breeders is too long for me to mention in this article, but my thank you extends to each and every one of you. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to send a big thank you to my parents, Dennis and Barb, who have supported me in all of my endeavors throughout the years and been there to help take care of the rabbits while I have been away at college.

I am very fortunate to be able to say that raising rabbits has been one of the biggest influences in my life. I remember when I received my first Dutch rabbit from a local pet store for an Easter present when I was 8 years old. The following year I decided to join 4-H and before I knew it I began breeding and raising my very own Dutch rabbits! Now, here I am, nineteen years old and still enjoying my hobby of raising and showing rabbits.

Although I am very proud to say that I have won numerous awards showing my rabbits at both the state and national level, I feel as though my most prestigious awards are my showmanship and skillathon awards. I have worked very hard to obtain these awards and become respected for not only the quality of my Dutch rabbits, but most importantly for my personal knowledge on rabbits.

Lastly, I would like to express that raising and showing rabbits is not all about the competition and awards, but the friendships that you make along the way. I have made countless friendships with fellow Dutch rabbit breeders not only in my home state of Ohio, but across the country. I will forever carry with me the memories that we have made together and continue to keep in touch no matter where my future takes me.

Once again, thank you very much for this prestigious award.

Megan M. Kline

Support the Youth !!

Ohio State Dutch Rabbit Club

The OSDRC hosted its annual Spring Dutch show this year on May 26 in Tiffin, Ohio. Mike D'Amico judged 101 rabbits that were entered in open. Todd Uran won open BOB with a Tortoise Sr. Doe and Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline won open BOS with a Gray Jr. Buck. Variety winners were as follows:

Black

BOV - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
BOSV - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline

Blue

BOV - Michael C. Smith
BOSV - Michael C. Smith

Chocolate

BOV - Shelly Thompson
BOSV - Shelly Thompson

Tortoise

BOV - Todd Uran
BOSV - Todd Uran

Steel

BOV - Shelly Thompson
BOSV - Shelly Thompson

Gray

BOV - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
BOSV - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline

Fur - Shelly Thompson

Mike Adams judged 108 rabbits that were entered in youth. Adrienne & Mac Gerhart won youth BOB with a Black Jr. Doe and Adrienne & Mac Gerhart won youth BOS with a Steel Jr. Buck. Variety winners were as follows:

Black

BOV - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart
BOSV - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart

Blue

BOV - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart
BOSV - Suzanne Wilch

Chocolate

BOV - Becky Bogan
BOSV - Suzanne Wilch

Tortoise

BOV - Nathan Lohrey
BOSV - Nathan Lohrey

Steel

BOV - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart
BOSV - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart

Gray

BOV - Katie Bickelhaupt
BOSV - Katie Bickelhaupt

Fur - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart

2005 OSDRC sweepstakes awards were give out at the show. The winners were as follows:

Open

Overall - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
BOB/BOS - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
Rabbit of the Year - Penn & Sue Peters
Black - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
Blue - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline
Chocolate - Ron Russ
Tortoise - Todd Uran
Steel - Ron Russ
Gray - Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline

Youth

Overall - Cody & Dan Lape
BOB/BOS - Cody & Dan Lape
Rabbit of the Year - Cody & Dan Lape
Black - Cody & Dan Lape
Blue - Suzanne Wilch
Chocolate - Cody & Dan Lape
Tortoise - Nathan Lohrey
Steel - Adrienne & Mac Gerhart
Gray - Katie Bickelhaupt

The Ohio State Dutch Rabbit Club will host is annually Fall show on November 25, 2006 in Wilmington, Ohio. The open judge will be Bruce Ormsby and the youth judge will be Brad Boyce. Hope to see everyone there!

Barb Kline

OSDRC Secretary/Treasurer



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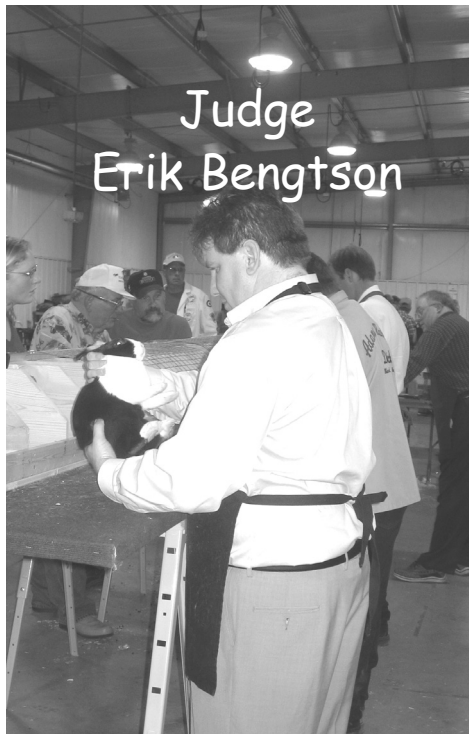
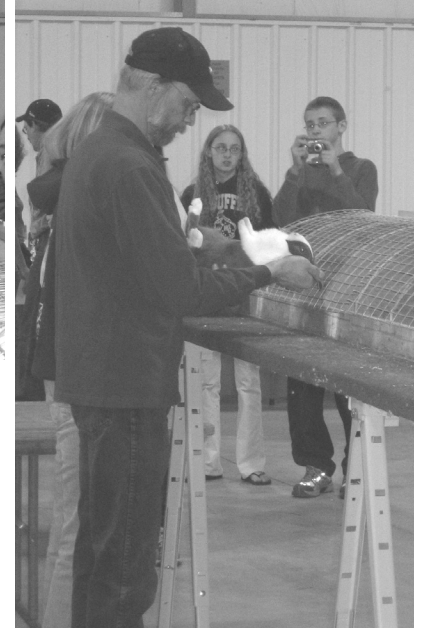
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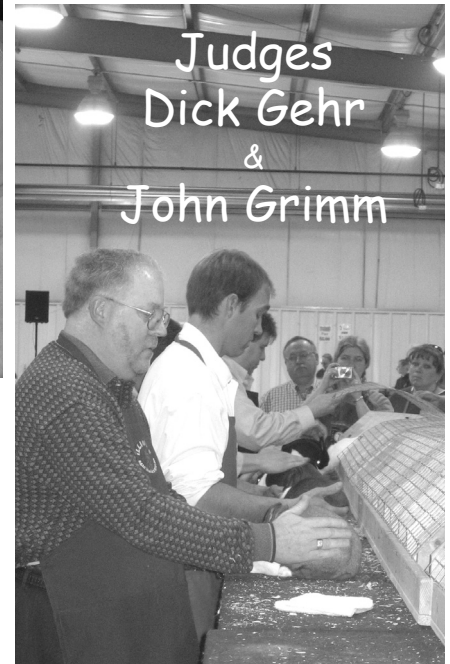
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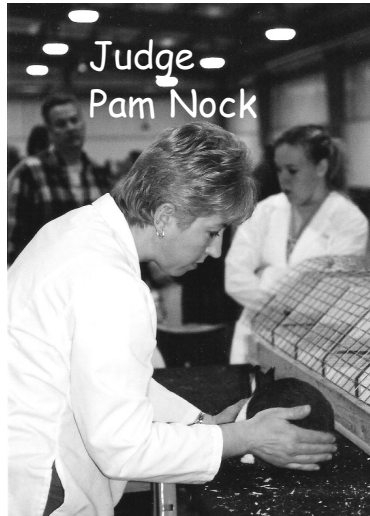
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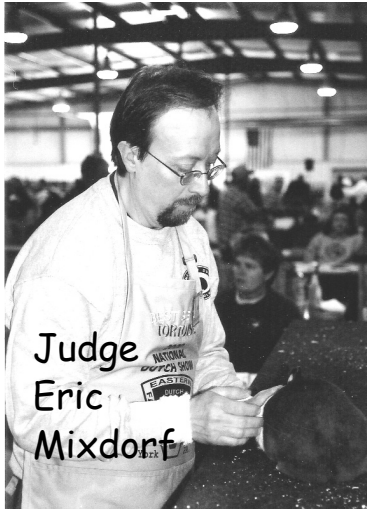
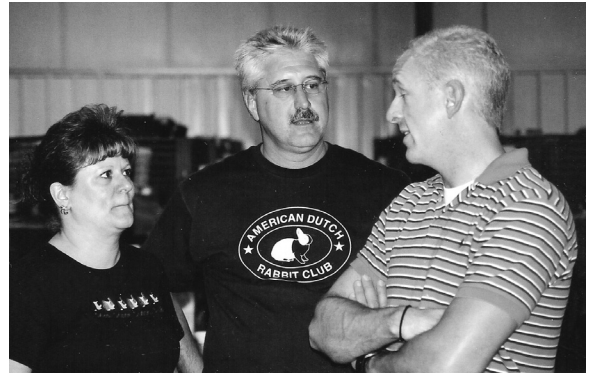
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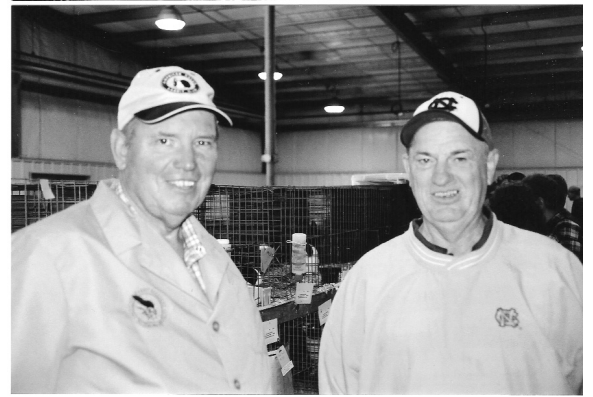
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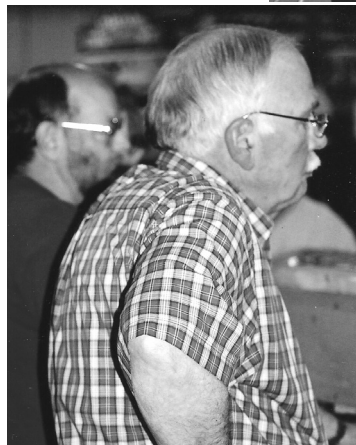
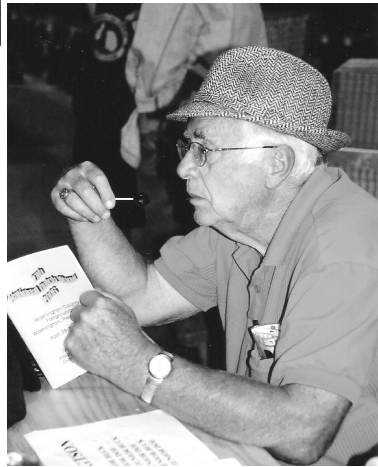
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BOB: Kevin Hooper, Black SB					Best Sr. All Colors: Kevin Hooper, Black SB			
BOS: Steve & Sherry Patton, Steel JD					Best Jr. All Colors: Cody & Danny Lape, Steel JB			
Best Display: Kevin Hooper, 4276 points					Best Fur: Dennis, Barbara & Megan Kline, Blue			
Black (168 Shown)			BOV: SB		BOSV: SD		Best Display: Valerie Worzella	
Senior Buck - 34 (BSr)			Senior Doe - 34		Junior Buck - 41 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 59	
1	K657	Kevin Hooper	D	Stan Goeglein	W463	Warren Wiltman	VWMNM	Valerie Worzella
2	L11	Ricky Wood	F5	Frank Smith	W473	Warren Wiltman	K4	F&K Mullinax
3	339H	E&S Mixdorf	F4B	F&K Mullinax	M495	DBM Kline	K692	Kevin Hooper
4	EM57	Mike Smith	F11	Frank Smith	TB61	R&R Russ	602H	E&S Mixdorf
5	M368	DBM Kline	45	Reggie Shull	DN26	Dan Nixon	VWASP	Valerie Worzella
6	I2	Bob Bergene	B20	F&K Mullinax	B57	Rick Lehmann	MW3	PCM Matthys
7	EM95	Mike Smith	5A	Todd Biddle	K695	Kevin Hooper	A1	Herb Kelso
8	M488	Todd Uran	4	Herb Six	K702	Kevin Hooper	VW075	Valerie Worzella
9	4C1	Audrey Grisez	K638	Kevin Hooper	FX5	F&K Mullinax	BR7	Tammy Policz
10	V23	Todd Biddle	KXS51	Gene Knieling	MAYOR	S&S Patton	JUD	S&S Patton
Blue (91 Shown)			BOV: SB		BOSV: SD		Best Display: Bob Bergene	
Senior Buck - 22 (BSr)			Senior Doe - 32		Junior Buck - 28 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 29	
1	F9B	F&K Mullinax	K109	Theresa Kortbein	B608	Janet Bowers	M521	DBM Kline
2	EM43	Mike Smith	562H	E&S Mixdorf	CK3	P&S Peters	KB42	Kevin Hooper
3	GOV	Bob Bergene	W460	Warren Wiltman	5C1	Gary Clark	O14	P&S Peters
4	6CR	P&S Peters	6BJ	Megan Gottschalk	FB2	F&K Mullinax	M522	DBM Kline
5	M208	Aaron Martin	KB38	Kevin Hooper	IL22	Greg Moll	JB5LK	Gholden/Pfaff
6	CDB15	C&D Lape	K4PS2	Gene Knieling	5P48	Bob Bergene	5W22	Bob Bergene
7	NB30	Dan Nixon	M425	DBM Kline	5P64	Bob Bergene	5W27	Bob Bergene
8	IL02	Greg Moll	5W19	Bob Bergene	VW097	Valerie Worzella	W461	Warren Wiltman
9	5P51	Bob Bergene	PH2	P&S Peters	EM42	Mike Smith	5P49	Bob Bergene
10	KB34	Megan Gottschalk	5W18	Bob Bergene	VWCDR	Valerie Worzella	53	Gary Clark
Chocolate (120 Shown)			BOV: JD		BOSV: JB		Best Display: Kevin Hooper	
Senior Buck - 26			Senior Doe - 36 (BSr)		Junior Buck - 24		Junior Doe - 34 (BJr)	
1	XB	Wilbur Williamson	4CHB	Shelly Thompson	KC90	Kevin Hooper	M221	Aaron Martin
2	KC86	Kevin Hooper	X1Y	P&S Peters	JM520	John Milroy	5S5	Bob Bergene
3	CHR	S&B Canfield	5C8	Ricky Wood	MCS	Shelly Thompson	JX2	Wilbur Williamson
4	ACE	S&B Canfield	COOKIE	Tammy Policz	KC96	Kevin Hooper	5C7	Ricky Wood
5	K692	Kevin Hooper	M416	DBM Kline	M525	DBM Kline	EM9	Mike Smith
6	5M19	Bob Bergene	8TC	R&R Russ	M526	DBM Kline	M539	DBM Kline
7	EM2	Mike Smith	5M17	Bob Bergene	BL	Herb Kelso	600H	E&S Mixdorf
8	S1	Tom Ayers	KCF	F&K Mullinax	YX2	P&S Peters	B6C	S&B Canfield
9	541H	E&S Mixdorf	4BC	S&B Canfield	MCT	Shelly Thompson	W478	Warren Wiltman
10	CS01	E&S Mixdorf	2BC	S&B Canfield	X10	P&S Peters	TIF2	Reggie Shull
Tortoise (118 Shown)			BOV: SB		BOSV: SD		Best Display: Dan Schwandt	
Senior Buck - 30 (BSr)			Senior Doe - 24		Junior Buck - 32 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 32	
1	S581	Dan Schwandt	KT81	Kevin Hooper	S5K	Dan Schwandt	S5T	Dan Schwandt
2	T90	Ricky Wood	S595	Dan Schwandt	FTO	F&K Mullinax	S5P	Dan Schwandt
3	KT83	Kevin Hooper	TC6	S&B Canfield	TUP	Todd Uran	S5R	Dan Schwandt
4	AH	Todd Uran	ST1	Herb Kelso	TUW	Todd Uran	S5C	Dan Schwandt
5	S481	Dan Schwandt	300Z	S&E Strandwitz	TUM	Todd Uran	KT	Herb Kelso
6	S465	Dan Schwandt	S547	Dan Schwandt	MS1FA	Audrey Grisez	AMY	Dale Grabenbauer
7	4TBS	Jim Smith	3T	Jim Smith	TUI	Todd Uran	KT00	Kevin Hooper
8	4J	Jim Smith	D96A	Susan Loan	TUA	Todd Uran	C6	S&B Canfield
9	3D	Dale Grabenbauer	D9	Dale Grabenbauer	TF	Herb Kelso	C16	Carlene Bell
10	S546	E&S Mixdorf	T50	R&R Russ	FT2	F&K Mullinax	S5Q	Dan Schwandt

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Steel (75 Shown)		BOV: JB		BOSV: JD		Best Display: F&K Mullinax	
Senior Buck - 19 (BSr)		Senior Doe - 17		Junior Buck - 22 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 17	
1	KS06 Kevin Hooper	DMWV Val Slack		CDS15 C&D Lape		MSA S&S Patton	
2	KS76 Kevin Hooper	CV27 Carol Vasko		F4X F&K Mullinax		K9X F&K Mullinax	
3	513H S&S Patton	MSRP Al Miller		TS27 R&R Russ		TS44 R&R Russ	
4	B861 Janet Bowers	KS68 Kevin Hooper		FX3 F&K Mullinax		T546 R&R Russ	
5	OZI F&K Mullinax	K79 Theresa Kortbein		KS78 Kevin Hooper		TS48 R&R Russ	
6	K124 Theresa Kortbein	5B29 Bob Bergene		JN Herb Kelso		2MB PCM Matthys	
7	V37 Carol Vasko	M531 Melody Stremkowski		K125 Theresa Kortbein		TS52 R&R Russ	
8	5PHR Anthony Campbell	5B41 Bob Bergene		LB361 Billy Bounds		KX5 F&K Mullinax	
9	T4 Gary Brandon	B864 Janet Bowers		FK F&K Mullinax		LB386 Billy Bounds	
10	EM4D Mike Smith	TS28 R&R Russ		FX6 F&K Mullinax		MSC S&S Patton	

Gray (158 Shown)		BOV: SD		BOSV: SB		Best Display: K&G Cummings	
Senior Buck - 29		Senior Doe - 32 (BSr)		Junior Buck - 50 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 47	
1	K98 Theresa Kortbein	KG4 F&K Mullinax		57CG K&G Cummings		G6 Stan Goeglein	
2	M203 Billy Bounds	M498 DBM Kline		M535 DBM Kline		LB362 Billy Bounds	
3	M212 Aaron Martin	LB341 Billy Bounds		M536 DBM Kline		CG26 K&G Cummings	
4	D Stan Goeglein	KG58 Kevin Hooper		EM5 Mike Smith		LB364 Billy Bounds	
5	LH12 L&Y Hebert	M213 Aaron Martin		B601 Janet Bowers		G5LS Gholden/Pfaff	
6	M371 K&G Cummings	5GO Ricky Wood		K139 Theresa Kortbein		CG28 K&G Cummings	
7	KG26 Kevin Hooper	CG23 K&G Cummings		59CG K&G Cummings		JG8 Cale Kunick	
8	IGM1 Cale Kunick	KG32 Kevin Hooper		501G Roger Guestchow		JG28 John Imes	
9	46CG Gary Brandon	M437 DBM Kline		52CG K&G Cummings		20TG R&R Russ	
10	5S19 John Stenson	KCNCR Gene Knieling		13TG R&R Russ		51CG K&G Cummings	



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BOB: Adrienne & Mac Gerhart, Black JD				Best Sr. All Colors: Gray SB				
BOS: Naomi Wisniewski, Gray SB				Best Jr. All Colors: Black JD				
Best Display: Adrienne & Mac Gerhart				Best Fur:				
Black (99 Shown)		BOV: JD		BOSV: SB		Best Display: Alexandra Reau		
Senior Buck - 30 (BSr)		Senior Doe - 37		Junior Buck - 14		Junior Doe - 18 (BJr)		
1	CD195	C&D Lape	Z37	Alexandra Reau	M183	A&M Gerhart	A207	A&M Gerhart
2	S50	Suzanne Wilch	SR43	Kristy Hume	RK93	Jacob Coomer	CD208	C&D Lape
3	KCLI	Katie Bickelhaupt	KLAUR	Katie Bickelhaupt	BT	Hilary Wittrock	SP	Drew Patton
4	M153	A&M Gerhart	DOT	Drew Patton	SPIKE	Drew Patton	A203	A&M Gerhart
5	AV20	S&E Hage	KGN2	Kyle Schreiber	Z51	Alexandra Reau	KMACY	Katie Bickelhaupt
6	2TR	J&J Harden	210	Alexandra Reau	Z50	Alexandra Reau	PE	Drew Patton
7	LUKE	Nick Cazer	RM4	Stephen Meier	TED	Drew Patton	EB9	Emily Borgman
8	H8T	Ogden Holschbach	S53	Suzanne Wilch	MIKE	Drew Patton	KKARI	Katie Bickelhaupt
9	Z43	Alexandra Reau	S42	Suzanne Wilch	LB375	Lauren Dean	Z52	Alexandra Reau
10	HSO	Harold Smith III	T102	Jacob Coomer	BGAL	Emily Borgman	5GT1	Nathan Graybeal
Blue (71 Shown)		BOV: JB		BOSV: JD		Best Display: Emily Borgman		
Senior Buck - 16		Senior Doe - 28 (BSr)		Junior Buck - 11 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 16		
1	5G12	Nathan Graybeal	KB28	Emily Borgman	SRP	Hilary Wittrock	TE	Hilary Wittrock
2	FAB	Drew Patton	502G	Nathan Graybeal	SR76	Kristy Hume	A150	A&M Gerhart
3	W99	Ogden Holschbach	S38	Suzanne Wilch	5G51	Nathan Graybeal	CM	Lea Mills
4	M108	A&M Gerhart	Z19	Alexandra Reau	EB6	Emily Borgman	EB13	Emily Borgman
5	M513	A&M Gerhart	A130	A&M Gerhart	ET	Hilary Wittrock	Z48	Alexandra Reau
6	5CO1	Derek Branson	EB1	Emily Borgman	EB7	Emily Borgman	M88	Trevor Marquis
7	SR48	Kristy Hume	A140	A&M Gerhart	CDBB	C&D Lape	183	Kevin Garrison
8	SR14	Kristy Hume	CDB10	C&D Lape	SH20	Shane Hansen	A148	A&M Gerhart
9	S32	Suzanne Wilch	5B8	Victoria Voigt	EB	Emily Borgman	M86	Trevor Marquis
10	5W12	Emily Borgman	JB6	Julie Bergene	DAR	Vanessa Brey	THE	Hilary Wittrock
Chocolate (61 Shown)		BOV: SD		BOSV: JB		Best Display: Kevin Athey		
Senior Buck - 24		Senior Doe - 16 (BSr)		Junior Buck - 8 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 13		
1	CDC01	C&D Lape	SG23	Kevin Athey	SCIW	Stephen Meier	CDC70	C&D Lape
2	CDC57	C&D Lape	D2	Rebekah Bogan	B11	Rebekah Bogan	CDC68	C&D Lape
3	RM3	MAM Paul	SG143	Kevin Athey	SG42	Kevin Athey	O5	Alexandra Reau
4	S25	Suzanne Wilch	SG142	Kevin Athey	RMC7	MAM Paul	SKCO	Michelle Meijer
5	RCV14	Kevin Athey	M77	Trevor Marquis	SG60	Kevin Athey	EMA	Zoe Patton
6	SG14	Kevin Athey	S47	Suzanne Wilch	B9	Rebekah Bogan	SKC2	Michelle Meijer
7	MUD	Shane Hansen	R15	Raymond Moore	SG51	Kevin Athey	SG151	Kevin Athey
8	M390	Alexandra Reau	RM38	MAM Paul	S	Zoe Patton	B12	Rebekah Bogan
9	S17	Suzanne Wilch	C1	Rebekah Bogan			BC	Rebekah Bogan
10	PEA	Rebekah Bogan	S40	Suzanne Wilch			B10	Rebekah Bogan
Tortoise (78 Shown)		BOV: JB		BOSV: SD		Best Display: Nathan Lohrey		
Senior Buck - 27		Senior Doe - 26 (BSr)		Junior Buck - 11 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 14		
1	M75	Trevor Marquis	NL16	Nathan Lohrey	M84	Trevor Marquis	NAG4	Nathan Graybeal
2	N7	Nathan Lohrey	SC48	Scott Sustersich	KTJ1	Kate Knieling	NL18	Nathan Lohrey
3	AV15	S&E Hage	D	Logan Scavi	J4	A&M Gerhart	O3	Alexandra Reau
4	KT63	Nathan Lohrey	KT78	Nathan Lohrey	N14	Nathan Lohrey	NL20	Nathan Lohrey
5	LU6	"Lulu" Riley	KT88	S&E Hage	SC51	Scott Sustersich	NL21	Nathan Lohrey
6	N3	Nathan Lohrey	SC47	Scott Sustersich	S5H	Trevor Marquis	TB	Zoe Patton
7	K15G	Kate Knieling	424H	Natalie Schellhamer	JOE	Ogden Holschbach	DF	Levi Patton
8	JA	Zoe Patton	TINA	Caitlynn Strobel	NAG2	Nathan Graybeal	NAG3	Nathan Graybeal
9	MRB	Andrew Toskin	STB	Andrew Toskin	NAG1	Nathan Graybeal	M87	Trevor Marquis
10	AP	Andrew Toskin	GC4	Nathan Graybeal	SI	Zoe Patton	MA45	Melanie Allenbaugh

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Steel (39 Shown)			BOV: SB		BOSV: SD		Best Display: J&J Harden	
Senior Buck - 16 (BSr)			Senior Doe - 11		Junior Buck - 6 (BJr)		Junior Doe - 10	
1	NI	Cory Patton	1TD	J&J Harden	KR2	J&J Harden	KRO	J&J Harden
2	P5JH	Graham Shields	RMS2	Caitlyn Hanlon	GS16	Graham Shields	AS25	A&M Gerhart
3	52PH	Victoria Voigt	RMS1	MAM Paul	S1	Kevin Garrison	AS26	A&M Gerhart
4	Z32	Alexandra Reau	SAN	Andrew Toskin	MS25	A&M Gerhart	LT	Cory Patton
5	MS0	A&M Gerhart	62	Kevin Garrison	Z49	Alexandra Reau	CDS16	C&D Lape
6	SD2	J&J Harden	AS24	A&M Gerhart	KR1	J&J Harden	CDS18	C&D Lape
7	MS23	Caitlyn Hanlon	TDO	J&J Harden			AS27	A&M Gerhart
8	DR1	J&J Harden	JADE	Cory Patton			Z55	Alexandra Reau
9	PM1	Andrew Toskin	LB223	Andrew Toskin			RM55	MAM Paul
10	MS24	Caitlyn Hanlon	S5	A&M Gerhart			ROSE	J&J Harden

Gray (61 Shown)			BOV: SB		BOSV: JD		Best Display: Katie Bickelhaupt	
Senior Buck - 23 (BSr)			Senior Doe - 15		Junior Buck - 13		Junior Doe - 10 (BJr)	
1	NJ2	Naomi Wisniewski	CDG38	C&D Lape	KWAG	Katie Bickelhaupt	K10	Kevin Garrison
2	M169	"Lulu" Riley	KRUTH	Katie Bickelhaupt	S56	Suzanne Wilch	TAB	Naomi Wisniewski
3	LB284	Lauren Dean	AV18	S&E Hage	K8	Kevin Garrison	S57	Suzanne Wilch
4	KKEITH	Katie Bickelhaupt	K120	Shane Hansen	CDG65	C&D Lape	GRAVY	Naomi Wisniewski
5	X	Cory Patton	MWB	Cory Patton	JCG3	Justin Coomer	LU8	"Lulu" Riley
6	J4	Daulton Lape	RAHN	Cory Patton	Z56	Alexandra Reau	Z54	Alexandra Reau
7	KLUKE	Katie Bickelhaupt	G4	Justin Coomer	Z46	Alexandra Reau	SR51	Kristy Hume
8	KJAKE	Katie Bickelhaupt	LD4	Lauren Dean	RAY	Naomi Wisniewski	DW	J&J Harden
9	EM15	Kristy Hume	CDG02	C&D Lape	SR82	Kristy Hume	SEW	Cory Patton
10	Z36	Alexandra Reau	AV16	S&E Hage	Z53	Alexandra Reau	MA53	Melanie Allenbaugh



Fire !!

My parents have lived outside El Dorado, Kansas at the same place for 22 years. We have 10 acres surrounded by a few miles of open pasture on the south and west sides of our house. When we moved here, we built a small, two stall barn for our horses. All of the horses we owned eventually developed cancer. It was a reasonable assumption that there was some sort of pollution in the ground from surrounding oil wells, so we decided not to have any more. By this time I was already well into my Dutch habit and had half a dozen rabbits in outdoor hutches. So we added onto it and converted it into a rabbit barn. It sat a few yards into the pasture just west of the house, and while it was nothing fancy, it housed about 50 rabbits. I had about half the space with my Dutch, and the other half belonged to my mom Sharon's Mini Rex.

The winter of 2005-06 had been unusually warm and dry, and we had been under ideal range fire conditions for several months. The long-dead prairie grass was parched and new growth hadn't yet begun. We knew that if a fire started in the right place, we would be in danger. Two fires had threatened our house already. The first, in 1984, burned up to about ten feet from the house. I was three at the time but vividly remember it. In 1996, one burned to the edge of the house and around the edges of the barn. Even with the warnings, everyone in the area knew there was nothing to do but be watchful.

March 8 was a sunny but very windy day. Around noon, a highway patrol officer stopped a vehicle pulling a trailer on Highway 254. As the crowd gathered, the stop was made about five miles from our house. When the driver moved onto the shoulder, the trailer hitch struck the pavement sending a shower of sparks into the dry grass. Under these conditions, that was all it took to start a massive wildfire. With steady winds gusting up to 65 mph, it was quickly out of control. Range fires burn so hot that even without much wind, they travel quickly by igniting grass several feet in front of the fire line and leapfrog themselves, allowing them to jump across roads and highways.

I had gone to lunch with a friend and seen the smoke. I called my dad,

Keith, who was on his day off. The minute he looked out the window he hung up on me and went out to hook up the hose. I went back to work, called my boss to tell him where I was going, and headed home to help out. My dad had been a volunteer firefighter, not to mention saving our own house a couple of times before, so he knew what to do.

When I arrived, the fire was about a mile west of the house and moving fast. My dad was hosing down the dry wooden walls of the barn and told me to go inside and wet some towels to tie around our faces to protect us from the smoke. I brought him his towel and asked what I should do when all of a sudden the fire whipped around and began closing in on us from the south as well. I helped him run with the hose across the yard. By this time it was in the tree line at the end of our pasture, about a quarter of a mile away. Usually grass fires burn low but fanned by the wind, flames were shooting eight to ten feet in the air. This was not my first range fire, but I had never seen anything move like this. It was at this point that I knew we were really in trouble.

I ran back to the barn and grabbed a carrier that I had set outside. On my first run, I grabbed Bing, my BIS-winning black buck and Skip, my mom's old lilac tri Mini Rex buck. I didn't know if he was still breeding, but did know he was a sentimental favorite. On the next run I grabbed my best blue buck, McGrath. I thought I should grab one of her otters, and got lucky and picked Jock, her best buck on the first try. By the time I had them loaded, the air in the barn was getting hot.

Looking around at all those faces and knowing what would happen to those I hadn't chosen was one of the most painful moments of my life. Our animals trust us to care for and protect them, and although I know there was nothing I could do, I still felt I was failing them. Although I was moving quickly, I tried to be calm so as not to startle or panic them. I said goodbye like I did every night after feeding, grabbed the carrier, and ran for our lives. I put them in my car and ran around to try to grab some more, but by this time the smoke was too thick to see the barn and half a dozen fire trucks were rolling up between the barn and the house. The barn was probably already on fire. The firefighters told me I had to go, that they were going to try to save my house. I stood

on the back steps trying to find my dad and yelled for him, but could barely hear myself over the roar of the fire and sirens. I didn't see him and ran back to my car. I found out later that he'd been caught in the fire but had doused himself with the hose, lay down, and let it roll over him. He got a second degree burn on his arm, but we think this was from touching a hot metal gate and not open flame.

I sat in my car and waited until I saw him come around from behind the house on the back of a fire truck. I knew then that the barn had to be gone. He never would have left if there was anything to fight for. It was comforting to know that it was all over very quickly. A neighbor who was watching said once the fire hit, the barn went up "like the head of a match." Seeing that my dad was safe, I left.

The highway had been blocked from El Dorado, so I had to take the long way around to get back home. By the time I made it back, my grandparents, sister, and neighbors were already there. My dad was hosing down hotspots where the barn had stood, and chased me away when I tried to help. All that was left was a charred pile of twisted metal. Everything wood and plastic had literally been vaporized, aluminum crocks were melted, and glass crocks had cracked, melted, and cooled into pieces with smooth edges.

We continued to put out hotspots around the yard, in the burned storage shed, and in telephone and electrical poles. My mom finally convinced my dad to go to the doctor to be treated for his burn and smoke inhalation. Later that evening I took the survivors to a friend's house, made a few phone calls to other rabbit friends, and cleaned myself up. After such a massive adrenaline rush, I felt numb and drugged and crawled into bed more exhausted than I have ever been.

The next day I found out that the fire had burned 10,000 acres in around 3 hours. The damage to the house was minimal, although 11 windows were cracked or damaged by the intense heat. The fire came right up to the foundation. The firefighters had arrived just in time.

Three months later, it still feels sometimes like a bad dream, or something awful that happened to someone else. Most of the mess is cleaned up. Although I'm not usually sentimental

about losing rabbits any more, a whole herd is a different story. I couldn't stand to think that they would be thrown around like garbage with the cages, so I cut open the cages and retrieved what was left. They, of course, were long gone but I felt like taking care of them was one last thing I could do. In the meantime, I am constantly surprised by all the little things that make it real again in my mind. Moving all but two out of the "Active" screen of my pedigree program. All but emptying my pedigree book. Bringing home beautiful rabbits who are the foundation of my new herd and realizing that while I'll soon have a barnful of bunnies, I don't know them at all. I don't know who never really cleans up all their feed, likes a nestbox in a certain corner, or thinks it's funny to spray. We will begin building our new barn this coming weekend, but I think it will take a while to feel like "mine". Still, having my two bucks has made a lot of difference. I raised Bing myself, so I have a small piece of my old herd. I have bred him to a few does, so although I will have some babies from does who came to me bred, I would really like to have something at Fort Worth that I feel is really mine.

We have been trying to think about the blessings and not the losses. We are glad to have a home, and know that while this was horrific, it could have been even worse. My outside dog made it, although his entire pen was burned except for a few feet around the doghouse he was hiding in. And if we didn't know before, we know now how truly great the rabbit community is. The offers of help with equip-

ment, building, and rabbits have been staggering, and we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of breeders we know, and those we have never met. I now have around 20 rabbits, not including litters. My mom has some beautiful Mini Rex from some of the best breeders in the country, so we are excited about the future!

So for now, we are looking forward. We did have the barn covered by insurance, and all but the rabbits will be paid for. While it seems right now that it will never happen, I can't wait for the first night I get to stand still in the barn and listen to the soothing, rain-on-the-roof sound of rabbits eating. I can't imagine anything more beautiful.

My Story

by Tommy D's Cleopatra
(a rabbit)

Hi my name is Tommy D's Cleopatra. My brother Barry and I were born on 2\28\06. I attended this years national Dutch show as an entrant in the seller class. My owner Tom Dietrich, known as Tommy D who we rabbits just call Tom had told me I was a classy little girl and with my looks and heritage would make someone an excellent show prospect and potentially a foundation doe for their overall herd. Wow what a compliment. Tom told me he had two names picked out for me, Cleopatra and Beyonce. I guess he dated himself by going with Cleopatra but he did say a younger blue sister is named Beyonce now and at two weeks old is the betting favorite for this years ARBA convention.

My brother Barry is named after Barry Sanders, famous Detroit Lion running back, who according to Tom made cold Sundays afternoons in Michigan a lot more enjoyable. Barry and I were out of our nest box daily being admired by Tom with the comment,(quite a litter of two). Friend Mike Smith inquired about how we were doing frequently.

Upon arriving in Washington, PA I relaxed in my fathers reserved pen as he did not make the trip. I have been told my pedigree is impeccable and Tom says he knows all the rabbits in it. My father was born at Kristy Humes, a young lady who Tom says is a genius which is confirmed by viewing her website, it sure impressed us rabbits. Before the sellers class Tom told me I would probably be going home with Briony Barnes, and that some of my relatives had lived with her and enjoyed themselves and were treated very well. Briony I was told had a wild-fire tragedy and it would be best if I did go home with her. I sure had no objections.

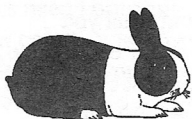
During the judging, the judge told me I was a dandy and I would be an easy winner of the class. I did not catch his name but Tom told me later it was Kevin Hooper, I knew the name well as Tom had talked highly of him. When the bidding was done I was elated to be going home with Briony. I would not mind it a bit if you asked Briony when you see her or contact her(Hows Cleopatra doing?)

Tommy D's Cleopatra
A rabbit

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ARBA Judge
President ADRC
Will Ship



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New Additions to the DR by Julie Hume

We are featuring two new columns, "Ask the Judge" and "Ask the Breeder". These columns are an avenue where you can ask questions and advise from the professionals in our organization. For the judge's column, you may ask questions such as judging criteria, presentation on the show table, what it takes to become a judge, and proper etiquette as a few examples. For the breeder's column, questions can range from feeding, conditioning, breeding techniques, rabbit care, how to improve your herd, anything that people who have been breeding Dutch rabbits for many years might have suggestions on. Just e-mail or mail your question to me, and I will send it on to the people who have indicated that they wish to participate in the columns. As I am very new to the Dutch club, I probably have missed contacting people who could contribute with their experience. If you would like to participate on the panels, just drop me an e-mail and I will add your name to our groups. The questions will be e-mailed and each participant has the option to answer or not. This is the chance to get a lot of viewpoints from across the country!

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ASK THE JUDGE

There is a move to revise the Dutch point standard in 2010 to place more emphasis on body type, thus reducing the points for markings. One of the features of the change is the belief that Dutch would become more competitive for BIS. Another would be an increase in the number of rabbits with better body type on the show table. On the downside, there might be an increase in poorly marked animals being successful. From the judge's point of view, how do you think a change in the point standard will affect the Dutch rabbits on the show table?

From Glen Carr of Illinois:

First let me state that I feel the standard now in place for the Dutch breed is a very good one, better than most. It is precise and describes what most Dutch breeders desire. I do think that some minor adjustments in the point schedule may be a positive move. The present standard allows five points each for the blaze and for the neck marking. The blaze is a very visible, distinct marking and the neck marking is somewhat obscure thus I would agree that a couple of points be removed from the neck marking and moved to the body type. Perhaps, a couple of points from cheeks or stops (not both) could be moved to the body type. Markings are important but the general type should be of the utmost importance. The points should reflect this desirability.

A
well marked animal
with poor general type
should never be placed over
an animal with ideal general
type with markings of a
lesser quality.

Now to the question. Adding more emphasis on the body should make judges consider the body, head, and ears, more over just markings.

I don't think that these changes will make a Dutch more likely to be selected for BIS. They already often times represent themselves well at the BIS table. The total animal, all 100 points, must be considered when selecting BIS. Moving points from one aspect to another will not enhance the chances of winning BIS. It should send a message that one must have the house built before adding the paint. Poor analogy perhaps, but the best I could come up with.

Love those Dutch!

From Kevin Hooper, Ohio

My opinion is that it would not affect the way most of your top judges judge the Dutch. I believe it would cause poor judges who judge mainly on markings, to pay more attention to type, less on markings.

Now, if you have a judge who likes to add points while they judge, it would change their judging. I have never been one who judged by adding points. I feel the point structure is used to show the how each feature relates

to the others, and is not there to be added up, then the one with the highest total wins. Adding points will allow the perfectly marked Dutch with only fair type, to do quite well. This is not what we want.

From Briony Barnes, Kansas

My personal opinion is that a shift in points will have no effect at all on Dutch winning BIS. Yes, judges will look for a typey rabbit, and yes, it will always be tough for a Dutch with a type fault to beat a slick, smooth, hard white rabbit. However, I don't see judges willing to overlook an obvious marking fault (or faults) no matter how nice the type or condition. It is just a fact that there are more possible faults on a Dutch than on a white (or even solid colored) animal, and that no point change will even this out. While I am a big type critic as both a judge and breeder, I would argue that the uniqueness and "showiness" of our Dutch is, in the end, all about the markings.

That said, I do agree our point structure needs to be re-worked.

I don't think any of our favorite Dutch judges actually judge by this standard. Currently, the proportion of points is ½ markings, ¼ type, and ¼ fur, color, and condition. So, type is only half as important as markings.

As part of the ADRC Standards Committee, I have written a proposed standard change that will not significantly alter the *number* of points on any factor, but will significantly change the *proportion* of those points:

Briony's Proposed Standard

Type		30
Body	23	
Head	5	
Ears	2	
Markings		45
Cheeks	10	
Blaze	5	
Neck	3	
Saddle	10	
Undercut	7	
Stops	10	
Fur		10
Color		10
Condition		5
TOTAL		100

First of all, I think we need to leave fur, color, and condition alone. Fur greatly affects how the markings are seen: a short, dense coat will make markings look a lot sharper than a long, thin one. And we have enough color problems and variations (especially in tort, steel, and gray) to warrant the ten points for color. 5 points for condition is standard in almost every breed.

So you don't have to grab your standard, here's what I did. I took the "eye" point off and added it to the body.

Dutch either have eyes or they don't, in which case your problem is a lot bigger than one point! I also took two points off of the cheeks, two off the neck, and one off the undercut. All were added to the body. I felt that taking two points away from the cheeks wouldn't de-emphasize them in a judge's mind. I also did not feel that the neck should have points equal to the blaze when it is a much more difficult marking to evaluate given the fur growth pattern.

The undercut, like the neck, is a "hidden" marking when the rabbit is posed, and I did not feel it would suffer for losing a point.

So by moving these five points from the markings to the body, voila! Type points equal 2/3 of marking points, instead of 1/2. Believe me, judges DO look at the proportion of points when consulting the Standard!

There have been some other ideas floated, mostly taking even more points from the markings and putting them on type. My argument against this is that most of the "marked" breeds whose points are arranged like this are not truly "marked" breeds! For example, the Himalayan has an equal number of points on body and markings. Himalayan/Californian is a color pattern, but they are not truly marked. You don't see purebred Himmies with missing nose markings or leg markings that run clear up onto the body, or for that matter entire, disappointing litters of mismarks. The vast majority is all marked the same with any variations mostly a result of climate. Tans are much the same, in that while there are some minor variations, all rabbits will have the same



basic pattern. There isn't much difficulty in producing a Himalayan or Tan with show-worthy markings, but you all know there is some difficulty in producing a Dutch that will eventually reach the show table!

Whatever your reaction to MY opinion, I do encourage all of you to look at all the ideas presented by others and voice your own opinions. Remember that any change we make is ultimately for the goal of improving the Dutch breed, and a gorgeous Dutch will speak for itself on the show table!

ASK THE BREEDER

Question: I recently lost a doe while she was giving birth. I have been told it is a good idea to breed two does on the same day, that way if something happens to one doe, the babies can be fostered with the other. What suggestions do you have for fostering babies? Do you do anything special to help the mom accept the new babies? I have also heard that some people foster litters for does they want to keep in good condition or if they have only one or two kits; do you recommend this practice or avoid it? Can older babies be fostered?

From Jeannie McDevitt, California

I foster kits all the time. I have the luxury of breeding 10 or 12 does at a time so there's always a Mama available. I usually just stick the foster kits under the pile of the Mama's real kits. I've never had a problem. I usually foster to a doe of a different variety; it's easier to keep track of the kits that way.

Many times I will foster out the show marked kits of a maiden doe to an experienced Mama.

I then take the mismarks from the experienced doe and give them to the maiden doe. This way the maiden doe gets a chance to raise a litter. I have fostered 2 week old. When they are this age I will put the fostered kits in (no more than 2 per litter) the nest box and keep it away from the doe for a few hours. I want to make sure they really smell like hers and that she is really ready to nurse them when they are returned. I always watch that first nursing. If the doe jumps right in and nurses, they will all be fine. If not, I pull

the box out and wait a few more hours and try again later. I have always been successful doing it this way.

My best does are the ones that do well on the show table and then are able to pass their desirable qualities on to their kits. If they can't reproduce themselves or their desirable qualities then they don't deserve a cage in my brood doe barn. Showing gets them noticed but being a good Mama gets them a home in my barn! Only once have I ever pulled a doe out of my brood doe barn and put her on the show table. She had won many junior legs but I stop showing her before she became a senior. I showed her once more, she won, and has never left the barn again!

From Fran Schettler, California:

We have found that fostering babies is very easy as long as it is done in the first day or so after kindling. The hardest part is keeping adequate records so that you know which babies came from which breedings. We breed several does per breeding session. When we foster, we will usually give pet marked babies to a first time doe to "practice" on. If she goofs up, all we've lost are pets. Show marked babies will go to an experienced mom. Since we raise all colors of Dutch, we try to foster babies to moms that didn't produce that color. i.e. a chocolate baby may go to a tort doe. A black baby may go to a gray mom, a blue baby may go to a mom whose litter was all blacks (we know they were all black because, of course, we keep good records, right?) etc. etc. Then we keep good records as to who went to whom and who will be rebred. Many people also use this fostering time as an optimum time to cull runts, deformed, or mismarked babies from the litters.

Our moms do not seem to even notice that they have acquired new babies.

Maybe all newborns smell the same or something! Switching breeds doesn't even seem to concern the new mom.

Fostering an older baby, say over 10 days old, is harder, although not impossible. All you can do when confronted with this less than desirable need is to rub the new mom's bedding on the baby's body to get the smell transference, and get the baby into body contact with the other kits, thus

getting more home smell on the new-comer.

In our barn, we foster regularly. Someone who raises only one or two colors will have a hard time doing this though, just because it can be so hard to keep track of which baby is which. We do not have any kind of scientific formula as to how we go about it though. If we are short on one variety, then we will tend to foster that variety's babies, and rebreed that doe on the next breeding day so as to get more of that particular variety. We will also take into consideration whether a doe looks like she's doing everything right (or wrong), whether she has been reliable in the past or is a first timer, or perhaps which bloodline we want to get rebred quicker so as to get more offspring.

As far as fostering to keep a doe in condition, we have only done that once or twice, when a great show doe is getting a bit old, needs to be bred to preserve her breedability, but you want to keep her in reasonable shape for that upcoming national show. For us though, 99.9% of the time, once a doe is bred, we consider her show career over, and her mommy career is now her focus. Why risk a good doe's breeding potential just because you want to show one more time? Usually it's just not worth it as far as we're concerned, but I know that others look at this differently. This is a personal decision really.

From Kevin Hooper, Ohio

I have fostered babies on many occasions, with good results. I do nothing to cover the scent of the babies, yet the doe will care for them providing they are a good mother who milks well. The only time I seem to lose them is when those babies who are in a weakened state are fostered and the doe has recently fed her babies, so the new one does not get fed when it is needed. Fostered babies are sometimes a bit smaller, but seem to do well in general.

I almost always breed more than one doe on the same day.

I only foster when a doe is not caring for her young, or when I have an old doe who has limited litters left. I will then foster her young at birth, and rebreed her two weeks later. The gesta-

tion and birthing does not wear the old doe down, but nursing a litter will. This allows two to three more litters from that good old doe who has always produced well.

Now for some food for thought for future articles, why do we lose a doe at birth? I have lost six or seven in the last two years in this manner. Sometimes she has passed the babies, sometimes not. I do find this to have only been happening in my does with the most rounded hindquarters.

Some are first litter does, some not. Will take ideas on this?

From Dennis, Barb & Megan Kline, Ohio

We always breed several does of different varieties if at all possible. This way if we need to foster any babies we have different variety litters to foster to so that we can tell where the babies really came from. If we can't foster to another variety litter, we write down the distinguishing features of the babies being fostered. We try to downsize the litters so that doe does not have too many babies to take care of. Keeping the litter smaller allows the babies to grow better.

When we foster babies onto another doe we always rub the nose of the doe after handling the babies. This way when the doe checks on the litter, they already have the new babies scent and it doesn't seem to bother them. Also we leave the litter alone after fostering so that the mother does not think that there is something the matter.

We have fostered babies when the doe only has 1 or 2 showable. This way they can be added to another litter and then the doe can be re-bred.

We have never taken babies from a doe simply to keep her in show shape.

We have also taken babies away from a doe that doesn't seem to be milking very well and if she is a first time mom we give her mismarks from other litters to raise.

We have fostered babies at various ages. The oldest that we have had to foster is 2 weeks.



From Allan and Adrienne Gerhart, Ohio

We usually breed 3-4 does on the same day. In six years of breeding we have never lost a doe while giving birth. I can remember losing a doe about 1 week after birth but she had already lost her litter by the time she died. Most of the babies that we foster to other does are because we want to even out the litters. We try to breed 2-3 different varieties at the same time, for example Black, Steel and Blue. That way if we do foster any babies we will be able to ID them from the rest of the litter. Just the other day we had a Tort litter with nine, a Steel with four and a young black doe with two in her litter. I usually wait until they are about 3 days old to foster or even out the numbers in the litters. We know from records that the steel doe is a good mother, and she only had four. The tort has 9 and this is only her 2nd litter, she had 6 her first litter and raised them well but chewed the ears off of 3 in the litter. At day 3 we culled the runt from the tort and fostered the best marked one to the steel doe. That left the tort with 7, which I think she can handle, but we will keep an eye on them for the first week anyway. The black doe only had two, both marked decent. Since she was so young we just left her with two to see how she does. We don't remove complete litters very often unless we absolutely have to. I can only remember fostering a whole litter once just so we could keep the does in good show condition. Like I said we like to foster at 2-3 days old and in the morning usually works best for us.

We like to foster our best babies to proven does to give them the best chance to survive.

So I recommend to always have a good, well experienced doe due the same day as young inexperienced does. We let the young does raise the mis-marked ones to see if they are good mothers. Probably the best practice in the long run is only to keep brood does that have come from good mothers or good brood does. These traits or instincts are passed on from generation to generation. This will not only help you as a breeder but will also help others that you sell rabbits to. After all our goal is to produce the best Dutch that we can and it all starts in the nest box.

From Jill Phaff, Oregon

To answer your questions about fostering, yes I foster frequently, especially first time mom's I usually take any potentially well marked offspring and let some else raise them. Over the years I have had a handful of does die kindling, it just happens unexpectedly. I usually breed 4-6 does every week, I have between 30-35 breeding does so its a rotation. If a doe has a small litter I may give her more bunnies as I usually like my does to raise 5-7; or take the bunnies to another doe and re-breed. My does have 4-6 litters a year. I have even had occasion to pull off a litter at 5 weeks and give another litter to a doe that is still in the box and had it work. Only once did I have a problem and the doe killed all the babies in the box. Seems like once they are out of the box its a different situation tho.

From Bob Bergene, Kansas

It is a good idea to breed more than one doe at a time, not necessarily with the idea that you are going to foster some babies to another litter, but just for the ease of management. One you breed say five, six or even ten does at one time, it makes it easier to put in a number of nest boxes and prepare the nest box for the doe if you do more than one. I think it might be easier to forget putting a nest box in for one doe than it would be for ten does. Make sure you have enough nest boxes for that day though! Now to fostering babies.— I only do it when necessary, 1. if the doe dies or 2. if the doe is not milking properly and the litter is slowly going down hill. Then at this time I take the babies and put no more than two with another doe. If you have 6 in the litter, then it nice to have several does bred (10), ... see what I mean.

Also if the babies to be fostered are one color or variety, I like to put them with a different color (black with a tort doe, etc.)

That way you do not have to mark them in the ear. If you have to identify them, you can take a stick pin and dip in ink and place it in the ear. Also, I would not switch babies that have a big litter to a smaller litter or move them around. When you do this you are encouraging the doe to milk less, as the litter will not consume all the milk, that a doe with a large litter is

capable of producing. In summary, only foster if you have to, otherwise, don't mess with mother nature.

From Tom Dietrich, Michigan

Tom does not foster often, only if necessary because he loses a doe or one has just one or two babies. He wants his breeding stock to prove they are good mothers, producing plentiful milk and fat babies. If a doe does not meet his criteria as a good mother she will be sold.

He feels that if one continues to breed does that are not good mothers, eventually the line will weaken.

If he finds that he needs to foster, he just puts the babies in with the others and does nothing special to insure the doe accepts them. He says it can be a problem if one needs to foster older babies, around ten day or two weeks old, the doe may reject them. But the younger ones have never been a problem to foster. Especially in winter, if a doe only has one or two, he will foster with another doe, as the kits need the body heat generated by numerous bodies. He always breeds at least two does on the same day so if there is a problem he has the ability to foster. Once a doe has been bred, she is not returned to the show table.

And an interesting note from Mike Smith, Michigan

Mike uses a technique he learned while raising beagles; when he wants to foster babies, he rubs them with a bit of the doe's urine. That way they smell familiar to the doe.



**PURCHASING BREEDING STOCK
WHAT I LOOK FOR
by Theresa Kortbein**

It is always fun to look for new stock to add to your current breeding herd. I like to call this "shopping" and I very much enjoy shopping at local all breed shows, specialty shows as well as ARBA convention and NDS. Sometimes, if I am lucky, I may find that special animal that I want to add to by breeding herd, to improve or enhance desirable qualities of my herd. There are certain things that I feel are important to look for in these prospective new additions.

First and foremost, above anything else, I look for a healthy, bright-eyed animal that does not exhibit any signs of illness. I look for an animal with vigor, resilience and good overall general condition. Any animal no matter how nicely marked or typed will never help your herd if it is unhealthy or sick. This can lead to more problems than it is worth. Then I look at general type of the animal. Does it have a nice head? How does its body look and feel when you pose the animal? A round head that is balanced with the rest of the body is important. I realize that the head doesn't add up to a lot of points in the standard, but let's face it, the head is one of the first things that a judge will see and make his or her first impression, so to me it is important to breed for a nice head. Next the body type; I set up the rabbit in the correct pose for evaluation. A short, round, compact body is a must! You need to have a nice body to start with, because in my experience, if you breed for good overall type, the markings will come. I look for a nice topline on the rabbit which usually is the result of good depth of body. It seems to me that this is a feature which if you have it, then you will not have as many animals that seem "hippy" or hollow in the loin. I see a lot more "hippy" and hollow loined animals that are flat and have a poor topline. Along that line I check to make sure that the animal's topline peaks in the correct spot and not too soon. Many times when the rabbit peaks too soon, they will appear to slide off the hindquarter.

Checking out the lower hindquarters is also something that I do. I like to see a Dutch with full, round

hindquarters that carry the flesh all the way down to the table. One of my biggest dislikes is a pinched and/or undercut lower hindquarter. These traits are very difficult to breed out of your herd once you have them. When evaluating the body type, run your hand over the rabbit and it should feel smooth throughout, not "bony" or rough. Although many say you can condition that "smoothness" into the rabbit, it is more importantly a genetic factor to breed for by using animals in your breeding program that possess this trait. I do not use any feed conditioners with my animals, I rely on using stock that maintain good condition as part of my herd to pass on these good genetics.

Although type is number one, I do look at markings to a point as well. I look for a good overall balance of markings. Personally I like to steer away from high cheeks and long stops. For some reason it seems to me that these are things that get longer and higher very easily. I would even prefer to use an animal with a split stop for breeding as opposed to an animal with long stops. Of course we all strive to use animals with ideal type and markings, but in my opinion, an animal with outstanding type and just okay markings is better to use for breeding than an animal with just okay type and outstanding markings. Color is another important factor that I evaluate and breed for. It doesn't matter which color or colors you raise, each has its own difficulties. I want a properly colored animal when I am adding an animal to my barn, no matter which variety it may be.

There are also certain characteristics that I stay away from.

I would not purchase or use for breeding, any animal that has a nose spot, an eye spot or bad teeth. To be clear I am talking about a genetic occurrence, not one resulting from an injury that the animal has incurred. There is a difference.

Although it is not real important to me, I also like to peruse the pedigree to see if the animal I am examining is at all related to the lines that are already in my barn. I try to line breed my Dutch so it can be helpful to view the pedigree and find that this possible addition is somewhat related to the current animals in my breeding program. At the same token, adding lines

that are outcrosses can be helpful as well. The pedigree will also give you information on the varieties behind the rabbit which may be important as well.

In conclusion I have discussed some of the things that I look at when "shopping" for Dutch to add to my barn. I would be interested to hear others opinions on this subject as well. I am sure I have just "touched" on a very broad topic and that there are many other views on the above article.

Good Gray Color

by Theresa Kortbein

It never ceases to amaze me, all of the variation on gray color.

Being a breeder of Gray Dutch myself, I take notice of this at local and national shows alike. You have your grays that are too dark and your grays that are lighter, some that have no ring color and then you get that gray with ring color that jumps out and bites you.

As much as I don't want to be bitten, I love a gray with some good ring color. There is just something eye catching about a sleeked up, properly colored gray Dutch!

So how does one get good color on their grays?? I am by no means an expert on the subject but even so, I do have my opinions about it. (I am a bit opinionated, anyone that knows me will attest to that.)

First off I breed only good colored gray to good colored gray. I realize that some breeders use gold and maybe even torts to get better color. I have never tried this so I really cannot comment on whether or not it works. The breeders that do utilize those colors to help improve the gray color, say it works. Maybe someday I will try it, (I myself do not have torts, but I have connections and could find a tort to use if needed) but for now I stick to breeding gray x gray.

When I say that I use good colored grays, basically nice definition of ring is an absolute must and that ring must be carried over the top of the back as well. If the gray is going to lack ring color it will be on the top of the back.

I also look at the underside of the animal. It seems to me that if the animal's undercut can be seen without blowing into the fur to visualize under-

cut placement, this is an indication that the rabbits will have better color. Maybe I am way off here, but I am noticing in my herd that the better colored animals will have an undercut that is easily visualized without blowing into the fur. I would love to hear other's opinions on this. Also I like a more rufus colored Dutch as this seems to accentuate the intermediate band and make it wider and brighter.

Another aspect of gray color is fur length. I have heard other breeders comment about having longer fur in the gray color to get better color. I believe that it is true, but I also think that one has to be cautious not to get too long of a coat which will spoil the sharpness of the markings. Again as with most things you have a fine line to walk and it is one heck of a balancing act.

When it comes to surface color I believe that for the most part, if you have proper ring color your surface color shouldn't be too far off proper. When it comes to the grays that are darker in surface color, I am willing to bet that they won't have very good ring definition.

Gray color should not be assessed during a molt because an animal with very good color may have terrible color while in molt.

I start looking at my gray bunnies for color as soon as they start coming out of the nest box. From experience with my gray herd if you can see ring color at 5-6 weeks of age then they will usually have better color later as well. I will usually cull out bunnies at the weaning age if they have no ring color and poor surface color. They may develop good color later, but probably not.

Breeding grays with good color is not only challenging, but very rewarding as well. We all need to work toward better, more proper color to improve our Dutch. There shouldn't be such a variation in out gray color in the future if we continue to work to improve it. I would love to hear others thoughts on this topic as well.

A Win !!

Congratulations Julie

In a ARBA show in Okmulgee on APRIL 22,2006 Julie Thornton received Breed Champion with her Black Buck Forest Gump. She also took Res. Breed Champion with her black doe Jenny Gump.

Wasted Years

by Dan Schwandt

I was given my first rabbit when I was about five years old. It was a chocolate dutch doe with average markings, no pedigree, and I'm uncertain on the type. It may have been my first rabbit but my family had been raising them all my life. She was never shown since I was too young for 4-H and we didn't show at sanctioned shows. She was a pet and a brood animal. Then, when I was eight I bought my first bunny at an animal swap for three dollars. Again, she was a dutch doe but she was yellow although I believed she was a tortoise even though she had no shading. I bred her for Easter bunnies and she had nine bunnies but lost them all so I sold her and bought more dutch and the process continued.

A year later, I began showing at the county fair through 4-H. Over the years I raised about a dozen breeds but dutch were the only breed I raised continuously. My rabbits always did well even though I can't say I always took BOB. Since they were my rabbits I got to take the first pick and my little sister got to choose from what was left and vice versa with her mini lops. It never failed she would win BOB and I'd get BOS.

My herd consisted of many varieties some of which are not even recognized. I didn't know the difference between a tort, blue tort, gold and yellow I just looked at what kind of markings they had. It wasn't until I was a teenager that I learned that many of my rabbits weren't recognized colors so I culled them from my herd and could now make educated matings.

I continued breeding dutch and always keeping the best marked animals for years to come as I continued to show at the fair and a couple local shows. While gone to college I had to sell my rabbits but months after finishing, the hobby I loved was still in my blood and I bought more dutch at a local swap and continued to breed and show. Whenever I showed up at the shows I'd always say "I'm here to give you guys numbers" cause I always did very poorly even though these were the best marked animals I had.

Finally, in August of 2003 I was going to Madison so I called Sue Strandwitz and asked if I could bring along my rabbits for her to look at. She said sure, so I packed up all sev-

enteen rabbits I had raised that spring and summer, which I planned on keeping as my show and breeding stock. Boy, was I in for a surprise!

Sue looked at four chocolates and thirteen torts, many she didn't look at very long. In only minutes she had advised me to keep two chocolates and cull the rest. I thought she was CRAZY! There was one tort doe she said was OK but it had an eyespot and if I kept it to watch its offspring closely. I tried to get her to change her mind on a few of them cause I couldn't see why she would cull out all these nicely marked dutch, but she picked them apart explaining why they were junk. I asked where I could buy a nice tort buck with good type as she said is a must. She told me I would have to go to nationals but she had an extra tort buck I could borrow but I said no because I wanted something of my own and felt uncomfortable taking home someone's rabbit. I left feeling I had wasted all year raising these rabbits and only two of my "good ones" were any good.

I tested Sue's judging ability that fall as I showed the animals she told me to cull and she was right, they were the first ones off the table. Except for the two chocolates in which the doe took BOV and I received my first leg. This was an accomplishment I had only dreamed of and even my sister was as excited as I. It took me over twenty years to get here and I still wasn't sure of what I was doing. That same day Sue brought me that tort buck I refused to borrow him but she insisted I take him home to breed my does. I also asked her to show me again about this thing she calls type cause by now I'm starting to see it may be important to get those 25 points. After awhile I could finally feel the difference between a good and a bad body. Why didn't I learn this twenty years ago I would be so much farther along by now?

After discovering the ability to determine good body type I continued to look at my animals and decide which ones had good type and which ones to cull. Now with a little practice judging I went to my first show in Illinois and bought a tort buck from Bob Jones, which has become the foundation I built my tort herd with. He is the sire to many of my best animals including all four of my national BOV and BOSV winners. I must say he's the best rabbit I've ever bought. His offspring have a record of success, which I think would be hard to beat. I would have

liked to have entered him in Wilbur Williamson's "select a sire" class but didn't want to take him to NDS because he's one of those bucks that likes to continuously paint his cage.

So when you're teaching a new breeder or someone who is already breeding with poor success take some time and see if they need help. It took me a long time to ask for help so now I'm trying to learn quickly to make up for all those wasted years.

~ NOTICE ~

A couple of items everyone should be aware of:

Publicity Department:

Angie Aisbet has had a change in her phone number. Her new number is shown on the first page under the list of committees.

She also says the ADRC Online Store should be up and running in early Summer, so keep an eye out for that.

Web Site Committee:

Melody Stremkowski has a new email address. It is also listed on the first page under the list of committees.



SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST RESULTS

Start Date 1/1/2006 - End Date 12/31/2006

The results shown below were submitted by the sweepstakes Chairpeson, Valerie Worzella.

If you have any questions regarding the sweepstakes, please contact Valerie.

YOUTH OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Brady Hoskins	KS	1	276
2	Tracy Albertoni	CA	2	223
3	Brandon Ryland	LA	2	191
4	Shelby Lehfeltd	CA	2	183
5	Nathan Graybeal	PA	1	182
6	Rachel Tackett	TX	1	159
7	Matt Schroeder	NE	1	157
8	Steffi Woodfill	MN	1	151
9	John Adams	LA	2	110
10	Brandon Moe	WI	1	89
11	Jenna Persons	KS	1	81
12	Travis Lehfeltd	CA	2	80
13	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	2	76
14	Cory Patton	LA	2	63
15	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	58
16	Megan & Alyssa Reilly	WI	1	51
17	Drew Patton	LA	2	49
18	Jackie Neff	FL	1	47
19	Sherry Moore	PA	1	41
20	Levi Patton	LA	2	41
21	Joshua Collins	MN	1	41
22	Zoe Patton	LA	2	31
23	Danette Moore	PA	1	29
24	Bridget Graham	FL	1	29
25	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	23
26	Dylan Rutledge	FL	1	16
27	Raymond Moore	PA	1	12
28	Jellena Bravo	CA	1	8

YOUTH BLACK VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Shelby Lehfeltd	CA	2	159
2	Brandon Ryland	LA	2	145
3	Matt Schroeder	NE	1	134
4	John Adams	LA	2	89
5	Brady Hoskins	KS	1	75
6	Steffi Woodfill	MN	1	64
7	Rachel Tackett	TX	1	54
8	Drew Patton	LA	2	33
9	Joshua Collins	MN	1	33
10	Danette Moore	PA	1	29
11	Jenna Persons	KS	1	21
12	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	1	20
13	Brandon Moe	WI	1	18
14	Sherry Moore	PA	1	16
15	Bridget Graham	FL	1	15
16	Tracy Albertoni	CA	2	14
17	Travis Lehfeltd	CA	2	12
18	Dylan Rutledge	FL	1	8
19	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	7

YOUTH BOB CONTEST

Place	Exhibitor	State	Points
1	Megan & Alyssa Reilly	WI	74
2	Jenna Persons	KS	68
3	Nathan Graybeal	PA	64
4	Travis Lehfeltd	CA	64
5	Levi Patton	LA	44
6	John Adams	LA	42
7	Steffi Woodfill	MN	37
8	Brandon Ryland	LA	36
9	Cory Patton	LA	36
10	Brady Hoskins	KS	34
11	Rachel Tackett	TX	33
12	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	32
13	Jackie Neff	FL	30
14	Matt Schroeder	NE	25
15	Tracy Albertoni	CA	23
16	Kevin Garrison	FL	15

YOUTH RABBIT OF THE YEAR

Place	Exhibitor	State	Tattoo	Points
1	Jackie Neff	FL	GJ3	80
2	Megan & Alyssa Reilly	WI	478H	74
3	Jenna Persons	KS	G5UD	68
4	Nathan Graybeal	PA	GN4	64
5	Travis Lehfeltd	CA	RSLYD	64
6	Levi Patton	LA	MONK	44
7	Steffi Woodfill	MN	S41	37
8	Cory Patton	LA	N1	36
9	Brady Hoskins	KS	H21	34
10	Rachel Tackett	TX	R	33
11	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	BELLE	32
12	John Adams	LA	DFX	28
13	Matt Schroeder	NE	D17	25
14	Brandon Ryland	LA	O15	24
15	Kevin Garrison	FL	D7	15
16	John Adams	LA	MIN	14
17	Brandon Ryland	LA	105	12
18	Tracy Albertoni	CA	C013	12
19	Tracy Albertoni	CA	BJY	11

YOUTH BLUE VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Nathan Graybeal	PA	1	129
2	Tracy Albertoni	CA	2	60
3	Brandon Moe	WI	1	56
4	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	2	37
5	Travis Lehfeltd	CA	2	36
6	Brady Hoskins	KS	1	35
7	Sherry Moore	PA	1	25
8	Shelby Lehfeltd	CA	2	24
9	Steffi Woodfill	MN	1	24
10	Drew Patton	LA	2	16
11	Bridget Graham	FL	1	14
12	Jenna Persons	KS	1	12
13	Matt Schroeder	NE	1	12
14	Jellena Bravo	CA	1	8
15	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	8
16	Rachel Tackett	TX	1	8

YOUTH CHOCOLATE VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Brady Hoskins	KS	1	141
2	Tracy Albertoni	CA	2	136
3	Levi Patton	LA	2	19
4	Zoe Patton	LA	2	17
5	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	15
6	Brandon Moe	WI	1	15
7	Raymond Moore	PA	1	12

YOUTH STEEL VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Rachel Tackett	TX	1	57
2	Cory Patton	LA	2	16
3	Jackie Neff	FL	1	15
4	Megan & Alyssa Reilly	WI	1	14
5	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	8
6	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	7

YOUTH TORTOISE VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Steffi Woodfill	MN	1	46
2	Rachel Tackett	TX	1	23
3	Nathan Graybeal	PA	1	21
4	Zoe Patton	LA	2	14

YOUTH STEEL VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Brandon Ryland	LA	2	29
2	Cory Patton	LA	2	29
3	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	21
4	Jackie Neff	FL	1	17
5	Jenna Persons	KS	1	14
6	Dylan Rutledge	FL	1	8
7	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	8
8	Brady Hoskins	KS	1	8
9	Joshua Collins	MN	1	8
10	Ashlee Reynon-Kadlacsik	CA	1	7

OPEN OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	1629
2	Sarah Cleavenger	WA	2	714
3	Hilary Wittrock	WA	2	681
4	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	2	594
5	Pat Mareska	AZ	2	472
6	Aaron L Martin	PA	1	458
7	James Rydell	SD	1	417
8	Lynn Hebert	LA	2	414
9	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	404
10	Thomas Smith	IA	1	396
11	Randy Ryland	LA	2	367
12	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	2	351
13	Jean Harris	WA	2	347
14	Gene Knieling	OR	2	328
15	Tiffany & Vicki Dills	WA	2	325
16	Fred Schmall	CA	2	309
17	Sydney Britton	WA	2	298
18	Eric Mixdorf	IA	1	293
19	Rich Deplazes	MN	1	218
20	Todd Biddle	PA	1	217
21	Jessica Crowhurst	CA	2	214
22	Mike Stuewe	MN	1	198
23	Marvin Cummings	FL	2	190
24	Don Dowd	IA	1	175
25	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	2	173
26	David & Dana Adams	LA	2	170
27	Deborah M Stoller	FL	2	170
28	Diane Nelson	MT	2	156
29	Benton Anderson	MT	2	135
30	James & Liane Baird	LA	2	118
31	Victoria Hamilton	CA	2	117
32	Rose Mead	CA	2	113
33	Howard Dunmire, Sr	PA	1	101
34	Amelia Chew	CO	1	94
35	Steve & Sherry Patton	LA	2	89
36	Graham Shields	OR	2	88
37	Tiffany Wayne	MN	1	88
38	Russ & Jan Coffelt	WA	1	81
39	Frankie Rios	CA	3	80
40	John Graybeal	PA	1	79

OPEN BOB CONTEST

Place	Exhibitor	State	Points
1	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	620
2	Sarah Cleavenger	WA	272
3	Hilary Wittrock	WA	258
4	Aaron L Martin	PA	174
5	Thomas Smith	IA	174
6	Deborah M Stoller	FL	131
7	Jean Harris	WA	126
8	James Rydell	SD	116
9	Fred Schmall	CA	108
10	Mike Stuewe	MN	87
11	David & Dana Adams	LA	86
12	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	86
13	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	82
14	Pat Mareaska	AZ	76
15	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	76
16	Gene Knieling	OR	60
17	Wenton Carlton	AZ	54
18	Randy Ryland	LA	43
19	Warren Guidry	LA	43



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OPEN RABBIT OF THE YEAR

Place	Exhibitor	State	Tattoo	Points
1	Sarah Cleavenger	WA	DDU4	322
2	Aaron L Martin	PA	M213	191
3	Thomas Smith	IA	T90	174
4	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	DJ12	132
5	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	CP13	132
6	Hilary Wittrock	WA	E2	130
7	Jean Harris	WA	DT2	126
8	James Rydell	SD	A36	116
9	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	RI16	94
10	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	KM11	92
11	Mike Stuewe	MN	DM83	87
12	David & Dana Adams	LA	BON	86
13	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	26AB	86
14	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	JAF36	86
15	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	JHC12	84
16	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	D9	82
17	Pat Mareska	AZ	ZACH	76
18	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	5PQ4	76
19	Fred Schmall	CA	ZKYT4	72
20	Deborah M Stoller	FL	EM56	71
21	Hilary Wittrock	WA	K457	65
22	Hilary Wittrock	WA	KG56	63
23	Deborah M Stoller	FL	KC81	60
24	Gene Knieling	OR	K4PS2	60
25	Aaron L Martin	PA	M209	58
26	Wenton Carlton	AZ	TRINA	54
27	Randy Ryland	LA	J1	43
28	Warren Guidry	LA	GO	43

OPEN BLUE VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Sarah Cleavenger	WA	2	379
2	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	284
3	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	2	240
4	Hilary Wittrock	WA	2	226
5	Pat Mareska	AZ	2	124
6	Don Dowd	IA	1	119
7	James Rydell	SD	1	118
8	James & Liane Baird	LA	2	102
9	Howard Dunmire, Sr	PA	1	96
10	Aaron L Martin	PA	1	80
11	David & Dana Adams	LA	2	76
12	Jean Harris	WA	2	68
13	Fred Schmall	CA	2	67
14	Diane Nelson	MT	2	60
15	John Chew	CO	1	46
16	Eric Mixdorf	IA	1	44
17	Gene Knieling	OR	2	41
18	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	38
19	Mike Stuewe	MN	1	36
20	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	2	28
21	Russ & Jan Coffelt	WA	1	24
22	Thomas Smith	IA	1	21
23	Amelia Chew	CO	1	20
24	Melissa Sullivan	OR	1	18
25	Victoria Hamilton	CA	2	16
26	Deborah M Stoller	FL	2	15
27	Jessica Crowhurst	CA	2	14
28	Steve & Sherry Patton	LA	2	12
29	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	7

OPEN BLACK VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	336
2	Pat Mareska	AZ	2	310
3	Tiffany & Vicki Dills	WA	2	226
4	Sydney Britton	WA	2	217
5	Sarah Cleavenger	WA	2	199
6	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	196
7	Eric Mixdorf	IA	1	182
8	Gene Knieling	OR	2	158
9	Jessica Crowhurst	CA	2	146
10	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	2	145
11	Aaron L Martin	PA	1	136
12	Todd Biddle	PA	1	131
13	Mike Stuewe	MN	1	108
14	Rose Mead	CA	2	90
15	James Rydell	SD	1	88
16	Jean Harris	WA	2	87
17	Victoria Hamilton	CA	2	85
18	Thomas Smith	IA	1	84
19	Hilary Wittrock	WA	2	77
20	Amelia Chew	CO	1	74
21	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	2	72
22	Diane Nelson	MT	2	60
23	Tiffany Wayne	MN	1	58
24	Russ & Jan Coffelt	WA	1	57
25	Don Dowd	IA	1	56
26	Rich Deplazes	MN	1	52
27	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	2	41
28	Fred Schmall	CA	2	38
29	Jobin Reed	OR	2	35
30	Randy Ryland	LA	2	32
31	Jenna Effling	SD	1	32
32	Benton Anderson	MT	2	32
33	William C Henley III	FL	2	28
34	Steve & Sherry Patton	LA	2	22
35	Don Van Hyfte	MN	1	20
36	Melissa Sullivan	OR	1	19
37	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	18
38	John Chew	CO	1	17
39	John Graybeal	PA	1	16
40	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	15
41	Warren Guidry	LA	2	14

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Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	159
2	Thomas Smith	IA	1	144
3	Aaron L Martin	PA	1	103
4	Deborah M Stoller	FL	2	88
5	Todd Biddle	PA	1	86
6	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	2	86
7	Sydney Britton	WA	2	81
8	Tiffany & Vicki Dills	WA	2	70
9	Rich Deplazes	MN	1	68
10	Glen McMurl	CO	1	67
11	John Graybeal	PA	1	63
12	Kennard E Henley	FL	2	62
13	David & Dana Adams	LA	2	51
14	James Rydell	SD	1	49
15	A Newman & D Papakee	IA	1	42
16	Randy Ryland	LA	2	39
17	Tiffany Wayne	MN	1	30
18	Graham Shields	OR	2	28
19	Arnold W Ferguson	WA	1	23
20	James & Liane Baird	LA	2	16
21	Fred Schmall	CA	2	16
22	Victoria Hamilton	CA	2	16
23	Zachary Graybeal	PA	1	15
24	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	12
25	Mike Stuewe	MN	1	10
26	Don Van Hyfte	MN	1	8
27	Wenton Carlton	AZ	1	6
28	Howard Dunmire, Sr	PA	1	5

OPEN STEEL VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Graham Shields	OR	2	60
2	Rich Deplazes	MN	1	51
3	Fred Schmall	CA	2	28
4	Eric Mixdorf	IA	1	25
5	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	24
6	William C Henley III	FL	2	21
7	Steve & Sherry Patton	LA	2	21
8	Don Van Hyfte	MN	1	21
9	Anthony Campbell	AZ	2	20
10	Diane Nelson	MT	2	18
11	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	16
12	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	2	16
13	James Rydell	SD	1	15
14	Jessica Crowhurst	CA	2	14
15	Nikki Rutledge	FL	1	8
16	Doug Minor	CO	1	7

OPEN TORTOISE VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Lynn Hebert	LA	2	232
2	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	217
3	Dale Grabenbauer	FL	2	167
4	Marvin Cummings	FL	2	147
5	Jean Harris	WA	2	129
6	James Rydell	SD	1	89
7	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	2	81
8	Frankie Rios	CA	3	80
9	Fred Schmall	CA	2	60
10	Jenna Effling	SD	1	47
11	Eric Mixdorf	IA	1	42
12	Steve & Sherry Patton	LA	2	34
13	Tiffany & Vicki Dills	WA	2	29
14	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	28
15	Thomas Smith	IA	1	27
16	Jobin Reed	OR	2	24
17	Rose Mead	CA	2	23
18	Arlen Knight	MN	1	9
19	Arnold W Ferguson	WA	1	8

OPEN GRAY VARIETY

Place	Exhibitor	State	# Shows	Points
1	Jim & Fran Schettler	CA	5	327
2	Randy Ryland	LA	2	275
3	Hilary Wittrock	WA	2	254
4	Lynn Hebert	LA	2	182
5	Benton Anderson	MT	2	103
6	Gene Knieling	OR	2	99
7	Matt Gholden & Jill Pfaff	OR	2	91
8	Wenton Carlton	AZ	2	89
9	Aaron L Martin	PA	1	55
10	Fred Schmall	CA	2	48
11	Rich Deplazes	MN	1	47
12	Marvin Cummings	FL	2	43
13	Jessica Crowhurst	CA	2	40
14	Thomas Smith	IA	1	33
15	Eric & Gwen Himel	LA	2	30
16	Diane Nelson	MT	2	18
17	Kevin Garrison	FL	1	12
18	Dylan Rutledge	FL	1	8
19	Doug Minor	CO	1	8
20	Don Van Hyfte	MN	1	8



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Date 1-6-2006
 Show PSFS
 Where HARRISBURG, PA
 Judge HAILEY, PEG
 Dutch 58
 BOB Gray JD Aaron L. Martin
 BOS Blue JB Aaron L. Martin
 Black 18 JD Aaron L. Martin
 Blue 12 JD Howard Dunmire, Sr
 Gray 6 JD Aaron L. Martin
 Choc JD Todd Biddle
 Steel
 Tort 3 SD nonmember

Date 1-7-2006
 Show BTRA
 Where BAYOU BLUE, LA
 Judge BELL, ANTHONY W
 Dutch 43
 BOB Blue JD David & Dana Adams
 BOS Gray SB Randy Ryland
 Black 6 SD Eric & Gwen Himel
 Blue 8 JD David & Dana Adams
 Gray 15 SB Randy Ryland
 Choc 5 JD David & Dana Adams
 Steel
 Tort 9 JB Lynn Hebert

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where BAYOU BLUE, LA
 Judge FARRROW, FRANK V
 Dutch 43
 BOB Black JD Eric & Gwen Himel
 BOS Black SB Warren Guidry
 Black 6 JD Eric & Gwen Himel
 Blue 8 JD David & Dana Adams
 Gray 15 SB Randy Ryland
 Choc 5 SD Randy Ryland
 Steel
 Tort 9 SB Lynn Hebert

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SFRBA A
 Where ORLAND, CA
 Judge MILBURN, JENNIFER
 Dutch 43
 BOB Gray SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 BOS Gray JB nonmember
 Black 8 JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Blue 9 JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Gray 11 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Choc 5 JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Steel 3 SD nonmember
 Tort 7 SD Jim & Frances Schettler

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SFRBA B
 Where ORLAND, CA
 Judge HIDALGO, MANUEL
 Dutch 42
 BOB Gray JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 BOS Tortoise JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Black 8 SD nonmember
 Blue 9 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Gray 9 JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Choc 6 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Steel 3 SD nonmember
 Tort 7 JB Jim & Frances Schettler

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SFRBA C
 Where ORLAND, CA
 Judge CABRERA, ARMANDO
 Dutch 43
 BOB Gray JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 BOS Tortoise JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Black 8 JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Blue 9 JD nonmember
 Gray 11 JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Choc 5 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Steel 3 SD nonmember
 Tort 7 JB Jim & Frances Schettler

Date 1-8-2006
 Show CR&CS A
 Where POMONA, CA
 Judge BARR, ALLEN
 Dutch 36
 BOB Gray SD Fred Schmall
 BOS Gray JB Fred Schmall
 Black 9 SD nonmember
 Blue 7 JB Fred Schmall
 Gray 4 SD Fred Schmall
 Choc 4 JD Fred Schmall
 Steel 3 JB nonmember
 Tort 9 JD nonmember

Date 1-8-2006
 Show CR&CS B
 Where POMONA, CA
 Judge GREEN, JAMIE
 Dutch 36
 BOB Black SB nonmember
 BOS Tortoise JD nonmember
 Black 9 SB nonmember
 Blue 7 SD Fred Schmall
 Gray 4 SD Fred Schmall
 Choc 4 JB nonmember
 Steel 3 JB nonmember
 Tort 9 JD nonmember

Date 1-14-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where LAKE WALES, FL
 Judge THOMAS, N W TEX
 Dutch 41
 BOB Tortoise JD Dale Graberbauer
 BOS Blue JB Deborah M Stoller
 Black 7 JD Dale Graberbauer
 Blue 2 JB Deborah M Stoller
 Gray 6 JD Marvin Cummings
 Choc 11 JB Dale Graberbauer
 Steel 4 SD Kevin Garrison
 Tort 11 JD Dale Graberbauer

Date 1-14-2006
 Show FSRBA A
 Where BARTOW, FL
 Judge CARDINAL, DAVID
 Dutch 30
 BOB Chocolate SD Deborah M Stoller
 BOS Blue JB Deborah M Stoller
 Black 4 SD Dale Graberbauer
 Blue 1 JB Deborah M Stoller
 Gray 2 JD Marvin Cummings
 Choc 10 SD Deborah M Stoller
 Steel 2 SD Dale Graberbauer
 Tort 11 SD Marvin Cummings

Date 1-14-2006
 Show PRRF A
 Where HENDERSON, CO
 Judge KROENKE, DAVID M
 Dutch 44
 BOB Blue SD nonmember
 BOS Gray SB nonmember
 Black 18 SD nonmember
 Blue 12 SD nonmember
 Gray 3 SB nonmember
 Choc 9 SD Glen & Cheryl McMurl
 Steel 1 SB Douq Minor
 Tort 1 SB nonmember

Date 1-14-2006
 Show LSSRBA B
 Where CONROE, TX
 Judge BELL, ANTHONY W
 Dutch 40
 BOB Black JD nonmember
 BOS Gray SB nonmember
 Black 7 JD nonmember
 Blue 12 SD nonmember
 Gray 6 SB nonmember
 Choc 6 SD nonmember
 Steel 4 SB Steve & Sherry Patton
 Tort 5 SB Steve & Sherry Patton

Date 1-14-2006
 Show LSSRBA A
 Where CONROE, TX
 Judge SORRELS, ROBERT W
 Dutch 38
 BOB Black SB nonmember
 BOS Blue SD nonmember
 Black 7 SB nonmember
 Blue 11 SB nonmember
 Gray 5 SB nonmember
 Choc 5 SB nonmember
 Steel 5 SB Steve & Sherry Patton
 Tort 5 SB Steve & Sherry Patton

Date 1-21-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where CIBOLO, TX
 Judge CRAWFORD, MARY
 Dutch 31
 BOB Black JD nonmember
 BOS Gray SB nonmember
 Black 9 JD nonmember
 Blue 10 SD nonmember
 Gray 5 SB nonmember
 Choc 3 SD nonmember
 Steel 1 SD nonmember
 Tort 3 SD nonmember

Date 1-21-2006
 Show SMRS A
 Where SANTA ROSA, CA
 Judge STACY, RAY
 Dutch 47
 BOB Blue SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 BOS Tortoise SB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Black 19 SD Victoria Hamilton
 Blue 8 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Gray 7 JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Choc 5 JB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Steel 1 JD Jessica Crowhurst
 Tort 7 SB Jim & Frances Schettler

Date 1-21-2006
 Show SMRS B
 Where SANTA ROSA, CA
 Judge TUCKER, LESLIE
 Dutch 46
 BOB Chocolate SB Jim & Frances Schettler
 BOS Gray SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Black 18 SD Victoria Hamilton
 Blue 8 JD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Gray 7 SD Jim & Frances Schettler
 Choc 5 SB Jim & Frances Schettler
 Steel 1 JD Jessica Crowhurst
 Tort 7 SD Jim & Frances Schettler

Date 1-21-2006
 Show BARB A
 Where PORT LAVACA, TX
 Judge ETTER, MAURICE W
 Dutch 41
 BOB Black JD nonmember
 BOS Gray JB nonmember
 Black 12 JD nonmember
 Blue 12 SB nonmember
 Gray 7 JB nonmember
 Choc 3 SD nonmember
 Steel 3 SB nonmember
 Tort 3 SD nonmember

Date 1-28-2006
 Show ERRBA
 Where SIOUX FALLS, SD
 Judge ORMOND, ALLAN
 Dutch 58
 BOB Blue SB James Rydell
 BOS Black SD Steve/Rita Blythe/Stelzer
 Black 14 SD Steve/Rita Blythe/Stelzer
 Blue 14 SB James Rydell
 Gray 7 JB Steve/Rita Blythe/Stelzer
 Choc 10 SB James Rydell
 Steel 2 SD James Rydell
 Tort 11 JD James Rydell

Date 1-28-2006
 Show IYRCAC
 Where IMPERIAL, CA
 Judge BELL, LINDA
 Dutch 54
 BOB Black SB nonmember
 BOS Gray SD Wenton Carlton
 Black 23 SB nonmember
 Blue 10 JD nonmember
 Gray 10 SD Wenton Carlton
 Choc 3 JB nonmember
 Steel 5 SD Wenton Carlton
 Tort 3 SB Wenton Carlton

Date 1-28-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where IMPERIAL, CA
 Judge RUDOLPH, CHARMAINE
 Dutch 38
 BOB Blue SB Pat Mareska
 BOS
 Black 19 SB Pat Mareska
 Blue 8 SB Pat Mareska
 Gray 6 JD nonmember
 Choc 3 JB nonmember
 Steel 1 SD Wenton Carlton
 Tort 1 SB Wenton Carlton

Date 1-28-2006
 Show RCRF A
 Where GRESHAM, OR
 Judge BENGTON, ERIK ALAN
 Dutch 76
 BOB Blue SB Sarah Cleavenger
 BOS Blue SD Matt/Jill Gholden/Pfaff
 Black 28 SB Gene Knieling
 Blue 24 SB Sarah Cleavenger
 Gray 8 SD Matt/Jill Gholden/Pfaff
 Choc 7 JD Sydney Britton
 Steel 4 JB Graham Shields
 Tort 5 JB Matt/Jill Gholden/Pfaff

Date 1-28-2006
 Show RCRF B
 Where GRESHAM, OR
 Judge GERMAINE, GEORGE
 Dutch 60
 BOB Blue SB Sarah Cleavenger
 BOS Blue JD Gene Knieling
 Black 21 SB Sarah Cleavenger
 Blue 19 SB Sarah Cleavenger
 Gray 8 SD Gene Knieling
 Choc 4 JD Sydney Britton
 Steel 4 SB Graham Shields
 Tort 4 JB Matt/Jill Gholden/Pfaff

Date 1-28-2006
 Show IERBA A
 Where COEUR D' ALENE, ID
 Judge HASSENPLUG, ROGER
 Dutch 65
 BOB Blue JD Hilary Wittrock
 BOS Gray SB Hilary Wittrock
 Black 18 SB Hilary Wittrock
 Blue 12 JD Hilary Wittrock
 Gray 15 SB Hilary Wittrock
 Choc 8 SD Tiffany & Vicki Dills
 Steel 3 SB Diane Nelson
 Tort 9 JD Jean Harris

Date 1-28-2006
 Show IERBA B
 Where COEUR D' ALENE, ID
 Judge PALMBLAD, LAVERN
 Dutch 63
 BOB Tortoise JD Jean Harris
 BOS Gray SB Hilary Wittrock
 Black 17 SB Hilary Wittrock
 Blue 11 SB Hilary Wittrock
 Gray 15 SD Hilary Wittrock
 Choc 8 SD Tiffany & Vicki Dills
 Steel 3 SB Diane Nelson
 Tort 9 JD Jean Harris

Show Reports - Youth

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Date 1-28-2006
 Show STRC
 Where FAIRBAULT, MN
 Judge KOCH, ROBERT A
 Dutch 87
 BOB Chocolate SB Thomas Smith
 BOS Black SD Mike Stuewe
 Black 34 SB Eric & Sharon Mixdorf
 Blue 14 SB Eric & Sharon Mixdorf
 Gray 7 JB Thomas Smith
 Choc 16 SB Thomas Smith
 Steel 7 SB Eric & Sharon Mixdorf
 Tort 9 JB Thomas Smith

Date 1-6-2006
 Show PSFS
 Where HARRISBURG, PA
 Judge HAILEY, PEG
 Dutch 32
 BOB Blue SD Nathan Graybeal
 BOS Gray SB nonmember
 Black 5 SB Danette Moore
 Blue 12 SD Nathan Graybeal
 Gray 3 SB nonmember
 Choc 7 SB nonmember
 Steel 2 SD nonmember
 Tort 3 SB nonmember

Date 1-8-2006
 Show CR&CS B
 Where POMONA, CA
 Judge GREEN, JAMIE
 Dutch 11
 BOB Black SD nonmember
 BOS Blue SB Tracy Albertoni
 Black 2 SD nonmember
 Blue 3 SD Tracy Albertoni
 Gray
 Choc 6 JD Tracy Albertoni
 Steel
 Tort

Date 1-21-2006
 Show BARB A
 Where PORT LAVACA, TX
 Judge FARROW, FRANK V
 Dutch 34
 BOB Blue JD nonmember
 BOS Blue JB nonmember
 Black 8 SB nonmember
 Blue 10 JD nonmember
 Gray 5 SB nonmember
 Choc 2 SB nonmember
 Steel 6 SD nonmember
 Tort 3 JB nonmember

Best In Show

1/14/2006 - Open
 Pennsylvania State Farm Show
 Harrisburg, PA
 Aaron L Martin
 Gray JD - M213

1/28/2006 - Open
 Rose City RF
 Gresham, OR
 Sarah Cleavenger
 Blue SB - DDU4

Best Reserve In Show

1/14/2006 - Youth
 Florida State RBA
 Bartow, FL
 Jackie Neff
 Gray SD - GJ3

Date 1-7-2006
 Show BTRA
 Where BAYOU BLUE, LA
 Judge BELL, ANTHONY W
 Dutch 14
 BOB Black JB John Adams
 BOS Black JD John Adams
 Black 9 JB John Adams
 Blue 1 SB nonmember
 Gray 3 JD nonmember
 Choc 1 SB nonmember
 Steel
 Tort

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where BAYOU BLUE, LA
 Judge FARROW, FRANK V
 Dutch 12
 BOB Black SD Brandon Ryland
 BOS Black SB Brandon Ryland
 Black 9 SD Brandon Ryland
 Blue
 Gray 3 SB Brandon Ryland
 Choc
 Steel
 Tort

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SJRF A
 Where ANGELS CAMP, CA
 Judge WILLIAMSON, SCOTT
 Dutch 32
 BOB Blue SB Travis Lehfeldt
 BOS Blue SD Ashlee Revnon-Kadlacsik
 Black 13 JD nonmember
 Blue 8 SB Travis Lehfeldt
 Gray
 Choc 3 SD nonmember
 Steel 4 SD nonmember
 Tort 4 JD nonmember

Date 1-7-2006
 Show SJRF B
 Where ANGELS CAMP, CA
 Judge STACY, RAY
 Dutch 30
 BOB Blue JB nonmember
 BOS Black JD nonmember
 Black 11 SB Shelby Lehfeldt
 Blue 7 JB nonmember
 Gray 1 SD Ashlee Revnon-Kadlacsik
 Choc 3 SD nonmember
 Steel 4 JB nonmember
 Tort 4 JB nonmember

Date 1-8-2006
 Show CR&CS A
 Where POMONA, CA
 Judge BARR, ALLEN
 Dutch 12
 BOB Black SD nonmember
 BOS Chocolate JB Tracy Albertoni
 Black 2 SD nonmember
 Blue 3 SD Tracy Albertoni
 Gray
 Choc 7 JD Tracy Albertoni
 Steel
 Tort

Date 1-14-2006
 Show FSRBA
 Where BARTOW, FL
 Judge CARDINAL, DAVID
 Dutch 15
 BOB Gray SD Jackie Neff
 BOS Chocolate JB Kevin Garrison
 Black 3 SD Bridget Graham
 Blue 2 SD Bridget Graham
 Gray 5 SD Jackie Neff
 Choc 2 JB Kevin Garrison
 Steel 3 SB Jackie Neff
 Tort

Date 1-14-2006
 Show LSSRBA A
 Where CONROE, TX
 Judge MCCracken, KEN
 Dutch 22
 BOB Chocolate JB Levi Patton
 BOS Blue JD nonmember
 Black 6 SB Drew Patton
 Blue 6 JD nonmember
 Gray 3 SB nonmember
 Choc 4 JB Levi Patton
 Steel 2 SB Cory Patton
 Tort 1 SB Zoe Patton

Date 1-14-2006
 Show LSSRBA B
 Where CONROE, TX
 Judge FARROW, FRANK V
 Dutch 18
 BOB Steel SB Cory Patton
 BOS Blue JD nonmember
 Black 5 SD nonmember
 Blue 4 JD nonmember
 Gray 3 SD Cory Patton
 Choc 3 JB Levi Patton
 Steel 2 SB Cory Patton
 Tort 1 SB Zoe Patton

Date 1-15-2006
 Show SRBA
 Where WICHITA, KS
 Judge BARNES, BRIONY
 Dutch 34
 BOB Gray SB Jenna Persons
 BOS Black SD Brady Hoskins
 Black 9 SB Brady Hoskins
 Blue 9 SD nonmember
 Gray 2 SB Jenna Persons
 Choc 9 SB Brady Hoskins
 Steel
 Tort 5 SD nonmember

Date 1-21-2006
 Show SPEC
 Where CIBOLO, TX
 Judge CRAWFORD, MARY
 Dutch 39
 BOB Blue JD nonmember
 BOS Black JB nonmember
 Black 7 JB nonmember
 Blue 12 JD nonmember
 Gray 7 SB nonmember
 Choc
 Steel 8 SD nonmember
 Tort 4 JB nonmember

Date 1-21-2006
 Show BARB B
 Where PORT LAVACA, TX
 Judge MERSIOVSKY, DONALD R
 Dutch 35
 BOB Blue JD nonmember
 BOS Black JB nonmember
 Black 10 JB nonmember
 Blue 11 JD nonmember
 Gray 3 SB nonmember
 Choc 1 SB nonmember
 Steel 6 SD nonmember
 Tort 4 JB nonmember

Date 1-27-2006
 Show SWE&LS
 Where FORT WORTH, TX
 Judge SZYCHULDA, CATHY
 Dutch 33
 BOB Chocolate SB nonmember
 BOS Black SD Rachel Tackett
 Black 12 SD Rachel Tackett
 Blue 2 JD Rachel Tackett
 Gray 3 SB nonmember
 Choc 6 SB nonmember
 Steel 5 SB Rachel Tackett
 Tort 5 JB Rachel Tackett

Date 1-28-2006
 Show ERRBA
 Where SIOUX FALLS, SD
 Judge ORMOND, ALLAN
 Dutch 25
 BOB Blue SD nonmember
 BOS Black SB Matt Schroeder
 Black 11 SB Matt Schroeder
 Blue 8 SD nonmember
 Gray 1 JD nonmember
 Choc 5 SD nonmember
 Steel
 Tort

Date 1-28-2006
 Show STRC
 Where FAIRBAULT, MN
 Judge ???
 Dutch 37
 BOB Steel SD Megan & Alyssa Reilly
 BOS Black SB Steffi Woodfill
 Black 11 SB Steffi Woodfill
 Blue 10 SB nonmember
 Gray 6 SD nonmember
 Choc 3 SB Brandon Moe
 Steel 2 SD Megan & Alyssa Reilly
 Tort 5 SB Steffi Woodfill



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QUEEN
Victoria Voigt, WI

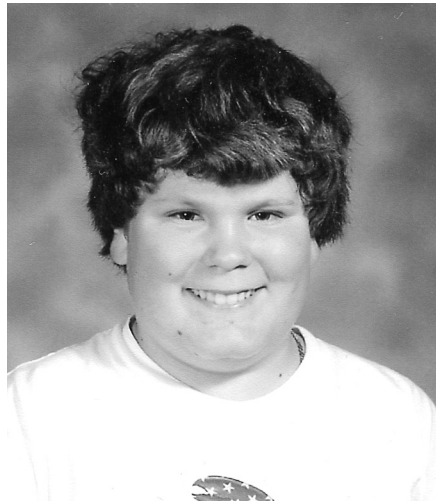
My name is Victoria Voigt and I live outside of Juneau, Wisconsin. I received the ADRC Queen title. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My parents are Kevin and Amy Voigt. I also have two brothers, Josh and Nick. I am a sophomore at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, WI. I participate in the marching band and color guard. This past year I had the opportunity to travel with the band to St. Louis and Minnesota for a tour. I am active in my 4-H club locally and on county level. I am currently the president of our 4-H club and a Dodge County Rabbit Junior Leader. I assist our County Rabbit Leader with meetings of 1st and 2nd year members.

I started out with rabbits about seven years ago when my uncle gave my brother and me two Mini-lop rabbits. I used to call them long-eared lops because I didn't know what breed they were. We expanded into several different breeds after attending a pet swap. I have raised and shown Mini-lops, Holland lops, Mini-rex, Netherland Dwarf, Dutch and French Lops. I have continued breeding and showing French Lops and Dutch. Currently, I have all six colors of Dutch and I placed first in sweepstakes in Wisconsin this year. This was my third year that I sent some of my top Dutch to Dutch Nationals. I also received seventh place for French Lops in Wisconsin sweepstakes and I am currently in the top twenty for the National Lop Club.

I enjoy working with my rabbits and teaching others about rabbits. I have learned that there is a lot of incorrect information out there and I have attempted to help correct any miscon-

ceptions. This is one of the reasons that I volunteer my time as a 4-H Junior Leader for the county rabbit project.

I consider it an honor to represent the ADRC as Queen. Thank you to all of those who have helped me learn about rabbits and improve my herd without buying everything.



DUKE
Kevin Athey, MD

Hi! My name is Kevin Athey. I am 12 years old and I live in Woodbine, Maryland with my father Mark and my mother Debbie. I am in seventh grade at Glenwood Middle School. In addition to rabbits, my hobbies include baseball, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, shooting sports, fishing, and video gaming.

This was the first Dutch National Show that I have attended. I enjoyed the show experience and I enjoyed participating in the Royalty contest. I am proud to have won the honor of "Duke".

I am a member of the Hare Raisers rabbit 4-H club. I am currently the club's treasurer, and last year I held the position of club historian. I am also a member of the ARBA, the ADRC, the PaSRBA, and CRDBA (Chesapeake Regional Dutch Breeders Association).

I bought my first Dutch rabbit, a chocolate doe named Jennifur (Jenny for short), at the 2003 Howard County Fair. When I bought Jenny I decided to join Hare Raisers. That was when my interest in showing rabbits started. But Jenny was a DQ rabbit so I couldn't show her. I asked Ricky Wood if I could breed her to one of his chocolate bucks, and Ricky let me breed Jenny to one of his best bucks. He also started me off

with 3 quality does, a chocolate, a black, and a tort. I now breed chocolate and black Dutch. I have a small rabbitry of 25 holes. I enjoy showing my rabbits at the fair, at local shows, and I attended my first national show at the 2005 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis. I really enjoy meeting people at the shows, I've met some great friends, and I always learn something new at every show.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me achieve this goal. I would like to thank my parents for all of their support, and my mom for taking me to all of the rabbit shows. I would like to thank my grandmother, "Nanny", for going to Indianapolis and other rabbit shows with us and helping me a lot and being there for me. I want to thank my 4-H leader, Dr. Wendy Feaga, for all of her time and help in educating me and the other Hare Raisers about rabbits and their care, and for all of the times she helped my rabbits when they were sick or injured. Thank you to everyone at the shows who have shown me support and help, I appreciate it. Last, but not least, I want to give a huge thanks to Ricky Wood for making all of this possible. He has helped me obtain quality rabbits, and he continues to help me in many ways with my rabbits. I am lucky to have Ricky for a mentor.

Thanks to all involved for your hard work in making the show and this contest possible. My first National Dutch Show was a great experience, and I hope to have many more in the years to come!

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DUCHESS
Alexandra Riley, NY
"Lulu"

Hello, my name is Alexandra "Lulu" Riley. I live in Earlville, New York, and I am 12 years old. I have been raising rabbits for four years with my first rabbits being Hotot/Lop mixes. I started raising pedigree rabbits a year after that. My first pedigree rabbit was a Mini Rex, but then I met the Dutch. My first Dutch was a Tortoise, and she was the sweetest rabbit I know so I decided to get more. I started out slowly and by the end of the first year I only had two Dutch rabbits. I later got a gray Dutch, who was probably the most rambunctious rabbit I had ever met! In her first show she received a first place ribbon, I was amazed! She later won BOV in that show and continued to win BOB. I was so surprised — as this was not only my first BOB, but it came from one of the rabbits from which I least expected. The excitement of it all got me really interested in Dutch. After this I started researching more and started breeding with amazing dumb luck. One litter does not normally produce such success!

Aside from rabbits, I also have many other hobbies. Some of these include volleyball, softball, reading, sewing, cooking, and piano. I am part of our school's National Junior Honor Society and the Talented and Gifted Program. I also train my dog to which I hope to start agility. I am a member of my church youth group where I also help with the nursery, and I donate my time to our community Opera House. I have been a member of 4-H for three years and have learned so much. It has been such a wonderful experience for me!

Many people look at me as if I am crazy when I tell them I show rabbits,

and the truth is, four years ago I would have done the same thing. If they ask me a question, I just give them a very brief lesson on showing of rabbits. Sometimes I think, "This sure is one weird hobby, but I love every second of it!" I'll see you at the shows and remember... "You **Can't Beat The Dutch**".



PRINCE
Drew Patton, LA

Hi, my name is Drew Patton and I'm 11 years old. I first got started in rabbits by going to a 4-H rabbit show with two friends Aaron & Philip. I showed one of Philip's bunnies and I liked it so much I got some of my own rabbits. First I got a pair of Netherlands Dwarfs, and then a pair of Himalayans when I went to my first ARBA rabbit show. At that show I liked the Dutch so much because they looked just like my dog PJ, a Boston Terrier. After that I searched till I got my own Dutch. That was 3 1/2 years ago. PJ is now 8 years old and Abby our other Boston Terrier is 2 years old. We also have 2 Great Pyreneese dogs, Samson is 1 year old and Holly is 6 months old. We also have 5 goats, 6 guinea pigs and 4 cats for a grand total of 165 animals, not including new litters, on our 13 acre property in Mooringsport, LA. I like living in the country with lots of trees and animals.

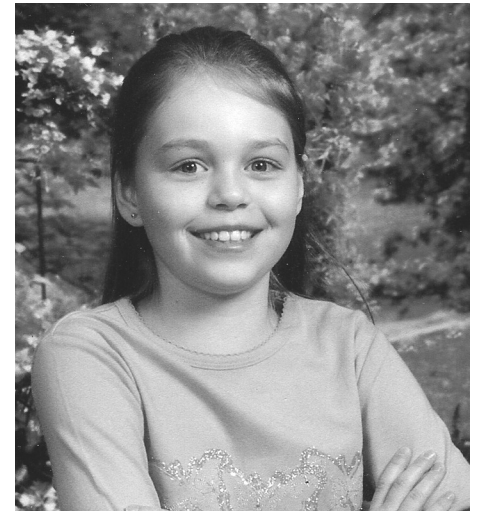
I am in the 6th grade and am home schooled. My favorite subjects are reading, science and bible. I am on the youth offering team at church. I am an advanced green belt in karate. One of my biggest hobbies besides raising Dutch is climbing every thing. I like to read, especially comic books, and anything to do with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I also like to play hockey and any other activity with my older brother

Cory. And I like to play video games and watch movies.

I have an older brother, a younger brother and a younger sister and I'm stuck in the middle. But I'm the clown who tries to make everyone crack up.

I love going to rabbit shows and entering in all the youth competitions. But I like it better when you know you and your rabbit are the best, not because you're the only one there, but because you did your best that day and that's all there is to it.

I raise black & blue Dutch rabbits. I am excited to go to a big show like NDS and the ARBA convention in Oct. I am happy to get to be in this youth royalty contest and I hope that this article gets put in the Dutch reporter.



PRINCESS
Caitlynn Strobel, IN

I'm Caitlynn Strobel and I live with my mom[dad and brother in North Manchester, Indiana. I come from a long line of farming families and both of my parents showed rabbits in 4-H, so I guess you could say it runs in the family. I am also a fifth grade student at Laketon Elementary.

I became interested in the Dutch variety because I used to go visit our good friend and neighbor, Kelli Slack, and she would always let me play with the babies. Then, for my sixth birthday, my parents surprised me with a stack of cages. Kelli then gave me a tort doe named Peach Lollipop when I enrolled in the mini 4-H program in Whitley County. I still have Peach, but have since given her to my brother for a pet.

I am very excited about my rabbits, but I am also taking feeder calves, pigs, dairy goats foods, and crafts this year in

4-H. My first year in 4-H I won BOV with my tort buck, Troy. Then, my second year, I won BOS with a chocolate buck, Charlie. I am active in the Terri Eckert School of Dance as well as my church youth group. I also enjoy spending time scrapbooking with my mom and watching go-kart races with my dad.

I am very excited about my future with rabbits. I am also excited about being in this contest. I'm looking forward to sharing my experiences with my friends. Thank you for learning more about my favorite project and me.



LADY
Zoe Patton, LA

Hello! My name is Zoe Patton. I am 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. I love Dutch! My hobby is raising bunnies. Dutch are my favorite kind of bunnies. I have had Dutch bunnies for 3 years. I have torts and chocolate Dutch. I love to take care of and play with my bunnies. I have to feed and take care of my bunnies everyday. I get to pick which ones I want to show and breed. And I love to tell people about Dutch bunnies.

I am excited to get to go to this big National Dutch Show. I am happy to get to do all this fun stuff. It is fun to get to be in the youth royalty contest and to try my best. I love to do Showmanship and Breed ID. I have done a Rabbit Quiz Bowl, Judging once and several poster contests. But I have never got to do a royalty contest, so I am very excited. I am also looking forward to the ARBA Convention in Ft. Worth, TX in October.

I am home schooled with my 3 brothers. So I get to spend lots of time with my bunnies. My favorite subjects in school are reading, math and science. We have a big family and live in the country in Mooringsport, LA. I love living in the country. We have a big barn full of rabbits. We have 150 rabbits. We also have 4 dogs, 3 cats, 5 goats and 6 guinea pigs. I love my animals! I really love my goats, especially my first goat Samantha. Animals are fun to play with and take care of. They are better than my toys.

I also am a ballet dancer. I have been taking ballet since I was 4 years old and am in Grade 1 in a Royal Academy of Dance school. I love to Dance! I also love to draw and play sports with my brothers for fun. I also love to go to church and worship God and play with my friends.

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Parting comments by the new Editor

Many years ago, when Norma Hart was the ADRC Secretary-Treasurer, we used to put out the DR from our house. It was a bit different then. We would put a film stencil into a typewriter, type what we wanted onto the stencil, then take the stencil out of the typewriter and put it on a table top AB Dick printing press (similar to the old mimeograph machines).

Then we would make stacks of pages all through the house and invite suckers (I mean friends) over for some coffee, and eventually to join in the fun of walking through each room of the house, picking up one sheet of paper from each stack to make a complete DR, until all the stacks were gone.

Looking back, it was a real pain, and we loved every minute of it, despite all of the complaining we did.

Things have progressed tremendously over the years, and you should know that your ADRC Board members are looking to provide you, the member, with the best possible publication we can.

Most things have ben computerized, from the membership, to the sanctions, to the sweepstakes, to the publication of the DR. Indeed we live in a time of electronic phenomenon. The ADRC web page is evidence of even more technology that abounds throughout the world today.

All in all, the bottom line of the ADRC remains the same. A club to provide camaraderie, shows, and an overall good time for those wishing to partake of the American Dutch Rabbit breed.

Many of us have been around since dirt. Many have been around to see only a few sunrises in the ADRC. However, we are all of the same club... the same blood... the same love. That being The Dutch.

As you enter your rabbits in the next show, remember that they are the reason for your enjoyment of the ADRC and the shows you attend. It is the rabbits that afford us the opportunity to go to that next show, see the friends we only see on weekends, and perhaps only once or twice a year. Remember to treat the rabbits with respect, as this is really their world...not ours.

*Send an article for the Dutch Reporter.
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This vehicle, The Dutch Reporter, is the one constant that keeps us all together throughout the year, even when there are no shows, and no place to go to see those rabbit friends.

Let us all use this publication to communicate with each other, and keep everyone informed of the progress in the herds and shows in your area, the wins we realize at the shows, the new and old friends we meet when the occasion permits, by submitting an article or two throughout the year. You do not have to be an elected official to send in an article, or even be on a committee.

Write up something of your Dutch experiences, good or bad, and share them with your fellow club members. A piece about breeding, nest boxes, preparation for a show, your greatest experience showing Dutch, whatever you feel like sharing. Your experience, may just help out someone else in some small way, to make their life with Dutch more pleasant and enjoyable. You may have just the tip or suggestion that takes them from a mediocre breeding program to one of a higher level in the barn and on the show tables. We have all learned from our experiences, and the newer breeders need those of us that have been there to help them through the rough spots.

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Judging the 2006 NDS in Washington, PA.

Another successful NDS, and another very enjoyable day of judging.

For those that have had the experience of judging at a National Dutch Show, you are aware of the thrill and honor.

This year was no different than years past, in that the quality of the animals keeps getting better year after year. Each time I judge, I seem to notice certain faults that seem more prominent than prior shows, or areas where I feel progress has been made.

This year I had more positives than negatives from previous shows. The one area I am particularly pleased with is the hindquarters. I feel I had less animals this year that I would consider cowhocked. It seemed the lower rumps were full, with much better width between the hind legs, which is quite noticable when you turn your animal over. Try it sometime and see. Just turn your Dutch over like you are going to sex it or check its toenails, and while still holding it in the proper position, take a good look at the hind legs. Are they very close to each other, or nearly touching at the hocks? If so, the animal probably lacks fullness in the lower hindquarter, and may be a bit cowhocked. Those animals whose legs are nearly parallel, and show good width between them, will be the ones with the fuller hindquarters, and normally have a rounder back end.

Quality of all classes I judged was very good, and I had several classes that made me take a few good looks at a number of animals before making my choices.

Again, the Chocolates impressed me, and I feel the Chocolate Junior Doe I placed first in the class was one of the best chocolates I have seen in many years. An excellent specimen with very good color, fur, markings, and type.

Again, it was indeed a pleasure and honor judging at an event of this magnitude with the breed I enjoy judging so much.

Thanks ADRC and Allegheny Mountain Dutch Rabbit Club.

Dick Gehr