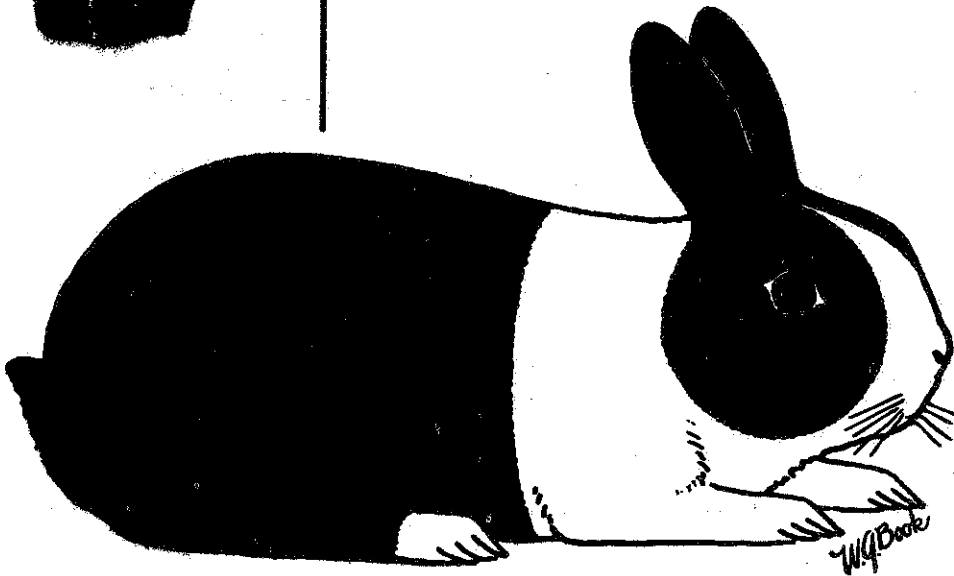




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FROM THE EDITOR:

I am faced with having to adhere to the deadline this month as I will be on a week long trip at publication time. To date, the 14th of Sept. I have not received anything from the office of the Secretary. Last month the material for the D.R. arrived on the 18th of the month and of course, this throws me off schedule as it does take a certain amount of time to publish the D.R.. I try to have it in the mails by the week of the 21st of each month and it seems such a waste to publish without the information that the members look for each month.

It has come to my attention that it is said that I am a month behind in publication, not so, I started out publishing the news of the previous month and this schedule that we are now on has been arrived at after much correspondence with our Secretary to arrive at a mutually acceptable schedule.

This will be the first time that I will have published the D.R. without the reports from the Secretary. These reports include, Show reports, Show listings, New members, Sweepstakes standings. Well enuf! of this will have to do the best that I can with what there is.

How have the Fairs been treating you? There seems to be an overall increase in rabbit exhibits. Dutch are holding their own, as always.

I am really looking forward to the trip to California, never having been West. Linda and I will leave here about noon on Thursday, the 17th of Sept. and will return the 24th. Hope to take in Disneyland (just a kid at heart). Sounds as if the Los Angeles County Fair is a big one...

Larry Bengtson, tells me that the Illinois State Convention was a big one too, about 1100 rabbits, makes our State Fair of 500 head look small, yet this year has been a banner year for our area, entries have been up.

Several of our local clubs are ambitious enough to sponsor both a spring and a fall show and this is a first for our people.....

At one time it had been suggested that each Director send in a bit of news from their areas, this would serve to bring our Dutch Club members closer together. I for one, would enjoy knowing what is going on in other parts of the country. Several Directors have promised articles, but none have appeared as yet.

~~-----YOU CAN'T BEAT THE DUTCH-----~~

From our members:

During the week of August 24 thru 29 the annual Montgomery County Fair was held at the fairgrounds in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The rabbit show, held in conjunction with the fair, was sponsored by the National Capital Rabbit Breeders Association Inc. who did a very fine job. There was a total of 610 rabbits entered of which 176 were Dutch. The largest class was Black Junior Doe with 25 entries. The competition was really tough as there were many fine Dutch entered. Beginning early Sunday morning and running all day the Dutch were judged by Marvin Cummings who had a hard and exhausting job. Judging of the other breeds was concluded on Monday with a Blue Dutch Senior Doe, bred by Lawrence Thompson, taking Best in Show. I think that we must all agree that

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE DUTCH, by Virginia M. Boyer, Wheaton, Md.

Sales Manager: "What's this item on your expense account?"

Salesman: "My motel bill."

Sales Manager: "Well, stop buying motels!"

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REMEMBER:

1970 National A.R.B.A. Convention and Show, Syracuse, New York. October 5-8

YOU CAN'T BEAT THE DUTCH

CARING FOR CHOCOLATE DUTCH by CLINT DENNIS (reprint)

Chocolate is my favorite color Dutch. There was never any doubt in my mind about that from the beginning back in 1949 down to the present time. I have always raised Chocolates and so long as I will be raising rabbits of any kind, I will be raising Chocolate Dutch.

Chocolate is a soft color and its greatest enemy is harsh, bright sunlight. This is true of the other colors, but it wreaks greater havoc on Chocolate than any of the other colors. I have tried all sorts of ways to protect the chocolate color, but the only practical way I know is to have my rabbitry as dark as possible. A cellar would be ideal, but generally they are to damp and defeat our purpose by making it impossible to have good healthy rabbits. I have settled on a solid roof with protection on all sides so that the direct rays of the sun never shine on my chocolates. Hanging gunny sacks on the door will cut down on the amount of light in very hot, dry times.

The second greatest enemy of Chocolate color is HEAT. Heat and light go together, of course, but experience indicates that even where the light is kept to a minimum that excessive heat will fade color. It is therefore imperative that in order to have good color, you keep the chocolate as cool as possible.

The third great enemy of Chocolate color is dryness. Any hair will dry out if continually exposed to extreme dryness. In Oklahoma it is generally dry for about 6 months of the year. We have found that the use of evaporative coolers during the day not only provides coolness, but the added moisture helps to maintain a healthy condition of the coat. Many sections of the country will not have this problem.

Certainly all color is affected by foreign matter, all rabbits are naturally clean in nature, but many times it is impossible for them to keep clean under the conditions that we provide for them. Wet hutches particularly will cause chocolate to fade and any type filth will distract from the good chocolate color, therefore we must keep our chocolates in dry clean hutches.

Chocolate color shows up better when the coat meets the Dutch standard, that is when it is short, crisp and dense. Many chocolates fail in color because the fur is thin or more often long and soft. This applies to all colors, but particularly to blues and chocolates. When I first started raising chocolates, breeders in this area told me that it was impossible to get chocolates with really good fur, however, careful attention to fur has enabled me to win several nice normal colored fur classes with Chocolate Dutch.

To summarize, breed the best possible chocolate color, keep your rabbits clean, cool and in the darkest possible place in keeping with good sanitation and you will be rewarded on the show table.

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Was he a cheap skate? I can still remember his wedding, with every one throwing old shoes, and him trying them on!

Larry: "Your brother certainly is a very relaxed fellow, isn't he?"

Barry: "I'LL Say - he loves to visit the zoo and watch the turtles whiz by!"

A manufacturer said business was running about fifty-fifty: an order in the morning, a cancellation in the afternoon.

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