

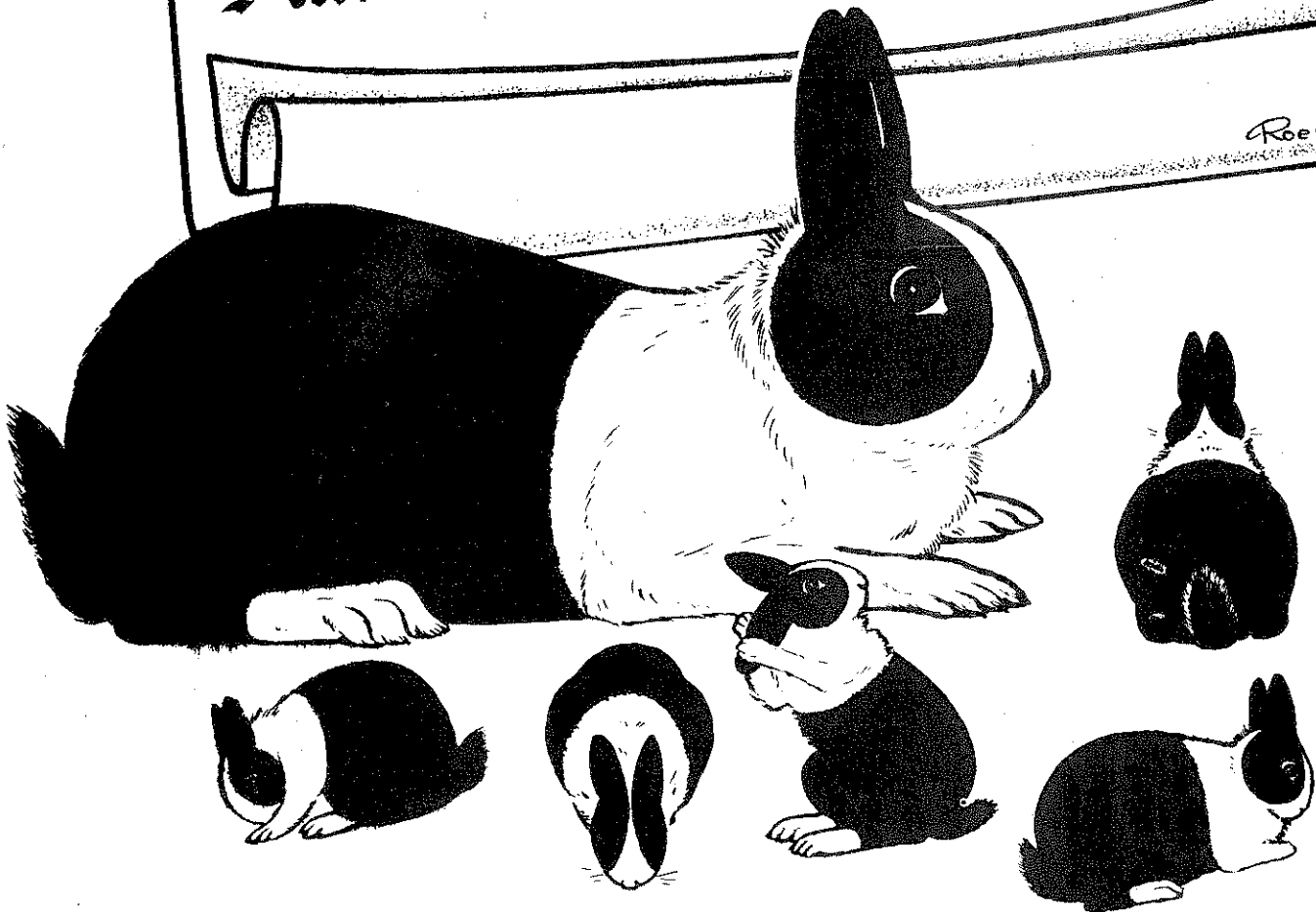
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OUR NATIONAL DUTCH SHOW

It will not be long until you will be making out your entry for the 1949 National Dutch Show, and based on the entries in local shows over the country this, should be the largest Dutch show yet held. We are sorry to announce that one of the Judges that you selected will be unable officiate due to a business engagement that he has on the date of the show, this is none other than our good friend Dick Bernhardt, in his place has been selected another of the top Dutch judges of the country, Jimmie Blyth. Show Secretary, Wells says that there will be lots of cash specials and we have 15 cups for you breeders to win, there will be a one time cup for each color including the Red Dutch. Our Headquarters hotel will be the Hotel Antlers on north Meridian Street, if you are planning on attending the show write direct to the hotel or to the show secretary, Lester C. Wells, P. O. Box 13, Oaklandon, Indiana for reservations which will be confirmed by the hotel. The Club meeting will be held Saturday evening March 26th, why not plan on being there?

Your ballot for voting on the resolution presented by Tom Shufflebotham at the Atlanta meeting is being mailed with the Dutch Reporter, be sure to mark your ballot and mail before March 15th. These ballots will be counted at the meeting in Indianapolis.

We are again late with this issue of the Reporter, due to having to work on the job that feeds my family and also being out of town for a week, we hope you will over-look this. It takes a lot of work to get the paper to you each month along with the other club work keeps your secretary busy most of the spare time that he has. We will try and get next month's to you on time.

We have received several letters from breeders that have shown in sweepstake shows saying that the report on the show was wrong, that they were not given credit for the right winning. We publish these reports as they are filled out by the show secretary and have no way knowing whether they are right or wrong, those of you who have written in, your records of winnings is being checked with the show secretary and if a mistake has been made it will be corrected, and proper credit given for the sweepstake points.

ST. LOUIS RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
St. Louis, Mo. Jan. 21-23-1949 Judge Ancel R. Beaver

BLACK DUTCH (77)

- Sr. Buck (29) 1st, 4th, 5th Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd Ralph Walborn.
Sr. Doe (24) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Bernhardt & Breammer, 3rd R. L. Souers, 4th George J. Emling Jr. 5th S. T. Wheelus Sr.
Jr. Buck (17) 1st George J. Emling Jr. 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd E. G. Laramee, 4th J. Furrer 5th Victor Puhr.
Jr. Doe (7) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd George J. Emling Jr. 3rd Point Rabbitry, 4th S. M. Thatcher, 5th Joe Crawford.

BLUE DUTCH (50)

- Sr. Buck (24) 1st Dick Lauk, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd John Furrer, 4th Bernhardt & Breammer 5th Ralph Walborn.
Sr. Doe (10) 1st John Furrer, 2nd Bernhardt & Breammer, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry, 4th Ralph Walborn, 5th Vernon J. Rosendahl.
Jr. Buck (10) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Clyde Sabin, 3rd Dick Lauk, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 5th Circle D Rabbitry.
Jr. Doe (6) 1st S. T. Wheelus Sr. 2nd Clyde Sabin, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry, 4th Joe Crawford 5th Mrs. G. W. Crockett.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (46)

- Sr. Buck (19) 1st S. T. Wheelus Sr. 2nd Robert L. Pierson, 3rd Robinson's Rabbitry, 4th Circle D Rabbitry, 5th R. L. Souers
Sr. Doe (12) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd Clyde Sabin, 4th Circle D Rabbitry, 5th Herman Roerig.
Jr. Buck (7) 1st Randall's Rabbitry, 2nd Dick Lauk, 3rd, 5th Wm. Goedecke, 4th Dr. Gale Russum
Jr. Doe (8) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Dick Lauk, 3rd J. D. Guidry, 4th W. W. Wright, 5th Robert L. Pierson.

TORTOISE DUTCH (37)

- Sr. Buck (13) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd, 4th Clyde Sabin, 5th S. T. Wheelus Sr.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Bernhardt & Breammer, 2nd R. L. Souers, 3rd, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th W. W. Wright.
Jr. Buck (9) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Clyde Sabin, 4th Charles Groaning.
Jr. Doe (10) 1st Bernhardt & Breammer, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Clyde Sabin, 4th Dr. Gale E. Russum.

STEEL DUTCH (21)

- Sr. Buck (12) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Ed Clausen, 3rd Wm. Goedecke, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd S. M. Thatcher, 3rd Wm. Goedecke, 4th Red Dot Rabbitry
Jr. Buck (2) 1st George J. Emling Jr. 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum.
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Disq.

GRAY DUTCH (24)

- Sr. Buck (7) 1st, 5th S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Robinson's Rabbitry, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Clyde Sabin.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st W. W. Wright, 2nd, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Clyde Sabin.
Jr. Buck (5) 1st Ed Clausen, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Wm. Goedecke, 4th W. W. Wright, 5th A. Seeman.
Jr. Doe (8) 1st, 2nd, 5th Ed Clausen, 3rd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

A.O.C. DUTCH (35)

- Sr. Buck (13) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Ed Clausen, 3rd, 5th Robert T. Clark, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (9) 1st, 2nd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd, 5th Clyde Sabin.
Jr. Buck (4) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Dr. Gale E. Russum.
Jr. Doe (9) 1st, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd George J. Emling Jr. 5th Millers Rabbitry.

Best Black, Best Chocolate, Best Steel, Circle D Rabbitry, Best Blue, S. M. Thatcher, Best Tortoise, Bernhardt & Breammer, Best Gray, Ed Clausen, Best A.O.C. Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Circle D 1059, Jerry-Lou 772, Walborn 247, Bernhardt & Breammer 311, Souers 111, Emling 217, Wheelus 187, Laramee 51, Furrer 166, Puhr 17, Point 21, Thatcher 203, Crawford 19, Lauk 234, Sabin 423, Clipfort 18, Crockett 6, Pierson 84, Robinson 85, Roerig 12, Randall 42, Russum 86, Goedecke 94, Guidry 24, Wright 60, Clausen 242, Red Dot 10, Seeman 5, Clark 52, Miller 9.

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OLD-TIMERS REVIEW DUTCH CHAMPIONS

By James Blyth

Jack Wierman

We have been around a lot the last few years, that is, as much as the work in the office of secretary of the American Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association will allow. In visiting at the Akron, Ohio show January 14th and 15th, 1949, we met more old fanciers than had ever been grouped together outside of a National Convention. These men I had known over a long period of years and got much of my schooling in Dutch Rabbits from them. Among those were Glen Johnson, Fred Tausch, B. Peterson, Lew Melinger, George Battles, A. H. Bentz, A. E. Sautters, Paul Bentz and some that I can't recall their names. A Newer delegation headed by Mr. Moore of Toledo were in attendance. While looking over the Dutch exhibits, the question came up: Are they as good as they were years ago? These old timers argued that they were not. But, I contend that they are even more, that is, you will find the general run are better marked, but the here and there, outstanding champions of years ago are missing. Some of the animals we talked about no doubt will be new to many. First there were Blue Perfection and Knobby, both outstanding blue bucks owned by A. H. Bentz & Son; Kinston Raven, owned by Manus, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Belgrave Model, imported by Bob Scott, and later sold to B. Peterson. He was the best Black at the Lima Convention in 1924.

The Little Black Buck was imported by C. J. Plunkett. Some of these animals can't be named as they were always referred to as the so-and-so animal. The Shaw buck owned by Red Shaw, Sun Shine Don are many times known as the Puffer buck because he had been bred by Charles Williams and later sold to a man named Puffer. While he was not as outstanding as most of the other animals mentioned, he had two things that were needed in the Dutch Fancy at that time. They were type and color. Several other specimens were shown by Charles Williams; The Swineburne, animal that copped best at the National Dutch Show at Detroit. There no doubt was no better string of exhibition Dutch in the country owned by one breeder, than the fine string shown by the Strickland boys, Bob and Dan. These were shown fearlessly all over the country and most always came out on top. The Chocolate Buck owned by Charles O. Lewis; to, date we have not seen a chocolate to compare with him. This all goes to show that they did have really good Dutch years ago. They produced these Dutch while the old Standard was in effect. Therefore, there can't be much wrong with the Standard. I am not a beleiver that if a stage coach was good enough for my father, it should be good enough for me. We need improvement. But, until we can find something better, let's stay with something that has proved good. Our standards are always ahead of our breeding operations. We have not produced the perfect Dutch. Our advancement should be in our breeding methods, and in sticking to the breed until we have accomplished something.

The Dutch of years ago, were good, but, not perfect, just as the outstanding ones are of today. These old-timers ask what has become of the good Dutch? here, I will put it back in their lap. They were not consistent breeders of Dutch. When Bentz produced those two outstanding blue bucks, they quit breeding Dutch and went to another breed. The parties getting these blood lines did not know the proper mating there, so back we go to where we started. Glen Johnson, we all recall the string of well-marked Tortoise he had, and most every one of them with a near perfect stop. Glen took pride in tops and was producing stock to this effect. But, he gave up Dutch and no doubt, an inexperienced breeder got his stock which followed the same course, as Bentz's and many others. Mellinger, Battles and Peterson took the same course. Yes, my friends it takes a lifetime to build up a stud of Dutch and these men just when they were setting on top of the world, sold out and quit.

Now, they are back with us again. We welcome these old-timers and hope that for the improvement of the Dutch Rabbit, they will stay with us for years to come. We don't need a revision of the Standard, what we need more is breeders that know the standard requirements, and will study them and stay with the Dutch Breeding problems over a long period of years.

"Land sakes," chided Grandma, "been married three years and no children, Ain't you young folks worried?" "We sure are, Grandma," the young wife replied. "We've spent many a sleepless night because of it."

WABASH COUNTY RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

N. Manchester, Ind. Oct. 1-3-1948 Judge Howard F. Kieser

BLACK DUTCH (19)

- Sr. Buck (6) 1st Lavengood's Rabbitry, 2nd Grace M. Craig, 3rd K. O. Engler, 4th E.R. McNown
Sr. Doe (4) 1st R. D. Humbert, 2nd Robert Burns, 3rd K. O. Engler.
Jr. Buck (5) 1st Robert Burns, 2nd Oda L. Karns, 3rd, 5th Brumfiels Rabbitry, 4th K.O. Engler
Jr. Doe (4) 1st D. Swoverland, 2nd Oda L. Karns, 3rd D. R. Pflieger, 4th Brumfiels Rabbitry.

BLUE DUTCH (13)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st R. D. Humbert, 2nd Grace M. Craig, 3rd Brumfiels Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (2) 1st Manson Clark, 2nd D. R. Pflieger.
Jr. Buck (6) 1st K. O. Engler, 2nd A. C. McKeeman, 3rd Lavengood's Rabbitry, 4th Bunny Ranch
5th James R. Boyer.
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Albert Kerner, 2nd Bunny Ranch.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (12)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st Ray Galbreth, 2nd Duane Elbert, 3rd Charles Mallot, 4th Disq.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st Charles Mallot, 2nd R. D. Humbert, Balance Disq.
Jr. Buck (3) 1st Duane Elbert, 2nd Lavengood's Rabbitry. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Manson Clark.

TORTOISE DUTCH (7)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st Robert Burns, 2nd Herbert Nitzsche, 3rd Duane Elbert, 4th Oda L. Karns.
Sr. Doe (2) 1st Herbert Nitzsche, 2nd Duane Elbert. Jr. Doe (1) 1st R. D. Humbert.

GRAY DUTCH (3)

- Sr. Buck (1) Jr. Buck (1) Jr. Doe (1) 1st All to Charles Malott

A.O.C. DUTCH (2)

- Jr. Buck (2) 1st Robert Burns, 2nd Lavengood's Rabbitry.
Best Black, Best AOC, Robert Burns, Best Blue, Manson Clark, Best Chocolate, Charles Malott
Best Tortoise, Herbert Nitzsche, Best Gray, Charles Malott

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Lavengood 74, Craig 36, Humbert 64, Brumfiel 37, Pflieger 20, Bunny Ranch 20, Elbert 54,
Malott 57, Nitzsche 45.

SHAWNEE COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Topeka, Kans. Oct. 22-24-1948 Judge L. A. Dunlap

BLACK DUTCH (8)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st John Eisenhower, 2nd G. A. Malm. Sr. Doe (1) 1st Bert Whitt
Jr. Buck (3) 1st Joe Crawford, 2nd Elmer Swearinger, 3rd Bert Whitt. Jr. Doe (1) 1st B. Whitt

BLUE DUTCH (7)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st L. W. Vanover, 2nd, 3rd Howard Flowers, 4th P. C. Lilly, 5th E. Swearinger.
Sr. Doe (1) 1st L. W. Vanover. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Elmer Swearinger.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (8)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st G. A. Malm. Jr. Buck (1) 1st Elmer Swearinger.
Sr. Doe (3) 1st Chas. Pine, 2nd, 3rd G. A. Malm.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st Joe Crawford, 2nd Chas. Pine, 3rd Elmer Swearinger.

GRAY DUTCH (1)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st G. A. Malm.

Best Black John Eisenhower, Best Blue, L. W. Vanover, Best Chocolate, Elmer Swearinger
Best Gray, G. A. Malm.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Crawford 36, Swearinger 46, Vanover 43, Pine 30

ROCHESTER RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Rochester, N. Y. Dec. 1-5-1948 Judge W. Williams

BLACK DUTCH (4)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st Mrs. A. Morrissey. Sr. Doe (2) 1st Paul Little, 2nd Cliff White.
Jr. Buck (1) 1st Cliff White.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (2)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st Gene Hamlin, 2nd T. Berl

TORTOISE DUTCH (4)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st J. R. Hall. Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd J. R. Hall.

Best Black, Mrs. A. Morrissey, Best Chocolate, Gene Hamlin, Best Tortoise, J. R. Hall

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Morrissey 10, Hall 49

COLORADO STATE POULTRY & RABBIT SHOW INC.

Denver, Colo. Jan. 17-21-1949 Judge R. L. Souers

BLACK DUTCH (27)

- Sr. Buck (12) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Circle D Rabbitry, 5th Clyde Sabin.
 Sr. Doe (6) 1st George F. Cook, 2nd Mrs. E. Havens, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry, 4th Clyde Sabin,
 5th Clipfort Rabbitry.
 Jr. Buck (5) 1st, 2nd, 5th Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd Kenneth Keene, 4th Clyde Sabin.
 Jr. Doe (4) 1st, 4th Circle D Rabbitry. 2nd Mrs. T. McLellan, 3rd Kenneth Keene.

BLUE DUTCH (25)

- Sr. Buck (12) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd, 4th W. W. Wright, 5th Mrs. E. Havens.
 Sr. Doe (4) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry, 3rd Nancy Porter, 4th Green Acres
 Rabbitry.
 Jr. Buck (5) 1st, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Clyde Sabin, 4th W. W. Wright.
 Jr. Doe (4) 1st Clyde Sabin, 2nd, 4th Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd Bud Stout.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (15)

- Sr. Buck (7) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd Green Acres Rabbitry, 4th George F. Cook.
 Sr. Doe (5) 1st Bud Stout, 2nd, Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd, 4th Clyde Sabin.
 Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd W. W. Wright.

TORTOISE DUTCH (24)

- Sr. Buck (7) 1st Clyde Sabin, 2nd C. Sabin, 3rd, 5th Circle D Rabbitry, 4th W. W. Wright.
 Sr. Doe (3) 1st Mrs. E. Havens, 2nd W. W. Wright, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry.
 Jr. Buck (7) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Clyde Sabin, 5th W. W. Wright.
 Jr. Doe (7) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Clyde Sabin.

STEEL DUTCH (8)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd Clyde Sabin.
 Sr. Doe (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry. Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry.

GRAY DUTCH (14)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st George F. Cook, 2nd, 3rd Clyde Sabin.
 Sr. Doe (7) 1st W. W. Wright, 2nd Clyde Sabin, 3rd Barfoot's Rabbitry, 4th Mrs. W. Junghaene
 5th George F. Cook
 Jr. Buck (2) 1st Barfoot's Rabbitry, 2nd W. W. Wright.
 Jr. Doe (2) 1st George F. Cook, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry.

A.O.C. DUTCH (11)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd George F. Cook, 3rd, 4th W. W. Wright.
 Sr. Doe (4) 1st, 2nd Clyde Sabin, 3rd, 4th Mrs. E. Havens.
 Jr. Doe (3) 1st George F. Cook, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd W. W. Wright.

Best Black, Best Blue, Best Chocolate, Best Steel, Best A.O.C. Circle D Rabbitry, Best Gray,
 W. W. Wright, Best Tortoise Clyde Sabin.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Circle D Rabbitry 954, Sabin 403, Cook 121, Havens 74, Clipfort 22, Keene 27, McLellan 16,
 Wright 197, Porter 12, Green Acres 29, Stout 42, Barfoot 21.

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Joak W. Wrenn

It is the same today as in the past, different opinions. Small Dutch and large Dutch, the battle goes on, and I believe it will as long as there are any Dutch left. Let me say here I like the three and a half to four and a half pound Dutch regardless of color, but let us not forget in our differences that we have a standard and all should respect it. Now let us not get harsh in our opinions, but rather have a little respect for the other fellow, if he is wrong let us try and help him and if we are wrong let us take a lesson from him, this will help us all and our splendid club will continue to grow. I love to attend the shows and meet all the Dutch breeders and air our different opinions, it does us all good and we go home with more push in us than we ever had before. I just can't wait for my Reporter to come each month to see what the others have to say, boy, I wish we could have one every week. To all you younger Dutch breeders I want to say welcome and good luck in your venture, you will find it very interesting, and don't let anyone tell you the old-timers see eye to eye, because they don't and never did. Don't listen to everything you hear, just get your eyes on the standard and go from there, because no one has a monopoly on breeding Dutch, you may have the next Champion. Now to you fellows who make our Dutch Reporter possible let me say, thank you, and keep up the good work.

Yours in Dutch,

Dan Strickland

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"DUTCH"

By a Novice

Jack Wrenner

"Dutch", how many ways can you think of that this word is used? How many things can you think of that it represents? Yes since the English language first became known this word Dutch has been connected with it in hundreds of ways and some one hundred or more years ago somebody named a poor little defenceless rabbit after it, and since that time there has been a turmoil and tempest among the breeders of this little animal. Not over the name that it was given, but how it should look, what it should weigh, how long its ears should be, what shape its body should be, what color it should be, where its markings should be, and all you have to do today is mention something about the Dutch rabbit and the War is on. I have often wondered how the poor creature has survived through it all, but maybe that is the reason that it is as hardy as it is. I suppose that it has become so accustomed to this kind of a life that if it was to suddenly stop that it would in a short time become extinct.

Your Editor on several occasions has asked me to write an article for the Dutch Reporter and in the past each time I have begged off for several reasons, first, I don't like to write and second I considered myself too much of a novice in rabbit breeding to be writing and telling other what should be done and third, I have no literary training and I murder the English language, it looks bad in print, but, after reading the articles and letters that have appeared in the Dutch Reporter in the past few months I have come to the conclusion that you don't have to be an "Old Timer", that literary training might be a handicap rather than an asset, that all you have to do is write something about Dutch that will get into the other fellows' hair and you are on the road to success as a writer.

So, in this weakened condition, I finally gave in and what you will read (I hope) in this and the next issue or two will be the rambling of a Dutch breeder driven that way by his fellow breeders. When I asked your Editor what I should write about, he said, pick your own subject. I said, how about writing on these questions you ask in regards to the Dutch Standard; He said, why not? Everybody else is kicking them around and you just as well join the gang; So I agreed with one understanding, and that was that my identity not be made public. I have several reasons for this, one is that I do not care to answer letters or to become involved in any personal controversy with any breeder. The opinions that I express in these articles are my own and I am not going to try to convince you that you should accept them. I hope to be able to present them without getting into personalities, and while I may refer to some particular article or letter that has appeared in the Dutch Reporter, it will only be done to bring out the point that I am trying to make.

Since you don't know who I am you might like to know what I am or just a little about me. I have been a breeder of Dutch rabbits for five years, so you can see that I am in the novice class, of course these were not the first rabbits that I raised, I have raised New Zealand Whites, Silver Martens, Checkered Giants and several of the Rex varieties, but of all the breeds, the Dutch is my favorite and I think always will be. I only raise them as a hobby, and while the Dutch, in my opinion have a wonderful future as a commercial rabbit, I look at them more from the Fanciers point of view. To me they are a show rabbit, and the best, today as our shows have proven. My living comes from the machinist trade of which I have followed for twenty years. Now that you know just a little about me, let's get to the subjects that I am going to write about. First let's go back and find out just what these questions were that were asked by our Secretary, I think they appeared in the September issue of the Reporter.

Here they are and I will repeat them here; First, Do you think the spread on senior weight from 3 to 5½ pounds is out of line? Second, Do you think there should be a difference in senior weight of bucks and does? Third, Do you think that a description on the various colors of the A.O.C. class should be given? Fourth, Do you think that the word Ideal should be used in connection with weight and ear length? Now, there you are, four simple questions, should be easy to answer, don't you think? I had harder questions in the fourth grade in school, but only had the teacher to convince I was right, but here it is a different story. Well, I promised myself I would only use one page in the Reporter, it is too valuable a paper to waste more than one page in each issue and since I am almost to the bottom of the page let's wait until next month to start on the answers, but in the mean time how about you thinking a little about these questions, do it from an impartial standpoint and I am sure you can come up with the answer. Gee, I know I am at the bottom of the page for the paper just fell out of my typewriter, so long, see you next month.

WESTERN RESERVE RABBIT CLUB

Chagrin Falls, Ohio Nov. 26-28-1948 Judge James Blyth

BLACK DUTCH (21)

- Sr.Buck (11) 1st Raymond H. Smith, 2nd E. J. Slater, 3rd, 4th Ralph Walborn, 5th C.S.Moore
Sr. Doe (6) 1st, 3rd A. E. Sautters, 2nd Dick Lauk, 4th Raymond H. Smith, 5th Ritz Rabbitry
Jr.Buck (4) 1st E. R. Garnett, 2nd Dick Lauk, 3rd C. S. Moore, 4th Betty Parsart.

BLUE DUTCH (10)

- Sr.Buck (3) 1st Dick Lauk, 2nd Blackstone Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd, 4th, 5th Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd Sam B. Ladd.
Jr.Buck (2) 1st W. F. McLain, 2nd Blue Dot Rabbitry.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (15)

- Sr.Buck (6) 1st E. J. Slater, 2nd A. E. Sautters, 3rd Booth & Grunney, 4th C. S. Moore
5th Dick Lauk.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Eastland Rabbitry, 2nd C. S. Moore, 3rd Dick Lauk, 4th G. G. Battels.
Jr.Buck (2) 1st Raymond H. Smith. Jr. Doe (2) 1st Raymond H. Smith.

TORTOISE DUTCH (3)

- Sr.Buck (1) 1st Blackstone Rabbitry. Sr.Doe (2) 1st Eagle Nest Rabbitry, 2nd Blackstone
STEEL DUTCH (2)

- Sr.Buck (1) 1st Blackstone Rabbitry. Jr.Buck (1) Dr. Gale E. Russum
GRAY DUTCH (5)

- Sr.Buck (2) 1st Leo Lubinski, 2nd Raymond H. Smith. Jr.Buck (1) 1st Eagle Nest Rabbitry.
Jr.Buck (2) 1st Eagle Nest Rabbitry, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum.

A.O.C. DUTCH (3)

- Jr.Buck (2) 1st Bill & Ruth Rabbitry, 2nd Raymond H. Smith. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Dr. Gale Russum
Best in each variety not shown on report.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Smith 118, Walborn 85, Sautter 78, Lauk 79, Russum 55, Eagle Nest 30, Bill & Ruth 12.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Brattleboro, Vermont Oct. 9-10-1948 Judge William Roe

BLACK DUTCH (9)

- Sr.Buck (2) 1st, 2nd Chas. O. Lewis. Sr. Doe (3) 1st Chas. O. Lewis, others disq.
Jr. Doe (4) 1st Riverside Rabbitry, 2nd, 4th Lewis S. Carpenter, 3rd Marvin F. Carley Jr.

BLUE DUTCH (7)

- Sr.Buck (3) 1st Chas. O. Lewis, 2nd Wendell S. Vaile. Sr.Doe (1) 1st Chas. O. Lewis
Jr.Buck (2) 1st Chas. O. Lewis, 2nd Lewis S Carpenter. Jr. Doe (1) disq.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (2)

- Sr.Buck (1) 1st Chas. O. Lewis. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Lewis S. Carpenter.

TORTOISE DUTCH (6)

- Sr.Buck (2) 1st Charles Corsa, 2nd Bernard Loncto. Sr. Doe (3) All disq.
Jr.Buck (1) 1st Charles Corsa.

A.O.C. DUTCH (2)

- Sr.Doe (1) 1st Charles Corsa. Jr.Buck (1) 1st Lewis Carpenter.
Best Black, Best Blue, Best Chocolate, Chas. O. Lewis, Best Tortoise, Best A.O.C.
Charles Corsa.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Lewis 98, Riverside 24, Carpenter 44, Carley 12, Vaile 12, Corsa 32, Loncto 8.

WATERLOO RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Waterloo, Iowa Oct. 4-10-1948 Judge Bernie Fruedenberg
BLACK DUTCH (13)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Disq.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Herman Roerig, 3rd, 4th Disq.
Jr. Buck (4) 1st Claire Barclay, 2nd R. J. Bernhardt, 3rd Billy Owens, 4th Disq.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st Wm. Nield, 2nd Claire Barclay, 3rd Herman Roerig.

BLUE DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Disq. Jr. Doe (1) Disq.
CHOCOLATE DUTCH (1)

Sr. Doe (1) 1st Raymond Wolfe

TORTOISE DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Harold Heath, 3rd Raymond Wolfe.

STEEL DUTCH (1)

Jr. Buck (1) Disq.

A.O.C. DUTCH (7)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st Harry Bailey, 2nd Herman Roerig, 3rd Disq.

Jr. Buck (2) 1st Robert Clark, 2nd Robert Clark. Jr. Doe (2) 1st Robert Clark, 2nd Disq.

Best Black, Best Blue, R. J. Bernhardt, Best Chocolate, Raymond Wolfe, Best Tortoise,
Harold Heath, Best A.O.C. Robert Clark.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Bernhardt 80, Roerig 37, Barclay 36, Owens 12, Wolfe 16, Nield 18, Heath 33, Bailey 18,
Clark 39.

PANHANDLE SOUTH PLAINS FAIR ASSOCIATION

Lubbock, Texas Sept. 30 Oct. 2-1948 Judge Marion Stoner

BLACK DUTCH (2)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Kenneth Smith. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Kenneth Smith.

BLUE DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st J. C. Brock, 2nd John H. Smith. Jr. Doe (1) 1st J. C. Brock

TORTOISE DUTCH (1)

Sr. Doe (1) 1st Kenneth Smith.

Best Black, Best Tortoise Kenneth Smith, Best Blue J. C. Brock.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Kenneth Smith 14

Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mr. Souers;

I have read so much about the Standard, lately, I'd like to say I, would rather see it left as it is. Surely no one who has seen an Ideal Dutch could find room for improvement, either in the specimen or the standard as it is. By all means leave the Ideal clause as it is.

As to the weights of the present standard, I think they are O.K. as they are.

Naturally no one can expect to breed two three pound animals together and have any amount of success, as the offspring will seldom make ideal weight. However the does usually run larger than the bucks in my litters of Dutch as in other breeds, and I have better results using a small buck with larger does. I would not like to dispose of a three pound buck that produced offspring near the ideal weight from 5 or 5½ pound does.

Some does under 3½ pounds are not able to raise a normal litter of 6 to Ideal weight, even when serviced to a 5 pound buck, but I find that this depends on the individual animal, its ancestry, milking ability, ect. I have never had an animal near Ideal weight from a 5 pound doe and buck, as the weight is usually over the 5½ pound limit and ears to match. Consequently the Dutch R.O.P. is a necessity for any amount of success and I imagine all breeders use some system to record their stock. In my opinion it is entirely up to the breeder and there is a definite place for a 3 pound animal in my hutches (yes with 3 inch ears) if I am to produce any animals with weight and ears to conform with the ideal.

On the other hand I would be disappointed to see my 3 pound entry place over a 4 or 4½ pound entry even with a few points in type and markings in my favor, the entry nearest the Ideal ALWAYS.

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Neither would I like to win with a 4½ pound entry outpointed all around by another animal except on weight, even a three pounder, tho few of these will place first.

Just let the judge stick to the Standard and I will stick to Him.

Sincerely,

James D. Jones

Beaumont Texas

Dear Lou;

I read with a great deal of interest the pros and cons regarding changing the Dutch Standard. Why all the fuss? I am not one of the "Old Timers" in the Dutch business but it appears to me that the standard should remain as it is. Perhaps there are a number of breeders who feel like I do. We have a lot of fun trying to produce some prize winners and do not have any trouble in disposing of our mismarked rabbits. By keeping the standard where it is we can secure a nice sized fryer at about two months old and in this section most people prefer the Dutch fryer to any other breed. When you start cutting down on the weight you are going to cut out a number of breeders as most of us can not afford to raise rabbits for exhibition purposes only.

You will probably agree that our October Show here in Beaumont was one of the best, if not the best, Dutch Show ever held. After the show we have had numerous requests for breeding stock. These people are not getting the stock simply for show purposes but we have sold them on the idea that in this climate of ours that a Dutch doe will produce more pounds of fryers than any other breed. This is due to the fact that it is awfully hard to breed the heavier breeds during the hot weather but the Dutch go right ahead producing.

The Dutch have come to the front down here in the past few years. Where you could not find a Dutch breeder five years ago, now there are probably more Dutch breeders than any other. What other Club has ever attempted to put half of their Show for Dutch only? This could not have been done if the Dutch breeders did not predominate in this section.

Change the Standard and you will see a number of breeders getting rid of their Dutch. I for one know that when the standard weight is set any lower then I am going to be an Ex-Dutch Breeder.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Weisenfelder.

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SWEETSTAKE STANDING (10 High)

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Conversing during a quit spell at a show, one Judge asked, "Say, Jim, what's the difference between amnesia and magnesia? Second Judge: "A person with amnesia dosen't know where he is going".

A bee's stinging apparatus actually measures only 1/32 of an inch. The other two feet are pure imagination.

AKRON RABBIT CLUB

Akron, Ohio Jan. 15-16-1949 Judge Sam Jones

BLACK DUTCH (20)

- Sr. Buck (9) 1st, 3rd, Ralph Walborn, 2nd E. J. Slater, 4th E. A. Sautters, 5th G. Johnson
- Sr. Doe (6) 1st, Dick Lauk, 2nd, 3rd G. Johnson, 4th A. E. Sautters, 5th Al Emery.
- Jr. Buck (2) 1st, G. Johnson, 2nd Al Emery.
- Jr. Doe (3) 1st, F. H. Tausch, 2nd, 3rd Glenn Johnson.

BLUE DUTCH (8)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st, Dick Lauk, 2nd Bill & Ruth Rabbitry, 3rd G. Leisering
- Sr. Doe (3) 1st, Ralph Walborn, 2nd Glenn Hummell, 3rd Bill & Ruth Rabbitry.
- Jr. Buck (2) 1st, F. H. Tausch, 2nd Bill & Ruth Rabbitry.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (11)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st, G. Leisering, 2nd Don Knieriemen, 3rd Al Emery, 4th Dick Lauk, 5th A. E. Sautters
- Sr. Doe (2) 1st, Carl Schoen, 2nd Al Emery.
- Jr. Buck (2) 1st, R. H. Smith, 2nd Don Kneiriemen. Jr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd, Glenn Hummell

TORTOISE DUTCH (2)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st, G. Leisering. Jr. Buck (1) 1st G. Leisering.

STEEL DUTCH (3)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st, G. Leisering. Sr. Doe (1) 1st R. H. Smith. Jr. Doe (1) 1st, Carl Schoen.

GRAY DUTCH (4)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st, Carl Schoen, Jr. Buck (1) 1st Shady Oak Rabbitry.
- Sr. Doe (2) 1st Shady Oak Rabbitry, 2nd R. H. Smith.

A.O.C. DUTCH (3)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st, Carl Schoen, 2nd Bill & Ruth Rabbitry. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Carl Schoen.

Best Black, Best Blue, Ralph Walborn, Best Chocolate, Best Tortoise, Best Steel, G. Leisering, Best Gray, Shady Oaks Rabbitry, Best A.O.C. Carl Schoen.

SWEETSTAKE POINTS

Walborn 127, Sautters 35, Johnson 84, Lauk 64, Emery 37, Tausch 30, Bill & Ruth 37, Leisering 73, Hummell 32, Knieriemen 28, Schoen 45, Smith 26, Shady Oaks 21.

Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Souers;

An ambition to raise the best in rabbits, the urge to surpass my fellow man, limited time and facilities that permit only a small herd, economy in feeding, ease in handling due to size and disposition, beauty and superb qualities of Dutch as a show rabbit all add up to make me a breeder of Dutch only. All of these points were given weight in making a decision to dispense of some of the best specimens of a larger breed, some I had spent years in developing and was justly proud of, and turn to Dutch exclusively. Dutch fit me and my purpose. Because I changed to Dutch doesn't mean much, but many others have done the same. There are still others who are now and will continue to do so if they can feel secure. But can they hold a sence of security if the standard is to be changed to suit the little whims of every boom-minded, ambitious newcomer? No!

I have yet to see or even hear of a perfect Dutch, One man has a litter that will all register and show. What happens? He gets well-deserved publicity in the Dutch Reporter our trade journal, if you please. So why change the standard when no one can really reach the breeding excellency of the present one. Dutch cannot decline nor become uninteresting to the fancier until a majority can breed to the standard set up. Personally I believe our Standard should be in the hands of only seasoned, proven breeders of several years standing. They know the pitfalls and can guide us newer breeders to better Dutch and Dutch to the top place among all fancy rabbits. I will vote to amend the By-Laws to permit only members of lang standing - say five or more years, to the standard committee. On that basis we wont have a group of hot-shots changing our standard today and raising pigeons or parakeets two years hence. The articles on breeding, judging, showing, grooming, etc. by the dads of the fancy have all fascinated me, I'd like to see the pages of the Reporter filled with them again.

Very truly,

Odie Clark.

PLASA RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION,
Alton, Ill. Oct. 15-17-1948 Judge Lester C. Wells
BLACK DUTCH (14)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st R. L. Souers, 2nd R. B. Deadmond, 3rd disq.
Sr. Doe (5) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd R. L. Souers, 3rd Earl Krueger, 4th Charles Groaning.
Jr. Buck (5) 1st, 4th Wm. Goedecke, 2nd R. J. Bernhardt, 3rd Randall's Rabbitry, 5th A. Seeman
Jr. Doe (1) 1st J. M. Watkins

BLUE DUTCH (19)

Sr. Buck (9) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Mrs. G. W. Crockett, 3rd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 4th
R. L. Souers, 5th F. H. Wedemeyer.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Ed. Groaning, 3rd, 4th disq.
Jr. Buck (3) All disq. Jr. Doe (3) 1st A. E. Baird, 2nd, 3rd disq.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (17)

Sr. Buck (5) 1st, 5th Dr. Gale E. Russum, 2nd Raymond Wolfe, 3rd Wm. Goedecke, 4th Toots Keiner
Sr. Doe (4) 1st Ted Ruesche, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd Toots Keiner, 4th disq.
Jr. Buck (5) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd M. L. Wadsworth, 4th
Bobbie Robinson, 5th Randall's Rabbitry.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st Dr. Gale E. Russum, 2nd Toots Keiner, 3rd disq.

TORTOISE DUTCH (9)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Wm. Goedecke, 3rd R. L. Souers.
Sr. Doe (2) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd R. L. Souers Jr. Buck (1) 1st Ed. Groaning
Jr. Doe (3) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd R. L. Souers, 3rd disq.

STEEL DUTCH (9)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Wm. Goedecke, 3rd A. Seeman, Sr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Wm. Goedecke.
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Dr. Gale E. Russum, Jr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Wm. Goedecke.

GRAY DUTCH (4)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Wm. Goedecke. Jr. Buck (1) W. Goedecke
A.O.C. DUTCH (12)

Sr. Buck (4) 1st Ed Groaning, 2nd Wm. Hardy, 3rd Ray Horst, 4th Math Roth.
Sr. Doe (6) 1st Ed Groaning, 2nd, 4th Wm. Hardy, 3rd R. B. Deadmond, 5th R. L. Souers.

Best Black, Best Blue, R. J. Bernhardt, Best Chocolate Ted Ruesche, Best Tortoise, Best
Steel, Best Gray, Wm. Goedecke, Best A.O.C. Ed Groaning.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Bernhardt 191, Souers 91, Krueger 15, C. Groaning 10, Goedecke 203, Randall 20, Seeman 14,
Crockett 36, Russum 140, Wedemeyer 9, E. Groaning 94, Baird 18, Wolfe 20, Keiner 34,
Ruesche 41, Robinson 36, B. Robinson 10, Roth 8, Hardy 52, Deadmond 30.

SWEEPSTAKE SHOWS

Cedar Rapids Small Stock Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 18-20-1949
Kern County Rabbit Breeders Association, Bakersfield, California, March 12-13-1949
Wichita Valley Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Wichita Falls, Texas, March 4-6-1949
NATIONAL DUTCH SHOW, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, MARCH 25-26-27-1949
All Southern Grand Final Rabbit Show, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 15-17-1949
Toledo Rabbit Breeders Association, Toledo, Ohio, April 22-24-1949
Mt. Vernon Rabbit Breeders Association, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, April 2-3-1949
Smoky Mountain Rabbit Breeders Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 15-17-1949
Oklahoma City Rabbit Breeders Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 15-17-1949
South Euclid Rabbit Fanciers Inc. South Euclid, Ohio, April 8-10-1949
Dayton Rabbit Breeders Association, Dayton, Ohio, April 8-10-1949
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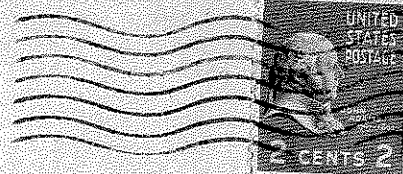
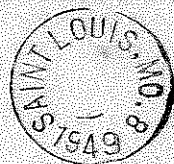
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