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1949 National Dutch Show

This is the month of our National Dutch Show and in a few days after you receive this issue of the Reporter you will be receiving your catalog and entry blank for this show. We hope that each and everyone of you will show at least one Dutch in this show, don't get the idea that the other fellow has a better Dutch than you and that there would be no use for you to show yours. A lot of time it is the other way round, so come on fellows and lets make this the biggest Dutch Show yet held. We want 500 head, can we do it? Sure!

Have you mailed your ballot on the judging resolution? If not, please do this at once, as these ballots must be in the secretary's hand not later than March 15th. Ballots will be counted at the show on Saturday evening. Do not send any correspondence or money with your ballot as they are not opened by your secretary and if you were to enclose your club dues you would not received your membership card until after the Dutch Show, some of you have have already sent in your ballot with something other than the ballot in the envelope, so if you have enclosed your membership dues, you will understand why you have not received your card.

We hope that as many of you that possibly can will attend the Dutch Club meeting during the show. This meeting will be held on Saturday evening and there will be several subjects brought up that are of vital interest to all the members and you should be there to take part in the discussions on these subjects, so make your plans now to be there, we will be looking for you.

Ikey: "You min to say Goldberg iss crooked?"
Izzey: "Iss he! De voll he pulls ofer your eyes iss half cotton."

"Patience accomplishes many great services," related the scientist. "Yep, you're right," commented the farmer, "but it won't help a rooster lay an egg."

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PUBLICITY NOTES Charles A. Pine, Publicity Director

From the number of letters that we have received in the past two months as a result of the small articles in the rabbit magazines it seems that there are a great many new breeders who are taking up Dutch. The number of inquiries received certainly has justified John Furrer's suggestion that these articles be sent in. In most cases we have tried to refer them to a nearby breeder to give them a little help with their stock and get them started right. As a result of these inquiries we have prepared a little information on the Dutch rabbit and the Dutch Club that we send to each new breeder who requests it. These are simple statements of fundamental information designed to give the inquirer some basic information. In the event you want some to give to new or prospective Dutch breeders in your area just drop me a card and let me know how many copies you want.

R.O.P. CARDS AVAILABLE

We have received word from Dr. Faul B. Sawin, Chairman of the AR&CHA R.O.P. Committee that the Dutch plan has been tentatively approved by their committee and that it is expected to be offered in the near future. We honestly believe that the use of this plan may tend to take some of the guesswork out of Dutch breeding if it is used. If you are interested in some cards already printed and ready for use let us know.

SHOULDER EMBLEMS

We have sent out shoulder emblems to 17 states now at least one breeder in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachussetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Chio, Texas and Vermont has the shoulder emblems to advertise the Dutch rabbit. If your state is not listed (or even if it is) you can still get these attractive emblems for \$1.00 for one or \$1.50 for two.

CAR TAGS- TOO

We also have some of the car tags left and from the comment we have received they are well worth what they cost. For \$1.25 you can get yours in the next mail.

HISTORY OF THE DUTCH RABBIT

We have thought for a long time that a real authentic history of the Dutch rabbit in America based on real fact would be a worth while addition to the Club. To compile this will require a considerable amount of contribution from you "old-timers"—we are willing to do the work on assembling the history if you will furnish the material. What is your views on such a project?

THE IDEA OF THE MONTH

W. Howard Allen, 211 Austin Street, Worcester 2, Mass. has furnished us with a real fine idea- a simple quotation sheet yet one that contains all the desired information. We felt so sure that you would like this idea that we contacted Herman Roerig about working up the design (Herman is an artist, you know) so we hope to have this ready to offer by next issue. Mr. Allen has also offered an idea of providing some easy-to-use correspondence answered (Put me down for 100 sheets). We are also working on that idea. Just so we have something for next month we are saving the rest of the Allen ideas for next- they are realy good!

THIS IS YOUR MONTH FOR HELPING THE PUBLICITY PROGRAM BY SUPPORTING THE MATIONAL DUTCH SHOW!

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SWEEPSTAKE STANDING (10 high)

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Thirty is a nice age for a woman - especially if she happens to be fourty -

Men are like steel - of little value when they lose their temper -

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SHOW

Anaheim, Calif. Oct. 29-31-1948 Judge: Wesley Dixon - Harold Wiggens

BLACK DUTCH (47)

- Sr. Buck (7) 1st, 4th Clipfort Rabbitry, 2nd Clyde Sabin, 3rd Ed. Schoeberl, 5th W.W.Wright
- Sr. Doe (12) 1st, 5th Clyde Sabin, 2nd, 4th W. W. Wright, 3rd Ed. Schoeberl.
- Jr. Buck (13) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Clyde Sabin, 4th Clipfort Pabbitry, 5th G. C. Fidler.
- Jr. Doe (15) 1st, Clipfort Rabbitry, 2nd Ed. Schoeberl, 3rd F. C. Davies, 4th Clyde Sabin, 5th G. C. Fidler.

BLUE DUTCH (21)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st, 3rd Clyde Sabin, 2nd Clipfort Rabbitry, 4th Clipfort Rabbitry.
- Sr. Doe (4) 1st, Lee Bowen, 2nd, 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry, 4th Disq.
- Jr. Buck (8) 1st, 2nd Clipfort Fabbitry, 3rd Ed. Schoeberl, 4th David Holland, 5th, W. W. Wright.
- Jr. Doe (5) 1st. 3rd Clipfort Rabbitry, 2nd Green Acres Rabbitry, 4th David Holland, 5th Lee Bowen.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (23)

- Sr. Buck (13) 1st, 4th Green Acres Rabbitry, 2nd, 5th W. W. Wright, 3rd G. C. Fidler.
- Sr. Doe (7) 1st, Lee Bowen, 2nd G. C. Fidler, 3rd W. W. Wright, 4th, 5th Ed. Schoeberl.
- Jr.Buck (1) 1st Clyde Sabin. Jr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd, Clyde Sabin.

TORTOISE DUTCH (25)

- Sr.Buck (11) 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Ed. Schoeberl, 3rd W. W. Wright.
- Sr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Clyde Sabin.
- Jr.Buck (4) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Clyde Sabin, 4th Lee Bowen.
- Jr. Doe (7) 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Clyde Sabin, 2nd W. W. Wright.

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- Sr. Doe (1) 1st Ed. Schoeberl, Jr. Buck (1) 1st Clyde Sabin.

GRAY DUTCH (13)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st, 2nd Lee Bowen, 3rd, 4th Clyde Sabin.
- Sr. Doe (4) 1st, 2nd Ed. Schoeberl, 3rd, 4th Disq.
- Sr. Buck (4) 1st, Lee Bowen, 2nd G. C. Fidler, 3rd, 4th W. W. Wright.
- Sr. Doe (2) 1st. W. W. Wright, 2nd G. C. Fidler. Jr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd W. W. Wright
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- Best Black, Clipfort Rabbitry, Best Blue, Best Chocolate, Best Tortoise, Best Steel, Clyde Sabin, Best Gray, Best A.O.C. Lee Bowen.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Sabin 774, Clipfort 396, Schoeberl 351, Wright 330, Bowen 168, Green Acres 124, Fidler 119, Davies 45, Holland 26.

SWEEPSTAKE SHOWS

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 Miami Valley Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Dayton, Ohio, April 8-10-1949 Toledo Rabbit Breeders Association, Toledo, Ohio, April 22-24-1949

Mt. Vernon Rabbit Breeders Association, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, April 2-3-1949

Oklahoma City Rabbit Breeders Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 15-17-1949

South Euclid Rabbit Breeders Association Inc. South Euclid, Ohio, April 8-10-1949

Springfield Rabbit Breeders Association, Springfield, Illinois, April 22-24-1949

Fort Wayne Rabbit Breeders Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 29-May 1-1949

The Grange County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Huntsburg, Ohio, May 6-8-1949
The Pikes Peak Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 14-16-1949

Southern Indiana & Illinois Rabbit & Cavy Breeders, Evansville, Indiana, May 13-15-1949

Independence Rabbit & Cavy Club, Kansas City, Missouri, May 14-21-1949

Alameda County Fair Show, Pleasanton, California, June 29-July 9-1949 California State Fair Show, Sacramento, California, Sept. 1-11-1949

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DUTCH By a Novice Lack W viernam

Since last month I have re-read all of the articles and letters that have appeared in the Dutch Reporter and the supprising thing about them is, that while not one of the writers refered to or tried to answer all the questions, few if any of them answered even one. Reading these reminded me of a group of people who had seen an automobile accident and each was asked to describe what happened, and no two agreed on just what did happen. The only thing that they were in agreement on was, that they had seen an automobile accident. In the answers that have been submitted on these questions, they have run from accusing one breeder of using Polish in his breeding, to another that does not want to do away with the A.O.C. Classes, still another does not want the weight lowered, and another writes about a Dutch he purchased from a certain breeder and what that breeder had to say at the time of purchase. Now I think that you will all agree that such as this does not start to answer the questions, and while it may make good reading for some, for others it is of no value to them as Dutch breeders, it is only confusing. We believe that when an answer is given to questions such as these, that a reason for the answer should be given, for it is the explanation of the answer that gives the breeder an idea of just what you mean when you suggest that a change should or should not be made. Just because something was good enough for our forefathers is a poor explanation of why we should be satisified with the same.

I am going to try and answer these questions in rotation as they were asked and while I may refer to one or more of the others. I will try and not confuse you and will keep them seperated as much as possible. The first question is; Do you think the spread on senior weight from 3 to 51 pounds is out of line? My anser to this question is, Yes; Now this does not mean that I want to lower the top weight or that I favor the small Dutch. I think that 3 pounds for a senior Dutch is too low, yet I know several Dutch breeders that could make good use of a 3 pound buck. Some of you may say that this weight of 3 pounds was placed because we had to have a minimum weight for registration, this is all well and good, and I think that we should have a minimum senior weight, but, why a spread of 22 pounds on the senior weight of a rabbit that has a maximum weight of 52 pounds? This is almost 2 the limit of the weight on the animal. A New Zealand with a maximum weight of 12 pounds has only a spread of 2 pounds. This 22 pound spread is one reason that we see such uneven senior classes in our shows. I believe we should raise our minimum weight, at least & pound on bucks and 1 pound on does, Now you will note that I suggested a different weight for bucks and does, and here is where you get into the next question, so the explanation of the difference in weight will be taken up in the next question which is; Do you think that there should be a difference in senior weight in bucks and does? Of course you know that my answer is yes, from the above statement. Now my reason for this is (and I should at this time tell you that I think the maximum weight on bucks should be 5 pounds, that it will enable the breeder to control the size of his Dutch, thus getting away from those 6 pounders, and 1 know several breeders that are having this over weight trouble. You know that it is possible to produce 7 and 8 pound Dutch and do it without introducing a larger breed into your Dutch and by the same token you can produce 3 pound Dutch without using Polish to do it. Too many Dutch breeders will use a 52 pound buck because he happens to have good marking and good color. If you will look at the size of your buck in the same way as you would one with a spot in the eye, or the saddle back where the hips begin or any of the other reason that you discard them, you will in time find yourself with Dutch that meets the standard as to weight. There is only one way to breed good rabbits be it Dutch or any other breed and that is selective breeding. While some breeds have only a few things to watch the Dutch have many, not only type weight and color but, some half dozen markings placed in a half dozen different places. This is the reason that the interest in breeding Dutch never dies. If you are a Fancy man and Dutch gets into your blood, it is a disease that there is no known cure for.

Now I want to ask each and every one of you; Do you think that the adjustment of weights such as I have suggested would be changing our standard to the extent that we would force some of our present Dutch breeders to quit breeding Dutch? I don't! We have breeders that breed Dutch for meat and like them large, and I will admit that they are an excellent meat rabbit, but why should these breeders want the rest of us to raise large Dutch just because the large Dutch happens to fit their breeding plans better than a smaller Dutch? This is a selfish reason. These same breeders will tell you that they like to show them, but when they do the Judge cuts them down because they are large.

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"DUTCH"

Now a lot of times the only reason he shows is because he happens to get a good marked one by accident and not by any planned effort on his part.

You know, I received a letter from your Editor and he told me to not be so careful about wasting a page in the Reporter that since there were two pages to each sheet of paper and since I had ruined one side or page that I just as well waste the other side, so this month I have broke the pledge that I made to only use one page.

Now getting back to the weight of Dutch, I would like to see an article from some of you Dutch breeders that do not agree with me on these weights. Now don't just tell me that I am nuts, I know that, you have to be a little nuts to raise rabbits. Tell me what effect these changes would have on the breeding of Dutch that would ruin them either as a fancy or commercial rabbit, and don't try to tell me that I want the standard changed to fit my rabbits, that is old stuff. I have Dutch that weigh 3 pounds, I also have them that weigh 5 pounds and maybe it will always be that way with my Dutch. Think it over, as I told you last month, I am not going to try to convince you that you should accept my opinions, I am just a novice in this game and am willing to learn.

Dear Mr. Souers:

Kankakee, Illinois.

In the Sept. issue you have ask for opinions on making a new Standard for the American Dutch Rabbit in 1949. (Editors note; Suggest that you read these again) Well, here is my opinion; I have just been breeding Dutch for 1½ years and I have bred many breeds of rabbits in my lifetime and I will say frankly right now that the Dutch can not be beat in any way that anybody wants to put it. For showing, beauty, cleanness, healthiness and commercially. I have found out that a little Dutch doe will raise more pounds of good tender, sweet meat on a fine bone in one years time than her sisters of the larger breeds will do, and she will do it much easier, be it even so hot or cold, you can depend on that little butch doe to pull her litter from 6 to 8 youngsters through in fine shape, and she really smiles while doing it. So why should I not be a real Dutch booster and all of us members and breeders of Dutch had better come out in the open and tell the world what we have to offer in our Dutch rabbit. Dutch rabbits are beginning to take their place in our laboratories and my prediction is that it will not be long before we can sell any amount of off marked Dutch virgin does in this way, and our off marked bucks for meat and I really mean all that can be raised.

Now for the changes in the 1949 Standard; as for myself I think that the Standard that we now have is plenty good enough, but I think that if the standard is lowered a ½ pound cut from 3½ pounds to 3 pounds that it should also be raised from 5½ to 6 pounds, to give the fellows a break who are having such a hard time to keep their Dutch down to 5½ pounds. As well as giving the breeders a break who breed the Toy Dutch that start off from 3 pounds up, mostly from 3 to 4 pounds, or else maybe we should have two classes of Dutch, say the Toy Dutch from 3 to 4 pounds, and we probly could call the larger Dutch from 4 to 6 pounds the Commercial Dutch. Adjust ear length accordingly as you sure cannot put a 3½ ear on a 5½ pound Dutch and vice versa and make it look good. Fellows, what ever we do lets do it for the good of the Dutch in every city in the good old U.S.A.

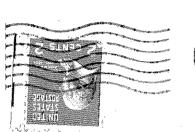
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