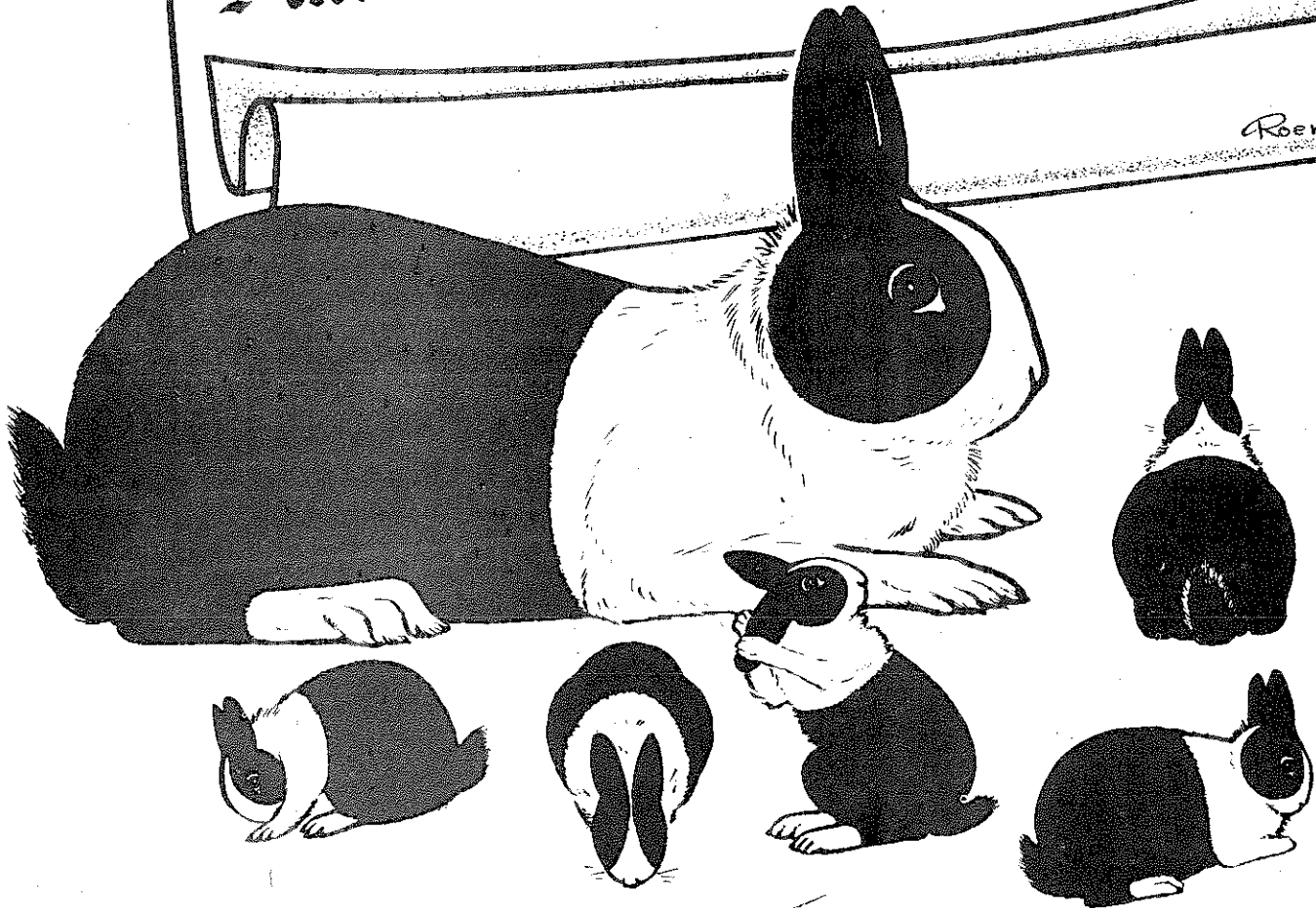


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A.D.R.C. ELECTION REPORT

The following is the results of the Dutch Club election of officers for the year 1949 as reported by our Election Commissioner, Mr. Jack W. Mundhenk.

President; Wm. W. Hawthorne 137, Ralph Walborn 58, Vice-President; Melvin R. Snyder 110, Clyde W. Dugan 84, Secretary-Treasurer; R. L. Souers 159, Dr. Gale E. Russum 39. Board of Directors; Chas. O. Lewis 151, R. J. Bernhardt 139, Charles A. Pine 138, James Blyth 117, Lester C. Wells 110, A. E. Sautters 96, Ancel R. Beaver 88, Tom Shufflebotham 77, S. T. Wheelus Sr. 60, Maynard Fish 57, John B. Griffiths 55, Clyde Sabin 35.

We have a Dutch Sweepstake Show coming up on Dec. 3-5 at Kansas City which I can't help but mention on this page and for two reasons; First, the special money on Dutch, \$100.00 This is an increase of \$15.00 over the amount stated in their ad last month and I am sure this will interest many Dutch exhibitors who may have to ship their stock a great distance, as well as interesting those who are close by, and, second and by no means the least, a great chance to show our appreciation to Charley Pine for the wonderful job he has done as our Publicity Director, I am sure you want to and here is the chance to do just that. Charley wants to make this the biggest and best Dutch Sweepstake ever held, and there is no reason why it can't be 'IF' we all support it with an entry... So what do you say fellows, let's let Charley know that we think he is the tops.

Our thanks to Joe Crawford for his untiring efforts in raising this grand amount for specials. Oh yes, and the judge, none other than the "Old Mastro" Dick Bernhardt, nuf sed. Get that postal card and send for catalog and entry blank to-- E. C. "Bob" Trego, 5544 Nall Avenue, Mission, Kansas.

We have received many letters and articles in regards to our Dutch Standards and we are publishing as many of these each month as space will allow, so if you don't see yours in this issue, look for it in next month's issue, all will be published in time.

Some of you seem to have misunderstood my short article in the September issue, I only ask a few simple questions, the same ones that have been asked me by many breeders, but after reading these articles and letters many of you seem to think that we are going to
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tear our present stand up and write a new one, this certainly was not the intention when we ask these questions. Since we had been ask the same questions we thought that we would like to know how you would answer them, and I might say we are finding out. But we would like to hear from more of you so if you have been planning on writing it is not too late as we have most of next year to discuss these things.

Dear Dutch Breeders;

This is your invitation to exhibit in a Dutch Sweepstake show with the Southwest Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, an annual event in Ft. Worth, Texas for the entire cattle country of the Southwest. Large crowds attend, all events are sold out early. It is the first opportunity of the present local club to stage a show with the Exposition so we want it to be a success, a credit to the rabbit industry, a step up in establishing ourselves along with other live stock people. The show will be held Jan. 28, 29, 30 in one of the newest, most modern concrete livestock buildings in America. Watch for our ad. The Dutch breeders want the Dutch to be number one in entries. We will need a lot of support. How about you fellows sending at least one? We would like to see rabbits down here from the "old timers", the well-known names, the big boys, everybody, can we depend on you? Gee thanks, That swell!

Odie Clark.

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SWEEPSTAKE STANDINGS (10 high)

Jerry-Lou Rabbitry 2513, Circle D Rabbitry 2485, Ralph Walborn 1176, W. W. Wright 812, Ed. Schoeberl 740, Clyde Sabin 642, R. L. Souers 607, S. M. Thatcher 555, Huber O. Thompson 466, Dr. Gale E. Sussum 456.

Ancel Beaver to his wife: "I'll say one thing for your relatives--- I like your mother-in-law better than mine."

Mrs. Dugan to traffic cop: "Does this ticket cancel the one I got this morning, Officer?"

PUBLICITY REPORT

Charles A. Pine

FIRST and foremost, let me say to you folks who have sent in your money for a Dutch shoulder emblem that I have not forgotten you or absconded with the money. I have just not been successful in getting delivery from the manufacturer who incidentally is Lion Brothers Co., Inc., Baltimore, Maryland. The emblems were ordered in late July for delivery in September but up to now have not been delivered yet. I regret this delay but assure you that I will deliver your emblem just as soon as I can and will do my best to make that an early date. My best hope now is that they can be delivered before the Atlanta Convention. So please bear with me for the present.

DUTCH BOOTH;

Our Dutch booth is now a transcontinental traveler as it appeared at the Roswell, New Mexico show one week and the next was at Brattleboro, Vermont. The New Mexico appearance was at the request of Robin W. Crouse, who incidentally made a grand effort at considerable expence to get it to Marvin Carley in Brattleboro, Vermont. The next appearance will be at Atlanta where Tommy Wheelus has great plans for it at the National Show. After that the booth is scheduled for the Sunflower-Newton show at Newton, Kansas, for November 21 and at the Kansas Convention show for December 3-5. To get this booth for your Sweepstakes show please contact either our Secretary or me.

MEAT CARTONS;

In response to the desires of several of our members I have been trying to get some cartons lined up but as yet have not been too succesful as I have worked from the Container Corporation of America down to a local jobber with no definite information pinned down yet. I hope to have definite information to present at the Atlanta meeting.

THE IDEA OF THE MONTH;

Lewis Carpenter, Rt. 1, Hope, Rhode Island suggests that the Club obtain some lapel buttons for sale to the members similar to those sold by the American. Something on the order of our Dutch Club insignia as a ppears on the letterheads. How do you like that idea? Write and let us know if you want something like that so we can start checking up if you want these lapel buttons.

SEND IN YOUR IDEA FOR NEXT MONTH-- WE'LL SEE YOU IN ATLANTA--

SWEEPSTAKE SHOWS

Sunflower-Harvey County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assn. Newton, Kansas, Nov. 19-21-1948
Central California Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assn. Fresno, California, Nov. 12-14-1948
AR&CBA National Convention Show, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 7-11-1948
Western Reserve Rabbit Club, Solon, Ohio, Nov. 26-28-1948
Southeast Kansas Rabbit Breeders Association, Neodesha, Kansas, Nov. 26-28-1948
St.Louis Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, St.Louis, Missouri, Jan. 21-23-1949
Southwest Rabbit Breeders Association, Ft.Worth, Texas, Jan. 29, Feb. 1, 1949
KANSAS STATE CONVENTION SHOW, AMERICAN ROYAL BLDG. KANSAS CITY, MO. Dec. 3-5-1948
Cedar Rapids Small Stock Association, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 18-20-1949

CLEVELAND RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Berea, Ohio Aug. 18-48 Judge James Blyth

BLACK DUTCH (16)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st Dick Lauk, 2nd Curtis Moore.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st, 3rd Alfred Emery, 2nd Curtis Moore, 4th E. J. Slater
Jr. Buck (6) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd E. J. Slater, 3rd Curtis Moore, 4th E. A. Beamer, 5th Don Fousart.
Jr. Doe (4) 1st Ralph Walborn, 2nd Ray Mith, 3rd Don Fousart.

BLUE DUTCH (5)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st Dick Lauk. Sr. Doe (1) 1st E. A. Beamer
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Dick Lauk, 2nd E. A. Beamer. Jr. Doe (1) 1st E. J. Slater

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (10)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st E. J. Slater, 2nd Curtis Moore
Sr. Doe (2) 1st Ray Smith, 2nd Curtis Moore.
Jr. Buck (4) 1st Alfred Emery, 2nd Curtis Moore, 3rd Ray Smith, 4th E. J. Slater.
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Dick Lauk, 2nd E. J. Slater.

GRAY DUTCH (1)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st Ray Smith

A.O.C. DUTCH (1)

- Jr. Buck (1) 1st E. J. Slater

Best Black Ralph Walborn, Best Blue, Dick Lauk, Best Chocolate, E. J. Slater, Best Gray, Ray Smith, Best A.O.C. E. J. Slater.

SWEERSTAKE POINTS

Lauk 47, Emery 60, Slater 83, Walborn 96, Beamer 26, Smith 47.

WESTERN ILLINOIS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Rock Island, Illinois Oct. 3-48 Judge Ted Wengert

BLACK DUTCH (19)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st John Sherky, 2nd Frank Pepping, 3rd Disq.
Sr. Doe (6) 1st Dick Forsberg, 2nd Verda Deneen, 3rd Walter Jaeggi, 4th Krueger's Rabbitry
5th Frank Pepping
Jr. Buck (8) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Frank Pepping, 4th Wayne Johnson.
Jr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Frank Pepping.

BLUE DUTCH (9)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st Frank Pepping, 2nd Walter Jaeggi, 3rd Krueger's Rabbitry.
Sr. Doe (4) 1st, 2nd, 4th Frank Pepping, 3rd Krueger's Rabbitry.
Jr. Buck (1) 1st Walter Jaeggi. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Lyle Bogart.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (14)

- Sr. Doe (7) 1st C. W. Taylor, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Frank Pepping
Jr. Buck (4) 1st Frank Pepping, 2nd Lyle Bogart.
Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 3rd C. W. Taylor, 2nd Lyle Bogart.

A.O.C. DUTCH (4)

- Sr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Frank Pepping. Jr. Buck (1) 1st Lyle Bogart.

Best Black, Dick Forsberg, Best Blue, Best A.O.C. Frank Pepping, Best Chocolate, C.W. Taylor.

SWEERSTAKE POINTS

Pepping 338, Forsberg 55, Krueger 33, Taylor 83

OUR DUTCH STANDARDS

Gertrude DeAtley

We realize there are many Dutch breeders older than we are. Older in years and older in breeding Dutch, Mr. Williams in last months Reporter stated he had been breeding Dutch since 1899, that was many years before we were born. Therefore let me say where we differ in opinions with these men we intend no disrespect.

I suppose according to Mr. Williams and Mr. Shufflebotham we are quite definitely in the novice class as Dutch breeders. According to Mr. Webster a novice means a beginner, a beginner is someone who is starting something, someone who takes the first step. When we take the first step we show our willingness to learn. Therefore I hope I may always be a novice, if whenever I stop being one I think it unnecessary to keep learning and improving, with all due respect to my father and grandfather, what was good enough for them is not good enough for me, if it means retarding progress'.

My Grandfather had a horse and buggy, most certainly too slow for any of us today, except Mr. Williams, as he believes what was good enough for his father and grandfather is good enough for him.

Progress changes the model of everything! Then why cant some of the old time Dutch breeders acknowledge progress has left them behind when it comes to a good Dutch rabbit? Why do the small so called "Polish Type" Dutch win in the shows? Not because of some judges favoritism! Not because the judge dosen't know what he is doing! Simply because they follow the standard of perfection in every way, except in ideal weight and ideal ears. They are cobby in type, compact in form and limb, the heads are good, never long and thin. When they are compared with Mr. Williams ideal type it is not difficult to see where the progress in the Dutch rabbit has been made. Few of the old time Dutch comes up to the standard in anything except ideal ears and ideal weight. The articles of the old time Dutch breeders stress the word ideal, that should make them idealists, but an idealist is someone who seeks the ideal, someone who is constantly trying to improve! So that eliminates Mr. Williams as he says in his own words he is not trying to improve for he repeats over and over "what was good enough for his father is good enough for him".

The Editor of our Dutch Reporter asked us not to make our articles personal, but Mr. Williams article was certainly very personal and out of order under the conditions. Mr. Williams I believe it would have been much better to mention Mr. Ancel Beaver by name than to insinuate as you did, in referring to " the Mid-west breeder who is all washed up". I believe in a good discussion and a good argument. providing it is instructive and someone will benefit by it, but it is very unjust to criticize someone whose illness has kept him from showing. There is not a one of us who has not been beaten in the show room by Ancel Beaver and beaten fairly! Cant we be good enough sports to appreciate such a sportsman and now that illness is keeping him from showing not knock him?

Mr. Williams I believe you tried to write on a subject you were not to well enlightened on, when it comes to telling how Mr. Beaver's rabbits did when the Polish (you say he put into them) was introduced, in the first place it would have taken much longer than the three generations Mr. Williams believes produced them. The markings and type Mr. Beaver had could not be produced by crossing another breed, in such a short time. Who is there in the Dutch today who can deny the good Mr. Beaver did the breed? The goal of many a Dutch breeder was simply to beat Ancel Beaver in the show room, wasn't that stimulating to the breed? Lets encourage the man in his illness and hope he can come back to showing as he previously did, he has the rabbits if his health will just permit. He is not "all washed-up and dosen't know what its all about", he has been and still is a sick man.

Mr. Williams seems to think all the good type Dutch have Polish in them. Our Dutch came from the same breeder originally as did those of Mr. Beaver. Our difficulty from the first was not too little pigment resulting in white rabbits, but too much pigment giving us some almost solid colored rabbits, and they also were small and had good type. We have never bred Polish into our Dutch! However I can not see what harm would result, if it would improve the type. Had we needed the Polish to improve our type we most certainly would have used some. We have I think raised and exhibited some of the smallest Dutch ever shown, as we had seniors in the National Dutch show here in Indianapolis in 1944 weighing less than 3 pounds.

CALUMET RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Crown Point, Ind. Aug. 24-29-48 Judge Max Andrews

BLACK DUTCH (35)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st George Enling Jr. 2nd Tom Shufflebotham, 3rd Mrs. Hazel Schultz
Sr. Doe (5) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd A. Seeman, 3rd George Enling Jr. 4th Mrs. Hazel Schultz, 5th John Nelson.
Jr. Buck (14) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd Brumfiel's Rabbitry, 3rd A. Seeman, 4th Herbert Nitzsche, 5th Helen Osman.
Jr. Doe (13) 1st, 2nd Tom Shufflebotham, 3rd A. Seeman, 4th Jerry Fielder, 5th John Nelson

BLUE DUTCH (16)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st Jimmy Hilliker, 2nd Tom Shufflebotham, 3rd Johnny Richards, 4th Johnny Richards, 5th Disq.
Sr. Doe (1) 1st Mrs. Hazel Schultz.
Jr. Buck (5) 1st, 3rd, 4th Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd Ray & Doris Rabbitry, 5th Johnny Richards
Jr. Doe (5) 1st, 2nd, 4th Vernon Rosendahl, 3rd Tom Shufflebotham.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (6)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st A. Seeman. Jr. Buck (4) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, A. Seeman. Jr. Doe (1) 1st A. Seeman

TORTOISE DUTCH (7)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st Herbert Nitzsche, 2nd Jerry Feilder.
Sr. Doe (1) 1st Herbert Nitzsche.
Jr. Buck (4) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd Ray & Doris Rabbitry, 3rd Johnny Richards.

STEEL DUTCH (4)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st, 3rd A. Seeman, 2nd Johnny Richards, 4th Briggs Rabbitry.

GRAY DUTCH (1)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st Johnny Richards

A.O.C. DUTCH (5)

- Sr. Doe (1) 1st Johnny Richards. Jr. Buck (2) 1st Herbert Nitzsche, 2nd Vernon Rosendahl
Jr. Doe (2) 1st Vernon Rosendahl, 2nd Herbert Nitzsche.

Best Black, Tom Shufflebotham, Best Blue, Jimmy Hilliker, Best Chocolate, Best Steel
A. Seeman, Best Tortoise Herbert Nitzsche, Best Gray Johnny Richards, Best A.O.C.
Vernon Rosendahl.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Shufflebotham 405, Enling 33, Schultz 25, Seeman 215, Nelson 18, Brumfiel 56, Nitzsche 73
Osman 14, Fielder 34.

FOREST CITY RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Rockford, Ill. Sept. 17-19-48 Judge John C. Fehr

BLACK DUTCH (18)

- Sr. Buck (4) 1st Elmer L. Wilkie, 2nd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Lew Annis Jr.
Sr. Doe (3) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry,
Jr. Buck (6) 1st C. D. Ford, 2nd Robert Pierson, 3rd Lew Annis Jr. 4th Walter Grunnatt,
5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
Jr. Doe (5) 1st Lew Annis Jr. 2nd, 5th Walter Grunnatt, 3rd Fred B. Wilkie, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

BLUE DUTCH (11)

- Sr. Buck (3) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Chet Yocum, 3rd Robert Pierson.
Sr. Doe (2) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Lew Annis Jr.
Jr. Buck (2) 1st Tom Shufflebotham, 2nd Lew Annis Jr.
Jr. Doe (4) 1st, 3rd V. J. Rosendahl, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Clyde Penniston

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (6)

- Sr. Buck (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (2) 1st Robert Pierson, 2nd Lew Annis Jr.
Jr. Buck (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry. Jr. Doe (2) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Lew Annis Jr.

TORTOISE DUTCH (5)

- Sr. Buck (2) 1st Robert Pierson, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry
Jr. Buck (1) 1st Tom Shufflebotham.

Forest City Show, cont.

STEEL DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Jr. Doe (1) 1st Fred B. Wilkie.

GRAY DUTCH (5)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Sr. Doe (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

Jr. Buck (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Jr. Doe (2) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Lew Annis Jr.

A.O.C. DUTCH (6)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Sr. Doe (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

Jr. Buck (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Jr. Doe (1) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

Best Black Elmer Wilkie, Best Blue Tom Shufflebotham, Best Chocolate, Best Steel, Best Gray, Best A.O.C. Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, Best Tortoise Robert Pierson.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

E. Wilkie 42, Jerry-Lou 281, Annis 100, Shufflebotham 47, Pierson 62, Grunnett 37,
F. Wilkie 21, Yocum 12.

KIAM RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Cape Girardeau, Mo. Sept. 13-18-48 Judge John Furrer

BLACK DUTCH (12)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Robinson's Rabbitry, 3rd Hubert O. Thompson.

Sr. Doe (4) 1st Charles Etherton, balance disq.

Jr. Buck (2) 1st Hubert O. Thompson.

Jr. Doe (3) 1st Hubert O. Thompson, 2nd Glen Langston, 3rd Robinson's Rabbitry.

BLUE DUTCH (8)

Jr. Buck (3) 1st, 3rd Hubert O. Thompson, 2nd Robinson's Rabbitry.

Jr. Doe (4) 1st Hubert O. Thompson, 2nd Robinson's Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (1) not in

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (5)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (2) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry, 2nd Chas. Groaning

Jr. Buck (1) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry.

GRAY DUTCH (2)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (1) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry.

A.O.C. DUTCH (5)

Sr. Buck (2) 1st Chas. Groaning, 2nd J. W. Harris. Sr. Doe (2) Not in

Jr. Buck (1) 1st Chas. Groaning.

Best Black, Best Chocolate, Best Gray, Robinson's Rabbitry, Best Blue, Hubert O. Thompson
Best A.O.C. Chas. Groaning.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Robinson 128, Thompson 98, Etherton 24, Langston 12, Groaning 31 Harris 8.

PECOS VALLEY RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Roswell, New Mexico Sept. 29 Oct. 2-48 Judge S. L. Lawrence

BLACK DUTCH (10)

Sr. Buck (5) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Circle D Rabbitry, 5th J. Earle McIntosh

Sr. Doe (3) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd Urban Crouse

Jr. Buck (2) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry.

BLUE DUTCH (7)

Sr. Buck (3) 1st, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry, 3rd J. Earle McIntosh.

Sr. Doe (2) 1st J. H. Coburn, 2nd Circle D Rabbitry. Jr. Buck (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry

Jr. Doe (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (4)

Sr. Doe (1) 1st Robin Crouse. Jr. Doe (3) 1st, 3rd Circle D Rabbitry, 2nd Robin Crouse.

TORTOISE DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry. Sr. Doe (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry. Jr. Buck (1) 1st
J. H. Coburn

STEEL DUTCH (1)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry

GRAY DUTCH (3)

Sr. Buck (1), Sr. Doe (1), Jr. Doe (1) All to Circle D Rabbitry

A.O.C. DUTCH (1)

Sr. Buck (1) 1st Circle D Rabbitry

Best Black, Urban Crouse, Best Blue, J. H. Coburn, Best Chocolate, Best Tortoise, Best Steel
Best Gray, Best A.O.C Circle D Rabbitry.

Our Dutch Standards, cont.

We think that it would be unwise to raise the 3 pound minimum, especially on bucks, if anything our bucks should be $\frac{1}{2}$ pound smaller than does as they are in practically every other breed. The Dutch is primarily a show animal, let us work to keep him as such and not try to increase his size in order to commercialize him. When a commercial rabbit is what the breeder wants let him change breeds and not ruin the grand little Dutch.

One word about the A.O.C. Class, we have never been in favor of it, simply because it encourages the new breeder to raise off colored Dutch and this definitely is not good for the breed. Personally we do not think it beneficial to the breeder trying to create a new color. We have fought showing our Red Dutch as A.O.C.'s from the start as all of you know. The reason being the lack of consideration they can get on color in the A.O.C. class. Our Red Dutch are not the product of indiscriminate breeding, but of careful selective breeding with a lot of thought behind it. A breeder spending a lot of time and thought on a new color needs and desires the judges opinion on his progress.

Back again to our ideal Dutch. Mr. Shufflebotham states he has been breeding for years to get his rabbits to weight the ideal weight and have the ideal ear length. We do not and have never bred with the scales as a goal! Our goal is a beautiful little Dutch, balanced throughout. I do not think the word ideal should be used in regards to a specific weight and ear length. Rather as Webster uses it, quote "ideal, a standard of perfection, beauty or excellence, a Perfect Type". I believe if we use the words perfect type a little more and really understand their meaning there would be less need for the perititious use of the word ideal. Let us bear in mind the perfect type can appear just as often in a three pound rabbit as in a four and one-half pound one. When the animal has perfect type it will be a balanced animal throughout. However just because it has ideal ears and ideal weight does not make it a perfect type.

Our present Dutch Standards were revised at Allentown, Pa. in 1946. Many changes were made to help us improve the Dutch, as they had advanced over the previous standards. One thing that was not changed were the two words ideal in ideal weight and ideal ear length. I think we have made enough progress on the type of our Dutch we now have to eliminate ideal in it use to ears and weight. The weight of $4\frac{1}{2}$ pounds was needed when the Dutch were large as they used to be, weighing around 6 pounds, it was needed to decrease the size of the Dutch. Some of you may say we went from one extreme to another, to six pounds, to under three pounds. We have taken care of the minimum with a three pound limit, let that stay. Now it seems that the next step should be to take out the words ideal ears and ideal weight and stress perfect type. This would be a great step forward in our search for the perfect Dutch.

Mr. Shufflebotham and some of the other breeders have tried to give us the impression the English Dutch rabbit is not small like our so called "Polish Type Dutch". The good English Dutch is small, much smaller than our Ideal Dutch of $4\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. The breeder who imports from England and believes he is getting the best is certainly misinformed when he does not receive a small "Polish Type Dutch".

This statement I will prove! Some time ago I wrote Mr. A. Sanderson, Wyther Park Road, Armley, Leeds, England. I asked him about their Dutch and why they were so much larger than ours. In reply he sent me a copy of the United Kingdom Dutch Rabbit Club, Year Book for 1946. I am going to copy a portion of an article in this book, on page 32 we find an article by Harry Tarbox entitled "Notes for Novices". The article in part reads as follows, quote; Many breeders are puzzled as to how to keep their rabbits DOWN TO THE DESIRED SIZE, and yet have them in perfect health and condition. The easiest way is to breed a litter or two in the late autumn, and keep the rabbits so bred as the main breeding stock. In a few years this brings the bulk of ones stud into uniformity as regards NEAT EARS AND SPRITELY TYPE, FEW WILL EXCEED $3\frac{1}{2}$ POUNDS IN WEIGHT, and coat quality is usually A1.

That fellow breeders is the instructions given to the English Rabbit Club breeders. Mr. Sanderson also told me the big winners in the Dutch in England are around 3 pound Dutch.

I have waited until my closing remarks to say one thing more. Mr. Shufflebotham you said you had bred for years trying to get the ideal weight and ears on your Dutch. Ideal is $4\frac{1}{2}$ pounds and $3\frac{1}{2}$ ears isnt it? How do you explain the pedigree you wrote for me on a Tortoise doe I bought from you? This pedigree was dated Nov 10, 1944 and when you sold the

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BLACK DUTCH (35)

- Sr. Buck (13) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd Dean Jones, 3rd, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry
 Sr. Doe (9) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Imperial Dutch Rabbitry
 Jr. Buck (7) 1st Randall's Rabbitry, 2nd Ernest Laramée, 3rd Robert Pierson, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
 Jr. Doe (6) 1st Imperial Dutch Rabbitry, 2nd Farrell Fox, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Willie Schmoekel, 5th Earl Krueger.

BLUE DUTCH (26)

- Sr. Buck (8) 1st Mrs. G. W. Crockett, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Chet & Gene Yocom 4th, 5th Farrell Fox.
 Sr. Doe (8) 1st R. J. Bernhardt, 2nd, 5th Farrell Fox, 3rd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
 Jr. Buck (5) 1st, 3rd John Stutzman, 2nd Farrell Fox, 4th Robinson's Rabbitry, 5th Riblets Rabbitry.
 Jr. Doe (5) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd, 3rd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 4th Robinson's Rabbitry.

CHOCOLATE DUTCH (20)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Riblets Rabbitry, 4th Dr. Gale E. Russum.
 Sr. Doe (5) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Dr. Gale E. Russum, 3rd Randall's Rabbitry, 4th H. R. Saegesser, 5th Disq.
 Jr. Buck (4) 1st Robinson's Rabbitry, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Farrell Fox, 4th Randall's Rabbitry.
 Jr. Doe (6) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Riblets Rabbitry, 4th Victor Landgrebe, 5th Farrell Fox.

TORTOISE DUTCH (27)

- Sr. Buck (8) 1st, 2nd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd John Stutzman, 5th Robert Pierson.
 Sr. Doe (9) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Elton Fawver, 3rd Randall's Rabbitry, 4th R. J. Bernhardt, 5th John Stutzman.
 Jr. Buck (4) 1st, 2nd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd Farrell Fox.
 Jr. Doe (6) 1st, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Roger Karr, 3rd Miller's Rabbitry, 5th Randall's Rabbitry.

STEEL DUTCH (9)

- Sr. Buck (5) 1st, 3rd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Elton Fawver, 4th Disq. 5th Eliminated.
 Sr. Doe (2) 1st S. M. Thatcher, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.
 Jr. Buck (1) 1st Riblets Rabbitry. Jr. Doe (1) 1st Victor Landgrebe.

GRAY DUTCH (21)

- Sr. Buck (8) 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd Robinson's Rabbitry.
 Sr. Doe (6) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th Elton Fawver
 Jr. Buck (2) 1st, 2nd Jerry-Lou Rabbitry
 Jr. Doe (5) 1st E. E. Fainter, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th John Stutzman.

A.O.C. DUTCH (36)

- Sr. Buck (6) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 4th A. W. Caldwell
 Sr. Doe (11) 1st Hallie McQuality, 2nd, 4th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 3rd John Stutzman, 5th E. E. Fainter.
 Jr. Buck (8) 1st Jerry-Lou Rabbitry, 2nd, 5th Elton Fawver, 3rd Roger Karr, 4th E. E. Fainter
 Jr. Doe (11) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

Best Black, Best Blue, R. J. Bernhardt, Best Chocolate, Best Tortoise, Best Steel, Best Gray, Best A.O.C. Jerry-Lou Rabbitry.

SWEEPSTAKE POINTS

Jerry-Lou 1464, Bernhardt 259, Jones 52, Imperial 63, Randall 98, Laramée 28, Pierson 29, Fox 138, Schmoekel 12, Krueger 6, Crockett 48, Yocom 24, Stutzman 121, Robinson 76, Russum 65, Karr 48, Miller 18, Thatcher 12, Caldwell 12, McQuality 66.

Lou Slavens of Jerry-Lou Rabbitry says he likes the idea of holding records, so the record for points in a single show has found it way out of Colorado and back to Illinois. Better watch this boy Dugan, Lou!

Our Dutch Standards, cont.

doe to me I paid you \$15.00 for an 8 weeks old junior and you said she would be very good because she would be small. On the back of the pedigree you wrote, Quote;

"I dont think the doe will ever go over 3½ pounds!! In describing her father you wrote the following, quote; "Avery nice small cobby Dutch weighing only 3½ pounds, very nice bright color. Good saddle and undercut, good blaze, eyes nice, SHORT EARS, fails on one stop. Buck used for his SIZE and color.

Evidentially you were working for the small size and couldnt make it is the reason you are against them today. This doe went away over the 3½ pound mark you set for her.

It seems to me according to the English standards (they cut 20 points for a rabbit over 5 pounds) and the progress we have made on our "Polish Type Dutch" the only thing wrong with Mr. Shufflebotham and Mr. Williams is they just dont have rabbits good enough for either the United States or England.

THE DUTCH STANDARD

Hubert O. Thompson

I was very much interested in Mr. Shufflebotham's and Mr. Williams' articles in the October Dutch Reporter. However I take exception to two of their statements.

Mr. Shufflebotham contends that color is one of the two most important points to strive for, since color alone carries 15 points. I quote from the Standard "The Foundation of the Dutch Rabbit is Markings and Type". I am inclined to agree with Mr. Chas. O. Lewis that "markings are permanent, condition and color at best temporary, and change with the season and age of fur". A quick check of the standard gives at least 50 points for markings, against 15 for color. There seems little demand for mismarked Dutch with wonderful type and color, except in fryer cartons.

I hold no particular brief for the A.O.C. class, having only owned one and that one's markings qualified it for the meat pen.

Mr. Williams' contention that the Standard was good enough for the last century, and should be good from now on reminds me of my conversation with an Englishman during the last war. My battalion was engaged in shooting down buzz bombs over the English Channel, and I had my Battery quartered in a vacant school building along the Dover coast. One of my neighbors was an elderly Englishman with whom I enjoyed having tea, and exchanging information on customs of our two countries. One day I remarked about not being able to understand why the British soldiers were wearing the "pie plate" helmet that they had worn in the first World war, instead of a modern one like ours, or the Germans', that would more adequately protect their heads. He explained that the English were not enthusiastic about changes, and in general thought that what was good enough for Father and Grandfather was good enough now.

I have no quarrel with our present Standard, but do believe that when we pronounce it perfect, fall back and relax, Dutch stagnation will begin. Progress and Improvement are usually companions.

SWEETSTAKE POINTS (Roswell, New Mexico Show)

Circle D Rabbitry 226, Robin Crouse 67, J. Earle McIntosh 14, J. H. Coburn 25

At a reception a New York young man was ask by a widow to guess her age. "You must have some idea" she said, daring him as he hesitated, "I have several ideas", he admitted with a smile. "The trouble is that I hesitate whether to make it ten years younger on account of your looks, or ten years older on account of your intellegence",

OUR FAVORITE TOPIC, THE STANDARD
By Chas. C. Lewis

When that little article of our Secretary appeared in the September issue, I was sure that his mention of possible standard changes would start things humming, and this month's issue bears me out. After the thorough discussion we had relative to the ear length and weight such a short time ago and the decisive vote on these points at the time, I was sure that this problem had been settled for a long time, but here are the same controversial issues being brought to life again. Perhaps it might be of interest to our members to have our Secretary publish the results of the vote on the proposed changes in these items as taken at that time. I am sure that very few of us have changed our minds in that respect.

I doubt that any Standard ever written was perfect. The Miss America contest at Atlantic City is not governed by the same standard used by the artist who made the statue of Venus de Milo, but I am sure that all will agree that our present day Miss America is far more attractive than the old Venus, even before she lost her arms. By the same token our present day Dutch are more attractive than the ones bred many years ago. This has come about because we had an Ideal to work for, an IDEAL PERFECT DUTCH, as we visualized it in standard and artist drawing. Without an ideal or goal to work for, be it in breeding Dutch or working for a living, we would not get very far. I feel strongly that the "IDEAL" should be retained in our standard.

I do not claim that our present standard is absolutely perfect, but do feel that as written, it portrays a mighty fine little Dutch Rabbit. Why not try to breed one to fit the standard rather than change the standard to fit our own rabbits. This subject was covered so fully in so many articles in 1946 that it really seems a waste of time and space to go over it all again so soon. For the past few years we have been trying to educate our Judges to properly handle our Dutch and judge according to the standard rather than their own personal likes or dislikes, and I am happy to say I have seen a big improvement along that line, although we still have and perhaps always will have a few who will judge Dutch and any other breeds as well, as they like them, and not according to the standard. I feel that this is our big problem, to get all our judges educated along the line of standard judging, rather than continually changing the standard, especially when it has resulted in our Dutch entries topping the breed entries at so many shows. This would not be possible with a bad standard.

Color descriptions even in our present standard colors are difficult and except for Black, subject to varied interpretations by our Judges. I have seen a judge call a good colored Blue too dark, and an extremely light one a good colored Blue. No matter how we describe a color, without a color chart, each of us apparently visualizes a color differently. I doubt that a detailed color description, if possible, in the various shades of the A.O.C. would help much. I do not feel that the class should be abolished, as we will always have odd shades and a class for them surely does not do any harm to the breed, and perhaps adds to the variety of exhibits at our shows. At the National Dutch Show in St. Louis last March, I suggested by letter that we consider a color standard for our Sandy Grey Dutch which we have for years been trying to judge with a light grey standard. We have very few real light greys, but many Sandies. I do not have any, but feel that those of our breeders who have them should have a standard to fit this variety, which is not a new one, but one which has been with us for many years. In England they have a Pale Grey Dutch and a Nut Brown Dutch. I leave it up to the breeders of Grey and Sandy Dutch to express your views on this matter to the Standard Committee, Dick Bernhardt, Ansel Beaver and myself.

I really must take exception to my friend Tommie's remarks relative to Grand Champion wins by Best of Variety. No Tommie, this does not make "Dine a dozen" Champions, but instead makes a Grand Champion certificate really worth while. Under the rules one may get a Grand Champion by winning three firsts in three different shows under two different judges if five or more rabbits are exhibited by three or more breeders. This means that in three small shows, a rabbit simply by winning first in a class which might be composed of second raters, which never could win a first in any class, would get a Grand Champion certificate. I have heard it stated that classes have been known where unscrupulous breeders had friends or relatives enter their own animals to make the class fill the qualifications. I hate to think that anyone would stoop as low as this, but the one who told me was in earnest. In winning a leg for best of variety, say Black Dutch, a Dutch would have to win over THREE OTHER FIRST PLACE WINNERS, and in addition the other qualifications would have to be met.

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