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June 2008 CFRBA Rabbit Show



Show A Best In Show
New Zealand White 6/8 Doe
John & Julie Neff - Owners
Marv Wunderlin - Judge



Show A Reserve In Show
Mini Rex Broken Sr. Buck
Jim & Suzy Rowland - Owners
Marv Wunderlin - Judge



Youth Best In Show
Dutch Black Jr. buck
Angel Baynard - Owner
Jeff Albright - Judge

Show B
BIS Californian Jr. Doe (left)
RIS New Zealand White 6/8 Doe (right)
John & Julie Neff - Owners
Glen Carr - Judge



Youth Reserve In Show
Himalayan Blue Sr. Doe
Emily Poznaniak - Owner
Jeff Albright - Judge





From Our President's Pen

Well, another June show is history. As you all know our numbers were down, but it was still a great show. Thank-you to ALL that did show and those who did help to make this another successful CFRBA Show. I just got the Financial Report from Linda Graham ... guess what we made money! Of course this was helped by the judges giving us a break on their fees, Russ & Joan waived the trailer delivery fee, and Julie did not collect her Show Secretary fees. All this along with the hard work @ the Raffle Table and Wonderful Concession helped this show end in a very positive way. Thank-you all ... I am already thinking about 2009. I have some ideas that I will be sharing with you all soon. I hope this will help get our numbers up and we can continue to be the premier show here in Florida.

As you can see, Debi Goldben has stepped up to be our Newsletter Editor. She is also working on a web site for CFRBA. How exciting is that? Thank-you Debi ... Please get her any information that you can. These web sites get a lot of attention. What better way to maybe bring in more new members? But, Debi

needs articles, pictures, etc. She has agreed to do all of this work, so let's show her our appreciation by helping her with this information.

Speaking of new members, we have picked up a few. This is the BEST news for CFRBA. There will be a list elsewhere in this newsletter. WELCOME to all that have just joined, or re-joined.

I recently received a very nice email from Doreen Fleming. I did forward this to everyone, and Debi also responded with a nice email about CFRBA. It sounds like we all want to get together more often. Thank-you, Debi, for your offer.

Think about this. Can we find maybe a restaurant that is a central location that we could meet at, enjoy a meal and take care of business? Something like Golden Corral, Ryan's, etc? This way it doesn't fall on a certain member to do the work. We all have busy lives outside of the rabbit world and this may be an option. But, it is nice to visit other homes and rabbitries. Any thoughts or suggestions??? We are the *Central Florida RBA*, but we cover much more than the Central part of the State. We are

also going to need to do a work day. The trailer needs some attention, and I want to cut pieces of indoor/outdoor carpet for the show coops. So it does sound like CFRBA will be meeting again soon.

Debi has also asked for any news about our members, maybe not rabbit related? I have some to share. Our daughter, Jackie, is headed to Texas for the Junior Olympic Volleyball Nationals. There were the only team to receive a bid from Central Florida. This is a huge honor and opportunity so please join me in wishing The Champion 15 Elite Volleyball Team the BEST of LUCK in Dallas.

Krystina Thompson also has some big news as she's heading off to Wisconsin with her Dairy Project. Please send us some news upon your return Krystina...

Well, I guess that is the news for now. Please show Debi your support by getting her information and articles for future newsletters and the web site.

Thank-you,

Jahn E. Neff

June 2008 CFRBA Cavy Show



Show A

BIS Peruvian Broken Sr Boar (left)
Jennifer Petersen - Owner
RIS Abyssinian Brindle Int Boar (right)
Mike Ginder - Owner



Show B

BIS Abyssinian Roan Int Boar (left)
RIS Coronet Broken Sr. Boar (right)
Tara McParland - Owner
Don Petersen - Judge



Youth

BIS Silkie Broken Sr. Boar (left)
Kaitlyn Jenkins - Owner (not pictured)
RIS Coronet Broken Sr. Boar (right)
Tara McParland - Owner
Glen Carr - Judge

From the Editor

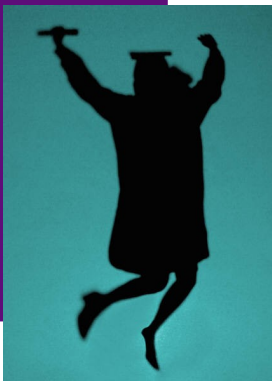
Hello everyone. Some of you may know/remember me from a few years ago while I am a new face to others. We've lived in Florida about 4 years now - moving from IL. I currently raise Mini Satins, and my family has raised/shown rabbits for about 12 years. We were very active in s local, state, and national clubs while my daughter, Amanda, was growing up in rabbits; and she successfully participated in youth contests for many years. I've volunteered to get a newsletter to you and also keep up the club's web site. These are YOUR publications. Please send me information. We want our web site to be informative and educational, so links and articles are greatly appreciated. Photos from shows or activities will make it interesting. The newsletter is for our "CFRBA family" and not restricted to rabbit activities. We want to share your real life excitement with you. Please send me things!!! My email address is: Westwind1958@netzero.net Thanks.

Debi Goldben



CFRBA
is
on
line!

Encouraging
Future
Generations



CFRBA Web Site

We are excited to announce that CFRBA now has a presence on the world wide web. Debi Goldben has created our site and will be maintaining it. She needs your help in keeping it informative and educational. The officers receive many phone calls for rabbit information and the web site will help get information out to more people. One of the pages will have a listing of members and the breeds they raise. This listing will have as much or as little detail as each member wishes. We realize that some people do not want phone numbers or addresses listed and will NOT publish this information without your permission. Please email Debi with your listing information. We also want to provide useful information and articles for people needing rabbit related information. You are invited to submit anything you feel would be beneficial. Debi's email: Westwind1958@netzero.net.

Our website address is: www.Geocities.com/CentralFloridaRabbitBreeders

As a club member, this is YOUR web site. Please contribute and help make it great.

CFRBA Scholarship Awarded

First, I want to thank Patti and Debi for serving on the youth scholarship award committee and especially for their excellent assistance in the interview of Bridget Graham last Saturday at the CFRBA show. Good job, ladies!

Bridget's written application was well prepared. Her oral interview was exceptional. She is an outstanding young CFRBA and 4H member.

Our committee was unanimous in selecting Bridget to receive the 2008 CFRBA scholarship. We wish her well in pursuit of her educational career and her life goals, which were well thought out and presented. CFRBA should feel blessed to be able to support her in those endeavors.

Having watched Bridget grow from a shy young 4H and CFRBA new member just a short few years ago, to watching her as she displayed confidence in her interview last week, I am reminded how important our youth programs can be to the development of our youth. I am proud to know Bridget Graham. I am proud to have had the opportunity to watch her develop those life skills which she displayed so wonderfully on Saturday.

Russ Giesy
CFRBA Youth Director

Email from FSRBA Prez

First I want to say that the decision on whether to allow lionheads to be shown at FSRBA shows was not an easy yes or no. Much thought and discussion went into this and right now the FSRBA board feels that without an ARBA recognized working standard we cannot allow lionheads to be shown.

I would like to talk to the lionhead breeders at the June 28th show in order to answer any questions and help everyone understand why this decision was made. This decision had nothing to do with the breed itself. The decision was made due to the lack of a working standard on the breed.

I know that the FSRBA board and I look forward to the day that lionheads have passed the three years of showing so that they can be shown with no questions and can be placed on the Best In Show table. I personally know that all of our lionhead breeders are working hard to help create what will become a very nice breed of rabbit.

I hope that this decision, although upsetting for some of you, will not preclude you from wanting to show all of your other breeds at all of our FSRBA shows. Remember that FSRBA is still your club and we really enjoy seeing you at all of the shows!

Thanks,
Jennifer Ratcliff FSRBA President

CENTRAL FLORIDA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Affiliated with A.R.B.A. and F.S.R.B

Orlando, Florida

I (we) herby apply for Membership in C.F.R.B.A., and tender payment for dues for one year (or more) for the class of Membership marked below and agree to abide by the Charter, By-Laws and rules of this Association, to accept some assignment in the Conduct of the Association and to help in its behalf.

DUES FOR ONE YEAR

Member of the A.R.B.A. – Single Adult \$8.00: Husband /Wife \$10.00

Youth \$2.00; Foreign \$10.00

Life Membership: Husband / Wife \$100.00 (Youth ages under 19 included)

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ BIRTHDAY(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _++_____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

BREEDS RAISED _____

Do you want your information listed on our club web site?

Yes _____ No _____

If you want to be listed but do not want all contact information listed, please indicate the information our webmaster should NOT include.

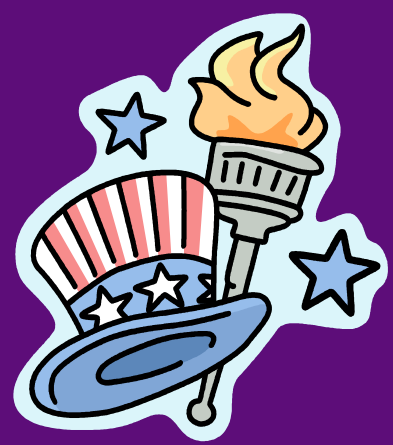
If you have a web site for your rabbitry/caviary and would like it listed on the club web site, please provide that link.

ARBA NUMBER(S) (If members) _____



MAIL
COMPLETED
APPLICATION
TO

Joan Giesy
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Leesburg, FL 34788



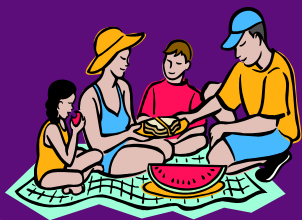


Just What's In A Name, Anyway?

by Debi Goldben

This is a reprint of an article from several years ago.

Food, Fun & Friends



The naming of rabbits has come up in several conversations lately as well as being a hot "topic" recently on some of the e-mail lists. I thought maybe I'd share what's been discussed. By "naming" I mean whose name or rabbitry gets listed on the pedigree. I've heard a great deal about people attempting to "take credit" for other's breeding. I truly think that in most cases it is not intentional but more a case of not knowing.

Hopefully when you buy a new rabbit, it has a pedigree. This shows that the breeder wanted to track what was happening in his/her rabbitry and kept records. It also helps the prospective owner know if there are similar bloodlines to animal(s) s/he already owns as well as the varieties (colors) and weights in the background. With Lionheads (for example), one would probably want to shy away from a pedigree listing several 4½ to 5 pound rabbits as the Working Standard lists a maximum show weight for a Sr. Doe is 3¾ pounds (unless you had rabbits that were not making minimum weight and you needed the size).

Most varieties are not "mix and match" so it's also a good thing to be able to see what varieties are "behind" the rabbit you are looking at.

Now, as for names, when you purchase that rabbit, chances are it has a rabbitry name listed and then a "given" name or a tattoo number -- for example **Maverick's Blue Moon** or **Maverick's M9**. At our house, "Maverick" is the rabbitry name. Some folks use their first or last names rather than a rabbitry name -- **Chad's Blue Moon** or **Goldben's Blue Moon** or initials -- **CG's Blue Moon** or a combination of any of the above. Generally, breeders want animals that they have bred to carry their name or rabbitry name. It gives them credit and also helps to identify the bloodlines in future generations.

We have gotten a few pedigrees with only a tattoo number listed. Even if there is nothing filled in for "name", it's only considerate to give the original breeder credit. Out of respect for the original breeder, list their name or rabbitry name before the "given" name you provide

to the rabbit.

If the rabbit you purchase has a "given" name, PLEASE don't change it. This is especially true if the previous owners) used it for breeding. If you don't like the "given" name, simply call the rabbit by some other name but don't change it on the pedigree. If you register one of these "older" animals that has been used for breeding, contact the former owner and let them know what the registration number is (this is, again, an act of courtesy and respect).

Of course, any babies born in your barn will bear your rabbitry name. Or will they? What about loaning a buck or doe to someone, who gets credit then? Or what if you get a baby in return for "studding" out a buck? The general "rule" (as agreed on a variety of e-mail lists) is that the "owner" of the doe at the time of kindling is listed on the pedigree (if she's "on loan" it's still the "owner" not the person who has "temporary custody"). Of course, these circumstances can certainly be discussed between the parties involved and agreement made as to how the pedigrees will read.

Russ and Joan Giesy hosted a club picnic at their home May 29th. Plenty of people came with wonderful side dishes to eat. Russ's mom, Helena, and her assistant, Patti Albright fired up the grill for hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs. Our meeting included much discussion and people volunteer for needed duties also. The club should be proud of their officers. With all the eating and meeting finished, we moved to Russ & Joan's barn. Jeff Albright judges about 9 rabbits. He went through them and picked out the best rabbit, runner up, best fur and best meat. Those who wanted, then had a chance to look at them as a judge would for a show. Then we marked on paper our choices for each category. The one who was over all best judge that day was Bridgett Graham. It was as much fun for Jeff as it was for all who participated. Maybe Jeff thinks we could do this at a regular show some time for fun event after we tweak the rules. All in all, the day was enjoyed by all. Great food, fun, competition, awesome ideas, a great meeting, and friendships made it a wonderful club day. Thank you to our hosts, the Giesys, and John Neff for getting it set up. Let's go forward and grow in our hobby together.

Jeff and Patti Albright

State 4-H Rabbit Show



One parent wrote about her feelings about the **State 4H Rabbit & Cavy Show and Contests**, "This program has come a long way. It is very educational for both youth and adults. Everyone will go home with more knowledge on rabbit and cavy."

The fourth annual event was held Saturday, June 21 at the Sumter County Fairgrounds and Extension Service. Over 40 youth showed about 135 animals, but much more than a show happened. Youth participants competed in these activities: judging contest, breed identification, showmanship, skill a thon, management interview, quiz bowl competition.

Roy Thompson, 4H member of Sarasota County had a grand day. His Tan rabbit was selected as Best In Show while Roy won the overall contest participation winner. Krystina Thompson of Gilchrist County won Best In Show Cavy with her American. Rocky Shelton, Charlotte County, was the top scorer overall in the contests in the intermediate age division (11-13) while Christopher Russ, Citrus County, was the top junior (8-11). Other awards were spread among many youth, too numerous to mention here.

The program was sponsored by the UF Extension Service with co-sponsors; Central Florida Rabbit Breeders Association and ADM Pen Pal Feeds. John Neff Engraving prepared the awards, donating several. Thanks to all participants. Please place the **State 4H Rabbit & Cavy Show and Contests** on your calendar - June 20, 2009.

Russ Giesy

CFRBA Youth Director and UF Extension Agent



State 4-H
Rabbit
Show
Results

June 2008

Rabbit Show

Best in Show – Tan – Roy Thompson (Sarasota Co)

Reserve – Dutch – Christopher Russ (Citrus Co)

Cavy Show

Best in Show – Krystina Thompson (Gilchrist Co)

Reserve – Kaleigh Baggs (Volusia Co)

Meat Pen – Donna Owens (Gilchrist Co)

Single Fryer – Hayden Davis (Alachua Co)

Fur – Havana – Thomas Ansell (Duval Co)

Reserve fur – Dutch – Christopher Russ (Citrus Co)

Overall Individuals, Total of all Contests

Senior – 1st Roy Thompson, 2nd Brittany Thompson, 3rd Krystina Thompson,
4th Daniella Brown (4.5 points from first to fourth)

Intermediate – 1st Rocky Shelton, 2nd Kaleigh Baggs, 3rd Megan Katuin

Junior – 1st William Jameson, 2nd Christopher Russ, 3rd Briana Burnsed

Management Contest

Senior – Daniella Brown ((Sarasota Co)

Intermediate – Megan Katuin

Junior – William Jameson (Sumter Co)

Quiz Bowl Contest

Senior – Roy Thompson (Sarasota Co)

Intermediate – Rocky Shelton (Charlotte Co)

Junior – William Jameson (Sumter Co)

Showmanship Contest

Senior – Brittany Thompson (Sarasota Co)

Intermediate – Kaleigh Baggs (Volusia Co)

Junior – William Jameson (Sumter Co)

Skill-A-Thon Contest

Senior – Angel Bernard (Pasco Co)

Intermediate – Rocky Shelton (Charlotte Co)

Junior – Christopher Russ (Citrus Co)

Judging Contest

Senior – Krystina Thompson (Gilchrist Co)

Intermediate – Rocky Shelton (Charlotte Co)

Junior – Tina Bruno (Charlotte Co)

Breed Identification Contest

Senior – Daniella Brown (Sarasota Co)

Intermediate – Rocky Shelton (Charlotte Co)

Junior – Christopher Russ (Citrus Co)