



Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeder's Association

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Editor's Comments

It looks like the winter that wouldn't end has finally given up the ghost, and the summer weather is finally here.

Our Spring Show has come and gone. The complete results are on the Club website, but the main results can be found in this newsletter.

On a personal note, I know many of you had heard that my mother was very ill at the time of the show. Sadly, she passed

away on May 10, so I have been preoccupied dealing with her affairs.

Losing my mom as well as my brother in the same year has certainly prompted me to look at what I want for my own future. As a result I am cutting back on the Hatching Program I have been running with local schools for the last 18 years and, among other things, I am looking for someone to take over this newsletter. I agreed to take it on a year and a half

ago as a temporary measure and not only has no one else expressed an interest in doing it, but I usually end up putting together all of the content myself.

So, if anyone is interested in taking over the SARBA newsletter, please let me know.

Note: due to the show results, the article series on genetics will continue in the next (September) newsletter.

~~~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~~~

NEXT MEETING:

Sat. Sept. 17
at
Chestermere Rec Centre
During the
Chestermere Fall Fair



Meeting Dates 2011 (tentative)

- Sat. Sept. 17
Chestermere Fall Fair
- [AGM] Sat. Nov 5 at
Chestermere Rec Centre at 2:00 p.m.-
AGM

SHOWS:

Edmonton Area Rabbit Society
Red Deer AB
July 23-24
6 Open All Breed Shows
Alycia Swan
E.A.R.S. SHOW SECRETARY

earsentries@yahoo.ca by July 19, 2011 @ 10:00am

For More Shows, See the ARBA District One webpage:

<http://www.arbadist1.com/shows.htm>



2011 SARBA Show Results

Holland Lop Specialty Results

Judge: Cathy Armstrong

Best in Show,
Best of Breed: Broken Pattern Jr Doe owned by Carrie Jenner
Best Opp in Show,
Best Opposite Sex: Solid Pattern Sr Buck owned by Kathy Pelton

Polish Specialty Results

Judge: Cathy Armstrong

Best in Show,
Best of Breed: Broken Sr Buck owned by Marlene Bruneau
Best Opp in Show,
Best Opposite Sex: Black Sr Doe owned by Kathy Mannweiller

Rex Specialty Results

Judge: Cathy Armstrong

Best in Show,
Best of Breed: Otter Sr Buck owned by Don Hultholm
Best Opp in Show,
Best Opposite Sex: Otter Sr Doe owned by Lydia Hultholm

Open Show A Results (the green show)

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Judge: Charmaine Rudolf

Best in Show: Dutch Black Sr Doe owned by Dave Reichert
Reserve in Show: Flemish Giant Sandy Sr Doe owned by Piet Van Genugten
Best of the Best Opposites: Mini Rex White Jr Doe owned by Sharin Engler

Open Show B Results (the blue show)

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Judge: Cliff Dick

Best in Show: Mini Rex Castor Sr Buck owned by Carolyn Rogers
Reserve in Show: Netherland Dwarf Lilac Sr Buck owned by Marlene Bruneau
Best of the Best Opposites: Polish Broken Sr Doe owned by Serena Nicholas

Open C Show Results (the purple show)

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Judge: Cathy Armstrong

Best in Show: Dutch Black Sr Doe Owned by Dave Reichert
Reserve in Show: Netherland Dwarf Lilac Sr Buck Owned by Marlene Bruneau
Best of the Best Opposites: Flemish Giant Sandy Sr Buck owned by Piet Van Genugten



Comments on the Show, by Shannon Moore

We had the Chestermere show last weekend and the show itself went pretty well. There's always a few kinks and things that cause it to be a little slow that's why I encourage everyone to take an active part in the local show in their area. If you are going to show your rabbits you are obligated to help with the set up/tare down and planning of at least one show per year. Also please don't be hard to get along with to the show committee, they are just doing their best to have a great and successful show, instead thank and praise them for giving their time and money to put on a show for you!

I am very disappointed with some happenings that went on during the show from exhibitors. Show's are meant to be fun and educational for all and the etiquette that makes that possible was just not there that weekend. Here's some common show room rules to keep in mind. Don't argue with the judges decision, you are paying him/her for their opinion and that is what you just got. Different day, different judge different opinion and not all of these are going to agree with what you

think of your animal.

Stand back from the show table so that everyone can see and don't hover over your animals. The judge is NOT supposed to know which animal belongs to who.

If you would like a more detailed opinion or to talk over the reason of why the judges thinks what he does wait until either the breed is finished or the very end of the show.

This last one goes for mostly for the breeders who have been to a couple shows before. Be nice to the new breeders!! They are just learning the ropes and don't always know what to do or where to be at a show. Cut them some slack and help them to learn because that person you are annoyed with for not bringing up the right animal at the right time was you a couple or shows ago so be humble! These new breeders are our future and the people purchasing your stock, help them get the right leg up into the show world.

Lastly don't brag about your wins or rub someone else's lose into their face, the later of the two is the worst

but remember to be humble and treat others the way you want to be treated! There are breeders out there who have bred their animals for thirty years and that's what make up their show string, these are the breeders to learn from because they can not only buy a winner but they can take that winner and produce generations of winners. These are your true breeders and the people to look up to.

Anyways that is my little rant on some things that happened at this last show. We're all in rabbits because we love our animals and because we look forward to seeing all our friends at the next show so just try to remember this!



Shannon's Holland Lop
GC SLR's Tritan



Shannon's Holland Lop
SLR's Sassy

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because we love our
animals"*

*"Show's are meant to
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Shannon's Holland Lop
SLR's Kaos

**Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association
Membership Application and Dues (2011)**



1 year:	ADULT: \$18.00	YOUTH: \$12.00	FAMILY: \$25.00
3 years:	ADULT: \$48.00	YOUTH: \$30.00	FAMILY: \$60.00

MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ONE (1) YEAR, RENEWABLE IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR. NEW MEMBERS JOINING AFTER JULY MAY PAY HALF THE YEARLY DUES.

I hereby make application to and agree to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association. I understand that said membership includes a quarterly copy of the club newsletter and all privileges and benefits of the Association.

Please check one in each column:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Years | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Family |

Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth date (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ A.R.B.A. Membership #: _____

Email address: _____

Web site address: _____

Rabbitry Name: _____

Breeds raised: _____

Recommended by: _____

Please make your cheque or money order payable to the

Southern Alberta Rabbit Breeders Association (S.A.R.B.A.)

and send it with your application to:

SARBA, Ruth Blazenko



S.A.R.B.A 2011 Executive

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- Club Historian

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Chris Berry

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Ruth Blazenko,

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- **Sylvia Moore**

- **Katrin Becker,** [REDACTED]

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- Newsletter Editor (temporary)

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www.sarba.ca

Hot Weather Tips

Now that the hot weather is upon us, here are some ideas for ways to keep your bunnies cool.

Rabbits don't like the hot weather. In fact, if you're a rabbit, the ideal temperature is right around 12°C. Their fur is very insulating and they don't have very many ways to cool themselves off. Their wild ancestors probably stayed underground on hot days. The rabbit hole usually stays at a nice, constant temperature.

Of course, it should go without saying that your bunnies should always have access to shade and that they should never be without clean water.

Here are some other ideas:

1. If your rabbits are in a building make sure there is good ventilation. Install fans if need be - you'd be surprised how much of a difference it can

make just to have the air moving around.

2. Install a mister system (sometimes called a fog machine). I have no idea what these things cost, but I've seen them in action and they really are nice.
3. Fill plastic bottles with water (not all the way) and freeze them. The put a bottle in the cage. I've used small ones as well as 2 litre bottles and the rabbits seem to catch on pretty quick. They will often lie right next to them. If you have enough freezer space, you can keep two sets and change them every morning.
4. I've also heard it said that you can use ceramic tiles. They tend to stay nice and cool so the rabbits can lie on them. These can go in the freezer too to make them extra cold. It is often possible to get good sized tiles as mismatches from hardware and reno stores. Be
5. Give them fresh grass clippings - assuming, of course, that the grass is clean and hasn't been sprayed or treated. Fresh grass is pretty cool, and they have the added bonus of having a nice snack at the same time.
6. If your hutches are outside you can consider adding tarps above the hutches, but make sure they are well secured. We can sometimes get some pretty strong winds and you don't want the flapping tarps terrorizing your bunnies, or worse, turning the hutches into flying machines!



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