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"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

Adlai Stevenson

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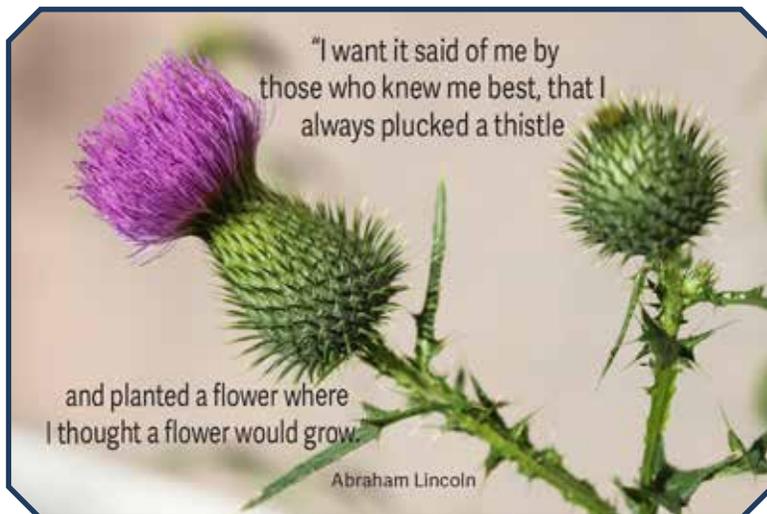
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# Director's Message

**H**ello D8 Friends!

It was great seeing so many of you at the just completed OSRBA Mini Convention in Columbus, Ohio. There was a nice attendance there. Plus Friday evening saw a judges conference take place and multiple judge exams were administered, too.

Coming up on May 25 is the Indiana Youth Benefit Show in Lebanon, Indiana. I urge our Indiana friends and others to please support this show. The proceeds help the youth offset their ARBA Convention expenses.

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Though we just gave a judge exam, I'm now looking out into the third and fourth quarters of this year. If you're a registrar that's eligible and interested in testing then, please let me know ASAP. Per ARBA guidelines, an exam may only be administered once per quarter per district, and there must be at least two applicants before an exam may be scheduled.

One of my goals has always been to help promote and assist our youth members. I've been working on a project where judges may speak with our youth people prior to judging at a variety of our shows. I have a trial run of this scheduled for 8:30 AM at the Lima RBA show in Wapakoneta, Ohio on June 9. ARBA Legend and Judge, Glen Carr, will be speaking with interested youth on the importance of proper posing and handling. If the interest is good, I hope to see this expanded to shows across D8 for both rabbits and cavies. If you're a youth member planning to attend the Lima RBA show, please consider taking part in this educational opportunity!

Speaking of our youth, I appreciate the feedback received from the D8 Youth Advisory Council, D8 Youth Rep, and state/provincial representatives while I was planning the topic above. Elsewhere in this issue are the bios of many of our Council members. We'll list

more as they are submitted. The primary purpose of the Council is to advise me on youth related issues from the perspective of a youth member.

I've been asked to help spread the word that the Lorain County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders will not be holding their June 1 show this year.

My thanks to the Calumet RBA for submitting their Club Spotlight Article this month. As a reminder to other D8 clubs, please consider submitting your own article. This is a way to bring positive attention to your club and hopefully gain new members and increase the size of your shows.

We continue to receive many show flyers to be listed in this newsletter and on the D8 website. However, there are still many clubs across our district that don't bother submitting their show flyers. As I've stated before, easy access to show flyers is one of the biggest requests I receive from our members. This is free publicity!

The D8 Web Team email address is [arbad8website@gmail.com](mailto:arbad8website@gmail.com). Club spotlight articles, show flyers, and requests from judges and registrars to be listed on the D8 website may be submitted to this address.

Please continue visiting the D8 Website...and remember the new address is [www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/](http://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/). We've got a lot of stuff to check out!

In many articles I write of the need to join your local clubs and the importance of volunteering. Amanda Behee recently made a heartfelt post on Facebook regarding this subject, and with her permission we're including it elsewhere in this issue.

I'm very grateful for the number of members who continue to approach me at the shows to say hi and to discuss any concerns they may have. I invite everyone to keep this up. I can't guarantee you the answer you may want, but I will look into it for you. Should we not



meet at a show, I may be reached by phone at 937-364-2133 or by email at [havanaman@earthlink.net](mailto:havanaman@earthlink.net). If it concerns you, I want to know about it.

Best wishes and safe travels!

Take care,  
Terry Fender  
ARBA D8 Director

## "E" Newsletter Web Team Message

**G**reetings from the D8 Web Team,

The number of rabbit & cavy judges in D8 is growing. We want to include information on the judges however we cannot do that, legally, unless we have your permission. If you would like to be listed on the D8 website, email your contact information to: [arbad8website@gmail.com](mailto:arbad8website@gmail.com).

If you notice in the shows listing, we are including links to the website page where your show flyer is located. We know the shows listing on the website is being visited by more than just D8 members. What a great way to promote your show. Use this same email to send your show flyers. We update the website weekly.

Until next time, may the competition be friendly and enjoyable and your nest boxes full of potential winners.

Jane  
D8 Web Team

### D8 Website:

<https://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/>



## Why Join A Local Club?

By: Amanda Behee

I was recently asked "What benefits do I get from joining a local club?"

At the time, my mind was racing in a hundred directions as I stood in the middle of a showroom as a show official. So I really didn't answer as I was in show official mindset.

Since then, I have thought a lot about that question as I am sleep deprived with a vehicle still loaded full of office supplies.

Why do we as club members and show officials volunteer years, months, weeks, days and hours to run shows? We worry about the facility, hiring of judges, breed sanctions, awards, food vendors, cage dealers and many more things before show day. We break our backs to setup the showroom whether its setting up the judging tables and coops, organizing the entry table, getting the food booth ready and so forth. Then we wake up before the rooster to be in the showroom on 3 hours of sleep (if we are that lucky) and greet exhibitors, judges and vendors with a sleep deprived smile.

How does being an active club member and show official benefit us?

Maybe it's not 'about us' but rather what we are offering to others on that day.

We are the foundation grounds for creating memories for others.

Maybe there was a rough situation in home life and the show is a stress relief for our exhibitors.

Maybe it's their first show and we are building the foundation for their new hobby.

Maybe that exhibitor was thinking about leaving the hobby and decided to give it one more try at our show.

It's about the 100's of pictures being taken in our showroom. It's the pride they take in their exhibits. It's about the friendships reunited and created. It's the hugs, laughs and tears shared with the friendships in the showroom.

I could go on and on about the activities in a showroom.

However, it all comes down to keeping clubs alive so we can create a place to share and create memories



for others. It's about the friendships we create within the club and with others. Are there stressful times? Of course! But together as a team those stressful times can and will over come.

Have there been times where I have wanted to toss in the hat? You betcha... it's natural! But we keep coming back for that benefit, friendship.

So had I not been in the middle of a showroom as a sleep deprived show secretary with a toothache...

My answer to "What benefits do I get from joining a local club?" would have been a lot better than a shrug.

It would have been more along the lines of...

The greatest benefit of joining a local club is creating an environment for others to create memories. It's about that feeling you get after you are caught up on sleep and have a moment to look on social media. It's that feeling of pride as you see photos of people smiling, laughing and creating memories in your showroom.

It's a question of "What can I offer to others by joining a local and state club?"

#FoodForThought  
#JoinAClub  
#CreateMemoriesForOther

## Club Spotlight

### Calumet RBA

**C**alumet Rabbit Breeders Association is a club that has been around for several decades. Years ago, we hosted an annual show in conjunction with the Lake County Fair in Crown Point, Indiana every year. Unfortunately, the fair board made some changes and that became no longer possible. Therefore, we now hold a spring show on the first Sunday in June and a night show on the last Saturday of August every year at the Starke County Fairgrounds in Hamlet, IN.

This year, our June show is on Sunday, June 2. We have turned over the raffle table to the Team Indiana youth. Proceeds are to help defray the costs of the kids' travel to Reno for the convention youth contests. In addition to our all breed show, we are hosting the Czech Frosty National Show the evening before.

To add to the excitement of our August 24 night show, we have added a cavy show judged by the fabulous Jim Hupp.

Additionally, during that day, we will be holding a commercial show judged by Caleb Thomas, a Californian specialty judged by LeAnn McKinney, and a New Zealand specialty judged by Jeff Hardin. Cash prizes as well as handcrafted and unique personalized

awards will be given out. We will also be having some fun non-sanctioned classes, such as PeeWee Single Fryer class, Californian Smut class, and 4 class pens of three.

Just for entering the commercial show, all exhibitors will be given raffle tickets so that they can win their choice of some really cool free prizes. We are also having a free hog roast—just bring a potluck side dish to share and your own place settings!

Our small but mighty club is dedicated to putting on these two shows each year, and making the experience memorable and enjoyable for all.

For more club information contact Lee Nevills: [bulletsink@msn.com](mailto:bulletsink@msn.com).

## Reflections Of An Old Judge

### By: Roger Hassenpflug

1. I love seeing and handling good rabbits and even more handling great rabbits that are ready to show right now. On the other hand, poorly trained or groomed rabbits are not fun to handle, and they likely will not win if there is any competition. Please train them to pose, clean and groom them before you bring them to



the show. You have a much better chance of winning that way.

2. Please don't bring your litter for me to cull on the show table because judging and culling are not the same thing. Judging is about today. Culling is about the future. Your best rabbit in the class today may not win because its coat is out of condition and

the one that won the class may not be worth keeping as a breeder—it may be just prime enough to win on balance. If you make a culling decision based on that placement, then you kept the wrong rabbit. I welcome conversations about which to keep and which to cull away from the judging table.

3. I am ambivalent about taking a picture with you with your BOB rabbit at 10:00 AM when I might be judging Best in Show at noon (the times don't matter, the point does). So many times it is with youth or new exhibitors and I very much want to support them/you but .....

4. As a judge I am concerned about (and as an exhibitor I am bothered by) the notion that judges know who

## Reflections Of A New Judge

By: Misty Polasik

won every Best of Breed at the show today because they have been posted on some type of social media. As Judges, we should stay off social media while judging for this reason. As exhibitors, it would help if you don't share the ear number of the rabbit with the picture of your BOB.

5. I am not an expert on every breed. I get that. I have strong breeds that I am very experienced with and some that I am not. I can count the judges who are truly great on all breeds on a finger or two.

6. I appreciate constructive exhibitor feedback and wish there were comfortable ways to do that. I have raised rabbits for 45 years, really good ones for 40 years and have been judging for 30 years—including every ARBA Convention since I received my license in 1987. That I have things yet to learn is not news to me. Approach that with some respect and let's have a conversation.

7. As an exhibitor, DQ hunting Judges annoy me a lot. As a Judge I am not one and appreciate the benefit of the doubt/grayness of judging decisions. A couple of very smart and experienced Judges told me a long time ago that if you must hunt for a DQ, then it's not there. Move on. Place the rabbits, that is what the exhibitors came for.

8. Speed can be over-rated but a certain speed is appropriately expected. A young judge boasted to me recently that he/she did 350 in a show. My filter slipped and I said, "you should slow down". A reasonable judging day is 240 rabbits in 8 hours. That is 30 an hour. Subtract the time it takes to get a class up, pick BOV's and BOB's and you have 90-100 seconds (less than 2 minutes) per animal to check for DQ's and make decisions about placements. Not much time to handle them more than once. There are very capable judges that can do more than that, but at 350 you are sorting them at best and lucky if you get the best ones in the top holes.

9. As a good, experienced exhibitor, no judge can describe my rabbit any better than I can. There are new exhibitors that love extensive comments and that is a dilemma. As a judge you have limited time so how can you balance these things? Say why the rabbit won or lost and limit comments to the things that matter regarding the priorities for the breed (see SOP points schedule). Offer to talk with exhibitors further after judging is completed.

10. I love the hobby. As a judge I am almost a volunteer getting some of my expenses paid to hang out with friends and to meet new folks. I want you to win and be successful. After the judging is completed, I will be happy chat with you about how that can happen.

Ten Reflections as a new judge from my first judging assignment! The Christmas show hosted by the MI OH State Line R.B.A.

is hands down the most festive and joyful show venue I have ever been to. It was a fairytale first judging experience and I'm still living the dream.

#1: Time flies when looking through beautiful animals; 9 hours went by in a blink. I could've easily done more!

#2: I value breeder feedback. Exhibitors have the best view to evaluate judges in handling, posing, accuracy of comments per the SOP, energy and enthusiasm for the hobby.

#3: I am not a born expert, LOL. Mentors are invaluable and my ability to select top animals that were also top in the other shows and selected for group wins is a tribute to excellent experienced judges and breeders training me. Shout out to those who believe enough in me and the betterment of the hobby to make time: Randy Shumaker, Allen Mesick, Theresa Mueller, Doug King, Bob Koch, Chris Zemny, Drew Bliss, Gabe Hernandez, Allan Ormond, Manuel Hidalgo, Amy Zittel, Doc Satin, Julie Spier, Josh Humphries, Kathleen Utter. #StandingonYourShoulders.

#4: I have so much more to learn, and I believe we all can continue to grow and hone our skill. I recently joined 17 breed clubs (so far) to obtain the guidebooks and ask questions of national breeders and directors.

#5: I already have a pet peeve. The distinction between mane and transition wool is a separation of wool with normal fur not a "break" per language in the SOP. Nothing is broken: the SOP simply calls for a separation of wool before transition wool begins (no minimum width), just no "wool inertubes".

#6: I need to get faster & handle less.

#7: I give the benefit of the doubt a lot in subjective DQ's because I want to evaluate and place animals, not DQ them if I can help it (but I give detailed comments). Examples: potential white spots not clearly evident, pigment in the nail bed, separation of wool, broken pattern percentages, excessive scattered whites, etc.



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#8: I have a lot of questions.

#9: I Love rabbits. Big ones, small ones, fuzzy ones, arched ones, satin, wool, rex, red, white, or blue, long-time SOP breeds or new!

#10: I Love people more.

## Cavy Show Etiquette

By: Mary Lou Eisel



First off, one does not need to be an ARBA member to show at a show but it is highly recommended to join ARBA. ARBA membership must be current to show at the annual ARBA convention show. Shows are open to all to exhibit unless your membership has been suspended or you have been expelled by ARBA. When you enter an

ARBA sanctioned show, you are agreeing to adhere to all ARBA rules. These can be found on the ARBA website - [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net) under the dropdown menu Member Resources - Shows - Official ARBA Show Rules.

Below are excerpts from the ARBA show rules that apply directly to exhibitors:

### EXHIBITORS

SECTION 35. No exhibitor will be allowed behind the judging tables, unless acting in an official capacity, which must be approved by the show superintendent or show secretary.

### EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

SECTION 45. Exhibitors or guardians of exhibitors attempting to, or actually interfering with, annoying, molesting, or influencing the judge or judges, or acting in a manner unbecoming an exhibitor(s) shall have all their stock disqualified by the judge and shall be ejected by the show superintendent and barred from the show room. Suspension or expulsion of ARBA membership may result from said acts, if so deemed by the ARBA Board of Directors.

SECTION 47. Each animal must be exhibited in its natural condition. An exhibitor in violation of this rule will have their animal disqualified, and the remainder of their entry may be disqualified from competition and not be judged. Examples include dyeing, plucking, trimming, or any other action designed to deceive.

### YOUTH

SECTION 52. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of five (5) and eighteen

(18) years. An adult cannot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors must be able to handle their own animals. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table. If stated in the show catalog, a show committee may require all youth entries be carried by a youth.

### New Addition to the Cavy Standard

Grooming of animals by the exhibitors is to cease upon presentation of the animal to the judge and while it remains on the judging table. A judge may, however, request that an animal be taken from the table and re-groomed.

### Further rules from the ACBA -

All cavies are to be exhibited in their natural state (without faking designed to alter the natural condition or appearance). Any violation of this rule shall exclude cavies from competition. Grooming that does not alter the natural state is permitted.

Senior and intermediate long-haired breeds should be shown on a stand measuring 16" x 16" x 4", covered with plain, natural color burlap with openings for finger holds on each side. Any other type of stand shall be illegal.

Wow - that is rather intimidating! So how do you ensure that you are following the rules and still have a fun and enjoyable show? I highly recommend attending a show first to just see how it works. When you do go to compete, arrive early enough to get set up and get your entry in to the show secretary (if it is day-of-show entries) or pay your entry fee (if it is a pre-entered show). If you have any questions about your entry, this is the ideal time to find a fellow exhibitor who can ensure that you have your cavy entered in the correct class - age, sex, color and breed. If your entry is incorrect, your cavy will be disqualified. Do not ask to have it changed at the table. If your cavy is not ear tagged, you can also have someone do this first thing in the morning. It is best to contact people ahead of time to ensure that someone will have an ear tagger and tags.

Space is often limited at shows so respect that others need room too and try not to spread out too much. Aisles must be kept clear to allow animals to be brought to the table.

Most cavy shows are double shows that run simultaneously. To help avoid conflicts, usually one table will start with Youth and the other table with Open. This means that you will be at the show all day. If you cannot devote an entire day to a cavy show, establish with the show secretary which table is starting with Youth and which is starting with Open and enter accordingly. Do not expect to have the show organized around your schedule!

Pay attention for your class to be called and promptly get your cavy to the show table. At most shows, cavies are judged alphabetically so normally Abyssinians will

be the first breed and White Cresteds will be the last breed. BUT should there be a small break and a breed with only one or two entries, that breed may be slipped in. Normally the breed is judged by the order in the standard – self, agouti, solid, marked and tan pattern; senior, intermediate and junior. Place the cavy in the spot designated by the writer or ramrod. Remember that if it is a youth show and the local club requires youth to carry their own entries, then a youth does have to place the cavy on the show table. If you note Section 35 above under Exhibitors, you are not to go behind the show table to place your cavy on the table. Should the judge or staff authorize you to do so, then it is acceptable. On occasion a judge will ask for a person to come behind the table to help keep an eye on cavies on boards. If you noticed the one ACBA show rule above, junior long haired cavies do not need to be on a show board; only the seniors and intermediates. When space is limited on the table, the judge has the right to remove the junior cavy from the show board. Also note that the show board is not mandatory, just recommended, and there are strict specifications for the show board. If your board is not regulation, cage vendors often have them for sale or if all else fails, borrow one. A judge can remove illegal boards from the table.

Once your cavy is on the show table, all grooming is to cease. NOW!! The judge appreciates that those 3 stray hairs are not your intent and will not penalize. If the judge needs to have a cavy re-groomed, he/she will request that it be done.

NEVER do anything to identify your cavy to the judge. Integrity is highly valued by judges and we do not appreciate attempts (even totally innocent ones) to influence them. Many judges can filter out this chit chat but it still is not good show etiquette. Tell your friends, not the judge behind the table, before or after judging how well “Bob” did last weekend or on the other table that day. No stories at the show table about all the tricks that “Bob” does or how cute his wives are. If you have questions about your cavy, most judges will be happy to answer. If the cavy is not required for further competition, judges will often answer your question between classes. If your cavy is a Best of Breed winner, wait until completion of BIS.

Please be respectful with your use of cameras (including cell phone and tablet cameras). If you want a picture with you, your cavy and the judge, wait until the completion of BIS.

Above all, always display good sportsmanship. It is only the opinion of one judge and whether or not you agree with it, the judge should always be treated with respect. You can in fact be ejected from the show room for interfering with the judge or for unsportsmanlike conduct. Each show should be looked at as an educational and social event. If you feel that the judge is in error, go to the show superintendent and ask about filing an official protest.

Keep in mind that some disqualifications are not protestable. Check your standard to be sure. Do not start an internet campaign to discredit the judge, follow proper procedure.

Always remember that the best thing that you can win at a show is a new friend!

## District Rep Reports

Lincoln County All Breed Rabbit Club had a great turn out for the second show on March 30, 2019. Shows in the State of Kentucky are increasing. Very exciting. Lincoln County All Breed Club will sponsor an ARBA show during the Lincoln County Fair Saturday July 6, 2019 for all youth. Awards are sponsored by Michelle & Ben Padgett, Darrin & Jill Smith along with the Lincoln County Fair Board. Youth contest will start around 3:30pm. Come out and have a great time. With more shows to continue in the South Central part of the State, these are badly needed.

While new clubs are starting new exhibitors are getting into our hobby. Let's not forget that if we are not working together to grow our hobby we are working against each other. New clubs are trying their best to figure out show dates, show times, schedules, judges, when to pay fees to various clubs for correct membership, sanctions sent out, reports created and mailed patients are needed with new hobby members and new club members to reach the common goal to enjoy our rabbit hobby together. Youth are very important to our hobby. More shows should consider hosting youth royalty and skill- a -thons throughout the State. Youth are learning and gaining so much knowledge lets not waste the knowledge and help them grow into rabbit registrars and rabbit judges. Cavy shows in the State of Kentucky do not exist I hope in the near future clubs will consider hosting a cavy show. My email is [renate.padgett@yahoo.com](mailto:renate.padgett@yahoo.com) I look forward to meeting all members of D8. Enjoy Spring show season.

Michelle Padgett, KY

I would like to mention the new cavy judges in District 8. We have gone from 9 in the district to 16. The 9 are - Anna Hartge, Becky Milks, Erin McGrath, Glen Carr (dual), John Hizey in OH; John Soper (dual) in MI; Jim Hupp, Mike Ginder in IN and myself in ON. New 7 are Joe Colucci (dual), Theresa Svingel in OH; Dale Mize, Kelly Hansen, Mark Osgerby in MI; Todd Naragon (dual) in IN; Elizabeth Eisel-Gutcher in ON.

Mary Lou Eisel, ON

# Youth Workshop

*Learn Proper Posing & Handling*

*Presenter:  
Glen Carr*

*ARBA Judge &  
Past ARBA  
Executive Director*



**8:30 AM ~ June 9th**  
**Lima RBA Show ~ Wapakoneta, OH**

# Posing The Dwarf Hotot

By: Tonna Thomas

First let's start by stating a Dwarf Hotot is not posed like a Netherland Dwarf. There are similarities in the breeds, but not in posing. There are 65 points allocated to the general type of the Dwarf Hotot, 70 points to the Netherland Dwarf.



Both breeds have 35 points allocated to the body. The Dwarf Hotot standard states "The body should be short, compact, and well rounded." The Netherland Dwarf states, "The body is to be short and compact". Short and compact are two similarities. Under head, our standard states, "the head should be attached to the body with no visible neck". The Netherland Dwarf states, "the head should be set high, and close on the

body as possible". The term close on the body and no visible neck are similar. That is about as far as I am going to take the comparisons in types.

The Dwarf Hotot should be posed with it's back feet directly under the hindquarters and the front feet should be under the jaw. The head should be carried in a natural position to the rabbit. Some rabbits will hold it high, some will hold it lower. It is the placing of both the front and the hind feet that is important. The Dwarf Hotot should not be allowed to pose with it's front feet extended like a Britannia Petite.

When properly posed, look at the top line. Stand back and look at the profile to see the top line. It should rise gradually from the ear base to the highest point over the hips. This is unlike the top line of the Netherland dwarf which states "it is to show that the depth of the shoulders is carried through to a deep, well rounded, and well filled hindquarter".

Now the head, ears and eyebands are all allocated 15 points respectively. While posed and looking at the top line, look at the head. It should be well rounded from a side view. It should not be elongated. When looking from above, the head should also show good curvature of skull. If you see the nostrils, it is too long. A straight on view should show plenty of width between the eyes and a good full muzzle and jowls.

The ears should be short and well furred with good

substance. Substance meaning thickness of ear, not a paper thin ear. They should balance with the body.

The eyebands should be a narrow well defined outline of the eye. Ideal width is to be the thickness of 2 pennies.

Dwarf Hotots are a very curious and energetic animal. It is next to impossible to have a several out posed to compare type. In some instances, you may have to control the animals by holding it's head. We often do this to several breeds while judging. But be sure to reverse the holding so you can properly evaluate the head, ears and eyebands.

Now, go work with your Dwarf Hotots so they readily pose for the judges!



Posed too much on front toes - back feet too forward



Back feet too far forward causing the rabbit to appear undercut.

Flat and long in body type.



Properly placed front and hind feet showing a good



# Somewhere in Time

## Cavies For You-th

**J**udging from letters received in the American Cavy Breeders Association office, one of the biggest problems young people have who are considering the possibility of raising cavies is their care, and the cost of such a project. Before you decide which of the three recognized breeds you will raise, let's discuss housing and general care requirements for all cavies. You will need a cage at least 12" x 12" x 12", so that each animal can move freely and will have plenty of fresh air to breathe. To begin with you might start raising them in orange crates divided into two pens for two sows or two boars. (Orange crates are usually FREE at the corner market.) After you receive your first babysitting money, or talk the raise in your allowance into reality and can afford better housing for your animals you may want to build a drawer type pen, or one that will individually house each animal arranged, in tiers of three or four, with partitions that remove for breeding the animals or to provide more space for the new litter of youngsters. Wood floors are best, and pegboard for the back of the pens work well.

Now that you have cages, and before you expand the herd have you arranged with the market for a supply of the lettuce leaves they discard when packaging lettuce? Cavies depend on the lettuce more than any item in their diet because of the Vitamin C content, but if you cannot get as much lettuce as you think they need, and have only a little to feed each evening, you might want to add the cavy pellet to their diet. Rabbit pellets, only the non-medicated ones, work quite well if you have a good supply of lettuce. If you live where you can raise your lettuce or some carrots feeding the cavy will be easier. The cavy also loves to have fresh grass trimmings, but be sure that none of it has been sprayed with insecticide first.

Hay is needed for roughage in the cavy diet and should be fed at least every other night. You might also cut expenses here, by raking the lawn after the trimmings are dried. There are several types of bedding that you can choose from. Shavings, peat moss, sugar cane products, sawdust, but the

shavings seems to work best for all the breeds, remembering the long coat of the Peruvian which tends to become matted in the longer pieces of the sugar cane products.

The most popular cavy raised is the smooth coated American that retains his sleek look simply by having you rub his coat with your hand. If you rub the coat the wrong way you will remove the guard hairs that tend to make his coat have a rough appearance. The Abyssinian has a harsh coat and is decorated with rosettes, or swirls of hair that seems to stand away from the surface of the skin, the more the better, and a mane, ruff, and a mustache.. The best coated Abys are produced in a colder climate or caviary than the American and Peruvian like to live in. (Cavies should have above 50° maintained steadily for best results.) Grains in the diet of the Aby are said to improve the harshness of its coat.

The fancy Peruvian does not just happen, but requires daily grooming and good care. The coat of the Peruvian needs to be groomed with a wide bristle brush to make the sweeps of hair lay like an oval around the animal, and should cover the face so that it is difficult to tell if the animal is coming or going. Grooming should start at 4 weeks of age. Those of you interested in exhibiting the cavy will want to purchase a copy of the Standard from the A.R.B.A. Secretary (\$2.00). The standard will tell you what the judge will look for in various colors and breeds.

Anyone having questions about the cavy unanswered here, or desiring a copy of the free brochure of the A.C.B.A. is invited to write the Secretary, 56 Riverside St., Portsmouth, R.I. 02781. You need not be a member of the A.C.B.A. to receive any information. Yes, cavies are for YOU-TH, but remember to begin small, learn about the animal, then expand your hobby. A cavy is usually an acceptable pet for those of you living in apartments.

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# IT'S SHOWTIME!

## May - June - July ARBA Shows

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### INDIANA

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
5/18	Chrisney	River City Rabbit Breeders Assoc.	Single All Breed (O & Y)	Flora M Werne wanch@psci.net
5/18	Chrisney	Rolling Hills RBA	Single All Breed (O & Y)	Flora M Werne wanch@psci.net
5/25	Lebanon	<a href="#">Central Indiana Rabbit Club</a>	All Breed - Triple Open Double Youth	Sabine Urbanus dakotaandsabine@yahoo.com
5/25	Lebanon	Indiana State Rex RBA	Rex Only (O & Y)	Teresa Thomas instrexrba@gmail.com
6/02	Hamlet	<a href="#">Calumet RBA</a>	Single All Breed (O & Y)	Lee Nevills bulletsink@msn.com
6/22	Corydon	Harrison Co. Ag. Society	Single Open Fair Show	Patti Byerley hutchnbunch@aol.com
6/22	Petroleum	Indiana Mini Lop Club	Mini Lop Double (O & Y)	Judy Todd hjtodd0060@att.net
7/06	La Porte	LaPorte Co. 4-H Rabbit Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Kelly Woods kp20493@gmail.com
7/07	Terre Haute	Illiana RBA	Youth All Breed Show	Jean Thomas toaster@ccrtc.com
7/13	Terre Haute	Illiana RBA	Open All Breed Fair Show	Jean Thomas toaster@ccrtc.com
7/20	Goshen	Elkhart County Fair	Youth All Breed Fair Show	Mindy Valtierra mindyliechty@gmail.com
7/24	Greencastle	Putman County Fair & 4-H Club Assoc. Inc.	Youth All Breed Fair Show	Dawn Overbay overbayo@tds.net

### KENTUCKY

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
7/06	Stanford	Lincoln Co. Fair	Youth All Breed Fair Show	Michelle Padgett renatepadgett@yahoo.com

## MICHIGAN

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
5/17	Coldwater	Just For Fun R & CBA	Single Open All Breed	Christine Plank willis@lucky-buck.com
5/18	Coldwater	Just For Fun R & CBA	Champagne D`Argent Nat'l Show	Christine Plank willis@lucky-buck.com
5/18	Coldwater	Just For Fun R & CBA	Champagne D`Argent Specialty Show	Christine Plank willis@lucky-buck.com
5/18	Coldwater	<a href="#">MI Satin &amp; Mini Satin BA</a>	Satin/Mini Satin Only Double O & Y	Holly Mercer hollyfrogs@gmail.com
5/18	Coldwater	The MI New Zealand Specialty Club	New Zealand Only Double O & Y	Katie Holcomb kdsrabbitryandfarm@gmail.com
5/19	Coldwater	Just For Fun R & CBA	Champagne D`Argent Double Specialty Show	Christine Plank willis@lucky-buck.com
6/1	Corunna	<a href="#">MI Satin &amp; Mini Satin BA</a>	Satin/Mini Satin Only Triple O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/1	Corunna	<a href="#">MI State Mini Rex RC</a>	Mini Rex Only Triple O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/1	Corunna	<a href="#">Michigan's Holland Lop Express</a>	Holland Lop Only Triple O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/1	Corunna	<a href="#">Blush &amp; Bashful Neth. Dwarf Assoc.</a>	Netherland Dwarf Only Triple O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/1	Corunna	Michigan Cavy Breeders Association	Cavy Only Double O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/1	Corunna	<a href="#">Great Lakes Rex Rabbit Association</a>	Rex Only Triple O & Y	Jeremy Watmuff jwcurve@hotmail.com
6/8	Whittemore	MI Angora Club	Angora Open Only	Colleen Boyd atouchofbunnyfiber@gmail.com
6/22	Harrison	Clare County Small Animal Assoc.	Double All Breed	Carol Forkum cforkum@yahoo.com
6/29	Coldwater	MI State Rabbit Breeders Youth Assoc.	Double All Breed	Caitlin Plank cwplank@outlook.com
7/13	Coldwater	Cal-Bra-Hill RC	Double All Breed Single Youth All Breed "Night Show"	Holly Mercer hollyfrogs@gmail.com
7/13	Coldwater	Michigan's Holland Lop Express	Holland Only Double Open & Youth	Bonnie Norton bnorton7618@yahoo.com
7/20	Dimondale	Michigan Cavy Breeders Association	Cavy Only Double Open & Youth	Kelly Hansen khansen1982@gmail.com

## ONTARIO

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
6/1	Brooklin	Brooklin Spring Fair	Double Open All Breed Fair Show	Dave Grandy
6/9	Millbrook	Millbrook Fair	Double Open All Breed Fair Show	Alisha Bauer a.downes@hotmail.com

# OHIO

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
5/18	Norwalk	Huron County RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Marie Waite cinnhillrabbits@aol.com
5/18	Wilmington	Ohio Mini Rex Rabbit Club	Mini Rex Only Nat'l Show	Karen Hackett hiddentreasurersminis@gmail.com
5/19	Wilmington	Ohio Mini Rex Rabbit Club	Mini Rex Only	Karen Hackett hiddentreasurersminis@gmail.com
5/25	Wooster	United Angora Rabbit Club	Angora Only Double Open	Emily Ashton ashtonhomestead@gmail.com
5/26	Wooster	United Angora Rabbit Club	Angora Only Double Open	Emily Ashton ashtonhomestead@gmail.com
6/8	Richwood	Ohio State New Zealand RBA	New Zealand Only (O & Y)	Janelen Swartz janellenswartz6@gmail.com
6/8	Wapakoneta	<a href="#">Lima RBA</a>	Jersey Wooly Only (O & Y)	Amanda Behee info@limarba.com
6/9	Wapakoneta	<a href="#">Lima RBA</a>	Double All Breed	Amanda Behee info@limarba.com
6/9	Wapakoneta	Ohio Jersey Wooly RC	Jersey Wooly Only (O & Y)	Lisa Bell bertta10@yahoo.com
6/9	Wapakoneta	Buckeye Polish RF	Polish Only (O & Y)	Carl High bprfsec@yahoo.com
6/15	Atwater	Portage County R & CBA	Double All Breed	Bonnie Saunier bonniesaunier@gmail.com
6/29	Hillsboro	Ohio State Dutch RC	Dutch Only Double (O & Y)	Lisa Kirk lablover1996@yahoo.com
7/7	Willmington	Clinton County Agricultural Assoc.	Open All Breed Fair Show	Vicki Bogan kvb_rabbits@frontier.com
7/10	Cortland	Trumbull Co, Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Charlene Benton charlenebenton@embarqmail.com
7/11	Willmington	Clinton County Agricultural Assoc.	Youth All Breed Fair Show	Vicki Bogan kvb_rabbits@frontier.com
7/20	Logan	Buckeye Polish RF	Polish Only Triple Open & Youth	Carl High bprfsec@yahoo.com
7/21	Springfield	Clark County Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Dody Haughey dody061662@yahoo.com
7/22	Tallmadge	Summit County Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Maya Jordon mayajordon@gmail.com
7/24	Owenville	Clermont County Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Bonnie Kirker-Bogart bonniekirker-bogart@gmail.com
7/31	Eaton	Preble County Fair	Open All Breed Fair Show	Kami Schooley schooleyrabbits@gmail.com
7/31	Eaton	Preble County Fair	Youth All Breed Fair Show	Tonya Brooks-Clark tbrooks21@woh.rr.com