2012 TOP LOP-Open

1 ~ Zenk's Willie ~ Z289 - 8431 pts
Bred and owned by Andrea and Dale Zenk, MN

Willie has been one of the barn favorites ever since he was born. His mother was the only doe from my barn to ever win a Best in Show. Unfortunately she died when her first litter was three weeks old. She had five live babies, but only two were saved, one of which was Willie. He never went through that ugly stage, and I knew early on that he was going to be a "keeper".

Willie's record in 2012 was impressive. He won three Best in Show's, one Best Reserve in Show and 15 Best of Breeds. Through his whole show career he won a total of thirty-three legs. His impressive show record is dwarfed by his value as a herd buck, and even though he is still a young rabbit I am looking forward to using him for many more years.

I would like to congratulate all of the other Top Lop winners and thank you for letting me brag him up.



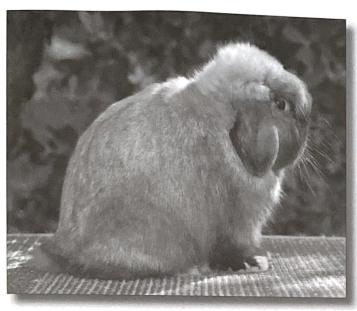


 $2 \sim \text{Marshall Hill's Beauty} \sim \text{BT} - 3312 \text{ pts} \\ \text{Bred by Jennifer Harris, WA} \\ \text{Owned by Teri Antonioni, WI}$

This rabbit is a result of some co-breeding that Jennifer and I did at one of the ARBA Conventions. We bred our own does to each other's bucks and then swapped the does. She had two bucks born out of that breeding, out of Antonioni's Jax and Antonioni's Aurora. She bred Aurora back to Jax's son, Pilgrim and produced Marshall Hills Beauty. Jennifer was wonderful in letting me purchase this doe back as a junior.

Last year she was the #8 Top Lop. She has been proven herself to be a wonderful show doe and also an excellent mother. She currently has a litter of three. She may come out to hit the tables again but, to me, she is more important to keep in the breeding project.

Thank you again, Jennifer, for making such a pretty doe and letting me take her home.



$3 \sim \text{DTL Hulk} - \text{L8}$ - 2669 pts Bred by the Maki Family, CA Owned by Chris and Matt Zemny, CA

Hulk was a very special buck that I purchased from the Maki's when he was about five months old. He is the half brother to the #3 Youth Top Lop this year, DTL Creature. He was the sweetest little guy and became a special pet in my barn, always begging for head pets.

DTL's Hulk's claim to fame was winning Best of Breed Open at the 2012 ARBA Convention. He went as a substitution for a buck we had entered that was molting. Hulk also won two Best in Shows, one Best Reserve in Show, and several Best of Breeds.

We had a serious feed problem the beginning of 2013, and lost Hulk. We still miss his little face pressing out of the cage for pets.

Special thanks to Shane, Sarah, Eli, Zander, Riley and Brodie Maki for selling us this special little guy!

4 ~ Washburn's Capri ~ WW485 - 2045 pts Bred and owned by Larry, Nancy & Heather Washburn, OH

Washburn's Capri's shining moment was winning Best Opposite of Breed at the 2012 ARBA Convention in Wichita, Kansas. She is one of the most balanced rabbits we have had the pleasure of producing in our rabbitry. She always has that "look at me" attitude when on the show tables. Her natural head set and automatic pose along with her impressive buck sized head usually allows her to place her well in every show.

She is still a young doe and has already racked up three Best in Shows, one Best in Reserve and thirty Grand Champion Legs. Her Sire is Washburn's Bo, who won Best of Breed at 2011 Holland Nationals, and was the #1 Top Lop in 2011. Her Dame is Camelot's Lunar, a doe we purchased from Jenny Poprawski. We had been line breeding our Hollands for years without bringing in any new rabbits. At ARBA Convention in 2011, we decided to bring in some new does to try some outcross breeding. One rabbit we brought in was Lunar. Thank you Jenny, for sharing a nice doe with us to help us improve our breeding program.





5 ~ Washburn's Bo ~ WW331 - 1871 pts Bred and owned by Larry, Nancy & Heather Washburn, OH

Washburn's Bo has had quite a show carrier. He was the #1 Top Lop last year and came back as #5 this year. He was only shown at select larger shows this year, and he still did his share of winning. We decided to keep him home most of the time and allow him to breed our does.

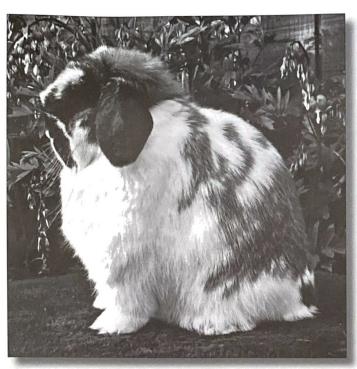
He is now living the good life at home in our barn at the young age of three. He is more important to our breeding program than winning any more shows. He is producing some of our best Hollands, and helping us improve our herd.

During his Show Carrier he racked up six Best in Show wins and 68 Grand Champion Legs. His greatest achievement was winning Best of Breed at the 2011 Holland Lop Nationals in Columbus, OH, then going on to win Best of Breed again the next day at the Ohio Mini Convention. He is a product of years of line breeding. We could not be more proud of him. He has a home here for life!

6 ~ Floppytrail's Moe ~ F11-1822 pts
Bred and owned by Teri Roch (Crossland), OH

FloppyTrail's Moe is just an all around great animal and great producer. He is passing the wonderful attributes he possesses on. I look forward to many generations to come from him!





7 ~ Cammack's Mama Mia ~ PV221 - 1736 pts Bred and owned by Pay and Val Cammack, ME

Mia is out of a nice buck, named "Proud Ears Zinger" that we purchased at the HLRSC auction, at 2011 Nationals (OH) from Emily Meghar. Zinger already had a few of our rabbits way back in his pedigree. Thanks Emily! He really clicked well with our does.

Mia's mom is Cammacks' Marina, whose pedigree includes Cammacks' Ferrari (grandfather), Cammacks' Lyric (great grandmother), and LL Baxter (great grandfather), all were past ARBA convention winners.

Mia is a beautiful showgirl with attitude and loves to pose. We knew she was special when she won three Best of Breeds at the 2012 PA State mini convention in Lebanon, PA, at the age of five months. One judge said, "She gave me goosebumps!" Our friend Barry Hustins heard about her wins and said, "You've got to call her Mama Mia!" and so we did. After that, she went on to win nine Best of Breeds, two Best Opposite Sex Breeds, two Best in Shows and one Best Reserve in Show. Not bad for only going to fifteen shows. Mama Mia is now home raising some babies!

8 ~ Camelot's Hansel ~ 411C - 1681 pts
Bred and owned by Jenny Poprawski, WV

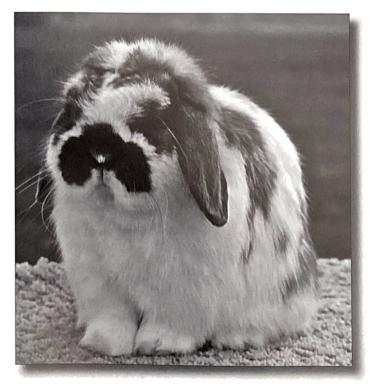
Hansel is one of the most dynamic bucks I have had in a long time. He changed the doe winning streak here at Camelot, to a buck winning streak. Hansel and fellow buck, Jumping Jack (Hansel's repeat breeding) have placed in the top ten at the last two ARBA Conventions and HLRSC Nationals!

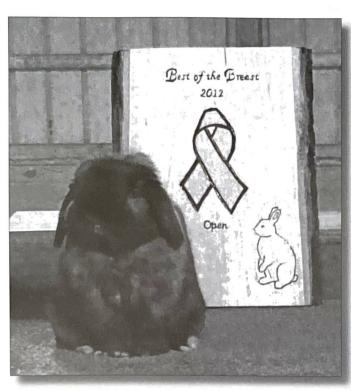
Hansel has a beautiful head and had me since "Hello, take me out of the box!" Hansel quickly had to learn to grow up with sister, Gretel, as they were separated from Twiddle Dee because we ate too much. Gretel moved on and left brother Hansel in the cage to be with the witch Jenny, who never gives me more food.

He has head curvature from every direction and nice type! He started off with a little more ear length than I would like see on a junior, but filled in nicely with his massive buck head. I would like to see him be more of an instant poser.

Hansel first large win was at the ARBA Convention, where he won first place broken junior buck, at 4 months old. He has placed consistently since then. He won seventh place at the 2012 ARBA Convention, and second place at the 2013 HLRSC Nationals. He has 35 Legs with two Best in Shows, one Best Reserve in Show, fourteen Best of Breeds and six Best Opposite Breeds.

He is the most affectionate little guy, but touchy when it comes to posing, as if saying, "I want to pose on my own and if you dare touch me I will hide, like I hide from the witch" just like the 'Hansel and Gretel' story.





9 ~ Daybreak's Ruger ~ AK74 - 1680 pts Bred and owned by Diane Drier & Diane Walter, MI

In six months Daybreak's Ruger accumulated eleven Best of Breeds, eight Best Opposite Breeds, and two Best Reserve in Show wins. At the time of his death he had 25 legs.

Ruger was not only the best Holland Lop that we have ever bred, he was one of our favorites. His personality was like no other. He loved to go to the shows and show off. He did not like it when a judge would put their hands over his head when they posed him. He would nibble on their hands as if to say, "I can do it myself!" And sure enough when they would leave him alone, he would pop right up and show himself off. When in the barn he was the one that always wanted to be out of his cage. He would pace back and forth until you got him out, and let him set himself up! Unfortunately we lost Ruger last fall, after convention. He will never be forgotten in our rabbitry. We are very blessed to have had him and he is proving he can pass on those genes in his children.

10 ~ Washburn's Annie ~ WW404 - 1633 pts Bred and owned by Larry, Nancy & Heather Washburn, OH

Annie is the product of many years of hard work in our breeding program. She is a doe that can still be shown after having litters. Most does loose condition and gain too much weight after having babies, but not Annie! Her first Best in Show came while she still had a six-week old litter living with her. We had a show last fall and decided to take her, even though she was still on that litter. She went on to win Best of Breed, and all the way on to win Best in Show. The picture, that apprears to the right, was taken on that great day. She has three Best in Show wins so far and 41 grand champion legs.

Annie was also second place solid senior doe at the 2012 ARBA Convention. She has also had 4 litters. Watch for Annie and her offspring on the show tables this fall.

