2017 Top Lop Youth Winners

1 ~ DTL's Dark Nose - TLC63

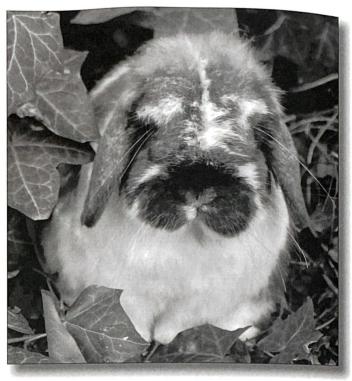
Bred and owned by Brody & Riley Maki, CA

It is an honor to have earned Top Lop for 2017 with DTL's Dark Nose. He is a very special buck that has won many Best of Breeds, Best in Shows and Reserve in Shows. He started winning as a junior with a Best of Breed at four months of age. We did not show him for about a year, because we felt he was not ready to compete as a senior.

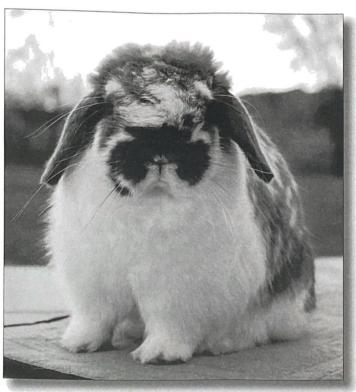
We are lucky that he produces color, as well as winning offspring, and that his juniors have done so well on the tables for us.

He is out of DTL's Frosted Cake, a frosty buck, and Critter Co*Op C675, a broken tort doe. We had no idea when we did the breeding, what the results would be; but it really worked out for us. We want to thank Chris Zemny for selling us the doe that helped to produce Dark Nose.

Thank you to all of the judges that have recognized DTL's Dark Nose for his wins, and thank you to the local Holland Lop exhibitors for your support. Congratulations to all of the other Top Lop winners



DTL's Dark Nose - TLC63



JC'S Blow Pop - JC169

2 ~ JC'S Blow Pop - JC169 Bred and owned by Jacelyn Royer, MI

From the beginning Blow Pop was special and was one of my favorite convention hopefuls. Blow Pop was the only one out of her litter that survived. Even when she was little she had a cute, fat face. She has always been spoiled with lots of treats, and lived in a top hole in my rabbitry, ever since she was weaned. It's hard to believe that this little doe accomplished one of my biggest goals as a junior, and at a young age.

Blow Pop did not start showing until September, so for her to get so far in such short amount of time just amazed me. I can't wait to see what she produces for me in the future. As of right now, Blow Pop is still spoiled and living like a queen in my room. She gets to enjoy the nice air conditioning during all this warm summer weather.

3 ~ JC'S Hermes - JC171 Bred and owned by Jacelyn Royer, MI

I always loved Hermes from the beginning because of his head. He always had a great head, but he went through a stage when I did not care for him very much. I guess we all go throw that at some point. I was excited to show him at convention, but was unsure how he would do being a younger junior buck. He did better than I expected for his age at convention. Since he started showing in September, he has won multiple Best In Shows and Reserve In Shows, along with winning Best of the Best at the first U.S. Day of the Dwarf show.

I have had several litters from him so far and can't wait to see what he produces for me. At the moment he is one of my favorite bucks in the barn, and is very spoiled.



JC'S Hermes - JC171



Breezy Pine's R2D2 - B145

4 ~ Breezy Pine's R2D2 - B145 Bred by Taylor & Tracie Deling and Sherry LaGesse, WI Owned by Tori Eckard, IA

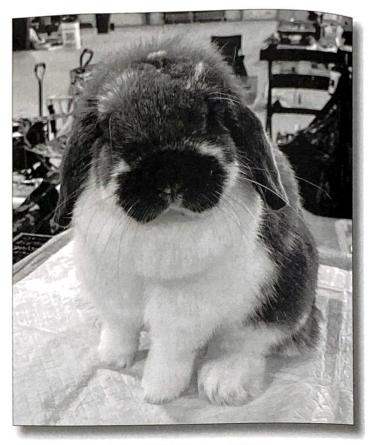
Hi all! I'm Tori Eckard and I proudly own the 4th place youth Holland Lop of the Year - Breezy pines R2D2! He has been an excellent addition to my Holland lop herd. When I first got him, I was a little "iffy" as he wasn't as developed as he is now. Shabby Acres acquired him when he was one and a half years old. He is now four with almost 30 legs. This little stud muffin has two Best in Show wins, including the Minnesota State Rabbit Breeders Association show. He always pouts when he doesn't win, and madly eats his food.

I absolutely love R2! We have worked very hard together. He is not just a show rabbit, but he is a big part of our family!

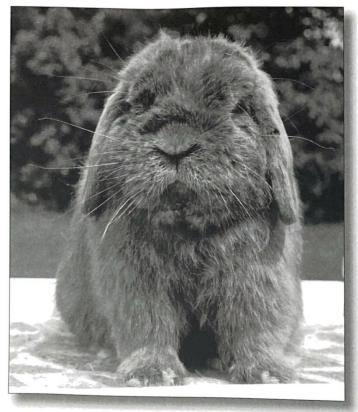
5 ~ Rolling Hill's Manon - RH35 Bred and owned by Kaylee Garrett, TX

Breeding is huge when it comes to getting better stock. Rolling Hills Rabbitry has really grown and produced some memorable litters. I remember when Manon was born, in a litter of three, in which all were kept. All three being some of the best rabbits I have ever owned. When she was little, I could tell that she was promising the moment I put my hands on her. Yet, I would have never guessed that she'd make it into Top Lop contest, nor would I have guessed that she'd win a double Best in Show, in Seguin.

I'm so proud to call this rabbit mine, and even more proud to say that I was the one that bred her. Yet, I couldn't have done it without the help of Bryan and Cindi Hinton from Quietcreek Farms. Without their encouragement and help, I wouldn't have made it as far as I have - second in the nation for sweepstakes, and first in my Zone and in Texas. Without some of their stock, Manon wouldn't have been born.



Rolling Hill's Manon - RH35



CR&DB Airborn - 479

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Breed by Diane Walter and Diane Drier, MI Owned By Jacelyn Royer, MI

I first got Airborn when he was really young, and at that point in time, he was very deserving of his name. I got Airborn because he was a blue, and I wanted to use him in my blue gold-tip steel program. He had nice parts, but wasn't anything special. He stayed in his hole for a while and I kind of forgot about him. He changed a lot because when I finally pulled him out of the cage he had this big old head and beautiful body.

Now Airborn is so spoiled and a big baby and I'm so in love with his personality. I love the babies I have been getting out of him! I am so glad I was able to purchase him. Thank you so much to Diane Drier and Diane Walters. I absolutely love him.

7 ~ Trevor's Hidden Valley - TS271

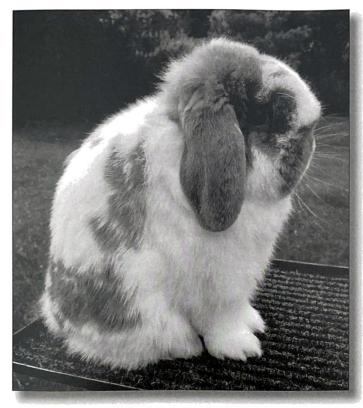
Bred and owned by Trevor Sierzputowski, IN

Valley is one special doe in my barn. While she did not see the table a whole lot, she has been very influential in rebuilding my Holland program. In August of 2017 I had a barn fire and lost over 100 rabbits, most of those being my main show string animals and my planned convention entries. Unfortunately I lost Valley's mother, grandmother, and several half sisters in the fire, but Valley lived. This doe has so much to offer my herd and she has been busy with litters trying to salvage what is left of that line.

Valley was one of those rabbits that didn't look too pretty as a junior, but after her first litter, popped, and really filled out. I started showing her after she had that first litter and she did quite well. She also represents a Holland with correct fur. She always seems to be in coat and has a very good length of fur. I'm glad that this doe is so influential to my herd, both on and off of the tables. I look forward to the legacy she'll leave in my barn and how she played a huge role in my decision to keep breeding rabbits after such a tragic event. I'm beyond excited to have placed an animal in the top ten in my last year of showing as a youth exhibitor. Thank you to the entire Holland Club for being such great supporters and friends throughout my Holland journey!



Trevor's Hidden Valley - TS271



Lap Lop's Paxton - PAXTON

8 ~ Lap Lop's Paxton - PAXTON Bred by Gabrielle Hibbert, CO Owned by Grace Feder, MN

I am so thankful to have received Paxton from Gabrielle and Linda Hibbert. He is the sweetest buck in the barn, and loves getting his head petted. But aside from being a sweetheart, he has been and still is my main herd buck. He has helped me to expand and grow my herd. I have had a lot of fun showing him and hope to have more success with his offspring.

$9 \sim K \& A$'s Jetsam - K494 Bred by Jeff & Melissa Gordon, TX Owned by Brittani Piper, TX

Hi everyone, I am Brittani Piper & this guy is Jetsam! I am so excited that I won 9th place Top Lop! I got Jetsam from K&A Rabbitry (Jeff & Melissa Gordon). Thank you for selling him to me. I also want to give a huge thank you to Brian & Cindi Hinton for helping me with this lovely breed and always being positive towards me & my rabbits!

Jetsam won multiple Best of Breeds and Best Opposites, but only one Best in Show. However, that one Best in Show was absolutely special to me! I have since retired Jetsam, to our breeding programs. He produces wonderful babies & is still my "fur baby", no matter what! Thank you to all the judges who have chosen Jetsam. I appreciate everyone's opinions & thoughts greatly!



K & A's Jetsam - K494



Floppy Trail's Butch- FTB7

 $10 \sim \text{Floppy Trail's Butch- FTB7} \\ \text{Bred by Teri Roch, OH} \\ \text{Owned by Cole Youtz, PA} \\$

Floppy Trail's Butch won Best in Show at the Central PA RBA in October 2017.