



Circle of Excellence



Swade's Mikey
Best of Breed - Open
2023 National Show
Bred & Owned by Charlotte Swade

I have been raising and showing rabbits for 25+ years, and winning my first Best of Breed at a National Show has been so rewarding with Swade's Mikey! I also received another 1st place award with his littermate, Swade's Dillion, which added to the reward. They were born on a cold, windy day in Two Rivers, WI; along with two does that will be staying in my breeding program. Mikey and his siblings are the result of years of line breeding. Every rabbit on his pedigree is a Swade rabbit.

While I am ecstatic to have won Best of Breed at Nationals, I can't stop being thankful to the friends, travels and adventures this hobby of raising rabbits has brought me. There have been many ups and downs throughout the years, but I just keep smiling and laughing. Remember, winning isn't everything - family, friends and the joy of the rabbits are the number one reason I continue to do this hobby.

Thank you to all the judges, committees and clubs that dedicated so much of their time and effort so we can all come together and have a good time.



D4 Rabbits Eclipse
Best Opposite Sex of Breed - Open
2023 National Show
Bred & Owned by Heather Depuy

Hello fellow Holland enthusiasts! I was blown away when Eclipse won Best Opposite at Nationals in Ohio and accomplished it at 4 1/2 months old. From the first time I took her out for posing practice, I knew she was special.

As fall rolls around, I'm excited to see how she does on the tables as a senior.

My daughter, Nichole, and I have been raising and showing rabbits together for 10 years now. Nichole is focusing on school and plans to join the Air Force like her father when she graduates in 2024. This will bring me full military circle; daughter, spouse, and mother of military members.

We have a very small rabbitry and live in Eastern Nebraska. We don't make it to many shows but the ones we do are always memorable because of the amazing people we have met and gotten to know through the years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dyan Murphy for producing the amazing stock it took to propel our herd to this point. Also, a huge thank you to Isaac White for inspiring Nichole in her Holland Lop journey.

Finally, my best piece of advice I tell people is go home and breed, breed, breed! Don't give up and have fun along the way.



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Murphy's Gavin
Best of Breed - Youth
2023 National Show
Bred by Dyan Murphy
Owned by Mollilyn Petro

Murphy's Gavin is a solid senior buck best known for winning the unbelievable honor of Youth Holland Lop National Best of Breed in 2022 and 2023. Readers have seen him in multiple Hollander issues with his Reserve and Best in Show honors. But, what you might be interested to know is his unique history. Gavin originally came to live at the Petro household as a birthday gift from (Aunt) Dyan Murphy, of Murphy's Lops, to MolliLyn's older brother Chase Petro. Not long after that, Chase decided to get out of rabbit showing to embark on adult life and dispersed his herd, selling most of his rabbits. Although Gavin was very cute, he wasn't the ROCKSTAR show rabbit he is today. He stayed because the entire family just adores him! He's funny, quirky, and demands your attention as soon as you enter the rabbitry. It was a sweet reward to see him develop into the beautiful rabbit he is today! It was as if when his head started to grow, we could see it change every day. Today he is hard for judges to NOT notice when his enormous head peeks out of the boxes on the show table! He is the perfect proof that some Holland Lops take a little more patience and time to grow into themselves.

Yes, he is incredibly spoiled. Every family member knows that if you open his cage door, you better be ready in case he jumps into your arms! Having the ability to own and show this amazing rabbit would not be possible without my Aunt Dyan. This success story started when she picked him out of a litter of 4 rambunctious little cute bucks and gave him as my brother's birthday present. She has been a valuable mentor to me in this hobby, as well as a show buddy. Showing rabbits is something we do as a family, pulling up to the shows these days with my aunt, my grandmother, my mom and myself...and a car packed full of rabbits! The awards and ribbons are very much appreciated, but the memories made are priceless.



Providence Lane's Sugar
Best Opposite Sex of Breed - Youth
2023 National Show
Bred & Owned by August Johnson

Hi, My name is August Johnson. I am 9 years old. I am going into 4th grade. I am the 2022 ARBA Lord. I got my first Holland Lop rabbit when I was 3 ½ years old, and I have loved Hollands ever since! The name of our rabbitry is Providence Lane Rabbitry. It is named after our Homeschool. I started breeding and raising Holland Lops in 2020 when I had my first litter.

Providence Lane's Sugar was the 2023 Holland Lop Spring National BOSB Winner. Sugar is a Broken Senior Doe. She is the best rabbit that I have ever raised. She was from my 12th litter. She likes to travel and go to shows with me. I was very honored to win BOSB.

I want to thank my friends, Mrs. Charlotte Swade and Mrs. Tiffeny Herioux for teaching me all about Holland Lops. They have been good friends to me. I also want to thank all my Wisconsin friends and all the other Holland Lop friends who have helped along the way. I am looking forward to making many more new friends in this club.