

1st Place Tie ~ 2016 Herdsman Youth Winner Gabrielle Hibbert ~ LapLop Rabbitry

Sweepstakes Herdsman is a numbers game. To win this placement requires depth of quality throughout your herd, some planning and some dollars. The more quality rabbits you show the more points you win. BOB and several of the top 8 on the table indicates a GREAT HERD. This is something that you have to create – you can't buy this. You have to know how to breed, cull and condition the best rabbits in your herd. If you only produce 30 or 40 babies a year, it doesn't give you as many chances for really good rabbits compared to producing 150- 200 per year. Numbers!

Producing lots of babies is just the first part of it. You must know which ones to keep. That means you are at the tables with the judges and learning about quality every single time your rabbits are shown. Not only will you learn good and bad points about your rabbits, but you will get a glimpse of other rabbits and learn from them too. Writing for judges is an awesome learning experience.

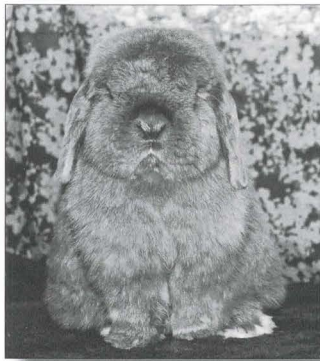
Did I say you have to know how to CULL? Cull means 'removing a rabbit from your herd'. That means only keeping the best – 1 out of 15 or 20 rabbits may be all you keep. Not one from every litter!

You must be willing to transport and pay for the entries for lots of rabbits every show you can get to! LapLop usually takes 20 or so Hollands – local shows maybe more. We can't know what the judge is looking for any one day – so having a whole string of quality rabbits may give that judge that day, just what he is looking for. The string of 'backup quarterbacks' and cheerleaders are what we call them. Additionally that adds points to all of the winning rabbits. Some call this stacking the tables – I call it supporting the show!

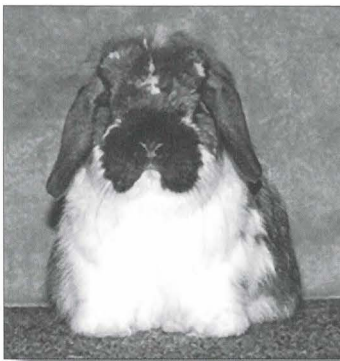
Oh and did I mention that it is very helpful to have grandparents willing to travel across the country with a truck full of rabbits! First Place HERDSMAN would not have happened without my grandparents, Linda and EG Hibbert and the following extraordinary rabbits: LapLop's Hollywood, Trojan, Thor, Celebrity, Kimberly, Party Girl and Gunner to name a few of our BOB rabbits.

And last but not least "Thank You Aslan!" for being the foundation of LapLops herd.

Gabrielle Hibbert



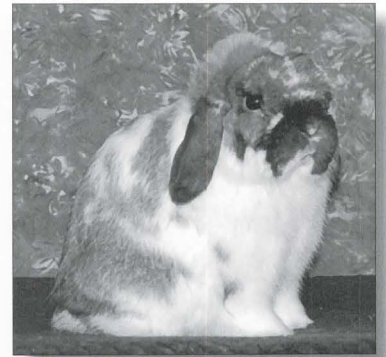
LapLop's Aslan



LapLop's Thor



LapLop's Kimberly



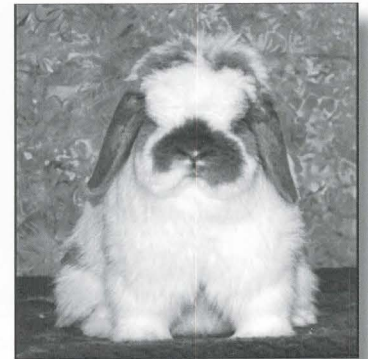
LapLop's Trojan



LapLop's Party Girl



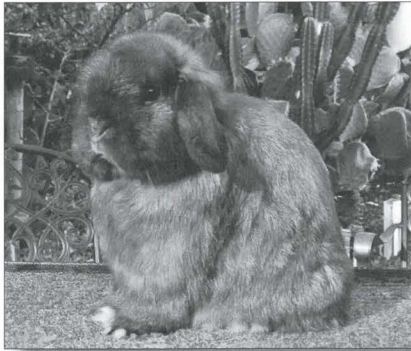
LapLop's Gunner



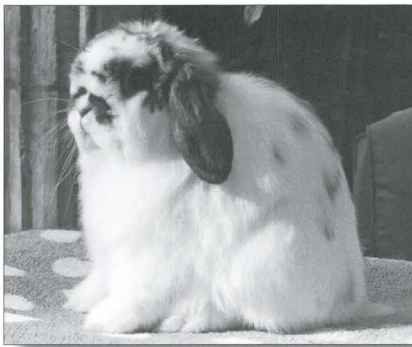
LapLop's Hollywood

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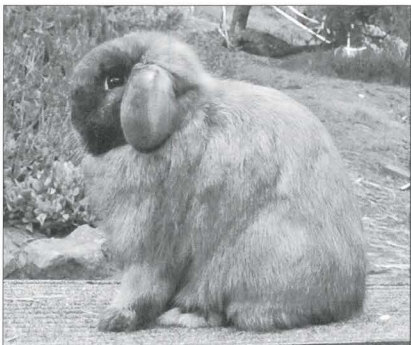
Emma Curia ~ EJ's Rabbitry



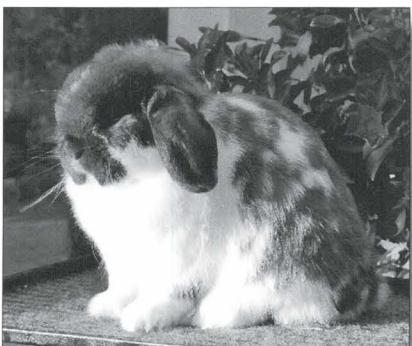
EJ's Del



EJ's Colt



EJ's That Girl



EJ's Krizzy

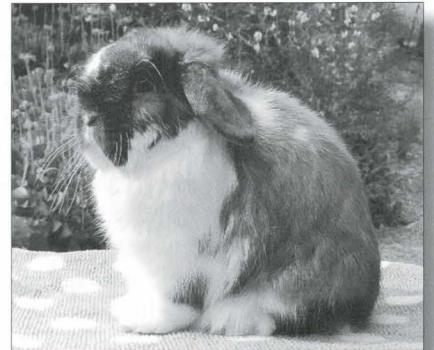
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The first time I walked into a rabbit show was at the Cow Palace in 2008. Although we walked out of that room with two Lionheads, I eventually convinced my mom to buy me my first Holland Lop in 2011, which I named Mr. Lop. Since then, EJ's Rabbitry has strived to breed the ideal lop; knowing that this is basically impossible, we have settled with progressively moving towards what the Standard defines as the perfect Holland Lop.

I am honored to be awarded 1st place Youth Herdsman in 2016, along with 1st Overall Quality Points, 1st Zone 2 Quality Points, 1st Zone 2 Sweepstakes Points, and 3rd Overall Sweepstakes Points. My mom and I love our rabbits and we are so thankful that our determination and long hours of hard work continue to better our herd. I would like to thank my mom, Janine, for being just as passionate and crazy about raising rabbits as I am. I owe her and my dad the world for supporting this obsession. As I continue to move closer to my final year as a youth breeder, I am excited to witness the future endeavors of EJ's Rabbitry on the open show tables, and I am confident that my passion for showing rabbits will never fade.

Emma Curia

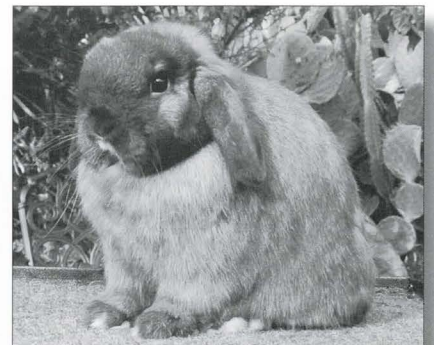
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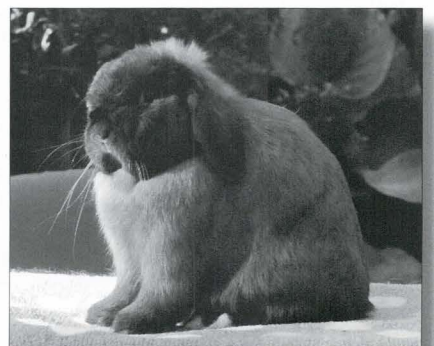
EJ's Uzi



EJ's Morty



EJ's Tia



EJ's Hoot

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2016 Top Lop Youth Winners

1 ~ JC'S Goldrush - JC67

Bred and owned by Jacelyn Royer, MI

I couldn't be happier about Goldrush earning Top Lop this year, especially with him being a Gold-tip steel.

He was 2nd. place Top Lop last year and I was super happy with that. All those years ago when I started playing with Gold-tip steels, most thought it was crazy, and others just supported me and said it won't be easy. I can say it wasn't easy but it was all worth it. It's one of those things you hope to do someday, and not sure you ever will. It's just an amazing feeling to have bred him myself, and to be the color he is just makes it so much more exciting.

Goldrush has been a very special rabbit ever since he was little. He was my first Gold-tip steel Holland buck and one of the best rabbits I've ever produced. He's the most spoiled rabbit you will ever meet. Goldrush loves kisses, going to shows and his treats, of course.

He has over 60 legs at the moment. My herd would not be the same without him and he has influenced my steel program tremendously. Several of his offspring including himself have placed in the top five and first at conventions and national shows. I have some beautiful doe's out of him, and several sons that I like, but none come close to him.

Congratulations to all the Top Lop winners in youth and open.



JC'S Goldrush - JC67 oux JR - 5S162



Schwandt/Herioux Jacky - 5S123

2 ~ Schwandt/Herioux Jacky - 5S123

Bred by Tiffeny and Mark Herioux, WI

Owned by Andrew Herioux, WI

Schwandt/Herioux Jacky is a broken black doe that was my first pick of a litter that was out of my buck, Schwandt's Diego, and one of my parents' does. Diego was my first bunny that I picked out when he was six weeks old and I wasn't quite three years old yet. I use to crawl into his mom's cage to play with the bunnies. Jacky started her show career last year as a baby and at her first show she won Best of Breed. She is named after one of my classmates. She now has a son that I started showing this year.

3 ~ CR & DB Bronco - D394W

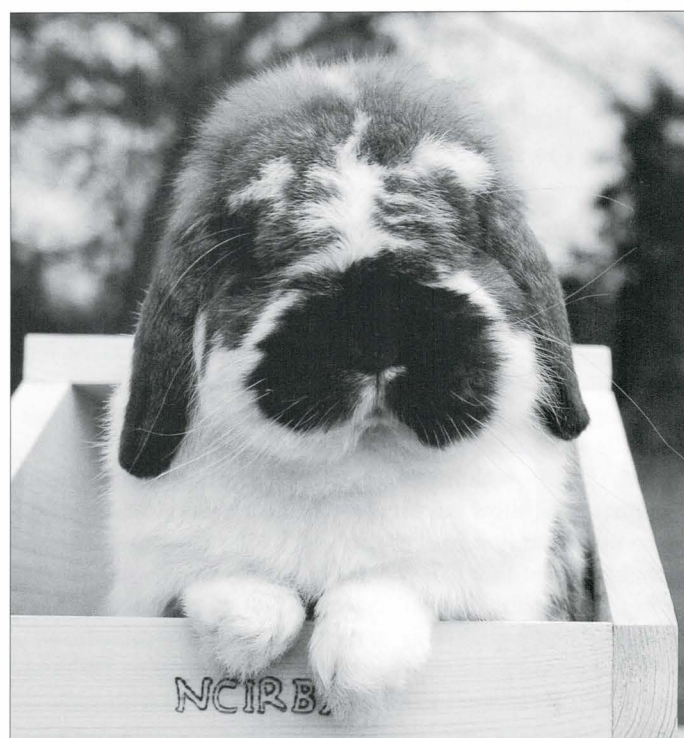
Bred by Diane Walter and Diane Drier, MI

Owned by Jacelyn Royer, MI

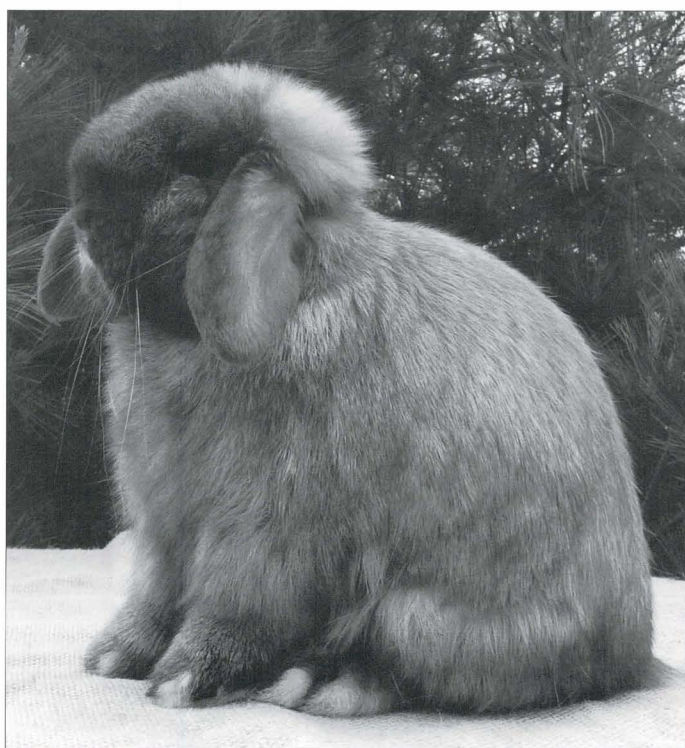
I am very excited to see Bronco earn himself third place Top Lop this year. I bought Bronco as a young senior about a year and a half ago, because I didn't have any broken bucks. I had no idea how he would work in my herd, but I loved his look and took that chance.

To date Bronco has earned 38 legs and is one of my barn favorites and is spoiled. He has a really great personality in the barn and on the show table. He is producing very nice does and bucks that I look forward to showing soon. I really appreciate Diane Walter and Diane Drier from Cross-roads/Daybreak Rabbitry for giving me the opportunity to purchase him, and for producing such a handsome buck.

Thank you.



CR & DB Bronco - D394W



BHH Finn - B71

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Bred and owned by Jacob Hawkes, OH

BHH Finn is the son of BHH Timothy and Luv Lops Sydney. His brother is a beautifully clean sable point, BHH Poe. I knew early on that they were going to be something special.

Both brothers were beautiful juniors. Finn was a favorite among several of my rabbit friends, and he is by the best junior I have shown, even though it took a lot of practice on the grooming table to get him to sit still! He showed well as a junior, having his first class win at three months of age and winning two Best of Breeds at four months of age.

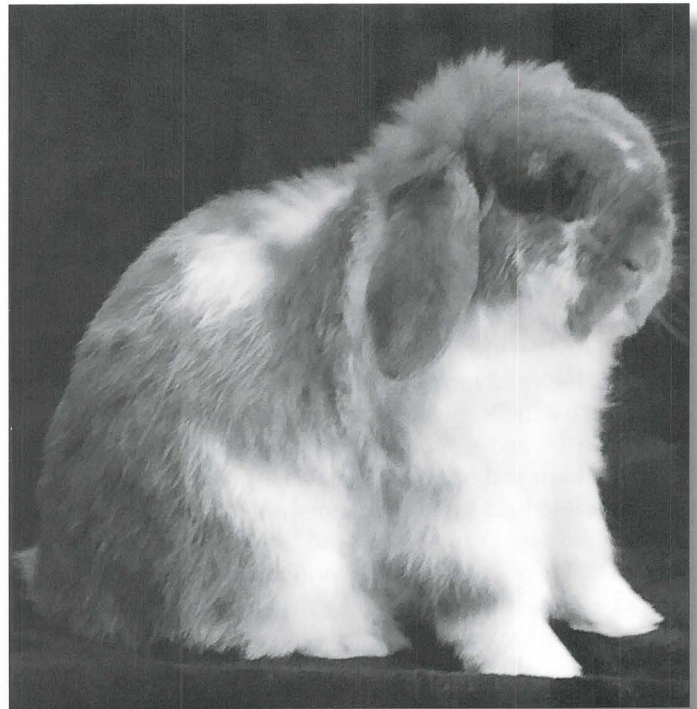
Finn and Poe's sire and dam had purposely been bred to have juniors for the 2016 Holland Lop Nationals. At the time of the show, Finn was 4.5 months old. I was amazed that he went on to win Best Opposite of Breed at Holland Lop Nationals! He attended a total of seven shows earning nine legs. Since then, Finn has sired many litters and enjoys being spoiled daily!

5 ~ Quietcreek's BB

Bred by Brian and Cindi Hinton
Owned by Kaylee Garrett, TX

Walking into Quietcreek's barn, there were so many great quality rabbits that I could have chosen. I fell in love with a broken blue buck named BB. He sat at the front of his cage looking at me; sitting in a perfect pose as if he were just showing off. In addition to his natural show instincts, he had the sweetest personality, and he was just all around beautiful. We brought him home and he became the focal point of Rolling Hills Rabbitry.

I work with him daily to keep him in top show form. He started the show circuit strong, but the happiest day came when he was announced as the Best in Show winner. I knew at that moment that this was the buck that we wanted to clone. He became the star in our breeding program and has produced many quality show rabbits. I feel extremely honored and proud to be the owner of such an amazing Holland Lop. I'm truly blessed to have been surrounded with such supportive people that have helped mentor me to become truly successful!



Quietcreek's BB



Son Rose ROZA- Solid Sr Doe

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Bred and owned by Ian, Serena and
Vivian Roach, SC

7 ~ Smokey - FP82

Bred and owned by Brenna White, IN

I'm honored to receive the title of #7 Top Lop two years in a row. Both does are very special to me and my herd. However, Smokey didn't seem like much at first.

In the beginning, I had my sights set on her sister, Arsyn. But Smokey stayed around because I wanted to see what she grew into and I could potentially use her as a brood doe. Little did I know that she would grow into having a killer body. I decided to start showing her as a young senior and she did surprisingly well. She began with winning a few Best of Breeds and Best Opposites and was consistent with wins throughout her show career.

She's a doe that you can really appreciate her body structure and condition, and the judges seemed to realize this too. In the middle of her career she won a Best 4-Class at a show in Huntington, IN. She continued to show after this and won a few more Best of Breeds. She now stays at home, refusing to breed, but we will keep trying. Wish us luck!



Smokey - FP82



T Sha's Warpath

8 ~ T Sha's Warpath

Bred and owned by Drayden Jagneaux, TX

T Sha's Warpath is the heart of our barn. We knew he was special from the day he was born. He is the first competitive Holland that was both bred and raised in our barn. He has over 14 legs many of which are Best of Breeds and several Hollander Top Lop mentions to round out his Grand Championship. He is sired from Stone Hill's SH's Livingston, and his dame is Prairie Wind Farm's PWF S442 Makko. He has a winning disposition and a one of kind character.

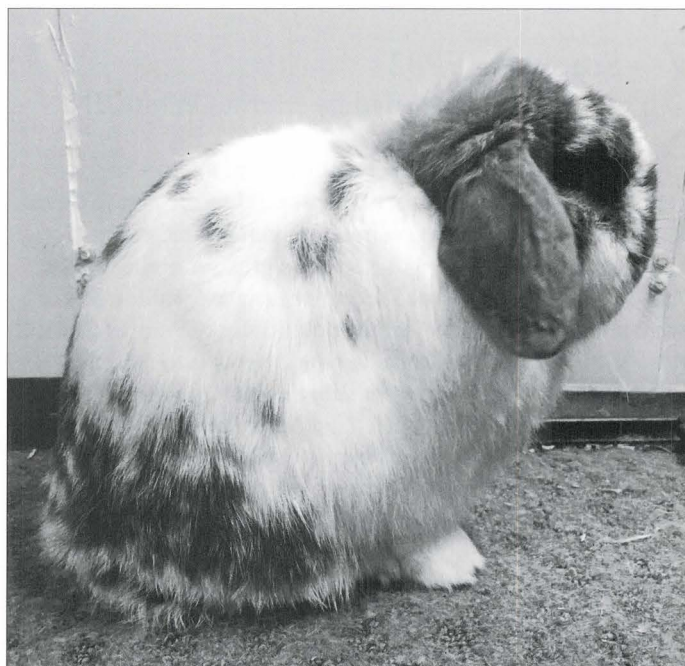
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the adult breeders who have given their time, advise and shared their experiences with me and other youth breeders. A special thank you to Ms. Linda from Prairie Wind Farms. You gave us our first breeding pair. Your mentorship continues to guide us through this great journey. For all the late-night calls and consults you have graciously accepted and all the questions answered, we cannot thank you enough.

9 ~ Schwandt/ Herioux JR - 5S162

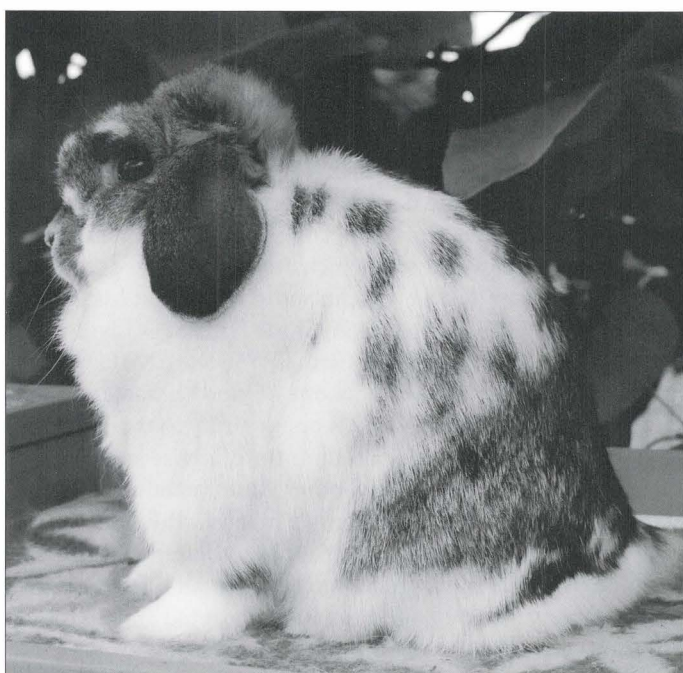
Bred by Tiffeny and Mark Herioux

Owned by Andrew Herioux

Schwandt/Herioux JR is a broken blue tort buck that started his show carrier last year as a junior. His best win was Best of Breed Youth at the Ohio Mini Convention all breed show. He is a great grandson of my first Holland, Schwandt's Diego, who I picked out at six weeks old, and I wasn't three years old yet. He was a joint breeding with my parents, Tiffeny and Mark Herioux.



Schwandt/ Herioux JR - 5S162



JC'S Gamora - R216

10 ~ JC'S Gamora - R216

Bred and owned by Jacelyn Royer, MI

I am very pleased that Gamora made it into the top ten this year. She is a very sweet rabbit with an amazing personality. I have always loved her body and beautiful chestnut color. She always did very well on the show tables for me and won 10 legs.

Sadly I had to pull her off the show tables at a early age, when I had a bad batch of feed as she lost all her flesh and condition. It has taken some time to get her back to feeling good again. I hope to get a litter out of her and maybe have her revisit the tables again as a senior.



TRIPLE HOLLAND BEST IN SHOW WINNERS

*Three different breeders won BIS in three separate shows
at the same club's triple show*

*The Greater Pittsburgh RBA
New Castle, PA - 6/3/17*

Best in Show - Show A

Bastet's Komotsu

Bred and owned by Dawn Guth, OH

Best in Show - Show B

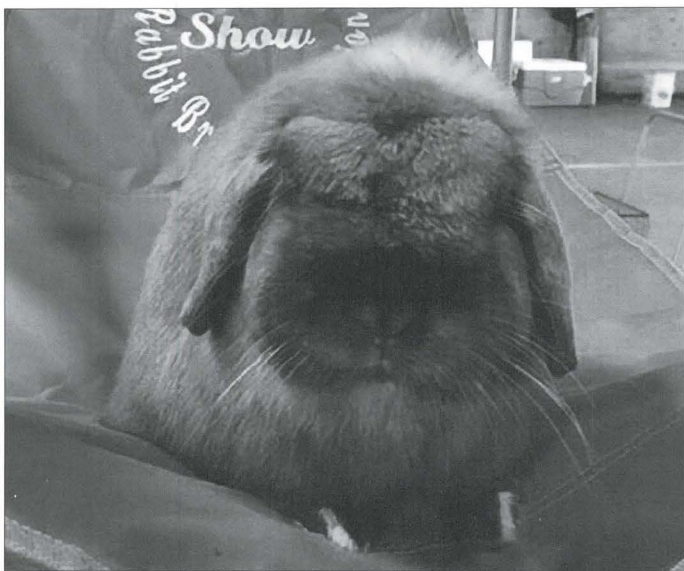
Murphy's Andy

Bred and owned by Dyan Murphy, PA

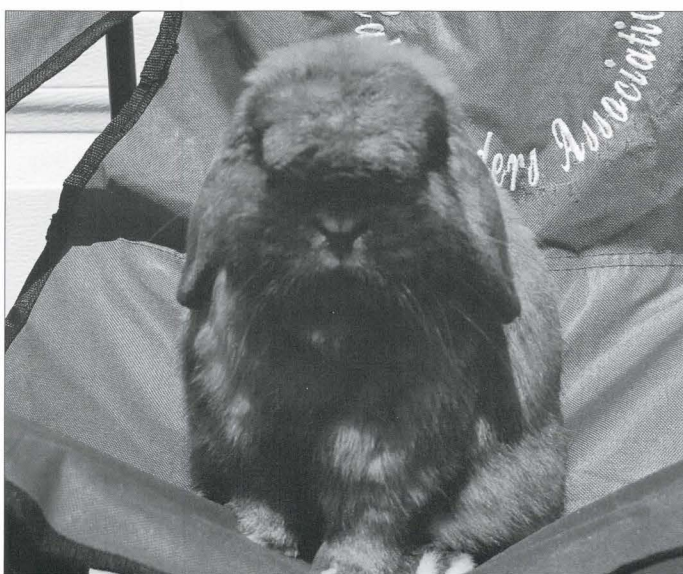
Best in Show - Show C

Coffee Creek's Dover

Bred and owned by Gail Percy, PA



*Best in Show ~ Show A ~ Bastet's Komotsu
Bred and owned by Dawn Guth, OH*



*Best in Show ~ Show B ~ Murphy's Andy
Bred and owned by Dyan Murphy, PA*



*Best in Show ~ Show C ~ Coffee Creek's Dover
Bred and owned by Gail Percy, PA*

You be the Judge

by Cindi Hinton

PLACE THESE RABBITS

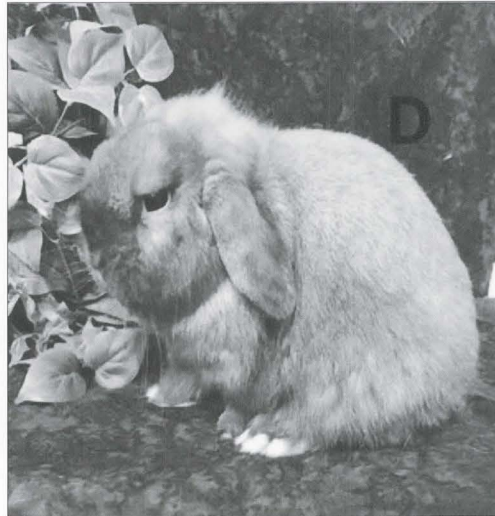
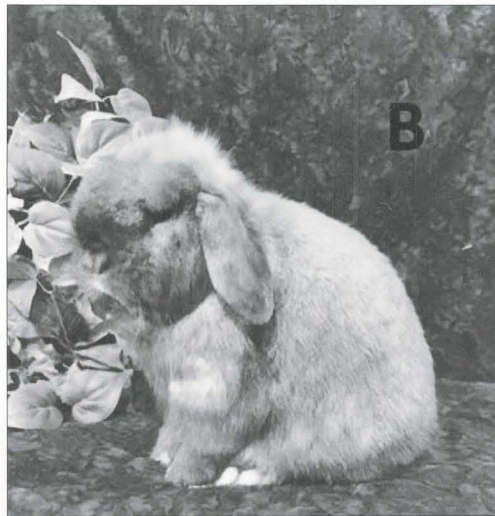
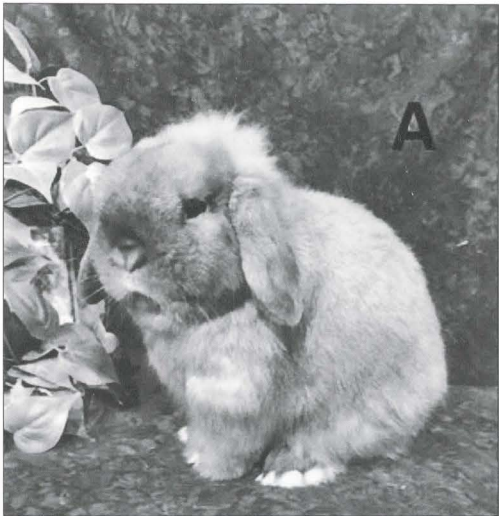
Answer at the end <NO CHEATING> Place the rabbits before you read this article and then read to the end. Hint there is no right or wrong answer, and no one will know your answer but you so have fun and place the photos how you see fit.

You may have read in my zone report that I do not like taking pictures for customers that really want quality. I will make exceptions for customers that are farther away, more than a day or two travel time, but I prefer that a customer come and really get their hands on the rabbit. We can go over all the good and bad points each rabbit has, and then they can decide.

Earlier this summer I decided to do a little experiment. I took the pictures, put them in a collage, labeled A through D, and then sent them to a few families we men-

tor. I told them to place the rabbits in order before I gave them my placements. I wanted to see how much they had learned. Everyone sent back his or her placements and I was impressed. I told them there really weren't any "wrong" answers and that I would explain my reasoning later. All responses were close except for one dad who placed D first. I guess in his defense I did tell them that there were no wrong answers!

Now for my placements, I placed these rabbits C, B, A, D. In my opinion C is the clear winner; he is posed closest to what the standard calls for. B & A could really flip flop, depending on your preference, but I have a problem with the hindquarter looking so undercut on A, so I put B ahead of A. D is clearly last in my opinion, but in the defense of the rabbit it is hard to get a good look because it isn't posed correctly.



This brings me to the reason why I did this, which was to prove a point. Are you ready? These are all four pictures of the same rabbit. That's right, all four are, one single rabbit in my barn. I got this idea from Chris; she posted a picture like this a couple of years ago. I also sent these photos to her, and she immediately responded that it was the same rabbit! Of course, she has a very trained eye! This is the reason I hate just clicking a picture to send to a customer. If I sent you a picture of D would you buy it? Three of these pictures I just put him on the table and clicked. C is a picture that I took the time to make him look as good as I could. I took several photos, and a foot would be out of place in one, or an ear back in another, or something else out of place in a third. Any fault a rabbit has will stand out in a lot of pictures. Pictures can make a difference but to get the right ones it is more than just a quick click.