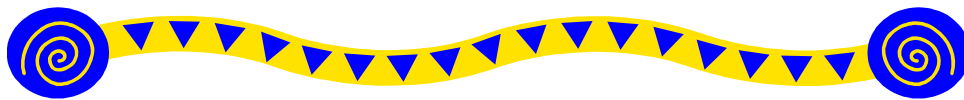


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Calendar of Events

MARCH 2, 2013

LRBA State Show, Burton Center, Lake
Charles, La

Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, and Dutch
Specialties in Open and Youth, Ariana St.
Pierre, Secretary

Judges: LeAnn McKinney, Kelly Flynn, Ken
McCracken, and Reanelle Harris

Specialties Judge (ND): Mary Jo Terry

MARCH 9, 2013

Iowa Rabbit Festival, Double Open/Double Youth, Iowa, Louisiana

Dana & Ronnie Duhon, Secretaries

Judges: Robert Caldwell, Tony Bell, Reanelle Harris, Cheryl Blackman, Mary Jo Terry

MAY 24 & 25, 2013

Memorial Day Show - Friday night is a single Open/Youth show. Saturday is a Double Open/Youth show - Alexandria, Louisiana

Collette Waters, Open Show Secretary
Breanna Dunaway, Youth Show Secretary
Ariana St. Pierre, Show Superintendent

Judges: Allen Mesick, Randy Shumaker, Doug King, Jeremy Watmuff, Drew Bliss, Rosa Fields, Todd Naragon, Wade Burkhalter, Michael Franke, Cheryl Blackman, Sara Michaud, Rusty Westhoff

JUNE STATE MEETING - TBA


June 14 & 15, 2013 – East Texas Double Show with Friday night specialties in Longview, Texas

August 29 & 30, 2013 - East Texas Double Show with Friday night specialties in Longview, Texas

October 5, 2013 – SLRBC Double Open/Double Youth show

October 12, 2013 – CLRBA Double Open/Double Youth show in Alexandria, Louisiana. Monna Berryhill, Secretary

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From the desk of the President

Our show season is usually winding down at this time of year, but it seems that this year we still have several shows to look forward to. Most of the local clubs have already held their annual rabbit shows, but we have our State show March 2nd, and a double show at the Iowa Rabbit Festival coming up on March 9th, as well as the big Memorial Day weekend group of shows to be put on by LRBA, Inc.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to exhibit your rabbits at the upcoming shows to be put on by LRBA, Inc. On Memorial Day weekend, LRBA, Inc. will be hosting a big triple show in Alexandria. Our secretary has been hard at work on this project. She has hired 12 judges from out of state. This project went off really nicely last year and has been growing every year. This year it should be even better.

I know the LRBA annual meeting seems a long way off, but it is time for anyone wanting to propose a change or changes to the Constitution & By-Laws to get their proposal(s) in written form. Remember that any proposed change(s) must be submitted to the Secretary 45 days prior to the Annual State Meeting.

Last year for the second time the LRBA annual meeting was hosted by Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association. They held a rabbit show following the meeting. I have hopes to see this event moved around the state and hosted by different local clubs each year. Please bring this up at your local club meeting and consider hosting this event in the near future.

As you read this article may all of you have nest boxes full of potential winners. Good luck and May God bless.

Lynn Hebert - LRBA President



From the Vice-President:

With the show season underway, it has been very busy for our family. We are constantly breeding and hoping for some dynamite jrs as we are attending our first ever Lop nationals. Not to mention, this year I have taken on some shows as secretary, one of which is our giant Memorial Day show! Which now will also be a Lopapalooza on Friday night and of course I'm very excited for that! I encourage everyone to come. It is a triple show and we expect a massive turnout. I hope with this year we can get some more volunteers to help run the club. We have some important positions open and desperately need volunteers! Hope everyone enjoys the show season and has plenty of granding buns!!

Breanna Dunaway - LRBA
Vice President

From the Youth Advisor:

Hello there kiddos! Hope everybody's working on their stock hard! I have seen recent posts from parents and kids about y'all's wins at shows and, let me just say, we're very proud of your hard work and dedication. Remember culling isn't easy but is the only way to move your herd forward. Culling is a very important part in breeding towards the standard and there are many ways of culling. I personally cull in our barn and it is a nail biter every time. It's hard to let go of the ones you like so much but just

aren't cutting it anymore. I also want everyone to read up on the new ambassador contest Austin Roark has worked on. I think it will be fun for all around! Other than that, enjoy your Mardi Gras and I hope to see you all at the upcoming shows!

Breanna Dunaway - Youth Advisor

From the Secretary:

Spring is going to be settling in on us pretty soon! I hope everyone is keeping their nest boxes full of little hopefuls! I'm going to start out this article with a little bragging. Bradley Babin recently won 1st place Junior Premier Exhibitor at the Central District Livestock Show. This was based on a written knowledge test. I am very proud of my son!

At this time, I only have one show left to work to become a registrar and I am hoping to work at the Crosby, TX show with the registrar in order to complete this. In January, I received a letter from Mike Avesing, our current ARBA president, congratulating me on being appointed to the ARBA committee for Advertising and Publicity for 2013. I am excited to be a part of the bigger picture and learn more about our hobby. Also, I am now one of three state representatives for Louisiana.

Our Annual State Show is being held March 2, 2013 in Lake Charles, LA. I hope to see all of you there. The trophies were recently ordered and I think they may even be prettier than last year's trophies!

The final sweepstakes for 2011-2012 have been posted. If you have not yet turned in your choice award sheet, please know that we will still order your award, but it may not be in by the state show.

This spring many national shows are being held fairly close to home. I encourage you to try to attend your breed's national show.

These shows are truly remarkable and unlike anything you'll experience at home. This year I am fortunate to be able to attend French/English Lop nationals in Berea, OH and plan to bring the kids to Tan and Netherland Dwarf Nationals in Louisville, KY. After attending our first convention, we are truly hooked on these "big" shows.

Our membership and club numbers are growing and with that it would be wonderful to also see participation levels going up. By participation, I don't mean just showing your rabbits. It's great for the clubs to have the financial support, but what all clubs need is the personnel support. We need people that are willing to give their time, energy and ideas to improving the club and working shows. I urge all of you to read the CBLs, become familiar with them and educate yourself. I've heard lots of "grumblings" over the past year about wanting change, but I haven't seen anything be put in action. The CBLs have the written procedure to propose a change to the CBLs. If there are rules you'd like to see placed in there or things you'd like to see changed, take the time to learn how to do this properly. Waiting until the meeting to voice your opinion, will not always help. A proposal needs to be in almost two months prior to the meeting in order to be heard. This is because we publish all proposals in the newsletter so that everyone has time to be informed and be able to make an educated choice when voting. If you have questions about how to go about submitting a proposal, feel free to contact me at aarabbitry@gmail.com or by phone at (985) 677-1298.

New Members -November 2012 to present

Allyson Falcoln

Riley Daughter (Y)

Edie, Danny, Daniel (Y) and Cole (Y) Killian

Abby Pruitt (Y)

Kalli Soley (Y)

Cierra Bennett (Y)

Shonda and Brandon (Y) Comeaux

Pamela Franklin

Sadie Freeman (Y)

Victor, Patricia, Blakesly (Y), and Emma (Y) Malley

Destiny Shaw (Y)

Expired or Expiring Members

Bryce Williams 8/12

Auboy & Donna Holland & fly 8/12

Brittany Deshotel 9/12

Meredith Musgrove & fly 9/12

James Bynum & Tyson Dempsey 10/12

Kenneth & Imogene Drews 10/12

Olivia Smith 10/12

Danny & Raelena Luquette 11/12

Taylor Cooksey 11/12

Dalton Easterling 11/12

Shuff Family 11/12

Kiley & Skylar Hough 11/12

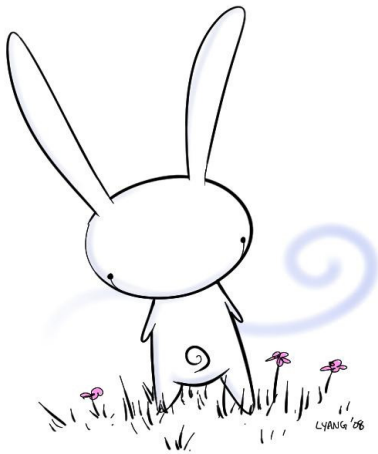
Mary Byrd 12/12

Logan Brown 1/13

Easley Fmly 1/13

Laura Hogan 2/13

Tracey & Tyrone Freeman	2/13
Latham fmly	2/13
Frazier fmly	2/13
Elliot fmly	2/13
Stokes fmly	2/13
Vikkie & William Lafollette	2/13
Leonard & Mavis Musk	2/13
Samuel Babineaux	2/13



NEWS FROM THE BAYOU REGIONAL RABBIT CLUB

We have revamped and extended the Bayou Holland Lop Rabbit Club and are now the Bayou Regional Rabbit Club. We wanted to include all of the Lop Bunnies and the Breeders that go along with them. Our club brings together people of all walks of life with a common interest in our lop bunnies. Anyone that loves a lop bunny-French Lop, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, and English Lop is invited to become a member. The officers of our club are Stacy Hyatt-President, Angelle Kreamer-Vice-President and Beth Roark-Secretary-Treasurer.

Our first show will be held in conjunction with the LRBA Memorial Day Weekend Show and we are so excited. On Friday night, we will be holding a Lopapalooza with a Top Lop Prize for the best of the Lops, and it will be so much fun! The secretary for the show will be Stacy Hyatt and the show superintendent will be Ariana St. Pierre. We can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,

Beth Roark - Secretary

NEWS FROM THE SLNDRC:

Members of SLNDRC have been busy across the state preparing for upcoming shows and the breeding season that is upon us. Spring is right around the corner and nest boxes will soon hopefully be full of future Grand Champions and Best of Breeds.

Last year's final sweeps posting in the most current issue of the ANDRC Dwarf Digest indicates that 2012 was a successful and rewarding year for many dwarf breeders across the state. Congrats to Ronnie and Dana Duhon and Mr. Lynn Langley for finishing in the top twenty in ANDRC sweeps and quality points. Congrats to youth breeder Morgan Wainwright for finishing the year in the top ten. The youth of Louisiana continue to dominate Region 6 in both quality and sweeps and finish strong in 2012. In Youth Quality points, Morgan Wainwright, Courtney, Gavin and Ryan Duhon, Lacey Trahan, Makayla Davis and Stone Manning hold the top five places in Region 6. Club member, Chase Herman, finished strong in the HLRSC standings as well as for the 2012 show season. Although the final rankings are not out, at the last posting Chase was #1 in Quality points and #2 in Sweepstakes points for Zone 6. Chase's SSD Hope was the #3 nationally

ranked Youth Top Lop. Congrats to all of you! Keep up the hard work.

Several of the SLNDRC members traveled recently to the Poplarville, Mississippi show and had a great time there with fellow breeders. Youth and Open breeders had an opportunity to come together at the same table under one judge and some fun times were had by all. That is what, in the end, our children will remember about this hobby we dedicate our time and energy to...the friendships that they built and the fun that they had along the way.

SLNDRC members look forward to seeing everyone at the LRBA State Show being held in Lake Charles, La on March 2, 2013, where they will hold their first specialty show of the year. So get those buns conditioned and make your way to State Show. We hope to see everyone there.

Lisa Wainwright



MEDICAL TIPS

Christy Elster, DVM, of Kees Park Animal Hospital in Pineville, La. is one of the most rabbit savvy vets around! She has saved several rabbits from our barn, removed a tumor from our guinea pig, tended numerous cats and can solve almost any critter mystery.

Dr. Elster gave me permission to share a recipe with LRBA newsletter readers that I believe has saved several of Alyssa's

rabbits over the last few years. This is a homemade version of products such as Critical Care from Oxbow Animal Health. Make sure that fresh water and pelleted feed are available to your rabbit as they recover.

1 cup rabbit pellets

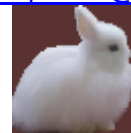
8 ounces Ensure Complete (or nutrition shake with fiber)

8 ounces Yoplait yogurt with fiber (or yogurt with fiber)

Mix all ingredients together using a blender, hand mixer or whisk. You may need to let the pellets soak longer to make it easier to mix. Add water if needed. The mixture should be the consistency of cookie batter. Refrigerate. Feed two tablespoons to half a cup of mixture in a bowl once or twice a day. If the animal is severely debilitated or refuses to eat, thin mixture with water and feed using a syringe every 3 hours or so. Rabbits usually start eating the mixture out of a bowl in a few days.

Wean your rabbit off the pellet mixture as they begin to feel better and return to eating their regular diet. – Tammy Lloyd

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Vernon Parish Spring Expo

4-H Rabbit Show

The Vernon Parish Spring Expo will be on April 13,
2013 at the Vernon Parish Fair Grounds.

Check in by 9:00 and the show begins at 10:00.

Sanctioned Breeds: Holland Lop, Mini Rex, Polish, and New Zealand. All
other breeds will be shown in the AOB class.

Early entry fees will be \$3.00 per rabbit and are due by April 10th
(postmarked by April 10th or e-mailed by 10:00 p.m. on the 10th).

Day of show entries will be \$4.00 per rabbit.

CASH payments only. No checks.

There will be showmanship for the following age groups: Pee Wee (up to 8
years old), Junior (4th - 8th grade), Senior (9th - 12th grade). The cost is
\$1.00.

Send entries to Rebekah Dupree at 105 Allen Drive Leesville, LA 71446 or
send her an e-mail (bec_dupree@hotmail.com).

Prizes

Best in Show: Best Buckle
1st Runner Up: Carrying Cage
Best Opposite: Carrying Cage
Best of Breed: Best Bag



Spring Fling Rabbit Show April 20, 2013

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Judging starts at 9 AM!

Contact Show Secretary (Tammy Lloid) to enter!
318-446-1970 or tlloid@gmail.com

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