



Cavy Comment

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Cavy of the Year - Piggylicious Angelina



**Reserve Cavy of the Year – Kenmar Lady Smith
In This Issue:**

Cavy West Membership

Family	\$55
Adult	\$45
Junior	\$35

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Cavy West (Inc) committee meetings are open to all members to attend and are held monthly with a break over summer.

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Why don't you visit the ANCC
<http://ancc.asn.au/index.html>
and join the forum.

A very warm welcome to

UPCOMING SHOWS

Sunday 29th March

Club Show and YSS Show (2 shows in 1)

Royal Park Hall

180 Charles St (cnr Vincent St)

West Perth

Judges: YSS – K Hart

Club Show – S Deas

Please note that no cavy is to be sold for less than \$25. Please bring boxes for your cavies to go to their new home in!

Benching fee of \$3 for every cavy sold, there will be no fee for unsold cavies.

Please attach detail tags to your cages BEFORE placing cages on the For Sale table. This will help prevent so much congestion at the table.

Only the person in charge of the For Sale section, or their authorised assistant, can sell cavies. Your money will be available from 3:45 onwards.

No straw, hay, sawdust or shavings are allowed at shows.

Apart from a quick last minute 'brush up' NO GROOMING allowed at shows. If it is not groomed before the show you will have to put it on the table ungroomed!

Sheet Roster 2009

PLEASE NOTIFY BARBARA GRIEVE WELL BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED TURN IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO IT.

2009

Club Show Royal Hall Show	Amber
State Open	Jess
Anniversary	Jo
Club Show Collins	Karen
Club Show	Pam
Club Show Os.Park	Alida
Royal Show	Liz
Kelmscott Ag	Susan
Canning Ag	Claudette
Christmas Show	Barbara

Standby: Suzette, Glenys and Sharon

DONATIONS

S Deas

Committee Meeting

Peter and Matt Ricci
30 Phillips Rd
Wattleup

Sunday 15th March 3 pm

Cavy Comment – The Official Newsletter of Cavy West

Editor's Rant

When the new newsletter comes out I e-mail everybody to let them know it is there.

However with several e-mail addresses I am getting returned mail as being unable to deliver. So if you have changed your e-mail address or you have not been getting any up dates on the newsletter please let me know. My e-mail address is deass@optusnet.com.au

Membership is now due. Stud Adverts in the Cavy Comment are also now due.

Advertise your stud in the Handbook, which is handed out to all new members, \$20 for full page (A5) and \$10 for half page.

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BREEDERS DIRECTORY

People have asked to have a breeders Directory in the Handbook, but in order to do this I need your information. The idea for this is that people who are after a particular breed of cavy will know who to contact in order to buy some.

I need to know what you are breeding and your preferred way of contact.

For example

Sharon Deas - Deas Cavy Stud

Breeds:

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Bi-colours, Rex, Abyssinian, Buff, Longhairs

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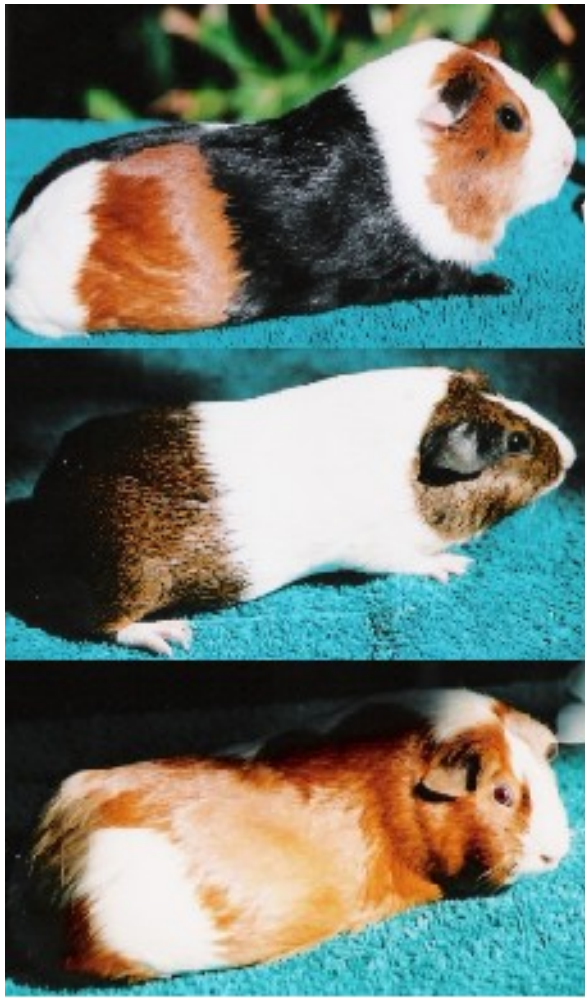
Gold/Slate Agouti

American Crested Ticked

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PLEASE I NEED THIS INFORMATION ASAP!!!!



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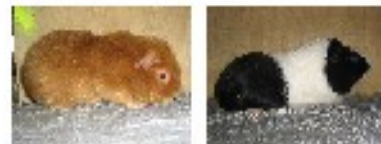


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SHOW CALENDAR 2009

FEBRUARY

Saturday 28th February
YSS and AGM
Collins St Centre
Cnr Collins St and Shaftesbury St
Kensington/South Perth
Judge: B Winter

MARCH

Sunday 29th March
Club Show
Royal Park Hall
180 Charles St (cnr Vincent St)
West Perth

APRIL

Saturday 18th April
WA State Open
Cannington Exhibition Centre
Cnr Albany Hwy and Station Rd
Cannington

MAY

Sunday 31th May
Anniversary Show
Cannington Exhibition Centre
(See above)
Judge:

JUNE

Saturday 27th June
Club Show
Collins St Centre
Cnr Collins St and Shaftesbury St
Kensington/South Perth

JULY

Sunday 26th July
Club Show
Mardella hall
Corner of Lowlands and Wright Rd
Mardella

AUGUST

Saturday 15th
ANCC National Show
Narrandra NSW

August 23rd
to be confirmed

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th
Club Show
Osborne Park Agricultural Hall
Robinson Reserve
Royal St
Tuart Hill

OCTOBER

Royal Show October
RAS Claremont Show Grounds
Judge:

Saturday
Kelmscott Agricultural Show
Kelmscott Show Grounds

NOVEMBER

Saturday
Cannington Agricultural Show
Canning Show Grounds

Christmas Show
Saturday 14th
Collins St Centre
Cnr Collins St and Shaftbury St
Kensington/South Perth
Judge:

CAVIES IN FILM

(I found out that some of Alida's cavies were being used to make a short film so I asked her to write an article about it. - Ed.)

Photos provided by S Rudrum

During the Christmas/ New Year break, some Suneagle cavies have been busy working. Burleigh Smith, Film Lecturer at the SAE Institute in Perth, wrote a short film script with cavies playing all the parts, for entry in this years Tropfest. He rang me a couple of weeks before Christmas and ran the idea past me about my cavies becoming actors. I thought it was a very challenging project, but certainly possible, given the temperament of cavies.

Burleigh has represented WA at Tropfest, (the largest short film festival in the world), for the past four years, and been a Finalist for the past two years. Last year he went to New York and met his idol Woody Allen as part of Tropfest New York. He had never worked with cavies before but was most impressed with their intelligence and patience. Casting took place for the main characters as these parts needed the cavies to be quiet and confident due to the studio work under lights in a 'green room'. Green rooms are used in order to be able to place characters into previously shot location backgrounds. The film included location work on a shallow lake involving



a two metre replica of an Indonesian fishing boat with 23 cavies on board - the most challenging scenes in the film. This was a long shoot, over four hours, but the cavies had their own sunshade crew who moved in as soon as they were off camera. Green snacks were provided! There were some wonderful scenes with the two main characters standing next to each other with their paws on the boats guard-rail at the front of the boat, gazing into the distance. I wonder what they were thinking! The leading lady (played by a Golden Agouti) so impressed the Director that he nicknamed her Merry! (after the famous actress

Meryl Streep). All the characters have dialogue courtesy of animated mouths. Its amazing to realise that this technology was not available to big budget feature films like Babe a few years ago, but can now be used on short films.

The film is a drama, surprisingly - or not. The two main characters Akbar and Jamal (Asylum seekers who make a bid for the Lucky Country) are played by Golden Agoutis, the Teacher is played by a PE White, the Night Club owner is played by a Self Black, a Government official is played by a Texel. I haven't seen the finished film yet, as we have to redo the four lost shots, but I'll keep you all posted.



Update on the Tropfest film featuring guinea pig characters. It didnt make the final 16 Finalists, (due to a computer crashing during rendering, four shots were lost - no time for a re-shoot due to entry dates being close - this was the main reason for it not being selected) but its now going to be entered in the short film category at Cannes Film Festival. With the four shots redone.

by Alida Hazelgrove.



Update on **Deltamethrin**. When mixed with water, Deltamethrin loses its effectiveness in a very short time. So only mix up what you need for that day and do not try to keep it for future use.



By Sharon Deas

A strange subject, well maybe not when you consider just how much grass cavies will eat. It is their natural food. When asked how much dry food my cavies ate during a week, they were surprised with the small amount they ate. Nearly 200 cavies ate less than a 25 kg bag of pellets a week. To which I replied that they ate a lot of grass, (at a guess I would say it was 70% of their entire diet in the hot weather.) How, they asked, did I manage to provide so much grass, especially during Summer. Well here is how.

I have a large area of Kikuyu grass, I do not think that any other grass variety can provide the speed of growth and volume that Kikuyu does. The cavies love it too. Also we have a bore so are able water more than most people. The grass needs to be grown fast to be at its best for feed, nutritional and highly palatable. The cavies really love their grass and in the warmer weather will tend to only eat grass, vegies and hay, and eat little or no pellets. I believe that this helps them not to overheat in the higher temperatures. I can really notice the difference on those days I have not been able to give them grass. It also stops them, or at least helps to stop them, getting overweight too.

All this does cost though, power to run the pump plus fertiliser and soil wetter, which is applied at least 3 times a year, and limestone, which is applied once a year. I have found that chicken manure, bought bulk straight from the farm, is the cheapest fertiliser, it is also alkaline so there is not need to apply the limestone. However it is harder to spread than granulated fertiliser, it smells and looks awful, for a few days and it is not nice to walk on either. That is why I put granulated fertiliser on some parts and chicken manure on the rest. Anywhere that granulated fertiliser is used needs to have limestone applied to it once a year. I also

use the compost that I make on the lawns but I do not have enough to keep all the lawn growing and I tend to use it on patches that are not performing as well as it should.

The grass is left to grow to 20 to 30 cms before it is cut. When the grass is left to grow long, you can not cut it too short as this will cut off the growing point and it will take a long time for the grass to start growing again as it has to grow another growth point first. The grass is still about 7cms long even after it is cut.

I also use a slasher mower to cut the grass. A slasher mower is different from normal mowers. It has less blades and is made for cutting long grass. It simply cuts it and dumps it out the side, leaving the grass whole. It does not chop up the grass like normal mowers do. Never use grass clippings to feed your cavies, it ferments very quickly and it can make them sick or even kill them, that is if you can even get them to eat it!

Not everyone wants to have a lawn around their house that looks more like pasture than lawn. Nor do most people need as much as I do. So it may be possible to have a patch somewhere out of the way that you can leave to grow. Kikuyu can be bought as a seed mix or by runners from someone who has a Kikuyu lawn. It may be possible to get as a roll on but it is not as common as it used to be. Mostly because it grows quick so it needs mowing more often, not popular with anyone who does not need the grass as feed! It also can be invasive but that is easily controlled with Roundup or similar product. It tends to run along the top of the ground rather than underground, like Couch grass does, so it is easier to control. Kikuyu grows almost all year round, slowing down only in the very cold weather. However you can seed your lawn with Rye grass to provide year round grass.

You can pick your grass by hand or use a pair of hedge clippers. It will not take long to get what you need. Of course you could also grow a veg garden, but that takes far more work than the grass does but will be more popular with rest of family as they get the benefits too!

CHAMPIONS OF 2008

Name of Cavy	Breed	Colour	Exhibitor	Breeder
Clover-Leaf Shining Knight	Marked	Tricolour	E Abbott	O Williams
Deas Anzac Day	Marked	Tricolour	S Deas	S Deas
Dbl Ch Deas Comet	Marked	Tricolour	S Deas	S Deas
Dbl Ch Deas Fireside Chat	Marked	Tortoiseshell	S Deas	S Deas
Dbl Ch Glen Ellen Don	Crested	American Golden	S Rudrum	G Blinco
Gnarojin Fido	Marked	Red Dutch	K&E Hart	K&E Hart
Gnarojin Kokoda	Marked	Red Dutch	K&E Hart	K&E Hart
Kenmar Dimitra	CoarseCoat	Abyssinian	S Pellemounter	S Pellemounter
Dbl Ch Kenmar Jasper	CoarseCoat	Abyssinian	S Deas	S Pellemounter
Kenmar Snow White	Self	PE White	S Pellemounter	S Pellemounter
Kenmar White Lace	Crested	PE White	S Pellemounter	S Pellemounter
Piggylicious Angelina	Crested	DE White	S Rudrum	S Rudrum
Polytelis Baby G	Marked	T&W	P&M Ricci	P&M Ricci
Provincial Challenge	Self	PE Golden	C Neumann	Durham Family
Sherbrook Donna Bella	Ticked	Silver Agouti	T Rudrum	J Shurmer
Spectrum Flash One	Marked	Gold Ag Dutch	J Gaspar	J Gaspar
Spectrum Pheonix	Marked	Choc Dutch	J Gaspar	J Gaspar
Suneagle Embers	Ticked	Golden Agouti	K&E Hart	
The Spinney Silver Sword	Marked	Silver Ag Dutch	J Gaspar	V Howe
Victoria Cream Blossom	Self	Cream	S Rudrum	G Macey
Victoria Nutmeg	Satin	Cr G/L Argente	E Abbott	G Macey
Dbl Ch Victoria Satin Jewel	Satin	Cream	S Rudum	G Macey

Cavy of the Year Awards 2008

(Unfortunately Ken and Liz Hart where not at the awards night, so of course they did not get their photos included here.)



Best Cavy of Year – Ch. Piggylicious Angelina - DE Crested White – Suzette Rudrum



Reserve Cavy of Year -Kenmar Lady Smith - English Crested Black - S Pelleymounter

Best Stud of Year - Gnarojin – Silver Agouti – Hart Family

Reserve Stud of Year - Gnarojin – Red Dutch – Hart Family



Best Junior – Tahlia Rudrum

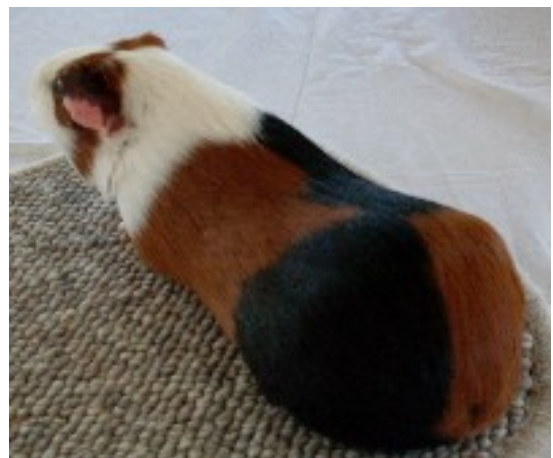
Reserve Junior - Jessica Abbott



**Best Junior (Single Breed) - Tahlia Rudrum
Piggylicious Casper - PE White**



Reserve Junior (Single Breed) - Jessica Abbott – Deas Bijou Krest – English Crested Buff



Best Tortoise/ White – Polytelis Baby G – Peter and Matt Ricci



Best Marked - Gnarojin Kokoda - Red Dutch - Ken & Liz Hart

Reserve Marked - Polytelis Baby G – Tortoise and White - Peter and Matt Ricci



Best Crested - Ch. Piggylicious Angelina - DE Crested White – Suzette Rudrum



Reserve Crested - Kenmar Lady Smith - English Crested Black - Susan Pelleymounter



Best Coarsecoat – Deas The Hood – Rex – Sharon Deas



Reserve Coarsecoat - Deas Sirrah - Rex - Sharon Deas



Best Satin - Piggicious Ice Dream - Satin Self White - Suzette Rudrum



Reserve Satin – Victoria Nutmeg – Satin Crested Gold/Lilac Argente – Emily Abbott



Best Self – Ch. Kenmar Snow White – PE White – Susan Pelleymounter



Reserve Self - Suneagle Lady – PE White – Alida Hazelgrove



Best Ticked - Gnarojin Electric Jam - Silver Agouti - Ken & Liz Hart



Reserve Ticked - Suneagle Embers - Golden Agouti - Ken & Liz Hart



Best Longhair - Suneagle Cabaret - Texel – Alida Hazelgrove
(Unfortunately I do not have a photo of Suneagle Cabaret)



**Reserve Longhair – Deas Shampoo –
Peruvian – Sharon Deas**

Two Shows in One

Young Stock Show and Club Show all on the one day

Young Stock Show judge – Ken Hart

Club Show judge – Sharon Deas

Entries for the young stock show can only be 3-6 or 6-9 months old on the day.

Club show is normal entries. You can exhibit your cavy in both shows if it meets the age requirements of the YSS.

Normal entry fees will be charged for both shows.

Royal Park Hall
180 Charles St (cnr Vincent St)
West Perth

Show starts at 10 am sharp, don't be late it will be a busy day.
See you there!