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Guildford
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Sunday 6th June
Cannington Showgrounds
Judge: Melanie Barnes (NSW)

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Editor's Rant

MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW OVERDUE.

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Any Member that has won Rosettes at any of Cavy West's shows, and do not wish to keep them, They can be recycled!

Cavy West would appreciate any rosettes donated.

Why is it so?

Just been watching TV and I know cavies are rodents and not pigs BUT it was interesting that when hogs are threatened they chatter their teeth together. To me much the same as the chatter of aggression in a cavy which sounds as if he is chattering his teeth together. Does anyone know what he is actually doing.? The cavy I mean. I have always related that chatter as similar to the warning growl of a dog.

Barbara Grieve

I do not know how it relates to cavies, but a boar, of the pig (oink oink) kind, chatters its teeth and produces a great amount of frothy saliva. The saliva is full of pheromones, which the boar then "huffs" in the sows face.

It also is used when a boar is trying to repel other boars. Then the teeth chattering is more aggressive, becoming more like chomping, producing even more frothy saliva. Also the boar's hair on the back and neck are raised.

Sows will also chatter their teeth when upset. Sound familiar? I believe this is just another reason why cavies are called Guinea Pigs, as some of their behaviour is very like those of pigs.

Sharon Deas

TASMANIAN STATE TITLES

Hosted by Northern Tasmanian Cavy
Club

DATE: Saturday 19th June 2010

VENUE: St Albies Hall, Launceston

JUDGE: Mr Peter Wright

AWARDS: Trophies, Sashes, Cards
& Prizes

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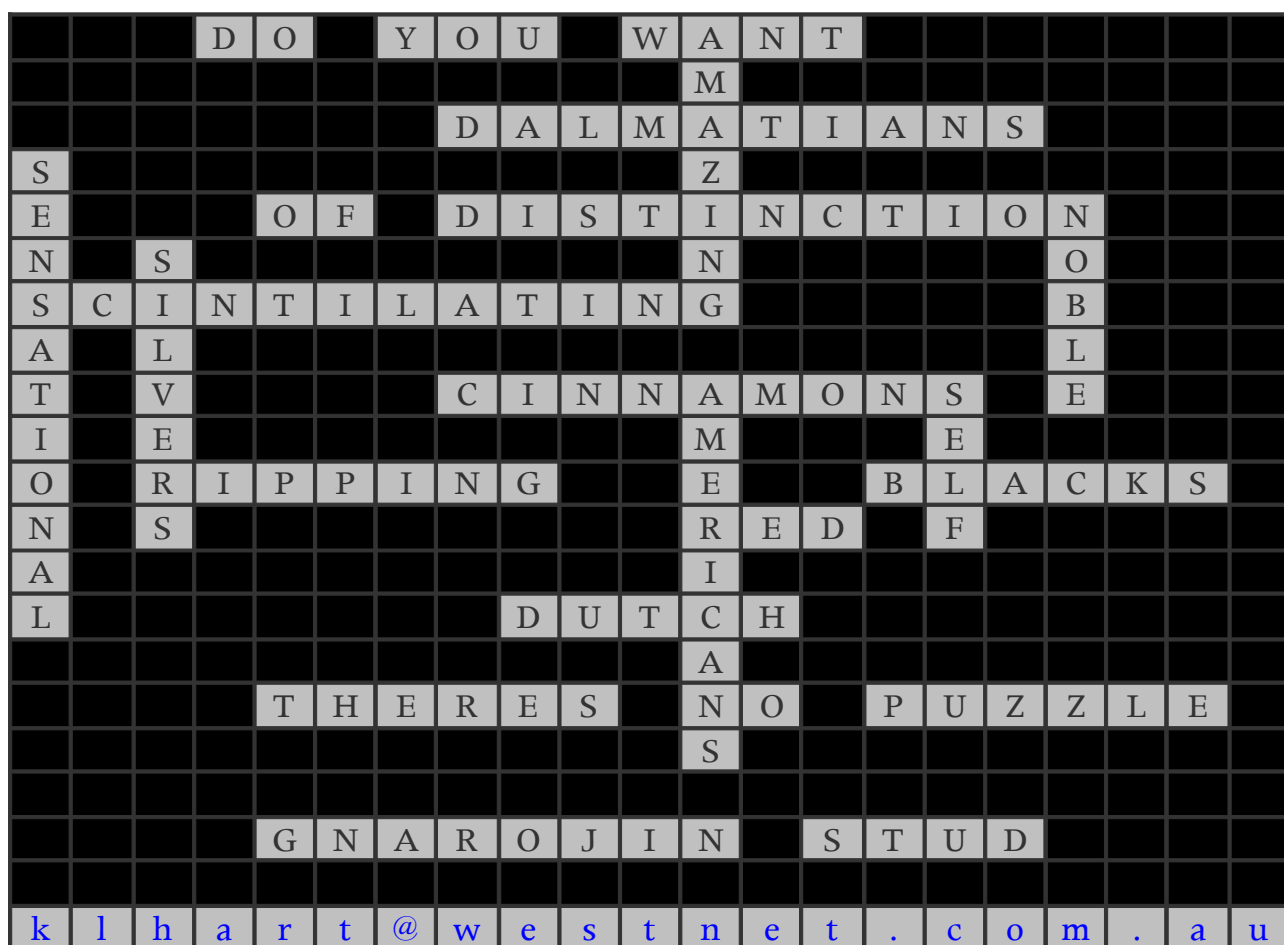
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Eye disease in guinea pigs: preliminary results of a large study.

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You probably don't need to be told that many, if not most veterinary surgeons know next to nothing about guinea pigs. Some have made a special study of the cavy are well versed in the common problems of the species. Yet this is a small number and most know significantly less than you do as breeders and owners. Exactly the same could be said about what we might call veterinary specialists. Veterinary dermatologists may be accustomed to seeing cats, dogs and horses with skin problems but not guinea pigs. Veterinary gastroenterologists know the common and less common stomach and gut problems of the common pet and domestic species but have little to do with cavies. And in the same way veterinary ophthalmologists, specialising in the eye, generally know only a very small amount about the guinea pigs eye. What they do know will be material they have read in the few research papers on the subject – cataracts in the Abyssinian strain or the so called heterotopic bone formation that can occur as a white plaque at the edge of the cornea or front window of the eye.

But ask them- ask anybody – what percentage of guinea pigs have this problem or enquire what they know about flesh eye, or fatty eye or glass eye and you will be met with a blank stare! (Glass or mirror eye, is congenital cataracts in cavies. - Editor) And that was exactly the case with me only four months ago. Then a final year student at the veterinary school in Cambridge said she was interested in guinea pigs and could I suggest a project for her to do? I knew that Thomas Evens, an ophthalmologist now in Manchester, had done some preliminary work on guinea pigs ophthalmology, but thought that it would be worthwhile seeing if we could look at a hundred or so animals and investigate what sort of problems they had. A hundred or so? A quick phone call to Vedra at the Cambridge Cavy Trust soon resulted in four or five phone numbers, generally of rescue centres. Visits to those closest to Cambridge together with a happy afternoon spent with Bernard's Wiles' Pink Eyed Golden's have yielded 500

animals, the preliminary results of which I will talk about here. We are looking at examining the eyes of 1000 cavies, although with interest generated at today's London Championships in Luton, we may well be able to make 2000 in a relatively short time!

So what have we seen? I have been quite astonished at the number of guinea pigs with eye disease in this first sample of 500. Over 20% of the animals we have examined have had some eye problem, with the vast majority having cataract, that is to say an abnormal opacity in the lens of the eye. And the biggest surprise for me is that the line bred show cavies have far far less eye disease than the out bred animals seen as pets. That is quite the opposite from what we are used to in the dog world. There, it is the pedigree dogs which have inherited eye disease from cataract to retinal degeneration while the common or garden mongrel is happily free of disease. Not so, it would seem, in the cavy world where it is exactly the opposite way round apart from one or two anomalies such as cataract in the Abyssinian.

Having said that there are specific conditions related to certain breeds. Rex and Texel cavies often have problems as young animals that are caused by their wiry hair abrading on their eye surface. Left without treatment these hairs cause chronic corneal ulcers but with Vaseline used to keep the hairs away from the eye they can be saved from this fate. Fatty eye appears to be a deposition of fat under the conjunctiva of the lower eyelid although I am not aware of any work to confirm this by taking samples and looking at them under the microscope. The condition appears to occur in animals well fed prior to showing, but also appears more common in some breeds such as creams. We do not have enough animals in our survey at present to confirm this but would be very interested in anyone with animals with a higher than normal incidence of the condition (if you're prepared to admit it!)

Now flesh eye is quite different and appears very similar to a condition we see in dogs and rabbits where the tear gland of the third eyelid protrudes out of its normal position. Again I have yet to see many of these and obtain a sample or two to confirm exactly what this tissue is.

Diabetic cataract is another condition where there is a clear similarity between guinea pigs

and dogs. Both species quite rapidly get a complete, we would say mature, cataract when they develop diabetes. This is caused by the high blood sugar that is characteristic of diabetes getting into the lens and, through a strange set of changes, causing water to flood into the lens and cause the irreversible cataract. Interestingly different species have varying tendency to get diabetic cataract. People get it only after a long period of being diabetic and then only a slight amount of opacity in the lens. Dogs get a mature cataract within a year of being diabetic while diabetic cats hardly get any cataract whatsoever. Guinea pigs seem to get mature diabetic cataract rapidly but I would be very interested if any of you have diabetic cavyies that have not developed cataracts – as an ophthalmologist the only animals I see are the ones with eye problems, unless as with this survey, we are looking at a large number of normal animals.

In fact some degree of lens opacity occurs in a large number of older guinea pigs. Young animals can have tiny dots at the back of their lenses associated with blood vessels that occur before birth and should disappear within the first few weeks of life. But all older individuals, be they people, dogs cats or guinea pigs, develop some degree of opacity in their lenses towards the end of their life. It is an unusual cavy that does not have some cataract by the time it is 3 years old, while some animals, like the Abyssinians or roan-roan crosses, have severe cataracts from a relatively early age. We know the gene that causes the problem in Abyssinians but it isn't clear what is going on in the roan-roan crosses. Basically pigment plays an important part in the development of the eye, laying down, as it were, tracts for other cells to move along as they play their part in eye growth and indeed in development of the heads as a whole. So in merle dogs we eye defects and same sort of thing is probably going on in the roan-roan cross.

A final problem is rather a strange one, which you may well have seen and wondered what exactly is causing it. A white line, or mass, at the junction between the cornea – the clear front window of the eye – and the sclera, the white of the eye. We call this area the limbus, which is latin for breach. I like to think of the clear waters of the cornea lapping up on the white sand of the sclera. But anyway, enough of my musings! This white mass is actually bone being formed in the outer coat of the eye. This happens, we think,

because excess vitamin C is being secreted into the aqueous humour – the fluid in the front part of the eye. This encourages new bone formation in a part of the body that doesn't normally have bone – again we have a strange term for this in that we call it heterotopic bone formation. For all that it doesn't seem to have any harmful effects on the eye and doesn't affect vision.

Having said that even blinding eye disease – such as mature diabetic cataracts – doesn't seem to cause any problem to the guinea pig. They carry on their lives quite happily with little in the way of change to their behaviour. Which is just as well, considering the number of guinea pigs with some sort of eye disease. Between starting to write this little article and finishing it, we have seen another hundred cavyies, so we are well on our way to a thousand animals, and will write again when we have completed our studies.

(Unfortunately I do not have the second article. If anyone does have it I would love to be able to reproduce it here. - Editor)

Alida's other Hobby

I've joined the Australian Light Horse Association as an active member. A friend was let down by his mate who used to ride with him in parades and I have been riding with him as he has two horses and no one to ride with. I managed to borrow a uniform that was a perfect fit and rode with the guys at the Beverley Harvest Festival Day. Most of the outings are around Anzac Day, but I'll fill in again when they are short a rider. It was a lot of fun. My cousins Great Uncle Jo rode with the Light Horse and saw service in Egypt and France, so I carried his photo in my pocket in memory. He looks so much like my son.



Alida is the far right.

Championship Registrars Report – Ken Hart

The past few months have been absolutely hectic for me and I now have a chance to catch up on some long overdue announcements of championships that have been awarded. As there are quite a few I will present them in a table form. Congratulations to all.

Champion Gnarojin Eruption Silver Agouti Exhibited/Bred by the Hart Family	Perth Royal Show 2008 Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show June 2009	Ken Peddersen Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter
Champion Gnarojin Lotte Red Dutch Exhibited/Bred by the Hart Family	Kelmscott Ag Show 2008 Christmas Show 2008 Club Show March 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show June 2009	Glenn Macey Vern Claypole Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter
Champion Kenmar Vjay Parker Black Roan Exhibited/Bred by Susan Pellemounter	Young Stock Show 2009 Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show June 2009	Ken Hart Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter
Champion 21 Shilling Oranguta Satin Abyssinian Exhibited by Sue Scott Bred by Barbara Grieve	Kelmscott 2007 Osborne Park 2007 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show September 2009	Glenn Macey Vern Claypole Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter
Champion Canberry Vlad Satin Self White DE Exhibited by Jessica Abbott Bred by Jo Livingston	Young Stock Show 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show July 2009 Club Show August 2009 Club Show September 2009	Ken Hart Robert Brown Elisabeth Hart Ken Hart Barbara Winter
Double Champion Clover-Leaf Shining Knight Gold/Lilac/White Tricolour Exhibited by Emily Abbott Bred by Odette Williams	WASO 2008 Perth Royal Show 2008 Kelmscott Ag Show 2008 Canning Ag Show 2008 Christmas Show 2008 Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 Club Show July 2009 Club Show August 2009 Club Show September 2009	Cory Haugh Ken Peddersen Glenn Macey Ken Hart Vern Claypole Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Elisabeth Hart Ken Hart Barbara Winter
Champion Kenmar Tokyo Self Lilac Exhibited by Kirsty Walter Bred by Susan Pellemounter	Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show August 2009 Club Show September 2009	Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Robert Brown Ken Hart Barbara Winter
Champion Canberry Frederick Satin English Crested White PE Exhibited by Jessica Abbott Bred by Jo Livingston	Club show March 2009 Club Show June 2009 Club Show August 2009 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009	Sharon Deas Barbara Winter Ken Hart Barbara Winter Cory Haugh
Champion Gnarojin Bibi Cinnamon Agouti Exhibited/Bred by the Hart Family	Perth Royal Show 2008 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show September 2009 National Show 2009	Ken Peddersen Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter Robert Foote
Champion Kenmar Ashanti English Crested Black Exhibited/Bred by Susan Pellemounter	Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009	Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Robert Brown Barbara Winter Cory Haugh

Champion Kenmar Miss Penny Black Self Black Exhibited/Bred by Susan Pellemounter	Anniversary Show 2008 Mardella 2008 Club Show March 2009 WASO 2009 National 2009	Melanie Barnes Vern Claypole Sharon Deas Sarina McLean Robert Foote
Champion Piggylicious Rosie English Crested Golden DE Exhibited by Tahlia Rudrum Bred by Suzette Rudrum	Canning Ag Show 2008 Christmas Show 2008 Anniversary Show 2009-12-02 Club Show June 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009	Ken Hart Glenn Macey Robert Brown Barbara Winter Cory Haugh
Double Champion Polytelis Baby G Tortoise and White Exhibited/Bred by Matt and Peter Ricci	Kelmscott Ag Show 2008 Canning Ag Show 2008 Perth Royal Show 2008 Mardella 2008 Christmas 2008 Club Show March 2009 Club Show June 2009 Club Show August 2009 National Show 2009 Club Show September 2009	Glenn Macey Ken Hart Ken Peddersen Vern Claypole Vern Claypole Sharon Deas Barbara Winter Ken Hart Steven Reid Barbara Winter
Champion Canberry Nebula Satin Self White PE Exhibited by Suzette Rudrum Bred By Jo Livingston	Kelmscott Ag Show 2007 Kelmscott Ag Show 2008 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009-12-02 Christmas Show 2009	Glenn Macey Glenn Macey Barbara Winter Cory Haugh Barbara Winter
Champion Gnarojin Kaylene Red Dutch Exhibited/Bred by the Hart Family	WASO 2009-12-02 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009 Canning Ag 2009 Christmas 2009	Sarina McLean Barbara Winter Cory Haugh Sharon Deas Barbara Winter
Champion Piggylicious Peony Rose Self Cream PE Exhibited/Bred by Suzette Rudrum	Young Stock Show 2009 Anniversary Show 2009-12-02 Club Show June 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009-12-02 Canning Ag 2009	Ken Hart Robert Brown Barbara Winter Cory Haugh Sharon Deas
Champion Polytelis Bili Rubin Abyssinian Exhibited/Bred by Matt and Peter Ricci	Club Show August 2009 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009 Canning Ag Show 2009 Christmas Show 2009	Ken Hart Barbara Winter Cory Haugh Sharon Deas Barbara Winter
Triple Champion Spectrum Phoenix Chocolate Dutch Exhibited by Matt and Peter Ricci Bred by Jesse Gaspar	Wanneroo Ag Show 2006 Young Stock Show 2007 Anniversary Show 2007 WASO 2008 Como 2008 Mardella 2008 Club Show March 2009 Anniversary Show 2009 Club Show June 2009 Club Show July 2009 Club Show August 2009 National 2009 Club Show September 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009-12-02 Canning Ag Show 2009	Vern Claypole Vern Claypole Ken Peddersen Cory Haugh Sharon Deas Vern Claypole Sharon Deas Robert Brown Barbara Winter Elisabeth Hart Ken Hart Steven Reid Barbara Winter Cory Haugh Sharon Deas
Champion Victoria Freckles Self Chocolate Exhibited by Jessica Abbott Bred by Glenn Macey	Canning Ag Show 2008 WASO 2009 Club Show July 2009 Perth Royal Show 2009 Canning Ag Show 2009	Ken Hart Sarina McLean Elisabeth Hart Cory Haugh Sharon Deas

CAVY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2009 has been a very good year for Cavy West. The number of exhibits has been well up on recent years and this will be reflected by an expanded schedule of classes for next year. Cavy of the year was extremely well deserved and went to a cavy that did its owners, breeder and Western Australia proud by winning best marked at the 2009 National Cavy Show. It was a very tight competition this year with a number of cavies in contention right to the end. The rest of the awards were also quite evenly spread among a number of exhibitors indicating that the quality of cavies is also strong and we have exhibitors that are able to present them well.

Congratulations to all winners and good luck to all of our members in 2010.

Award	Cavy	Breed	Owner
Cavy of the year	Trip. Ch. Spectrum Phoenix	Chocolate Dutch	M&P Ricci
Runner up	Ch. Gnarojin Eruption	Silver Agouti	Hart Family
Best Marked	Trip. Ch. Spectrum Phoenix	Chocolate Dutch	M&P Ricci
Runner up	D. Ch. Clover-Leaf Shining Knight	Tricolour	E Abbott
Best Satin	Ch. Canberry Vlad	Self White DE	J Abbott
Runner up	Ch. Canberry Suzuki	English Crested White PE	C Abbott
Best Self	Ch. Kenmar Kenya	Self Black	S Pellemounter
Runner up	Ch. Piggylicious Peony Rose	Self Cream PE	S Rudrum
Best Crested	Ch. Piggylicious Pepita	English Buff	S Rudrum
Runner up	Ch. Kenmar Ashanti	English Black	S Pellemounter
Best Ticked	Ch Gnarojin Eruption	Silver Agouti	Hart Family
Runner up	Ch. Suneagle Meryl	Golden Agouti	Alida Hazelgrove
Best Coarse Coat	Ch. Polytelis Bili Rubin	Abyssinian	M&P Ricci
Runner up	Rosemary	Rex	J Abbott
Best Longhair	Ch. Suneagle Chumbawumba	Merino	A Hazelgrove
Runner up	Ch. Tabella Fruit Tingles	Merino	K Walter
Best Junior Exhibit	Ch. Canberry Vlad	Satin Self White DE	J Abbott
Runner up	Ch. Tabella Fruit Tingles	Merino	K Walter

The award for Stud of the Year is competed for on a breed against breed basis. That means that the studs with the greatest depth within a single breed tend to be the winners. It is an award that in a round-a-bout way acknowledges consistent success in the breeding pen. By encouraging consistent breeding success it means that there will be more high quality babies for new members or even members wishing to take on a new breed to select from. The best way to ensure that Cavy West continues to grow as a strong club is to ensure that new members are able to obtain good quality stock when they join our great club.

It looks like our new members will be spoilt for choice when you look through the wide range of breeds in the winners list below.

Award	Owner	Breed	Points
Stud of the year	Hart Family	Silver Agouti	112
Runner up	Hart Family	Red Dutch	101
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Runner Up	M&P Ricci	Chocolate Dutch	76
Best Satin	C Abbott	English Crested White PE	93
Runner up	S Rudrum	Self White PE	69
Best Self	S Pellemounter	Self Black	88
Runner up	K Walter	Self Lilac	76
Best Crested	S Rudrum	English Buff	57
Runner up	S Pellemounter	English Black	51
Best Ticked	Hart Family	Silver Agouti	112
Runner up	A Hazelgrove	Golden Agouti	37
Best Coarse Coat	K Walter	Abyssinian	83
Runner up	M&P Ricci	Abyssinian	68
Best Longhair	A Hazelgrove	Merino	53
Runner up	K Walter	Merino	49
Best Junior Exhibit	K Walter	Abyssinian	83
Runner up	K Walter	Self Lilac	76

Good News Story

Many, many people in the Geraldton and Midwest area have bought pet guinea pigs from Odette Williams in the 27 years she's been living up there. Occasionally you get nice stories or feedback, and this is one of them. Many people are encouraged to come out to Odette's farm Ashgrove at Walkaway, and there they get introduced to the breeds and colours, good guinea pig care and management, and off they go with their new purchase and its care sheet. One such visitor was Katrina Thomas in May 2004 who came to buy two same sex pets for daughter Mikala. They chose two baby boars, a black and white bicolour they named PIGLET, and his mate HENRY, a lilac and white boar. Every time I went in to HBF, Katrina would assure me that HENRY and PIGLET were much loved, up to all sorts of antics, and generally doing well. So, over the years, I was kept right up to date with these two boars - PIGLET who grew exceedingly fat because he was a champion eater, and HENRY who was a good "talker", and was also pleased that the two adult boars continued to live together as mates all their lives. Henry lived to be 5 years old, and more recently Piglet died at a hearty 6 years old. Lo and behold, who's on the doorstep in January 2010 for two more new pets? - a teenage Mikala and Katrina, back again to Clover-Leaf! They brought me a picture of Henry and Piglet, and after they'd chosen two new baby boars, I took Mikala's picture for our newsletter. This time she chose some different colours - there is LOUIE the Silver Agouti Dutch, and GUS the Torty and White. I hope she gets as many years companionship from them as she did with the first two! It really cheered me up!



Henry and Piglet



Mikala and her new pets

Clover-Leaf Stud News



Dr Odette Williams

Hi to all members and friends that I tend to see at one show per year! I'm having a wonderful day today, tidying all my GP Stud files, ready for the new breeding season, and catching up on correspondence, so thought I'd do you an update on Clover-Leaf.

I bred my first litter containing torty and whites in 1972 when I was 13 years old. Good friend Andrea Evans, an early Club member looked a boar over and said "He's a quite good torty and white - you should bring him to one of our shows and get him registered". Being taken by slightly unwilling parents from Kelmscott to Claremont show grounds, hanging around ALL DAY without being let in until the judging was over, it took FOUR shows before CLOVER RAV MISHNE finally

gained a placing and was allowed to be registered. He had a pet pedigree of a couple of generations of ones that I'd owned - all colours. But as my dad always encouraged me - he'd bred black and orange marked harlequin rabbits to a high show standard in England in the late 1940's - that one T/W baby grew into a stud that has now persisted for 38 years! I can trace my pedigrees back to him, too, as well as photos and markings diagrams!

2009 was a great year for me - I came to the WA 40th Anniversary Show, and was pleased to see you all and have-a-go. A few prizes from Robert Brown were very nice; it was great to see Emily Abbott's big handsome Breed Champion Clover-Leaf Shining Night and we enjoyed photographing him with his sire at the show. That is the first Clover-Leaf animal that's ever got a Champion award, because I rarely get to the shows, and never accumulate enough BOB's. (Thank you and Congratulations, Emily). I started working for Geraldton Central West College of TAFE lecturing in vet nursing and animal care. My GP's were a great help - they could come as examples, be handled, have all their nails clipped by keen students, be weighed and have their hearts listened to, and the students have even come out and cleaned all their cages in another Prac session! When the girls were nearly qualified, we let them try their surgical clipping and skin preparation on four anaesthetised guineas. They looked a bit cute in my cages with neat squares clipped on their sides, until the hair grew back!

Also in 2009, Peter Ricci was kind enough to include a T/W that I'm rather proud of, Clover-Leaf Showpiece, in his National Show team. It was a heck of a thrill to receive a 2ND prize in strong competition there - thank you Peter. Sales of marked animals were brisk last year - WA seemed to be flavour of the month, and Peter, Sharon Deas and myself put together consignments of good T/W and lilac/red/white tricolour stock to new breeders Marilyn Gent in Tasmania (WILLOWDENE STUD); Jo Livingstone (CANBERRY CAVIES) in NSW; Steven Reid the Nationals T/W judge; and to Yvonne and Catherine Mews in Nedlands, WA. We shall look forward to seeing some nicely patched animals on the show table from them. This year, 2010, already a trio of lovely agouti Dutch have gone down to Capel for new enthusiast Jacqui Whitehouse.

Currently at the start of 2010, I have 46 cavies, although these need to be reduced by 10 before I can even start the breeding season. There are 11 rainbows and 15 Torty & Whites. In the Dutch, we have 7 in the Choc/Red or Cinnamon series, and

12 in the Silver or Golden Agouti series. I have to separate my boars into single mens quarters from end September to end February each year, to prevent the sows being pregnant through the wicked heat of our summers, so at best I get two litters per year from the sows. I usually keep them 3 years.

Shall I horrify you with some statistics? Why not! You all know marked breeders have to have rocks in their head anyway to persist - so I shall prove it!!

In 2009 at Clover-Leaf, I bred 28 Agouti DUTCH litters that contained 74 live babies and another 8 that were prem, stillborn, or died neonatally. Of those, 8 seemed good enough to "name" as breeder or show quality Dutch- that's around a 10% "success" rate - but of that 8, only 3 were what I'd call show quality (so 3 out of 82 babies bred).

In the TORTY & WHITES, and their recessive, the lilac/red/white RAINBOW tricolours (bred together quite often) - I bred 35 Litters. There were 110 Live babies, 10 that were stillborn, aborted, or died neonatally, as well as one sow that I lost with a ruptured uterus at parturition. Because the demand for breeding stock seemed quite high last year, I "named" as breeder quality 17 of them, plus only 2 are rated good enough to show. So the show pigs percentage is 1.6%!!! (Most years the number of "breeders" kept would be less than 17, as I have very high selection pressure.

So it just goes to show, when new breeders ring up cheerfully and can they buy a couple of "show ones"? - we marked breeders get a bit defensive, or put a large price on them! All good fun anyway. I live in hope that I might produce more of the good ones - that hope and optimism must be what keeps us going! See you at the Anniversary Show in June.

Regards, Odette Williams



Some Clover-Leaf Sows

Young Stock Show

28th March

Judge: Liz Hart

BEST IN SHOW

Tarbella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)
K Walter

RESERVE IN SHOW

Suneagle Carmen (Coronet)
A Hazelgrove

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JUNIOR (6)

1 Tarbella Jette (Self Black) Ganon Family
2 FluffnStuff Artemis (PE White) K Scott

JUNIOR Breeders (3)

1 FluffnStuff Artemis (PE White) K Scott
2 Tabella Nutty Drizzle (Texel) K Walter
3 Divine Miracle (Lilac/Gold/White) E Abbott

NOVICE (3)

1 Jazzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian) J Ettridge
2 Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter
3 Canberry Loretta (Cr DE Cream) K Walter

NOVICE Breeders (2)

1 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
2 Hyjinx Jarrah (Red) S Scott

BREEDERS (Open) (4)

1 Kenmar Wnola S Pellemounter
2 Suneagle Patti Biscuit A Hazelgrove

HANDLER Under 13 (4)

1 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
2 Tarbella Jette (Self Black) Ganon Family

HANDLER Under 18 (2)

1 FluffnStuff Lambourgini K Scott
2 Daisy E Abbott

Judges Encourage Award

Jazzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian) J Ettridge

MARKED

Tri-colour 6-9 (1)
1 Divine Miracle (Lilac/Gold/W) E Abbott
Marked AOV 6-9 (2)
1 BOB Kenmar Virgil (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
2 ROB Kenmar Vincent (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
Marked AOV 3-6 (1)
1 Daisy (Brindle) E Abbott
BEST MARKED
Kenmar Virgil (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
RESERVE MARKED
Kenmar Vincent (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
BEST MARKED 6-9 MONTHS
Kenmar Virgil (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
RESERVE MARKED 6-9 MONTHS
Kenmar Vincent (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter
BEST MARKED 3-6 MONTHS

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- RESERVE MARKED 3-6 MONTHS



Kenmar Virgil

SATIN

Satin Self PE White 6-9 (2)
1 BOB Piggylicious Crystal S Rudrum
2 Piggylicious Comet T Rudrum
Satin Self PE White 3-6 (2)
1 ROB Tabella Mad Chatter S Walter
2 Tabella Gallium Crystal K Walter
Satin Self AOC 6-9 (1)
1 ROB Piggylicious Sunbeam (DE Cream) S Rudrum
Satin Self AOC 3-6 (1)
1 BOB Hyjinx Ashes Ablaze (Red) S Scott
Satin Crested 3-6 (1)
1 BOB Tabella Calcite Crystal K Walter
BEST SATIN
Piggylicious Crystal (Sat PE White) S Rudrum
RESERVE SATIN
Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter
BEST SATIN 6-9 MONTHS
Piggylicious Crystal (Sat PE White) S Rudrum
RESERVE SATIN 6-9 MONTHS
Piggylicious Comet (Sat PE White) T Rudrum
BEST SATIN 3-6 MONTHS
Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter
RESERVE SATIN 3-6 MONTHS
Hyjinx Ashes Ablaze (Satin Red) S Scott



Piggylicious Crystal

SELF

Self PE White 6-9 (1)
1 ROB Kenmar Shamrock K Scott
Self PE White 3-6 (2)
1 BOB FluffnStuff Artemis K Scott
2 FluffnStuff Doynysus K Scott
Self DE White 3-6 (1)
1 BOB Piggylicious Ace S Rudrum
Self DE Cream 6-9 (1)
1 BOB Piggylicious Petal S Rudrum
Self DE Cream 3-6 (2)
1 ROB FluffnStuff Ceres K Scott

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2 FluffnStuff Lambourgini K Scott
 Self Lilac 6-9 (4)
 1 ROB Tabella Evolution T Rudrum
 2 Tabella Kings of Leon E Ettridge
 3 Tabella Popcorn E Ettridge
 Self Lilac 3-6 (2)
 1 BOB Piggylicious Moondust S Rudrum
 2 Polytelis Pan D O'Connor
 Self Red 6-9 (4)
 1 BOB Hyjinx Jarrah S Scott
 2 ROB Hyjinx Redwood S Scott
 3 Hyjinx Heaven Sent S Scott
 Self Black 3-6 (6)
 1 BOB Tabella Breaking Dawn K Walter
 2 ROB Kenmar Whitney S Pellemounter
 3 Tabella Jette Ganon Family
 Self AOC 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Piggylicious Jinki (PE Cream) S Rudrum
BEST SELF
 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
RESERVE SELF
 Kenmar Whitney (Black) S Pellemounter
BEST SELF 6-9 MONTHS
 Hyjinx Jarrah (Red) S Scott
RESERVE SELF 6-9 MONTHS
 Kenmar Shamrock (PE White) K Scott
BEST SELF 3-6 MONTHS
 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
RESERVE SELF 3-6 MONTHS
 Kenmar Whitney (Black) S Pellemounter



Suneagle Chitter Chatter

TICKED

Golden Agouti 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Suneagle Glow Girl A Hazelgrove
BEST TICKED
 Suneagle Glow Girl (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE TICKED
 -
BEST TICKED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
RESERVE TICKED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
BEST TICKED 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Glow Girl (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE TICKED 3-6 MONTHS
 -



Tabella Breaking Dawn



Suneagle Glow Girl

CRESTED

English Crested Black 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Suneagle Chitter Chatter A Hazelgrove
 English Crested PE White 3-6 (2)
 1 BOB Kenmar Snow Flake S Pellemounter
 2 ROB Suneagle Margarita A Hazelgrove
 English Crested DE Cream 6-9 (1)
 1 BOB Canberry Loretta K Walter
 English Crested AOC 3-6 (1)
 1 Piggylicious Duke (DE White) S Rudrum
BEST CRESTED
 Suneagle Chitter Chatter (Cr Black) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE CRESTED
 Kenmar Snow Flake (Cr PE White) S Pellemounter
BEST CRESTED 6-9 MONTHS
 Canberry Loretta (Cr DE Cream) K Walter
RESERVE CRESTED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
BEST CRESTED 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Chitter Chatter (Cr Black) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE CRESTED 3-6 MONTHS
 Kenmar Snow Flake (Cr PE White) S Pellemounter

COARSE COAT

Rex 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Polytelis Meadow Ganon Family
BEST COARSE COAT
 Polytelis Meadow (Rex) Ganon Family
RESERVE COARSE COAT
 -
BEST COURSE COAT 6-9 MONTHS
 -
RESERVE COURSE COAT 6-9 MONTHS
 -
BEST COARSE COAT 3-6 MONTHS
 Polytelis Meadow (Rex) Ganon Family
RESERVE COARSE COAT 3-6 MONTHS
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Polytelis Meadow

LONGHAIR

Peruvian 3-6 (4)
 1 BOB Jazzuki Jailbreak J Ettridge
 2 ROB Jazzuki Sabina J Ettridge
 Texel 3-6 (3)
 1 BOB Suneagle Patti Biscuit A Hazelgrove
 2 ROB Quarter Acre Penny Ganon Family
 3 Tabella Nutty Drizzle K Walter
 Longhair AV 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Suneagle Carmen (Coronet) A Hazelgrove
BEST LONGHAIR
 Suneagle Carmen (Coronet) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE LONGHAIR
 Suneagle Patti Biscuit (Texel) A Hazelgrove
BEST LONGHAIR 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Carmen (Coronet) A Hazelgrove
RESERVE LONGHAIR 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Patti Biscuit (Texel) A Hazelgrove



Suneagle Carmen

BEST IN SHOW

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE IN SHOW

Suneagle Carmen (Coronet)

A Hazelgrove

BEST 6-9 MONTHS IN SHOW

Piggylicious Crystal (Sat PE White)

S Rudrum

RESERVE 6-9 MONTHS IN SHOW

Hyjinx Jarrah (Red)

S Scott

BEST 3-6 MONTHS IN SHOW

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE 3-6 MONTHS IN SHOW

Suneagle Carmen (Coronet)

A Hazelgrove

BEST JUNIOR

Tabella Jette (Self Black)

Ganon Family

RESERVE JUNIOR

FluffnStuff Artemis (PE White)

K Scott

BEST BREEDERS

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Kenmar Winola (Self Black)

S Pelleymounter

RESERVE BREEDERS

FluffnStuff Artemis (PE White)

K Scott

BEST HANDLER

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE HANDLER

FluffnStuff Lambourgini (DE Cream)

K Scott

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28th March

Judge: Ken Hart

BEST IN SHOW

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE IN SHOW

Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino)

K Walter

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JUNIOR (7)

1 Tabella Jette (Black) Ganon Family
 2 Victoria Nutmeg (Sat Arg) E Abbott
 3 Kenmar Snow Drop (PE White) K Scott



Tabella Jette



Victoria Nutmeg

JUNIOR Breeders (3)

1 Tabella Nutty Drizzle (Texel) K Walter
 2 FluffnStuff Artemis (PE White) K Scott

3 Divine Miracle (Lilac/Gold/White) E Abbott

NOVICE (5)

1 Canberry Loretta (Cr DE Cream) K Walter
2 Jazzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian) J Ettridge
3 Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter

NOVICE Breeders (2)

1 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
2 Hyjinx Jarrah (Red) S Scott

HANDLER Under 13 (5)

1 Tabella Jette (Self Black) Ganon Family
2 Deas Empire (Self Black) D O'Conner
3 Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter
3 Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter
3 Ch. Piggylicious Rosie T Rudrum

HANDLER Under 18 (4)

1 FluffinStuff Lambourgini K Scott
1 Victoria Nutmeg E Abbott
1 Rosemary J Abbott
1 Lily McPhee M Clark

HANDLER Adult (1)

1 Petlee Dream Time L Thwaite

MARKED

Red Dutch Adult

-

Red Dutch 3-6

-

Dutch AOC Adult

-

Tortoise and White Adult

-

Tortoise and White 6-9

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Tri-colour Adult (1)

1 BOB Clover-Leaf Shining Knight E Abbott

Tri-colour 6-9 (1)

2 Divine Miracle (Lilac/Gold/W) E Abbott

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Tri-colour 3-6

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Roan Black Adult (1)

1 BOB Ch Kenmar Vjay Parker S Pellemounter

Roan Black 6-9 (2)

1 ROB Kenmar Virgil S Pellemounter

2 Kenmar Vincent S Pellemounter

Marked AOV Adult (1)

1 BOB Sathra King Size (Choc Him) C Newman

Marked AOV 3-6 (1)

1 Daisy (Brindle) E Abbott

BEST MARKED

Sathra King Size (Choc Him) C Newman

RESERVE MARKED

Ch Kenmar Vjay Parker (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter

BEST MARKED ADULT

Sathra King Size (Choc Him) C Newman

RESERVE MARKED ADULT

Ch Kenmar Vjay Parker (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter

BEST MARKED 6-9 MONTHS

Kenmar Virgil (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter

RESERVE MARKED 6-9 MONTHS

Kenmar Vincent (Bl Roan) S Pellemounter

BEST MARKED 3-6 MONTHS

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RESERVE MARKED 3-6 MONTHS

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Sathra King Size



Ch Kenmar Vjay Parker

SATIN

Satin Self PE White Adult

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Satin Self PE White 6-9 (2)

1 BOB Piggylicious Crystal S Rudrum

2 Piggylicious Comet T Rudrum

Satin Self PE White 3-6 (2)

1 ROB Tabella Gallium Crystal K Walter

2 Tabella Mad Chatter S Walter

Satin Self DE White Adult (2)

1 BOB Canberry Ivana S Rudrum

2 ROB Canberry Vlad J Abbott

Satin Self Red Adult (2)

1 BOB 21 Shilling Magenta S Scott

2 ROB 21 Shilling Reddy Teddy S Scott

Satin Self Red 3-6 (1)

1 Hyjinx Axhes Ablaze S Scott

Satin Self AOC Adult

-

Satin Self AOC 6-9 (1)

1 BOB Piggylicious Sunbeam (DE Cream) S Rudrum

Satin Self AOC 3-6

-

Satin Crested Adult (1)

1 BOB Victoria Nutmeg (Sat Cr G/L Arg) E Abbott

Satin Crested 3-6 (1)

1 ROB Tabella Calcite Crystal (Sat Cr PE White) K Walter

Satin AOV Adult

-

BEST SATIN

Piggylicious Crystal (Sat PE White) S Rudrum

RESERVE SATIN

Victoria Nutmeg (Sat Cr G/L Arg) E Abbott

BEST SATIN ADULT

-Victoria Nutmeg (Sat Cr G/L Arg) E Abbott

RESERVE SATIN ADULT

Canberry Vlad (Sat DE White) J Abbott

BEST SATIN 6-9 MONTHS

Piggylicious Crystal (Sat PE White) S Rudrum

RESERVE SATIN 6-9MONTHS

Piggylicious Comet (Sat PE White) T Rudrum

BEST SATIN 3-6 MONTHS

Tabella Gallium Crystal (Sat PE White) K Walter

RESERVE SATIN 3-6 MONTHS

Tabella Mad Chatter (Sat PE White) S Walter



Piggylicious Crystal



Victoria Nutmeg

SELF

Self PE White Adult (1)
 1 BOB Kenmar Snow Drop K Scott
 Self PE White 6-9 (1)
 1 ROB Kenmar Shamrock K Scott
 Self PE White 3-6 (2)
 1 FluffnStuff Artemis K Scott
 2 FluffnStuff Doinysus K Scott
 Self DE White 3-6 (1)
 1 BOB Piggylicious Ace S Rudrum
 Self DE Cream Adult (2)
 1 Piggylicious Crumpet K Scott
 2 Piggylicious Hotcake S Rudrum
 Self DE Cream 6-9 (1)
 1 BOB Piggylicious Petal S Rudrum
 Self DE Cream 3-6 (2)
 1 ROB FluffnStuff Ceres K Scott
 2 FluffnStuff Lambourgini K Scott
 3 Piggylicious Oscar S Rudrum
 Self Buff Adult (1)
 1 Lily McPhee M Clark

Self Buff 6-9

-

Self Buff 3-6

-

Self Lilac Adult (2)

1 BOB Petlee Night Sky L Thwaite
 2 Petlee Dream Time L Thwaite
 Self Lilac 6-9 (4)
 1 Tabella Kings of Leon E Ettridge
 2 Tabella Evolution T Rudrum
 3 Tabella Popcorn E Ettridge
 Self Lilac 3-6 (2)
 1 ROB Polytelis Pan D O'Connor
 2 Piggylicious Moondust S Rudrum
 Self Red Adult

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Self Red 6-9 (4)

1 BOB Hyjinx Jarrah S Scott
 2 ROB Hyjinx Redwood S Scott
 3 Hyjinx Heaven Sent S Scott
 Self Red 3-6 (3)

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Self Chocolate Adult (1)
 1 Victoria Freckles J Abbott
 Self Black Adult (1)
 1 ROB Kenmar Kenya S Pelleymounter
 Self Black 3-6 (5)
 1 BOB Tabella Breaking Dawn K Walter
 2 Kenmar Whitney S Pelleymounter
 3 Kenmar Winola S Pelleymounter
 Self PE Cream Adult (1)
 1 BOB Ch Piggylicious Peony Rose S Rudrum
 Self PE Cream 6-9 (1)
 1 Piggylicious Razzmattaz S Rudrum
 Self PE Cream (1)
 1 ROB Piggylicious Jinki S Rudrum
 Self AOC Adult

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Self AOC 6-9

-

Self AOC 3-6

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BEST SELF

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black) K Walter

RESERVE SELF

Kenmar Whitney (Self Black) S Pelleymounter

BEST SELF ADULT

Kenmar Kenya (Self Black) S Pelleymounter

RESERVE SELF ADULT

Kenmar Snow Drop (Self PE White) K Scott

BEST SELF 6-9 MONTHS

Hyjinx Jarrah (Self Red) S Scott

RESERVE SELF 6-9 MONTHS

Hyjinx Redwood (Self Red) S Scott

BEST SELF 3-6 MONTHS

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Black) K Walter

RESERVE SELF 3-6 MONTHS

Kenmar Whitney (Black) S Pelleymounter



Tabella Breaking Dawn



Kenmar Whitney

CRESTED

English Crested Black Adult (4)
 1 BOB Kenmar Anzac S Pelleymounter
 2 ROB Kenmar Merlin J Abbott
 3 Kenmar Gabrielle S Pelleymounter
 English Crested Black 3-6 (1)
 1 Suneagle Chitter Chatter A Hazelgrove

English Crested PE White 3-6 (2)
 1 BOB Suneagle Margarita A Hazelgrove
 2 ROB Kenmar Snow Flake S Pellemounter
 English Crested DE Cream Adult
 -
 English Crested DE Cream 6-9 (1)
 1 BOB Canberry Loretta K Walter
 English Crested DE Cream 3-6
 -
 English Crested Buff Adult (1)
 1 BOB Ch Piggylicious Pepita S Rudrum
 2 ROB Deas Bijou Krest J Abbott
 English Crested AC Adult
 1 BOB Ch Piggylicious Rosie (DE Golden) T Rudrum
 English Crested AOC 3-6 (1)
 1 ROB Piggylicious Duke (DE White) S Rudrum
 American Crested Adult
 -
 American Crested 3-6
 -
BEST CRESTED
 Kenmar Anzac (Cr Black) S Pellemounter
 RESERVE CRESTED
 Kenmar Merlin (Cr Black) J Abbott
 BEST CRESTED ADULT
 Kenmar Anzac (Cr Black) S Pellemounter
 RESERVE CRESTED ADULT
 Kenmar Merlin (Cr Black) J Abbott
 BEST CRESTED 6-9 MONTHS
 Canberry Loretta (Cr DE Cream) K Walter
 RESERVE CRESTED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
 BEST CRESTED 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Chitter Chatter (Cr Black) A Hazelgrove
 RESERVE CRESTED 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Margarita (Cr PE White) A Hazelgrove



Kenmar Anzac



Kenmar Merlin

TICKED

Golden Agouti Adult (1)
 1 BOB Suneagle Tittletattle A Hazelgrove
 Golden Agouti 3-6 (1)
 1 ROB Suneagle Glow Girl A Hazelgrove
 Silver Agouti Adult
 -

Silver Agouti 3-6
 -
 Cinnamon Agouti Adult
 -
 Cinnamon Agouti 3-6
 -
BEST TICKED
 Suneagle Tittletattle (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
 RESERVE TICKED
 Suneagle Glow Girl (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
BEST TICKED ADULT
 Suneagle Tittletattle (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
 RESERVE TICKED ADULT
 -
BEST TICKED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
RESERVE TICKED 6-9 MONTHS
 -
BEST TICKED 3-6 MONTHS
 Suneagle Glow Girl (Golden Ag) A Hazelgrove
 RESERVE TICKED 3-6 MONTHS
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Suneagle Tittletattle



Suneagle Glow Girl

COARSE COAT

Abyssinian 6-9
 -
 Abyssinian 3-6
 -
 Rex Adult (2)
 1 BOB Rosemary J Abbott
 2 Caspian Alvin E Abbott
 Rex 6-9
 -
 Rex 3-6 (1)
 1 ROB Polytelis Meadow Ganon Family
BEST COARSE COAT
 Rosemary (Rex) J Abbott
RESERVE COARSE COAT
 Polytelis Meadow (Rex) Ganon Family
BEST ADULT COARSECOAT
 Rosemary (Rex) J Abbott
BEST COARSE COAT 3-6 MONTHS
 Polytelis Meadow (Rex) Ganon Family



Rosemary



Polytelis Meadow

LONGHAIR

Peruvian 3-6 (4)

- 1 BOB Jazzuki Jailbreak J Ettridge
- 2 ROB Jazzuki Sabina J Ettridge
- 3 Jazzuki Sharine J Ettridge

Longhair AV Adult (1)

- 1 BOB Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino) K Walter

Longhair AV 3-6 (3)

- 1 ROB Tabella Nutty Drizzle (Texel) K Walter
- 2 Suneagle Carmen (Coronet) A Hazelgrove
- 3 Quarter Acre Penny (Texel) Ganon Family

BEST LONGHAIR

- Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino) K Walter

RESERVE LONGHAIR

- Jazzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian) J Ettridge

BEST LONGHAIR ADULT

- Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino) K Walter

BEST LONGHAIR 3-6 MONTHS

- Jazzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian) J Ettridge

RESERVE LONGHAIR 3-6 MONTHS

- Tabella Nutty Drizzle (Texel) K Walter



Tabella Fruit Tingles



Jazzuki Jailbreak

MEMBERS PET BOAR (3)

- 1 Quarter Acre Verve Ganon Family
- 2 Quarter Acre Steel N Kelly
- 3 Mr Scruffles M Anestoudis

MEMBERS PET SOW (9)

- 1 Quarter Acre Midnight Blues Ganon Family
- 2 Deas Peaches J Pelleymounter
- 3 Cherup K Scott
- 3 Peanut M Clark
- 3 Olga da Polga M Clark
- 3 Ivory M Anetoudis
- 3 Princess Sally L Hart
- 3 Amber L Hart
- 3 Nessy D O'Connor

BEST MEMBERS PET

- Quarter Acre Midnight Blues Ganon Family

RESERVE MEMBERS PET

- Quarter Acre Verve Ganon Family

NON-MEMBERS PET BOAR (5)

- 1 Abby C Thomson
- 2 Pip A Smith
- 3 Shaggy A Smith
- 3 Sputnik M Boothey
- 3 Jazzy C Thomson

Non-Members Pet Sow (4)

- 1 Delilah M Boothey
- 2 Roxy C MacLean
- 3 Missy Piggins H MacLean

BEST NON-MEMBERS PET

- Delilah M Boothey

RESERVE NON-MEMBERS PET

- Roxy C MacLean

BEST PET IN SHOW

- Quarter Acre Midnight Blues Ganon Family

RESERVE PET IN SHOW

- Quarter Acre Verve Ganon Family

BEST IN SHOW

- Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE IN SHOW

- Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino)

K Walter

BEST ADULT IN SHOW

- Tabella Fruit Tingles (Merino)

K Walter

RESERVE ADULT IN SHOW

Kenmar Kenya (Self Black)

S Pelleymounter

BEST 6-9 MONTHS IN SHOW

Hyjinx Jarrah (Self Red)

S Scott

RESERVE 6-9 MONTHS IN SHOW

Piggylicious Crystal (Sat Self PE White)

S Rudrum

BEST 3-6 MONTHS IN SHOW

Tabella Breaking Dawn (Self Black)

K Walter

RESERVE 3-6 MONTHS IN SHOW

Juzzuki Jailbreak (Peruvian)

J Ettridge

BEST JUNIOR

Tarbella Jette (Self Black)

Ganon Family

RESERVE JUNIOR

Victoria Nutmeg (Sat Cr G/L Argente)

E Abbott

A tale of a "Guinea Chook"

By Sharon Deas

You are probably wondering what on earth I am talking about but if you read on, you will find out.

As some of you are aware, I work on a chook farm, collecting, grading and packing eggs. Not very exciting but it is a job. Anyway, they get in day old chicks that they grow on to become laying birds. I do not have anything to do with the little chickens but one day while I was on my way back to the car at the end of the day,

when one of the other workers walked up to me and said, "Here, have a chicken." It was one of the day old chicks that had been delivered that morning but this little one had escaped and managed to get into an area where the older chooks were. It could not be returned to the other day-old chicks as it was a disease risk. There was only one option for the poor little chick. At least there was until I walked passed, and that was how I was left standing there with a day-old chick, peeping loudly, in my hand.

While driving home, while listening to its VERY loud cheeping, I wondered what on earth I was going to do with it. Feeding was no problem, they fed themselves, but it needed to be kept warm. Also it was making it loud and clear it did not like being on its own either. I drove straight up to the cavy shed to feed them, all the

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time listening to that constant peeping. There was no way I was going to have that in the house, I would never get any sleep. How could something so small make so much noise?

I did not have any way of keeping a one day old chick warm. Without warmth, it would not survive the night. Thought about putting under one of my pigeons but they would have none of it, and evicted it in short order. As I cleaned out my sows with litters, I looked at the huddle of new born babies in the corner, and thought, well they are warm. So I put the little chicken into the huddle. The babies were not worried but what would the mums think? At first they seemed a horrified of it, mostly because of the noise than anything. However the chicken soon settled when it realised that it was both warm and had company and the loud cheeps turned into soft little peeps of contentment. The sows were still a little upset when the chicken cheeped loudly but were getting used to it, but how would the chicken be the next day. Would the sows push it away from their babies and leave it out in the cold? Would they even get annoyed enough to injure the little chicken? Or would it just get trampled underfoot?

I would have to say I did not expect it to be alive the next day, and when I walked into the shed the next day, and did not hear any cheeping, I thought it must be dead. However I was very surprised to see it not only alive but peeking out from underneath its "mum's" chin! The sows not only tolerated the chicken but would lift their chin up so it could dive underneath and keep warm. If it got separated from the other babies and started cheeping, one would go over and get it! (Maybe that was because the cheeping was so irritating that they only wanted to stop it!) They also took care not to squash it, and were very careful not to stand on it, they treated it just like their own babies.

Now, several weeks later, the little "Guinea Chook" no longer needs its "Mum" but still spends most of its time with its furry family. I do not know what it will think it is when it grows up, but it is only because of the maternal instincts of the cavy that it had a chance to grow up at all! I really can not think of any other animal that would have taken so easily to bringing up, not only a stranger, but one that was not even the same species! It was not just one exceptional mother, like you occasionally get with a dog or cat, but ALL the cavy mothers happy to take care of the chicken. None of the cavies made any attempt to harm the chicken, not even so much as a "go away you pest." All I can say is, what incredible little creatures our cavies are.

