

RABBITRY **INTERVIEWS** **2011**



**Learn from other successful rabbitry
owners in this special rabbitry interviews
report**

Woodleigh Creek Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #1: Woodleigh Creek Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of woodleigh creek rabbitry- Lochlan O'Neil.

Website: woodleighcreek.webs.com

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

Woodleigh Creek is a micro-rabbitry that just started up. We raise Jersey Woolies and are located in Columbia, SC. Woodleigh Creek is ARBA registered and we always do what ever it takes to make sure our rabbits are healthy and happy. Woodleigh

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

I raise Jersey Woolies because they have a great temperament, are small, and have a wonderful fluffy coat.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

I have had rabbits for years, but I just recently started breeding them about 4 months ago.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

My 4-H leader

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

When I went to my first show. It was amazing. There were all kinds of rabbit breeds. I was very surprised when my buck won best of breed.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale?

If so please provide details...No. But my doe is due on the 25th.

Woodleigh Rabbitry Pictures



Fog City Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #2: Fog City Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Fog City Rabbitry-David Tulkin.

Check them out of Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/FogCityRabbitry>

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

FogCity is a small rabbitry with big dreams. I got my first rabbit, a Dutch, when I was seven, but I have been really into it for about two years. I believe that rabbits are the meat of the future. What other meat animal can you raise in your New York City apartment? I live in Daly City, about 10 minutes outside of San Francisco. I have about 25 holes but I usually only use about 20 of them. I raise rabbits for meat, raw dog food, hobby fur and pets. All of my rabbits are fed on a combination of pellets from a local miller, certified organic veggies and a combination of local grasses. I take great passion in all my rabbits and do my best to feed them as organic a diet as possible.

I am currently working with some farmers to put rabbits on pasture. We are growing certified organic crops and we have purchased a pellet mill. We will be milling our own organic pellets. In a couple months we will have twenty does on pasture each one placed in its own "rabbit tractor." The pens will be moved around the field after they have consumed the available forage. The does we will be using will be a combination of Rex, CA, NZ, Flemish, American, and Florida. We are hoping to get involved in several different aspects including the sales of rabbit tractors, organic rabbit pellets (on an affordable scale), and of course meat rabbits.

I also spend time working on making my rabbits taste good. Just as there is a difference between steers finished in feed lots and those on pasture, I believe the same is true for rabbits. There is also a difference in terms of how breeds taste. I could go into detail about this but if you are interested feel free to contact me.

My breeding stock consists of California, New Zealands, Flemish Giants, and American. Most of my meat rabbits are crosses but I also have pure bred rabbits as well. I breed the CA and NZ mostly for breeding stock for purchase. I prefer the crosses. I breed crosses for several main reasons. The first is that I feel the merits of breeding pure breed are only relevant if one is producing on a major scale, if money is of a serious concern, or of course if one is breeding for show. I don't breed for show. Second, if a rabbit takes one extra week or is a couple ounces less than the others it does not really matter to me. Third, I find crosses so much more interesting. Forth, I find that I can get great meat rabbits out of crosses.

I spend a great deal of time reseaching how rabbit genetics work and which crosses can produce the best rabbits. I am also interested in rabbit nutrition and which feeds produce the best meat. Just as there is a major taste difference between grain fed beef verses pasture beef, I find the same true for rabbits.

Raising rabbits is something my whole family does. My wife and children love to come outside and help with the rabbits each day. My kids especially like putting hay and fresh greens in the cages. Because they are young, we have one name for the rabbits, Pate, and at this point I think we are up to Pate XIV.

I also get a lot of joy helping other people get their rabbitries started. I have met so many great people, most of them via Craigslist.

I always have meat rabbits for sale and my breeding stock changes often. I rarely have mature breed stock and when I do it usually goes quickly. Currently I have the following.

**California mixes, will be eight weeks old and ready for pick up March 20th \$20.00

**NZ mixes, will be eight weeks old and ready for pick up March 20th, \$20.00

**American/Florida cross, will be eight weeks old and ready for pick up middle of April, \$25.00 (these rabbits are really awesome looking). Colors are blue, black and white

**Pure CA rabbits, will be eight weeks old and ready for pick up April 25th \$30.00

Dalton's Hoppy Bunnies Interview

Featured Rabbitry #3: Dalton's Hoppy Bunnies. An interview with the owner of Dalton's Hoppy Bunnies- Dalton Williams.

Check out their website: www.DaltonsHoppyBunnies.webs.com

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

1. I have a small rabbitry located in Hydesville California in beautiful Humboldt county. I currently have 15 holes and 13 holes are filled. I have 11 Netherland Dwarves and two Lilacs. I attend 3-4 shows a year. I attend the rabbit jamboree in Santa Rosa, Redwood Acres Fair, Humboldt county fair + Humboldt county fair open show, and the Crescent City show.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

2. I raise Netherland Dwarves and Lilacs. I raise the colors: (broken) orange, (broken) black, (broken) chestnut, blue otter, chinchilla, r.e.w., b.e.w.. My first rabbit was a chestnut buck ND. I just loved him to death and over time I started getting more and more ND's. They are my favorite breed and also my first. I just started raising Lilacs. I have a male and a female. I have always been interested in getting a new breed of rabbits that were bigger but not too big and the Lilac was the perfect rabbit for me.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

3. I have raised Netherland Dwarves for the past seven years. I just got my Lilacs in January of 2011.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

4. I have received a lot of the information that I know about rabbits from my mother who is our local 4-H rabbit group leader and I am her teen leader. I also got a lot of information from Barbi Brown and Willow Glens Rabbitry.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

5. My favorite rabbit experience has to be when I won the small animal round robin at the Redwood Acres Fair. My favorite memory happened about four years ago. I had gotten a little chestnut doe out of my chestnut buck and chestnut 'charlie' doe. I took her to the Humboldt County Fair open show and she won best of breed. Then she got moved up to the best of show circle and won reserve grand champion of the whole show.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

6. I currently do not have anything for sale but I am expecting a litter from my b.e.w. and r.e.w. (netherlands).

3R Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #4: 3R Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of 3R Rabbitry- Rebecca Miller

Check out their website: <http://rebeccasrocknrabbitry.weebly.com>

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

I am a member of the ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) and registered Rabbitry #D307. I am also a member of the ANDRC (American Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club) I own and operate a small scale rabbitry in a little place known as Cardwell, MO, Located in the Southeast part (the Bootheel) of Missouri. I first started out raising large breed rabbits but quickly fell in love with the smaller Dwarf breeds! It is a constant learning process and I love the challenge of breeding and working with my rabbits. I strive to breed for quality and Temperment. I am also now able to offer pedigreed rabbits in all breeds except my hollands.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

Currently Netherland Dwarfs are the main focus at my Rabbitry. As of the Beginning of this year I will be introducing and Creating my own BEW line in my Netherlands. I also raise Dwarf Hotots, Lionheads, Mini Rex, Holland Lops, and Dutch. When I first started raising rabbits I just thought a rabbit was a rabbit. I soon discovered they came in all shapes, sizes, and colors! I could not believe the tremendous variety of rabbits offered and soon found a very addicting passion!

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

I have been raising rabbits almost 4yrs. now, Different times for each breeds, but I have been raising Dutch the whole time. I first started out with large meat type rabbits. The first one I got I actually trapped in a trap that escaped from my neighbors warren. He kept his bucks up in cages off the ground and let the does and young dig and burrow in a large colony on the ground. One summer a storm came through and knocked down a Large pecan tree crushing the pen and releasng all of his rabbits. Sadly, all were killed by the neighborhood dogs except my lil thumper! From than on I have raised numerous rabbits and breeds and am finally figuring out what I want and where I want to go with them!

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

There Really are to many people to mention! My advice is to locate and talk with local breeders and learn from them, I have come across a few in my short years of breeding but they are they best people to talk to about rabbit raising! You quicky gain a lot of life long friends. Join clubs, dont be afraid to reach out and ask questions and do research, that is half the fun of raising rabbits!

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

Again, there is too many to name... But I do have one that sticks out in my mind. The very first litter of rabbits I had I had in the house, and I use to baby gate them off in the kitchen. I use to blow up balloons and watch them chase them and pick up them on the ends and run around with them. It is silly LOL , but some of the things rabbits do are irreplaceable in your mind, I could not imagine my life with out at least one bunny in it 😊

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

Yes... Currently I have up for sale my Mini Rex breeding stock, I hate to get rid of them all and may some day get back into them but I am wanting to make room for my Dwarfs in the rabbitry. they can be seen on the website:

rebeccasrocknrabbitry.weebly.com

3R Rabbitry Pictures



Kecias Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #5: Kecia's Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Kecia's Rabbitry- Kecia Visser.

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

Kecia's Rabbitry is located in Plainwell, MI. We have been breeding and raising rabbits since 2003. I have raised a large variety of rabbits, but my main focus are the new zealand whites, californians, and mini rex. There are a couple of mini lops, but we are just "playing" with that breed right now. There are 60 holes in the rabbitry and we are hoping to expand to 80 in the next couple of weeks. We attend as many shows as possible in central and southern MI and northern IN and OH. We try our best to provide quality rabbits that fit what you are looking for. We have both show and meat quality rabbits in the new zealands and californians, but the mini rex are all show quality with a few occasional pet quality rabbits for sale. We try to keep everything at a reasonable price and provide as much information to the buyers as we can.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

We raise New Zealand White, Calironian, and Mini Rex (black and sable point in both solid and broken patterns) rabbits. We also have a couple of mini lops. We raise the New Zealands and Californians because they are great meat breeds. We raise the mini rex for showing and the mini lops are also for showing but primarily for selling as pets.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

I have been breeding and raising rabbits since 2003

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

I got started raising rabbits when my uncle sold all of his rabbits and gave me the cages. I then bought a couple of crosses from my neighbor and started raising them. However, after joining 4h we started showing them and sold the crosses. Our 4h leaders and other people they helped us contact were probably the biggest help.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

There were 2 memories that really stand out. The first was when my first litter of babies arrived. That was so fun to finally have babies. The other one would be my first show. I dont remember what breeds we were showing, but we took best of breed with both and then best of show with the florida whites. I even got reserve grand showmanship that day in the 4h show.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

I do not have any for sale at the moment. I have about 20 litters that will be born in the next 2 weeks. I would be happy to add anyone that is interested to my waiting list. You can see most of my stock on my website keciasrabbitry.weebly.com

Thumper's Friends Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #6: Thumper's Friends Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Thumper's Friends Rabbitry- Lea Kirby.

Check out their website: thumpersfriendsrabbitry.com

They are Mini Lop Rabbit Breeders located in California.

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

We have a small scale rabbitry that consists of approximately 15 holes. Our rabbitry started out as a 4-H project with my four daughters, and grew to be a family hobby. With having a small rabbitry, we are able to give all of our rabbits the love and attention that they want while being able to keep up with the rest of life. We love to attend as many local shows as possible and frequently have babies for sale.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

We currently have Californians, Mini Lops, Mini Rex, and Polish. We started off with Mini Lops and Polish. These were the two breeds that my kids fell in love with initially. I won a Mini Rex Doe in a raffle at a rabbit show, and have been attached to this breed every since. We aquired a Californian at a show we were attending and from that point forward, my oldest has been very focused on that breed. Not to mention that our Californian Buck was the first of our rabbits ever to win BOB.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

We have only been raising/breeding rabbits for the past year.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

There have been two people that have been instrumental in our rabbitry. The first one is Nancy, who is our rabbit leader, She and her daughters attended our first show with us and helped us aquire several of our rabbits. She has given us many supplies and a lot of advice along the way. The second person is Serena, my kids 4-H sheep leader. She has a small rabbitry as well, and was actually the person that sold us our first three rabbits. We have become very close and are actually working on some cooperative breedings experimenting with some unique colors.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

My favorite experience was probably watching our first litter of kits come out of the nesting box. All our litters are exciting for us, but the first is very memorable.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

We currently have at least one Mini Lop baby for sale and are expecting some Polish babies at the end of the month. We are also planning some breeding at the first part of May. If we don't have what someone is looking for, we will do our best to give you information for other breeders in the area. The Rabbit community is a pretty close community.

Stump Acres Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #7: Stump Acres Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Stump Acres Rabbitry- Paula Faubush.

Check out their website at: stumpacres.com

They are New Zealand Rabbit Breeders located in Oregon.

1: Tell us about your rabbitry... Stump Acres is a small commercial rabbitry, located in southern Oregon. Currently, we have about 50 does. We will eventually expand, but are holding off, so that it doesn't come at the expense of our already existing stock.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why? We raise New Zealands in white, red, black, and blue, with all colors also available in broken. We also raise Californians and Flemish Giants. Our rabbits are mainly used for meat, though I do raise some for show.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits? We have been raising rabbits for three years. Our main goal was meat for our own table, but it grew far and fast.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project? I have been very lucky to meet some great rabbit breeders all over Oregon. Expanding from our plan of two does and a buck was quite accidental, but has been a great success because of all the advice and help of others. My husband has truly been a saving grace and extremely supportive with everything. When we began this venture, I really only had what I had read in books and in online forums. Now, I strive to always be available to anybody that has questions or needs help, whether they purchase rabbits here or not. I don't want anyone to feel lost or frustrated because they feel like there's no help out there.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience? My family has learned to eat, sleep, and breath rabbits right along side of me. It seems that every time we leave the house, we take rabbits with us. So, one day, my then 3-year-old was in the back seat and started screaming, "Mom! Mom!" She was really carrying on. I stopped and asked her what was the matter and she told me that I had forgotten to take some rabbits with me. It was cute, though I did wonder if maybe it was a sign that I had gone off the rails.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? Currently, we have red, white, blue, and agouti New Zealands (most colors are available in broken too). There is wait on white does. We also have Californians ready to go. We always have rabbits available and if there is a particular color or trait that you are looking for, feel free to let us know. If there is something that we don't have or can't breed, we're always happy to refer folks to someone reputable.

Stump Acres Rabbitry Pictures



The Wild Woods Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #8: The Wild Woods Rabbitry. An interview with the owners of Wild Woods Rabbitry- Jennifer and Alana Schmitt

They are Flemish Giant Rabbit Breeders located in Arkansas

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

Currently we are a two person (twin sisters) run rabbitry. It's not a full time job for us, but it's expanding. We're approaching our fledgling operation with enthusiasm and pragmatism. All in all, not bad for accidentally getting started in the bunny business. You can visit our facebook page at www.thewildwoodsrabbitry.com

(Which links to our Facebook page till we get a website finished).

Our family farm has a lot of resources to assist in constructing and maintaining our rabbitry. The 160 acre "Tree Farm" provides us with logs to saw on the sawmill, into lumber for any imaginable structure. We have an 8000 sq ft furniture shop, filled with woodworking tools. That is our primary occupation. The five family members hand make Arts & Crafts furniture.....
www.dryadstudios.com

The first building we built was an 8 cage "kindling" house. It is super insulated, and stayed above freezing in some 15 below zero weather this winter. We can also cool it in the murderous Arkansas summers, if necessary.

We then began, and are now completing the first 8 large, free standing cages. Each is 8' x 5' x 5' tall, and can be divided into two separate units by sliding a divider board in the middle. We made each unit 2 levels, with a steep ramp to keep the bunnies exercised. The first 8 buildings will be enclosed in about a half-acre fenced yard, that will be divided for exercise in good weather. It is our firm belief that a healthy bunny needs to be "happy" and be able to do some of the things a bunny likes to do. They have hollow logs, and rocks, thickets of pussy willow, and patches of vetch to frolic and hide in. We are currently digging post holes and burying water and electric lines into the area to be able to light and water the entire enclosure.

We have to tip our hats to our beautiful Pyrenees Guard Dog..."Ursa". We are near the Buffalo National River (6 miles) and Ozark National Forest. We have Bear, Coyotes, Foxes, Bobcats and even Mountain Lions on game camera videos, only 200 yards from the rabbits. Ursa just had puppies, and we kept 2 more..."Belle" and "Zuul". The three of them work full time to keep all of our stock safe.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

Our breed of choice is Flemish Giants. We were attracted to their almost puppy-like personality and enjoy their gentle nature, keen intelligence, and willingness to interact with humans.(They truly are gentle giants).

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

Professionally, 2 years. Unprofessionally, 5 years.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

Rocky Altic, of Hillbilly Rabbitry, an old time rabbit breeder. He's been the deepest well of knowledge and first hand wisdom with Flemish. He's worked with us since our first contact and has been an endless source of information about everything. No exaggeration, we can never say enough good about his help. His enthusiasm is contagious and there has never been a conversation with Rocky that we did not leave smarter.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

Do you have all night? LOL

Well, the very first experience is one we always come back to. Several years ago we'd been taking a Sunday drive with the family and paused on a deep, winding, back-road in the forest to admire our new county-line sign. It was very unusual to see a bright green CARROLL/NEWTON county line marker on a VERY rural dirt road. After a moment we noticed two small, white rabbits under it, peering out from behind a pile of dirt. After a mad chase through the briars and brush piles, the bunnies gave up.

Someone had dumped two little pet-shop white rabbits in the middle of nowhere. We did not have to think of names, their names were right there on the sign...Carroll & Newton. As we drove off with our prize, a large red tailed hawk crossed the road about 50 yards from where we spotted the bunnies. they wouldn't have lasted the afternoon.

After rescuing them, we deduced they were a male and female and that we'd have a litter in 28 days. 28 days later, the female had a litter. And then later that afternoon the 'male' had her litter as well. So, as you can see, we've come a long way with rabbits.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

We have two 11 month old bred pedigree does available, and we have a waiting list for our upcoming litters. We would be happy to add anyone who is interested onto the list (Waiting list members would of course get first dibs on the litters, before I offer the rest for sale).

The Wild Woods Rabbitry Pictures



Nora's Floppy Shop Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #9: Nora's Floppy Shop Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Nora's Floppy Shop Rabbitry- Nora Anderson

They are Mini Lop and French Lop Rabbit Breeders located in Tennessee.

Check out their website at: <http://www.norasfloppyshop.com/>

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

We have a small rabbitry located in Knoxville, TN. We raise show rabbits and show in several parts of the country and go to most ARBA Nationals. We have a wide variety of colors in both Mini and French Lops. Our future plans are to expand that rabbit barn and increase the number of the rabbits that I currently have. This will allow us to have more room to raise the pointed white Mini Lops as well as have enough room available for the "normal" colored Mini Lops.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

We raise both Mini and French Lops. Mini Lops are our main breed. Mini Lops were the first breed that was started as a 4H project and grew from there. I had wanted French Lops at the start of my rabbit project, but my mother insisted that I find something that was not the same size as me. When I got older, the French Lops were started.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

We started raising rabbits in 1988 with the first show pair bought in 1990. We have had several breeds in our barn at one time or another, but our focus has always been on the Mini Lops.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

Lots of people have helped us with our rabbit project. Members of the Smoky Mtn RBA, Lop Rabbit Club of America, Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America, NW GA Club, and countless others that have made this rabbit project a success.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

There are many memories and experiences that come to mind, but probably the memory of when I had first started in Mini Lops. We had a trio, but one of the does would not conceive, which was extremely frustrating for a young child. Without my knowledge, my uncle went out and found a breeder who had a doe who had three young babies. He bought the doe with the babies and put them in my rabbit barn. When I came home from school, he said, "I think you should go check on your rabbits." So I did and my face lit up when I saw the mother with the three babies. Kept me encouraged. Eventually, we expanded the bunny barn and the number of rabbits.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

Not currently, but I do have some newborn litters that will be available in a few weeks. There is a litter of "normal" colored Mini Lops, pointed white Mini Lops, and a litter of French Lops.

Nora's Floppy Shop Rabbitry Pictures



Pinewind Farm Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #10: Pinewind Farm Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Pinewind Farm Rabbitry- Karen Williams

They are Silver Rabbit Breeders located in New York.

You can check out their website at: pinewind.rabbitryonline.com

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

Pinewind Farm is located in the southern tier of western New York State. We maintain a small rabbitry along with our other interests of raising Alpine and Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats for milk for our personal and family use, cheesmaking and so on.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

I raise Silvers, with a focus on the Black variety. Although I am not new to rabbits, I am relatively new to Silvers, I have been raising and showing them for only a little more than a year but really enjoy them. I was just drawn to them when I came upon them at a show....it's kind of funny because I was actually looking for Polish and was meeting a Polish breeder at the show. This breeder also had a Silver with her at that time, I had never seen a Silver before or given them any thought actually, I was just "struck" by the Silvers! My first impression that day was that they were an old fashioned type of rabbit that reminded me of a Renaissance painting, I even told that to the woman who had them! When I came home and started doing some research on them and learned that they are actually a very old breed of rabbit dating back to the 1500's, well, I guess without even realizing it, that is where my impression must have come from! They are bright and curious, and to me just seem to have sparkling personalities! I was lucky enough to have a couple of great Silver breeders not far from me in Tom Schubert and Kelsey Ferguson who have helped to get me going. I am excited about the Silvers, and though new to showing Silvers, I am learning a lot, really enjoying them, and so far my rabbits have even done very well at the shows.....frosting on the cake!

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

I have kept rabbits as pets for many years, but have not been involved in breeding until about 5 years ago.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

My friend Sherri of Secret Garden Rabbits who really got me started in breeding and showing rabbits, along with Kelsey Ferguson who got me started with my Silvers, and Tom Schubert, who with his "decades" of experience in raising Silvers is always helpful and willing to answer my questions. When I decided to add a website, Ellyn Eddy of Rabbit Smarties Publishers (an ex

Silver breeder herself!) really helped build and put it all together when I was hopelessly lost in the world of computers and website building and ready to give up on the whole idea!

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

I have always just really enjoyed the peaceful quiet time I spend just tending my rabbits every night, I find it soothing and calming after a busy day at the hospital! It makes me feel calmer just thinking about it! That is what I think of first when I think of my rabbits, and if I ever don't have rabbits anymore that is what I will remember and miss the most. My most exciting rabbit memory.....winning BOB for my first GC leg at my very first show!

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

I currently have two litters in the nest box right now, a total of 9 kits, 4 born on 3/31 and 5 on 4/04! I have another litter due mid May so will have Silvers available from all three litters! I will also be selling one of my Senior Bucks and possibly a senior Doe. Hey, and lets not forget those Reg Alpine goat kids if anyone is interested! LOL!

Pinewood Farm Rabbitry Pictures



The Tree House Homestead Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #11: The Tree House Homestead Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of The Tree House Homestead Rabbitry.

They are American Chinchilla Rabbit Breeders located in Washington.

1: Tell us about your rabbitry...

My rabbitry is a small 10 hole rabbitry. We converted our small barn that was originally designed for llamas and alpacas into one for rabbits. I have 4 bucks and 6 does from 4 “separate” lines. I focus exclusively on the critically endangered and rare American Chinchilla.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why?

I raise American Chinchillas. They are an American Heritage breed and are in the top 3 of the rarest breeds. The American Chinchilla used to have the highest amounts of registered animals of any of the recognized rabbits in the United States. No other breed of rabbit has surpassed that mark and I want to do my best to get our rare Am Chin numbers back up!

I also decided that I wanted a breed that was a “dual” purpose animal. Meaning it wasn’t just a rabbit that is a pet. American Chinchillas make wonderful pets and have great personalities and are gentle little creatures. They also grow quick on minimal feed, have large litters, and the does in general are excellent mothers. They have nice pelts as well which is one of the original purposes in the fur trade during the 1920’s-1950’s. They make a fabulous addition to any backyard meat raiser or homesteader be it the city or country. They make great pets and 4H projects as well. I actually can’t think of a downside to this breed one bit!

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits?

I have owned rabbits for close to 3 years. It has only been the last year that I decided to actually focus on breeding and raising good quality healthy food for our home. I selected a breed for those specific purposes. I have always had pets and animals: cats, dogs, gerbils, mice, rats, guinea pigs, turtles, llamas, alpacas, sheep, turkeys, and chickens. I have to say that my bunnies are by far my favorite.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project?

There are two people who come to mind that I have learned the most from and who have been the best resources for good, solid rabbit information. I met both of them on various Internet rabbit forums and actually met up with one at a show. Donna Williams and Franco Rios. There have also been numerous helpful folks at shows, on the Internet, and other backyard breeders.

Storey's Guide to Raising Rabbits by Bob Bennett is about the best book around and one I highly recommend. Rabbit folks are just plain friendly and helpful.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience?

My favorite experience/memory with a rabbit was when at a neighbor's property who raises a mixed breed for meat. They had some junior bucks together in a cage and they all came up together to see me and say "hi" the way bunnies do. Seeing all their little bunny faces along side each other was so cute and I asked right then and there if those rabbits were for sale and bought them all!

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details...

Yes I do- thanks for asking. I currently have 3 litters of both bucks and does. There are several in each litter that are high quality that I would be proud to sell to anyone wanting to add some American Chinchillas to their family for a companion or for livestock purposes. Prices are \$25 each with pedigree and \$15 each for non-pedigree pet quality. I am happy to mentor as well. I breed all year long so someone can contact me anytime and I am happy to reserve an individual or duo/trio/quad for them. We are located in a rural suburb of Tacoma, Washington. I currently do not ship animals and only sell for local pick-up or I can drive to meet as well for someone making a longer trip looking for American Chinchillas. For current updates on the happenings in my rabbit barn, please check out my website at www.thetreehousehomestead.com

Tree House Homestead Rabbitry Pictures



Fantasia Rabbitry Interview

Featured Rabbitry #12: Fantasia Rabbitry. An interview with the owner of Fantasia Rabbitry.

They are Netherland Dwarf and Lionhead Rabbit Breeders located in Washington.

1: Tell us about your rabbitry... My rabbitry is an outdoor rabbitry that consist of 3 single hutches, 5 double hutches and 12 cages.

2: What rabbit breeds do you raise and why? I raise Netherland Dwarfs and Lionheads, I think they are some of the cutest little rabbits.

3: About how long have you been raising rabbits? I have been raising rabbits for 26 years.

4. Who has helped you the most with your rabbit project? My mother helped me when I was at home and now my husband helps. My husband helps me build all of my hutches.

5. What is your favorite rabbit memory or experience? My favorite rabbit memory is when I went to my very first rabbit show and when I saw one of my doe's give birth with me watching her.

6. Do you currently have any rabbit stock for sale? If so please provide details... Yes I do have rabbits and bunnies for sale, All the infomation is on my web-site <http://fantasiarabbitry.weebly.com>