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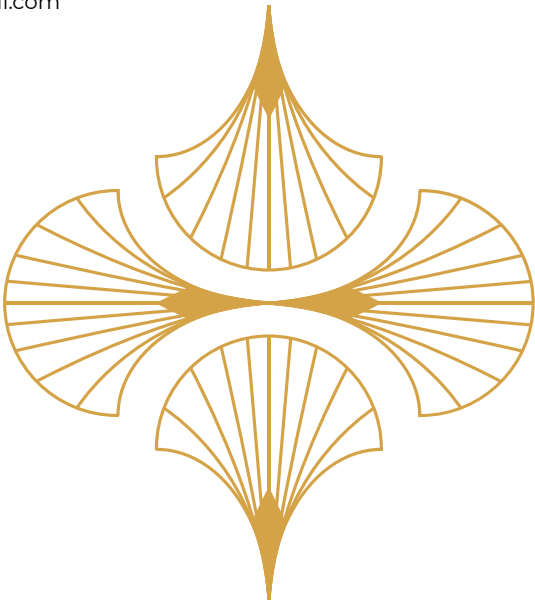
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NARBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025 ARBA Convention

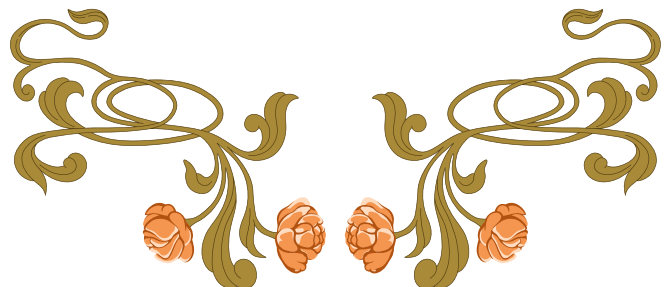
The 102nd Convention is in Indianapolis, Indiana

November 14-19, 2025

2026 National Angora Show

In Conjunction with the West Coast Classic Show

on May 19, 2026, in Reno, Nevada



President's Message: Jennifer Richardson

Greetings!

What a crazy summer it has been. It seems like just yesterday I was writing the June newsletter opening. There has been a lot happening all over the U.S. and like everything else the weather also has been absolutely crazy. We had a wonderful beginning of June with great temperatures then we hit July and it seemed like we all just survived. I am so grateful for the temperature drop, as are all of the animals, not just the now naked angoras. Up here in Michigan we are not accustomed to the extreme heat for that long, add in the humidity and nothing is left in show coat. We do not run air conditioners up here and not all of our houses are equip with them either, as we just have a few days here and there that are too hot.



I don't know about everyone else, but the summers are always the hardest to remain in the angora world. There are just many variables to keeping coats and humidity and hot do not go hand in hand. This leads me into the same variables that we have in the winter months. We don't have as many shows, we forget to say "Hello" to our friends and we all struggle to make it through. I am bringing this up, because it takes two seconds to say "hello", to check in, to make sure we are all doing ok. It doesn't take much to check in on your friends, and even those that are not your friends to just make sure we are all making it through.

We all take pride in our animals and when we are out and about we tend to be more upbeat and when things slow down, I know I question my herd. What is the purpose? What do I need to do to improve? Why do I do this? I know I am not the only one who struggles with these questions. When I get stuck in these moments it's hard to get out of them. I am grateful for everyone who says hello and checks in because Mental Health does matter! In this newsletter you will find a tribute to a wonderful young person, who did have support, but still lost her battle with mental health. Sarah Vantrease has been described to me as a "light", "so talented", "a true animal whisperer."



President's Message: Jennifer Richardson - Continued

She raised Satin Angoras and Polish. She was active in her fiber guild in Alaska and was an awesome fiber artist. She was blessed to have some amazing friends, blessed those around her with her presence and is gone too soon from our world. Remember to check on your friends and those that may “go dark”. While we are all busy, some just need a friendly hello occasionally. Being kind is always free.

Welcome to our new board members that help run the club and all those who volunteer to make our hobby successful! A special thank you to those who served on our last board! This last year working with you has been amazing, I am proud of all of you and the growth that we have made on the backside! Thank you to everyone who has helped make this supportive network in the past and continue to help it grow in the future! See you all soon (well as soon as the coats grow back) and remember to keep your head up and shine on!

Jen Richardson
NARBC President



Vice President's Message: Andrea Koeniger Evans

Hello NARBC friends,

Thank you for your support in electing me Vice President. I'm grateful to keep working with our board and with you.



Show-Table Coops

We're in steady talks with ARBA about replacing our show-table coops before the next convention. The goal for these convention dedicated show coops is wider openings that help full-coated seniors look their best. Details aren't final yet, but the outlook is good. We'll share firm news as soon as we have it.

Broken English Angora COD

Our team continues to show broken cats at local shows to gather judge feedback and monitor consistency. We have also had the opportunity to meet with Adam Schuller, NARBC's Standards, Research and Development Chairperson. His guidance on type, pattern balance, and texture is shaping our broken line. The newest litters show stronger ear carriage and furnishings, improved type, and more consistent broken patterns. You'll keep seeing them on the tables this fall as one of our goals is to get as much feedback from judges so that we can present the strongest group of Broken English at our first presentation at convention in 2027.

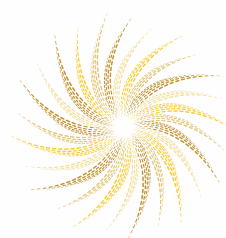
Indianapolis in November

November will be here soon, and so will the ARBA convention in Indianapolis. It truly takes a village to make an event of this size run smoothly. Thank you to everyone already working on awards, booth decor, and the WSG contest. We will need help at the NARBC booth. If you can spare a couple of hours to greet visitors and answer questions, it would mean a lot. Keep an eye out for our booth volunteer sign-up. I'm also currently putting the final touches on our banquet. Expect good food, good company, and a few fun extras. You'll find details in our convention mini-guide.

Thank you for being part of NARBC. If you'd like to share an idea or ask a question, please feel free to email me!

See you at the shows 😊

Andrea Evans



Secretary's Report: Laurie Penterman

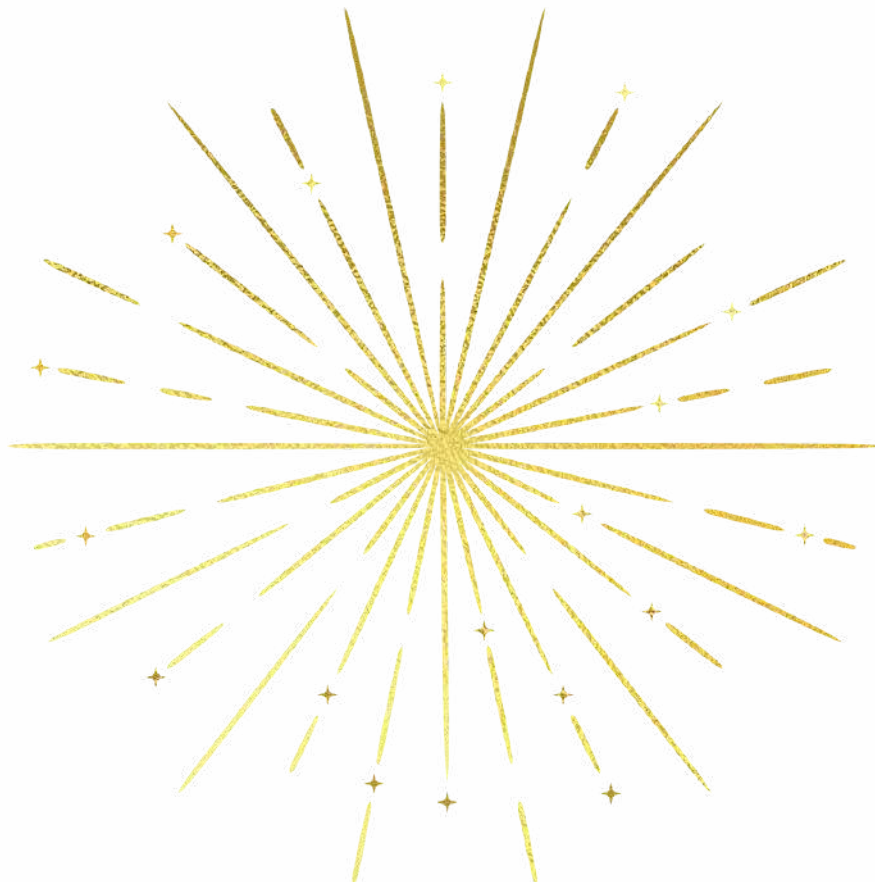
Hello Fellow Angora Breeders!



As I am writing this, the calendar page has once again been turned and it is August 1st. Where did June and July go? Time sure is flying by quickly. Before you know it, the 2025 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis will be here. The NARBC Board and Convention Show Committee members have been working hard to ensure that everything will go smoothly for the Angora exhibitors in Indy. I am so much looking forward to seeing many of you there! It is, in my opinion, the best week of the year!

Please make sure to see if your name is on the list of memberships that are expiring in the next few months. Also, it is very important that I have your correct email address so that you are receiving your copy of The Angora News.

I hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and that all your Angora rabbits are looking fabulous!



Board Meeting Minutes

NARBC Board Meeting
May 18, 2025

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, May 18, 2025, via a Microsoft Teams Meeting. President Jen Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:12 pm EST. Board members present were Jen Richardson, June Abbott, Andrea Evans, Tammy Vaughn, Laurie Penterman, Madison Wisecup, Lauren Cody and Casey Jones.

Secretary Meeting Minutes- The Board members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2025, board meetings. A MOTION was made by Andrea Evans to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Lauren Cody. Motion CARRIED.

Status of Membership- Laurie Penterman reported that we currently have 339 members in the club, 272 being Open members, and 67 Youth members. Since our April meeting, the club has gained five new Open members and one new Youth member. One Open member and no Youth members renewed their membership since the last meeting. Laurie continues to send out renewal notices to expiring members via email.

Financial Report- June Abbott reported that the balance in the checking account is \$2,660.28, there is \$32,060.64 in the money market account, and we have a balance of \$279.56 in the PayPal account, for a total cash balance of \$35,000.48. There is \$2,779.14 in the held funds, so there are \$32,221.34 available funds.

Old Business

Notebook Challenge- Before Madison Wisecup’s term as NARBC Youth Director is over, she is proposing an idea for another youth contest. Youth members would have the opportunity to record information on their rabbit project in a notebook, including management of their rabbits, such as feeding, grooming breeding, and treating illnesses. Pictures are encouraged to be included. There would be three age categories, which are Juniors, ages 5-10, Intermediates, ages 11-14, and Seniors, ages 15-18. Each age category would have one winner. The more details the notebooks include, the higher the score they will get. Madison researched what the cost would be of two possible awards. If we got 6 X 8” customized plaques from PM Graphix the cost would be between \$25-\$30 each. If we got a more useful prize of customized grooming mats from Show Life, the cost would be \$35 per mat plus \$12 for shipping. Winners would be announced at the ARBA Convention, and if any winners are not attending the ARBA Convention, their awards would be mailed to them. The deadline for submitting entries would be 1-2 months before the ARBA Convention. Jen is going to appoint Madison to be the Committee Chair of the new Youth Contest Committee. A MOTION was made by Andrea Evans to approve Madison Wisecup’s Notebook Challenge proposal. The motion was SECONDED by June Abbott. Motion CARRIED.

2026 ARBA Convention Angora Judge- Laurie sent an email to Nate Burbidge inviting him to judge Angoras at the 2026 ARBA Convention in Reno. There has been no reply yet.



Board Meeting Minutes Continued

New Business

Logo Contest- In the budget we have \$300 set aside to pay for a NARBC logo to be created for the 2025 ARBA Convention. Jen suggested that we reach out to NARBC members to create a logo, and the board of directors would choose the winner. The winner will receive a \$300 cash prize. The logo should include:

- 1.A drawing of all 4 Angora breeds.
- 2.The date and location of the ARBA Convention.
- 3.Needs to include the theme of the ARBA Convention.

A MOTION was made by Tammy Vaughn to approve the Logo Contest. The motion was SECONDED by June Abbott. Motion CARRIED.

Booth at the 2025 ARBA Convention- Our WSG Contest Chair, Vanessa Rich, would like permission to set up her own WSG booth to take entries and display entries. We have 3 booth spaces, so WSG can have one of them.

Raffle at the 2025 ARBA Convention- Indiana has a law against allowing alcohol in a public raffle, so there will be no alcohol in the bag raffle in the booth at this year's ARBA Convention. Alcohol will be allowed in the silent auction at the NARBC Banquet because we will be a private party.

2027 ARBA Convention in South Carolina- The Host Club for the 2027 ARBA Convention in South Carolina sent NARBC an email offering us a chance to secure our pick of our booth location for the 2027 ARBA Convention in South Carolina. If we pay a 50% deposit for the booth before July 15, 2025, our club will receive the following:

- 1.Priority placement of our booth near where the Angoras are cooped.
- 2.Priority pick of our day and time to hold our Annual Membership Meeting.
- 3.2 parking passes

A MOTION was made by Andrea Evans to pay the 50% deposit for the NARBC booth at the 2027 ARBA Convention in South Carolina now. The motion was SECONDED by Lauren Cody. Motion CARRIED.

COD- Exhibition- When Lynn Galbraith-Wilson was the NARBC President, she started a COD fund which was made up of money that was raised from members donating items for the silent auctions that were held at Angora Banquets at ARBA Conventions and National Angora Shows, and designating the money raised to go toward Research and Development. This money was kept in the Upper Midwest Angora Club's savings account. When Tammy Vaughn held the Chestnut Giant Angora COD, she received about \$300 a year from this account to help cover the cost of travel expenses to and from the ARBA Convention for the Chestnut Giant Angora COD presentations. In the past it was forbidden for NARBC to advertise for Angora COD holder's fund raising endeavors. When Lynn's term as president ended, she took the remaining Research and Development funds out of the Upper Midwest Angora Club's savings account and sent them to our Treasurer June Abbott. June put that money into the NARBC held funds. There is currently \$776.55 in the Research and Development fund. June will reach out to Lynn to find out what determined the amount of money that was given to COD holders from this fund in the past, and the reasoning behind NARBC not advertising Angora COD holder's fund-raising endeavors.



Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Sweepstakes Awards- Our Sweepstakes Chair, Graham Thomas, needs clarity on who receives sweepstakes awards. The top 10 sweepstakes points winners with at least 100 points earn an award. The budget is \$2,500 for the awards, and \$3,025 total including shipping costs for mailing awards to winners who can't attend the ARBA Convention. For next year, Jen wants the Sweepstakes to be updated more often on the website.

2026 National Angora Show at West Coast Classic in Reno, Nevada- Tammy Vaughn is the lead person, Andrea Evans is the co-chair. There is a planning team that is going to start holding monthly meetings. The catalog is being worked on for the June Angora News that will include the dates and location of the 2026 National Angora Show.

2027 National Angora Show- The deadline date for completed bid forms for the 2027 National Angora Show is September 15, 2025. So far one bid has been submitted.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Andrea Evans. The motion was SECONDED by June Abbot. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm EST. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm EST via Microsoft Teams Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Penterman, NARBC Secretary

NARBC Board Meeting **June 16, 2025**

The Board of Directors met on Monday, June 16, 2025, via a Microsoft Teams Meeting. President Jen Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm EST. Board members present were Lauren Cody, June Abbott, Tammy Vaughn, Casey Jones, Andrea Evans, Jen Richardson, Laurie Penterman, Jackie McDonald and Madison Wisecup.

Secretary Meeting Minutes- The Board members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2025, board meetings. A MOTION was made by Andrea Evans to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Jackie McDonald. Motion CARRIED.

Status of Membership- Laurie Penterman reported that we currently have 333 members in the club, 269 being Open members, and 64 Youth members. Since our May meeting, the club has gained two new Open members and one new Youth member. Nine Open members and two Youth members renewed their membership since the last meeting. Laurie continues to send out renewal notices to expiring members via email.

Financial Report- June Abbott reported that the balance in the checking account is \$3,684.30, there is \$32,120.60 in the money market account, and we have a balance of \$292.69 in the PayPal account, for a total cash balance of \$36,097.59. There is \$2,926.14 in the held funds, so there are \$33,171.45 available funds.



Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Old Business

NARBC 2025 ARBA Convention Logo Contest- Entries must be received by June 25. So far 3 entries have been received.

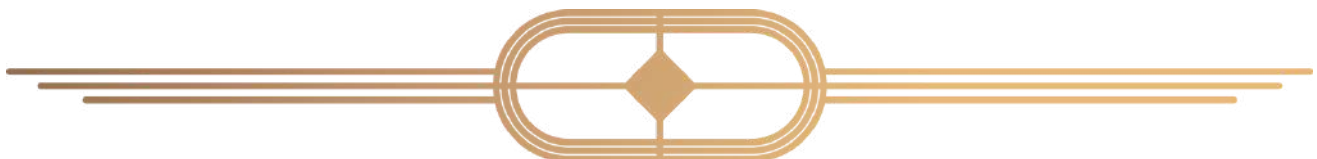
Research and Development Funds- June spoke to the club's past president, Lynn Galbraith Wilson, about the NARBC Research and Development Funds that we have. Lynn said that years ago the silent auction that is held at the Angora Banquet at the ARBA Convention was started to support NARBC members who held Angora breed CODs. Back then very nice items were donated to the silent auction and thousands of dollars were raised. Over the past several years, club members who donated items for the silent auction had a choice for what they wanted the money raised from their donated items to go to, so not all money raised at the silent auction went to COD holders anymore. According to ARBA President Josh Humphries, NARBC is the only breed club to have a COD fund. Right now, there is \$776.55 in the COD fund. Tammy feels that moving forward, this money should be documented. We currently don't have a policy as to how these funds can be accessed. Casey suggested that perhaps there should be an application process to obtain money to help pay for COD holder expenses. We should promote the silent auction more so that more funds come in.

2027 National Angora Show- The question was asked, "If a club hosting an All-Breed Show applies to host the 2027 National Angora Show, what responsibility do they have and what is NARBC's responsibility? Would it be the same as before with the Rabbit Renegades, who hosted the 2025 Angora National Show?"

1. NARBC should still be in charge of awards.
2. NARBC did not receive entry fees, the Rabbit Renegades did.
3. It was nice having the the Rabbit Renegades take care of all the day of show things, such as entries and show reports.
4. Currently two All-Breed host clubs have applied to host the 2027 National Angora Show. We need to communicate with these clubs so they know our expectations.
5. The application needs to be updated so the All-Breed clubs applying know what to expect.
6. There are not enough Regional Angora clubs to always host National Angora Shows.
7. All-Breed Clubs offer to host National Breed Shows to make money.

New Business

2028 National Angora Show- Should the date for taking applications to host the 2028 National Angora Show be changed from September 15 to an earlier date? We need to make sure the club who is chosen to host is committed to do it. It is a lot of work to host a National Show. Other National Breed clubs have a June 1st deadline to apply to host their National Shows. Maybe we should change to an August 1st deadline? A MOTION was made by Casey Jones to change the deadline date for accepting applications to host the 2028 National Angora Show from September 15th to August 1st, 2026. The motion was SECONDED by Andrea Evans. Motion CARRIED.



Board Meeting Minutes Continued

2025 ARBA Convention Angora Committee

Breed Chairs- Jennifer Richardson and Andrea Evans

Silent Auction Chair- Jill Ertl

Grooming Room Chair- Yvonne Lyons

Mini Convention Guide Writer- Andrea Evans

Convention Angora Spiritwear Chairs- Jen Richardson and Yvonne Lyons

Welcome Center Chair- Lauren Cody

Booth Décor Chairs- June Abbott and Deb Clemens

Awards Chair- Laura Clark

We are still in need of a Banquet Chair, Raffle Chair and Breed Secretary.

Jen will send all the chair people their duties with words from the Policies and Procedures Manuel so they know what to do.

Do we want to have a live auction at this year's ARBA Convention? We don't want to be responsible auction animals, but perhaps an auction with wool wearables? Tammy volunteered to put something together for a possible wearable auction.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Casey Jones. The motion was SECONDED by Andrea Evans. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm EST. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 7:30 pm EST via Microsoft Teams Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Penterman, NARBC Secretary



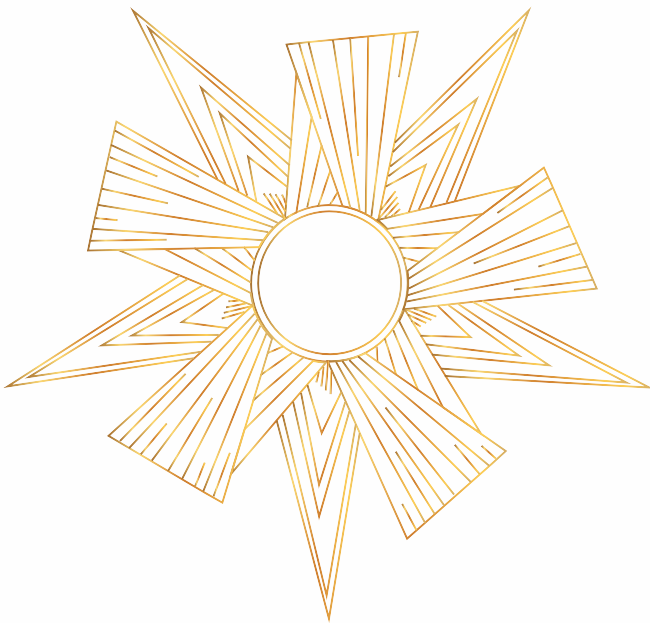
From the Treasurer's Desk: June Abbott

Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended July 31, 2025

The fiscal year ending July 31, 2025, concluded with a profit, with primary income from sanctions (47%), membership dues (15%), boutique sales (9%), and silent auctions/raffles (14%). Expenses were distributed among operating costs (27%), ARBA convention (21%), Nationals (21%) and additional awards (31%), leaving a cash balance of \$31,801.81, slightly higher than the previous year.

If you would like to have more details on any of the above, just send me an email – juneabbott@surry.net. I would be happy to provide this.

I look forward to another good year for our club.



Calling Artists for the Official Logo for the 2026 Angora National Show in Reno, NV!



The Western States Angora Collective is searching for a creative artist to design the official logo for the **2026 Angora Nationals**, taking place in **Reno, Nevada** on **May 16, 2026**.

This is your chance to have your work featured nationally and help represent the vibrant, artistic spirit of the Angora community!

The selected artist will receive **\$300** upon completion of the final artwork.

NARBC National Specialty Show 2026 Reno, NV

in conjunction with West Coast Classic

Submission Requirements:

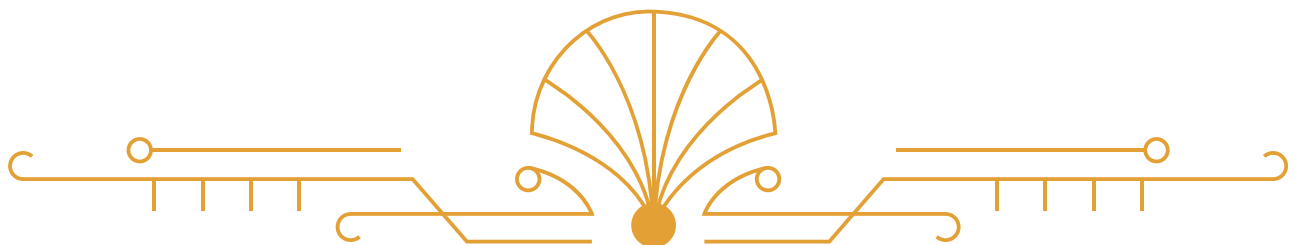
- * Non-AI-generated artwork only
- * A short proposal explaining your logo idea and event theme
- * Sketches or concept art for your proposed design
- * Samples of previous work to show your artistic style

We're looking for something heartfelt and unforgettable, a one-of-a-kind design that captures the spirit of an incredibly fun event and becomes a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Submit your concept to blownawayspecial@gmail.com by **October 1, 2025** and be part of something truly special!

Treasurer's Report July 2025

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Date	Check #	Description	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Checking Account					
		Carter Bank & Trust Transactions Balance as of 6/30/2025			3,221.80
		Sanctions	90.00		3,311.80
		Transfer from PayPal	341.19		3,652.99
7/29/2025	1039	Laurie Penterman-Annual Stipend		250.00	3,402.99
7/29/2025	1040	Laurie Penterman-Secretary Supplies		257.98	3,145.01
7/29/2025	1041	June Abbott-Annual Stipend		250.00	2,895.01
7/29/2025	1042	June Abbott-Postage		73.00	2,822.01
7/29/2025	1043	Debra Clemens - Annual Stipend		250.00	2,572.01
7/29/2025	1044	Graham Thomas - Annual Stipend		250.00	2,322.01
7/29/2025	1045	Laura Clark - 2025 Convention Awards		87.04	2,234.97
7/29/2025	1046	Nichole Rocha - 2025 Convention Awards		104.00	2,130.97
		Deduction for check reorder		31.53	2,099.44
		Balance Carter Bank - 7/31/2025			2,099.44
Money Market					
		Balance as of 6/30/2025			32,178.73
		Interest Income - July	59.47		32,238.20
		Balance-Carter Bank-7/31/2025			32,238.20
PayPal Balance					
		Balance as of 6/30/2025			341.19
		July Transactions	561.31		902.50
		Transfer to Carter Bank - 7/1/2025		341.19	561.31
		Balance as of 5/31/2025			561.31
		June P Abbott, NARBC Treasurer			



Treasurer’s Report July 2025 - Continued

HELD FUNDS	
Youth Scholarship	20.00
Hall of Fame	74.05
ROY/Sweeps	1,755.00
Youth Royalty	340.54
W/S/G	131.00
Research & Development	776.55
	3,097.14

		Prepaid Items		Expense
6/30/2025	1038	VIP Breed Booth Package Approved by Board May 2025	562.50	Nov. 2027
7/31/2025	1045/46	Awards for ARBA Convention	191.04	Nov. 2026



NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB

TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 2025

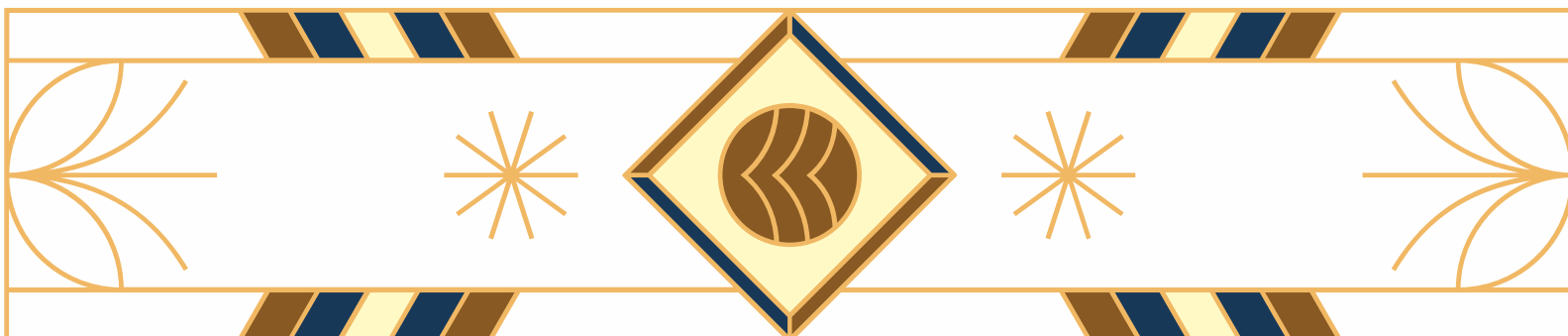
INCOME	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
PayPal Sanctions	3,000.00	375.00	4,678.80
Sanction Fees	4,000.00	90.00	3,755.00
W/S/G Sanction Fees	50.00	-	30.00
PayPal Memberships	2,500.00	130.00	2,486.00
Membership Dues	150.00	-	145.00
Newsletter Print Subscriptions	200.00	-	50.00
PayPal Newsletter Ads	200.00	36.00	36.00
Newsletter Ads	100.00	-	-
Newsletter Ads - BIS Photos	-	5.00	75.00
PayPal Breeders Listing	200.00	-	145.00
Guide Books	500.00	37.00	208.00
Boutique Sales (T-shirts, Sweatshirts, etc.)	2,840.00	-	1,589.00
Patches	50.00	-	27.00
ARBA: Wool/Skein/Garment	500.00	-	330.00
NARBC Specialty: Wool/Skein/Garment	400.00	-	210.00
Auctions: ARBA/NARBC Specialty	2,000.00	-	1,208.00
Raffles: ARBA/NARBC Specialty	700.00	-	1,239.00
Award Donations - ARBA Convention	400.00	-	-
Award Donations - Nationals	400.00	-	-
Award Donations - W/S/G	200.00	-	-
Misc. Contributions	50.00	-	-
Misc. Income	50.00	-	93.18
Contributions - Youth Scholarship Award	1,000.00	-	40.00
Interest Savings	170.00	59.47	616.22
	19,660.00	732.47	16,961.20
Transfer from Held Funds			
Board Change-over Shipping/Postage	350.00	-	-
Youth Scholarship Award	1,400.00	-	875.00
One Time Display Items	1,050.00	-	-
	2,800.00	-	875.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,460.00	732.47	17,836.20



NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB

TEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2025 Continued

OPERATING EXPENSES	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
Print Subscriptions	200.00	29.24	122.92
Editor's Pay	500.00	-	500.00
Angora News Software Program	120.00	-	120.00
Newsletter Postage	100.00	6.86	39.76
Sanctions: Pay	250.00	250.00	250.00
Supplies	50.00		-
Postage	100.00		-
Secretary: Pay	250.00	250.00	250.00
Supplies	100.00	75.88	75.88
Postage	200.00	146.00	162.50
Sweepstakes: Pay	250.00	250.00	250.00
Treasurer: Postage/Supplies	155.00	104.53	126.93
Pay	250.00	250.00	250.00
ARBA Charter Renewal	30.00	-	30.00
Botique: Postage	100.00	-	-
Supplies	50.00	-	-
Ts, Sweats, Etc.	2,350.00	-	1,353.00
Guidebooks: Republication	25.00	-	-
Postage	150.00	-	26.75
Shipping Supplies	25.00	-	-
Internet/Website	750.00	-	552.49
Pay Pal Fees	400.00	21.69	345.27
Miscellaneous	100.00	-	-
Dishonesty Bond (every 3 years)	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,505.00	1,384.20	4,455.50



NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB

TEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2025 Continued

ARBA EXPENSES	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
Booth Rental	750.00	-	1,075.00
Booth Decorations	150.00	-	-
ARBA Logo Design Fee	300.00	-	300.00
Judge's Pay	250.00	-	250.00
Judge's Meals	50.00	-	50.00
Gifts for Angora Judges	100.00	-	126.75
BIS Awards (O & Y \$500)	1,000.00	-	-
Convention Awards	2,000.00	-	794.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Awards	120.00	-	120.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' pay	125.00	-	125.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Meals	25.00	-	25.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Gifts	50.00	-	50.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Ribbons	-	-	142.92
Banquet Decorations/Table Favors	200.00	-	121.69
Show Team Supplies	25.00	-	-
Hydration for Show Staff and Judges	40.00	-	-
Annual Meeting Room	100.00	-	-
Banquet Tickets	-	-	-
Microphone	350.00	-	-
Banquet Activity	200.00	-	200.00
TOTAL ARBA EXPENSES	5,835.00	-	3,380.36

NARBC NATIONALS EXPENSES	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
NARBC National Awards	2,150.00	-	2,421.45
Wool/Skein/Garment Awards	120.00	-	-
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Pay	125.00	-	125.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Meals	25.00	-	-
Wool/Skein/Garment Judge's Gift	25.00	-	50.00
Gifts for Angora Judges	25.00	-	27.06
Stipend to Host Club	250.00	-	-
Nationals Logo Design Fee	300.00	-	300.00
Banquet Decorations/Table Favors	200.00	-	163.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	351.69
TOTAL NATIONALS EXPENSES	3,220.00	-	3,438.20

NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB

TEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2025 Continued

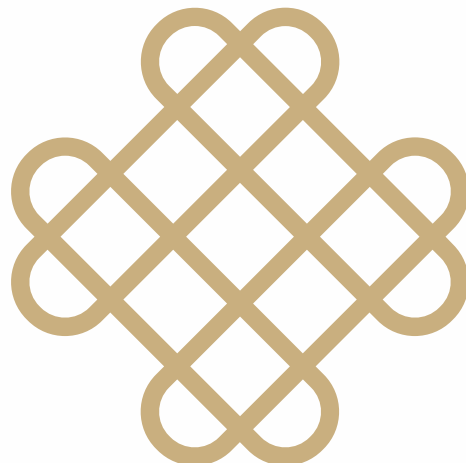
ADDITIONAL AWARD EXPENSES	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
President's Awards	200.00	-	45.56
Sweepstakes: Awards	3,600.00	-	4,227.27
Shipping	250.00	-	-
Postage	200.00	-	-
Supplies	200.00	-	-
Youth Scholarship	1,750.00	-	875.00
Hall of Fame Award	100.00	-	-
Special Leadership Award	100.00	-	-
Youth Contest	125.00	-	-
Youth Royalty Contest	375.00	-	-
Total Additional Award Expenses	6,900.00	-	5,147.83
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	22,460.00	1,384.20	16,421.89
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-	(651.73)	1,414.31





This summer in District 1 has been hot, hot, hot!! And humid! It's been work to keep those angoras alive and healthy. Rabbit shows have been going on in D1, but not many angoras are showing now. Mine are all sheared down for the fall shows and convention.

Michigan is getting ready for the Michigan Fiber Festival in mid August. This festival is where I first learned about angoras back in 2008.



District 1 Director: Jackie McDonald



This year the Michigan Angora Club is hosting a triple specialty plus a non-sanctioned fun show for the other wool breeds. A new class being offered is the Streaker class. Show your naked, shorn down bunnies for the best body. 😊



Michigan Fiber Festival is also hosting a wool, skein and garment contest. People walking by are able to see all the beautiful creations we make from our angoras.

One of the cool things is educating the visitors about angoras. There are shearing demonstrations and spinning demonstrations. Make plans to come visit us next year!

I hope to see many of you in November!

District 2 Director: Lauren Cody

Hello NARBC D2!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and has lots of Convention hopefuls! Summer is hard for us! I travel less in the summer than at other times of the year, as I don't like being far away from my Angoras during the hot temps. They are so much easier to keep comfortable in the fall and winter months and do not require as many daily checks to make sure everyone is happy and comfortable. The one good thing I can say for these hot days is they are super pressure-washing weather 😊



I am so excited about this article! Not only do we have a great bio from one of our D2 Giant Angora breeders, but we also have the pleasure of welcoming two new Youth breeders to D2! More below!

As I am writing this, it is only about 3 ½ months until Convention! Your BOD is working hard, planning to make sure everyone has a great time. If you are able, please reach out to any BOD member to volunteer to man the raffle table, help with banquet set up or any number of other things that will need done, before, during and after. Any time you can give will be very appreciated.

I hope to start doing regular "Getting to Know Each Other" inserts in the D2 article each newsletter. This month, I want to introduce you to a Giant Angora breeder from Tennessee. Many in our local area are familiar with Amber DePetro, but I know there are a lot of others out there who are not. Amber was kind enough to write a bio to tell everyone a little about herself. Thank you, Amber!

Amber DePetro with her chestnut
Giant Angora Forest



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

"Hi, my name is Amber, and I am a native Cali girl who moved to Northeast Tennessee a little over 4 years ago. We bought a small home on 5 acres and began our hobby homestead. It was always on our wish list to have livestock on our property but broken down fences put that on hold while we started renovations on our home.

I had been fascinated with the art of hand spinning yarn for a while and that year my husband surprised me with my first spinning wheel and a few bags of different types of fleeces, one of which was Angora. I fell in love with the softness, warmth, and the halo that only a small amount of Angora fiber added to my projects.

Not too long after that I acquired my first Angora rabbit. She was a Lilac French Angora. My second rabbit was a Fawn Satin Angora and then a year later I received my first REW Giant Angora. I fell in love with his personality and how much fiber I was able to harvest from him with each shearing. When I decided I wanted to get a colored Giant I had a little trouble finding a breeder. At this point in time, I had absolutely no idea there was such a thing as rabbit shows. My husband did some research, discovered the ARBA, got a list of Giant Angora Breeders, and made some phone calls. That is how I met my now very good friend Tammy Vaughn. She was explaining the COD for the chestnut colored Giant Angoras she was working on, and I loved hearing how passionate she was about the breed. I joined her foster program that summer in preparation for the ARBA convention that fall. The 2023 ARBA Convention was my first one and it was also my very first rabbit show. After the COD passed, I took home my rabbits and immediately started searching for shows near me. My first solo show was a couple weeks later in South Carolina. I was so nervous but so happy to discover how helpful and down to earth the rabbit community was. Everyone there was so welcoming and showed me the ropes.

That winter my husband and I got to work on converting a 10x10 dog kennel, where I now house all of my rabbit cages. It is situated under a tulip tree and gets almost all-day shade in the warmer months. My husband recently added another rooftop to cover the center of the kennel, and I was able to add more cages. I currently have 16 cages that are attached to the kennel using metal plumbing tape. Every cage has its own box fan and during the summer I use frozen 2-liter bottles of water to help keep them cool during the hot summer months.

My favorite part about raising Angora rabbits is grooming. I take a lot of pride home with me when I hear comments from judges on how beautifully groomed my rabbits are. My top 3 favorite tips on grooming are to use a high-power blower to open up the coat and keep the skin clean, use cornstarch to help when combing out webbing, and to use a spray bottle of hydrogen peroxide and a light dusting of cornstarch to help get rid of urine stains.

Right now, I am enjoying learning everything I can on body type and coat texture and what to look for when deciding what rabbits to pair together to improve my herd. I spend time pouring over notes I take when the judges are commenting on my rabbits. I keep the notes on each rabbit filed to make it easy to access when I need to. My ultimate goal is to complete the Master Exhibitor and Master Breeder program with the ARBA."



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

I am so happy to be able to welcome two new **D2 Youth Breeders!** I met **Ellie Arble** (NC) and her mom, Kristen at the show in Hickory, NC on July 26, 2025. It was Ellie's first show, and she was showing two gorgeous French Angoras; a beautiful doe named Venus and handsome buck named Jupiter. Her buck placed Youth BOB in show A and her doe placed BOB in shows B and C. Then she went on to win Reserve in Show with her doe!

Our second new Youth Breeder is **Olivia DeVries** (TN). I met Olivia and her mom, Amy, when they were picking up Olivia's first two Angora rabbits; two French Angora chocolate agouti does. Olivia shared with me that she is excited to attend her first show, hopefully in August in TN! There will be several Angora exhibitors at the show to welcome her and help her learn the ropes.

A huge welcome to both of you, Ellie and Olivia. We are all so happy to have you with us. It is an honor for all breeders to be able to welcome and assist you as you get the hang of things and start on your angora journey! See you at future shows!



Here is Ellie with Venus. Congratulations!!!



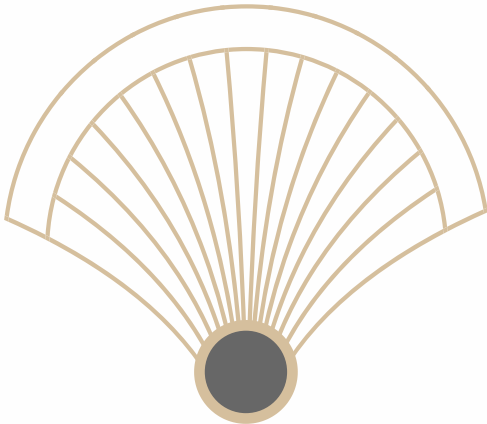
This is Olivia DeVries with one of her two jr does.



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued



Here is Angel Semerling (KY) and her gorgeous French Angora doe, Nox. They won BIS at the Stary, Stary Night show in KY in July! Congratulations, Angel, we are all so proud of you and Nox!! She is stunning!



Following are pictures from a super fun show in put on by Queen City Rabbit Society in Hickory, NC July 26, 2025, Show A with Judge Kendall Bledsoe.



Tammey Mason BOB
Angel Semerling BOS



Tammey Mason with her BOB buck, Oscar.
Look at those ears!

District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued



Angel Semerling's French Angora doe, Nox was honored with **RIS** by Paige Smith!

Congratulations, Angel and Nox!



Tammey Mason is the most talented person I have ever seen on a drop spindle. She spins and plies the fiber from her English Angoras (as well as other fibers) on a drop spindle and then makes the most beautiful creations from the yarn.

Watch for her entries in WSG contests.

District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued



The whole Angora gang at the Hickory show
L-R Angel Semerling, Deb Clemens, Debbie McCormick, Lauren Cody, Tammey Mason, Amber DePetro, Courtney Conner and her son Joseph

Looking for a great Angora Specialty to attend in NC this October? Even better if it has a WSG contest, right? East Coast Angora Specialty Club will be hosting a Specialty Angora show and a WSG at SAFF (Southeast Animal Fiber Fair) in Fletcher, NC this October! If you aren't familiar with SAFF, it is NC's biggest (and really super wonderful!) Fiber Festival. This is my neck of the woods; Fletcher is just south of Asheville, and the weather is usually pretty great that time of year as well. What could possibly be better than an Angora show in the Smokies in the Fall!



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

If you would like to submit an introduction and bio on you and your Angoras for a future article, show pictures/wins, article suggestions, please do! You can email everything to me at morninggloryangoras@gmail.com

Well, that about wraps it up. This article was super fun to write, a lot of exciting things going on this time! GOOD LUCK at Convention everyone!!! This will be the last newsletter until December!

Lauren



District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn

I hope this message finds you safe, healthy, and doing your best to keep your bunnies cool. Summer is the hardest season for Angoras—while they handle cold weather with ease, the heat can be dangerous. That goes for us too!

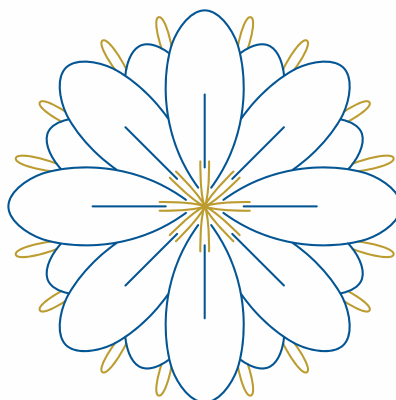
Please take precautions to stay hydrated, provide shade and airflow for your herd, and remember: **fall is just around the corner**. I'm already dreaming of crisp mornings, cozy sweaters, and fluffy coats in full bloom.

Reminder: Join the NARBC Mentoring Facebook Group!



If you're not already in the **NARBC Mentoring Facebook Group**, now's the perfect time to jump in! This is our main hub for sharing knowledge, asking questions, and supporting each other. With members from across the country (and beyond), you'll find decades of experience at your fingertips—and plenty of encouragement along the way.

It's a safe, supportive place to grow your confidence and skills as an Angora breeder, whether you're raising show lines, producing fiber, or doing both.



District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn - Continued

Convention Is Just Around the Corner!

Convention season is nearly here—are you ready? Be sure to check out the **Mini Show Guide** to help you navigate this year's event. The lineup looks *amazing*, and we're expecting a strong Angora turnout.

How's your WSG entry coming along?

Are you planning to participate in the **KAL/CAL (Knit- or Crochet-A-Long)**? Vanessa has done a phenomenal job organizing this new initiative—it adds a creative, community-building layer to the competitive spirit of Convention. Whether you're entering, cheering from the sidelines, or just soaking it all in, this is a fantastic time to connect with fellow Angora enthusiasts.

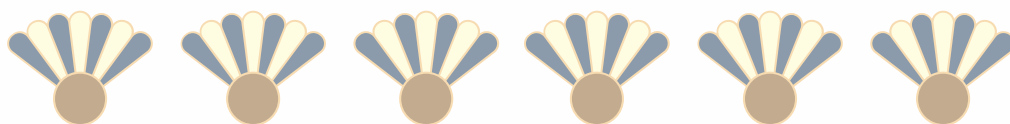
Let's keep sharing, supporting, and showing off those gorgeous bunnies and beautiful creations. If you have any questions, thoughts, or updates, I'm just a message away.

Convention Countdown Reminder: Check Your ARBA Membership!

I'll be honest—I haven't always had the best luck with the ARBA App. But to be fair, that was completely my own fault. I lacked the patience, didn't take the time to contact the support desk, and pretty much gave up right away.

Recently, I decided to give it another shot. I reset my password, set aside some time, and actually reached out for help. Let me tell you—**it was absolutely worth it**. If you haven't set up the ARBA App on your phone yet, what are you waiting for? It's awesome once you get it going!

As you're making plans for this year's ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, this is your friendly reminder to make sure your ARBA membership is up to date.



District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn - Continued

Convention is the only show that requires a current ARBA membership to enter, so taking a few minutes now will save you stress later.

How to check your membership status:

- Open the **ARBA App** on your smart device
- Tap on "**Account**" > "**ARBA Member Card**"
- Your expiration date will be listed there, along with any family members on your account

If logging in feels like a chore, don't do what I did—don't give up! The "**Help**" and "**Contact App Support**" buttons inside the app are there for a reason, and the ARBA office is always willing to assist.

For those with **PLUS Memberships**, your physical card is where you'll find your expiration date.

And just a heads-up: **the ARBA website (arba.net)** does not connect to your membership account, so expiration info won't be listed there.

If it's time to renew, use the link below to keep everything current visit [ARBA.net](https://arba.net)



District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn - Continued

Let's Celebrate and Support Our Upcoming CODs!

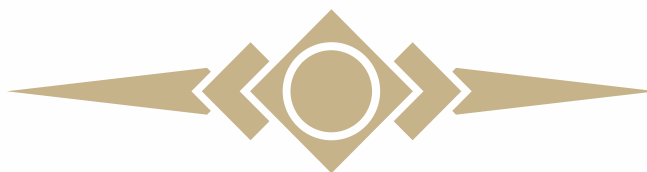
There's a buzz in the air—rumors suggest **one or two Angora COD exhibits may be presented at this year's ARBA Convention!** Whether you're part of a COD team or cheering from the sidelines, this is something the entire Angora community can be proud of.

With the **new ARBA Standard** rolling out, the COD process is evolving—and in the best way possible. One of the biggest changes is the embrace of a **community-based approach**. Presentation animals no longer need to come solely from the COD holder. Now, **any breeder in the membership can contribute to the success of a COD**. It truly takes a village—and we're officially being invited in.

I can personally say that **community effort was the key to my success with the Chestnut Giant Angora COD**. I may have held the paperwork, but I wasn't doing it alone. Support, shared animals, mentorship, and encouragement from other breeders made all the difference.

That's why I see myself as a cheerleader for others now. I want to encourage **everyone** to help however they can—raise rabbits that meet the standard, share resources, or simply be a voice of support. Together, **we can lift up our COD teams and keep the breed moving forward**.

If you've ever thought, *"I'd love to help, but I'm not sure how,"*—this is your invitation. Let's get involved. Let's stay connected. **Let's help our COD teams succeed—together.**



District 4 Director: Laura Parker Clark

I am super excited to be your new Director for District 4
A bit about me. I live just south of Houston TX. I have been raising and breeding Angoras since Dec 2020. I bought my first French Angora then and had no idea what I just did. And never looked back. I currently breed and raised French Angora and recently jumped into English Angora.



I encourage all members of our district to send pictures of shows, wins or just fun times. Please also send any shows that are upcoming in your area, as I would love to share them with the club.

We have two upcoming shows in Texas on August 29th and 30th in Longview, as well as September 5th and 6th in Belton. Get those angoras out there in the spotlight!

Youth Director: *Keegan Ertel*

Hi my name is Keegan Ertel.

I was elected for the Youth Director Position.

I've been raising Angora's for 3 Years. I started with English Angoras, then added Satins, Giants, French.



My favorite part of showing is meeting new people. I'm looking forward to meeting other youth and working to help developing the youth program further.



Specialty Club Updates!

BAARG Quarterly Highlights – Gearing up for our Fall Show Season!

Summer tends to be our slow season here at BAARG, as the heat makes it tough to travel and show our full-coated beauties. But behind the scenes, we're staying busy planning an exciting fall season filled with fluffy fun, shows, and community connection.



Even more exciting—we're already laying the groundwork for **2026**! Mark your calendars and get ready to join us in **Reno, Nevada** for not one, but **two major events**! See the upcoming Angora National and ARBA Dates below:

- ☀️ **ARBA Convention in the Fall, Indianapolis, IN November 14-19, 2025**
- ☀️ **Angora Nationals in the Spring, Reno, NV May 15-18, 2026**
- ☀️ **ARBA Convention in the Fall, Reno, NV October 24-28, 2026**

We can't wait to share more details in the coming months. Until then, stay cool, keep grooming, and know that a vibrant fall (and an even fuzzier future) awaits!

Stay tuned for more updates, and check out our blog for the full spring show schedule and details. Let's make this season one to remember! 🚀🌟

<https://BlownAwayAngoraRabbitGuild.blogspot.com>

Angoras are Back at OFFF – Double the Fun, Double the Fuzz

Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival | September 28–29, 2025 | Albany, OR

We're thrilled to announce that Angoras are making a fuzzy comeback at OFFF this fall—and not just in the fiber booths!

This year, we're hosting two official Angora Specialty Shows during the weekend. Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor or just starting out, this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your rabbits, connect with fellow breeders and fiber enthusiasts, and celebrate the beauty of our breed in one of the most fiber-rich festivals in the region.

Come for the shows, stay for the community, shopping, demos, and more. OFFF is always a blast—but with our beautiful Angoras front and center again, it's going to be extra special this year.

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Specialty Club Updates - Continued

BAARG 2025 - 2026 Upcoming Events

- 🐰 8/23/25 - 8/24/25 Dallas, OR
- 🌟 9/5/25 - 9/6/25 Stevenson, WA
- 🐰 9/26/25 - 9/27/25 Grants Pass, OR
- 🐰 10/11/25 Kennewick WA
- 🌟 10/18/25 Albany, OR, OFFF
- 🌟 10/25/25 Stevenson, WA
- 🐰 11/8/25 Enumclaw, WA
- 🎉 11/14/25 - 11/19/25, Indianapolis, IN
- 🌟 11/29/25 The Dalles, OR
- 🌟 12/21/25 McMinnville, OR
- 🌟 12/31/25 Centralia, WA
- 🧶 12/31/25 Centralia, WA
- 🐰 3/20 & 3/21/26 Grants Pass, OR
- 🌟 4/11/26 - Ridgefield, WA
- 🌟 5/15/26 Reno, NV
- 🎉 5/16/26 Reno, NV
- 🐰 10/10/26 Kennewick WA
- 🎉 10/24/26 - 10/28/26, Reno, NV
- 🌟 12/31/26 Centralia, WA
- 🧶 12/31/26 Centralia, WA

Legend

- 🐰 - Angora Sanctioned, no specialty
- 🌟 - BAARG Specialty
- 🧶 - BAARG WSG Contest
- 🎉 - NARBC National / ARBA Convention



Specialty Club Updates - Continued

News from Northern California Angora Guild

It has been a very short period of time since the last newsletter. In our Northern California area, there has been only two show dates. Angoras are still doing well. We had a great time from good weather, good company, good venue, What else can we ask for?

Betty Chu's English Angora Chu's Aurelia wins another all breed Best In Show in show A. Aurelia has 11 all breed Best In Show; 4 all breed Reserve In Show, 4 specialty Best In Show and 1 specialty Reserve In Show. Aurelia is taking a break after this win hoping to enter her motherhood.

Casey Jones's gorgeous Satin Angora white senior doe Casey's Prim Rose wins Reserve In Show B, Prim Rose has multiple Best In Show and Reserve In Show, an achievement that is uncommon for any Satin Angora.



WINNER'S CIRCLE



Becky Hammond | RIS in Show A |
Honorable Mention in Show B
White Fireweed Farm's Lola Broken
Black Tort Satin Angora, 5 years old |
The Interior Rabbit & Cavy Club
Midnight Sun Madness Show | 6/61/25 |
Fairbanks, Alaska

Laurie Penterman | RIS | Tower View's
Lorelei TVSI76 | Fox Valley Rabbitry
Spring Fling Show | 6/8/2025 |
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.



2025 ARBA Convention

MINI-GUIDE



Open & Youth Judging

We are excited to present Steven Buell and Travis Finkle as our convention judges!



Awards will be provided by NARBC and ARBA at the Convention Show.



NARBC SILENT AUCTION

Our banquet will host a silent auction.

This is a fun opportunity to bring something that could support the club in a specific way - NARBC, Hall of Fame, Youth Scholarship, Research & Development, Awards Fund. The donor decides how their proceeds are donated to the club.

NARBC RAFFLE

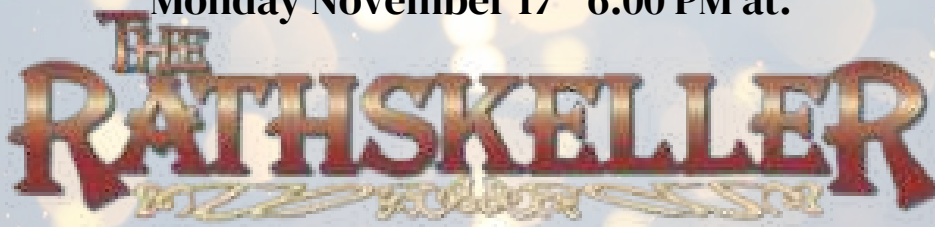
NARBC will host a raffle at our booth. Please consider bringing an item or two to donate! All proceeds will go to NARBC.

NARBC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NARBC Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 18th, 2025 at 8:00AM in M2. We look forward to seeing you there!

NARBC BANQUET: 2025

Join us for an evening together of angora comradery and wool filled delight on
Monday November 17th 6:00 PM at:



The Rathskeller:
401 E. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Reservations are required. A \$15 deposit per attendee is due with your reservation. Your deposit will be **returned at the banquet when you attend**. If you do not attend, the deposit will be kept to cover costs.



Cancellation policy: You may cancel **on or before Monday, November 10** to receive a refund of your deposit. After November 10, deposits are nonrefundable.

Dinner Details

- Order from the regular menu with **separate checks** for each attendee.
- A **20% gratuity** will be added to each check.
- View the menu: [Click Here!](#)

Reserve your seats

- **Complete the reservation form:** [Click Here!](#)
- **Mail-In Deposit (preferred):** Mail \$15 per attendee to **June Abbott, 199 Fisher Drive, Mount Airy, NC 27030**
- Or send via **PayPal to NARBC, INC.** Include “Banquet Deposit” and attendee name(s) in the note.

Don't forget the silent auction- support our wonderful hobby by donating something special. The silent auction will be held during the banquet!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are still seeking more
Host Team members for
the following:

- Banquet Chair
- Raffle Chair
- Breed Secretary

We have several
opportunities for anyone
to help out and support!

- booth volunteers
- raffle ticket sales
- rabbit runners for
the show

Feel free to contact
Andrea Evans!

Thank you for your
consideration!



WOOL SKEIN AND GARMENT CONTEST

This year the National Angora Rabbit Breeder Club will
host a fabulous Wool Skein & Garment contest Including
our Specialty Classes featuring selected Knit and
Crochet patterns:

Crochet Category

Beginner pattern:
<https://ravel.me/fern-25>

Intermediate/Advanced pattern:
<https://ravel.me/enchanted-poncho>

Knit Category

Beginner pattern:
<https://ravel.me/afetos>

Intermediate/Advanced pattern:
<https://ravel.me/cables--lace-beret>

Convention Host Team

Breed Chairs- Jennifer Richardson and Andrea Evans

Silent Auction Chair- Jill Ertl

Grooming Room Chair- Yvonne Lyons

Mini Convention Guide Writer- Andrea Evans

Convention Angora Spiritwear Chairs- Jen Richardson
and Yvonne Lyons

Welcome Center Chair- Lauren Cody

Booth Décor Chairs- June Abbott and Deb Clemens

Awards Chair- Laura Clark

**Make sure to stop by
our booth while at
convention!**

**Checkout our raffle and
visit with other fanciers
of the fiber!**

APPEARAL COMING SOON!!

Victory Pass is the NARBC's official Convention Gear Vendor!!!!

Check out our swag!

[CLICK!](#)



New & Renewed Members Since June 1, 2025



New Open Members

Cynthia Bauman- Ohio
Courtney Connor- Tennessee
Heidi Johnson- Virginia
Rocky Kawaguchi- Virginia
Sarah McCuan- Texas
Rachael Singletary- South Carolina

New Youth Members

Ellie Arble- North Carolina
Noah Bauman- Ohio
Olivia DeVries- Tennessee

Welcome New Members! Don't forget to reach out to Mentoring Committee :

*** Tammy Vaughn- Fuzzyvaughns@gmail.com * Rachel Penterman-
rachelpenterman@gmail.com * Madison Wisecup cloverhoney562@gmail.com ***

NARBC Mentoring Committee is thrilled to have a new facebook group to help folks get started in their wonderful world of wooly rabbits! There are tons of helpful resources and lots of fun for new friends!

Feeling lost even if you have been around a while? Send a message, our Mentoring Committee can help!

Renewed Open Members

Debby Furlong- Missouri
Miles Furlong- Missouri
Amy Kopp- Tennessee
Logan Kopp- Tennessee
Michele Reschly- Oregon

Renewed Youth Members

Grady Kopp- Tennessee
Nicole Marshall- Missouri



Memberships Expiring in the next Four Months

Memberships Expiring on August 31, 2025		
RICHARD	ASHTON	8/31/2025
WILL	ASHTON	8/31/2025
NICK	ASHTON	8/31/2025
DEB	BUTORAC	8/31/2025
EMILY	HALVERSON	8/31/2025
SARAH	HARDY	8/31/2025
SARAH	MARTIN	8/31/2025
NATHANIEL	MORRIS	8/31/2025
TOM	SCHWEIKART	8/31/2025
STACIE	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
MICHAEL	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
ELLIANNA	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
MIKIE	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
AALIYAH	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
JERIMIAH	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
BRAIDEN	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
ENVY	SHIMKUS	8/31/2025
STEPHANIE	VOSS	8/31/2025
MARTA	WAJNGARTEN	8/31/2025
ALICIA	WILL	8/31/2025
KATELYN	WILL	8/31/2025

Memberships Expiring on September 30, 2025		
DALLAS	CREGER	9/30/2025
KATIE	DENISUK	9/30/2025
DEBRA	DENISUK	9/30/2025
GRIZZLY	LOVAN	9/30/2025
ADRIA	MACDONALD	9/30/2025
ALFRED J	MINA DVM	9/30/2025
EMMA	PLUTE	9/30/2025
DEBORAH	ROE	9/30/2025
SHALA	ULLOA	9/30/2025
TANNER	VANLITH	9/30/2025

Memberships Expiring on October 31, 2025		
CHRISTIAN	ANDERSON	10/31/2025
CODY	CARTER	10/31/2025
ERIN	CARTER	10/31/2025
THEODORA	CARTER	10/31/2025
JOSEPHINE	CARTER	10/31/2025
KADY	GANTT	10/31/2025
SAM	GANTT	10/31/2025
KATHIE	LORCH	10/31/2025
ROSALINA	MILLER	10/31/2025
MORGAN	OESTERLING	10/31/2025
CHRISTINE	PASSARELL	10/31/2025
MEGAN	ROSE	10/31/2025
COLTYN	ROSE	10/31/2025
JAXON	ROSE	10/31/2025
REYGAN	ROSE	10/31/2025
MICHAEL	RYAN	10/31/2025
BERNADINA	RYAN	10/31/2025
CADENCE	RYAN	10/31/2025
MITCHELL	RYAN	10/31/2025
ISAAC	RYAN	10/31/2025
CARRITA	SHUMSKI	10/31/2025
TOMEY	STOKES	10/31/2025
STEVEN	WISECUP	10/31/2025

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Upcoming Sanctioned Shows as of June 29, 2025

8/5/25	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, IN	
8/9/25	SEBACS	Covington, GA	
8/16/25	Michigan Angora Club	Allegan MI	Double Open
8/17/25	Michigan Angora Club	Allegan MI	Open Specialty
8/22/25	Wanderlust R&CS	Dallas, OR	Double Open/Youth
8/23/25	Wanderlust R&CS	Dallas, OR	Triple Open/Youth
8/23/25	Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers	Imlay City, MI	Double Open/Youth
8/24/25	Michigan Angora Club	Mt. Morris, MI	Double Open Specialty
8/30/25	Juniata Valley	Reedsville, PA	Open
9/6/25	NC Mountain State Fair	Fletcher, NC	
9/6/25	BAARG	Stevenson, WA	Open Specialty
9/13/25	Western Michigan RBA	Lowell, MI	Double Open/Youth
9/13/25	Western Michigan RBA	Lowell, MI	Open
9/26/25	Fox Valley Rabbit Club	Fond du Lac, WI	Open/Youth
9/27/25	Fox Valley Rabbit Club	Fond du Lac, WI	Double Open/Youth
9/27/25	Michigan Angora Club	Chesaning, MI	Open Specialty
10/4/25	Just For Fun R&CBA	Coldwater, MI	Double Open/Youth
10/18/25	Michigan Angora Club	Lowell, MI	Open Specialty
10/18/25	BAARG	Albany, OR	Double Open Specialty
10/25/25	BAARG	Stevenson, WA	Open Specialty
11/16/25	ARBA convention	Indianapolis, IN	
12/25/25	BAARG	McMinnville, OR	Open specialty
4/11/26	BAARG	Ridgefield, WA	



Wool Skein & Garment – Vanessa Rich

Planning A Competitive Skein

Greetings All!

As summer begins to wind down, and county and state fairs come to a close, fiber and skein competitions have been steadily on my mind. Day by day, Convention 2025 in Indianapolis is ever approaching. And like many of you, I'm

watching my coats grow with baited breath, who's gonna make it to the Big Dance. But my mind also drifts to our upcoming WSG Competition for Convention, and I wonder, I HOPE, that fiber artists across the country are planning and creating their unique and stunning entries for competition. And I remember, also, the countless times I've witnessed that first time fiber artist exhibitor, so excited when dropping off their hard work and effort, become so disheartened at later reading through the judge's comments. Rarely are questions asked about lost points, or how the judging rubric works; these talented folks just carry away those pieces of hard work and talent, never understanding why the placings fell as they did. Most will never return to WSG competitions, and it makes me sad.

So, I'm here to write a very wordy discourse on how to prepare a skein for a fiber competition. Stick with me folks, there are pictures at the end! For the purpose of this article, I will use our NARBC WSG guidelines and judging rubric as a foundation, but much of what I write pertains to nearly all well organized fiber competitions. There is more to entering a skein than just spinning it, so let's get started!

A well organized fiber competition should have available for review guidelines, rules, entry forms and the judging rubric used. Reviewing each of these thoroughly is the first step in planning that competition skein. Guidelines and rules will give a detailed explanation of what is allowed and what will be grounds for disqualification. It's like the ARBA SOP for our breeds, we study it and we know it, so that we don't inadvertently enter a rabbit with DQs. Same goes for WSG. The entry form will list what details will be necessary to have for skein entry. Information like fiber content and percentages, WPI, yardage, techniques used, and perhaps most importantly, end use of skein, may be required when filling out your entries. Having this information ahead of time allows for a more complete form, which can lead to higher points in the end. Most of this information seems pretty self explanatory, except possibly end use of yarn. I will get into the importance of intended use later in this article. Finally, reviewing the judging rubric provides valuable insight into what the judge will be looking for as entries are gone over.



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Do not hesitate to ask questions about the rubric or how points are awarded by the judge in any section of the rubric. Understanding how and why a judge assigns points within the rubric will help with understanding comments and points on your comment card after competition.

Again, I'll mention, for the purposes of this article, all fiber blending references will reflect the NARBC rule requiring at least 50% of the fiber content of a skein be an Angora fiber. With this in mind, let's talk about the remaining 50% of fibers in the blend. Here are a few handy tips to keep in mind when creating your skein:

1. Keep blending fibers of a comparable staple length to the Angora fiber. Drastically uneven fiber staple lengths in a blend will cause irregularities in drafting and in the consistency of the final yarn.
2. Angora WILL NOT soften the texture of coarser fibers, don't waste your time or fibers. Instead, choose blending fibers that reflect a similar texture to the Angora.
3. Start considering your intended end use of the yarn. Angora/Shetland is not the best blend for a lacy summer shawl, but Angora/Bamboo with a touch of Shetland would work just fine.
4. The method you use to blend your fibers plays a very important role in choosing what fibers to blend. For shorter fibers, hand carders or a blending board for creating rolags works very well. Medium staple length fibers can handle a drum carder, with a correct TPI, for blending. Fibers can be removed as a batt or pulled off as roving. Finally, longer staple fibers respond best when combed together on a hackle, and then pulled off with a diz.

Now, let's take some time to discuss intended end use of yarn. Most entry forms will have a space to enter this information, and most judging rubrics award points based on appropriate end use of yarn. First, intended end use does not need to reflect the actual yardage of the entered skein. It's more about how the technique and blend of fibers used in the yarn are appropriate for the indicated finished piece. Second, although "knit scarf" might always sound like a good answer, be creative! Be descriptive. A creative, well-planned intended end use tells the judge you understand how the blend of fibers and spinning technique are best showcased in a finished piece. Here are just a few examples:

1. A 3 ply sport weight yarn of an Angora/Shetland blend--cable knit baby sweater
2. A 2 ply fingerling weight yarn in an Angora/Alpaca blend--a crochet lacey shawlette, using hook size I.
3. A 3 ply DK weight yarn in an Angora/Cormo/Kid Mohair blend--knitted boot socks

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If ever there is a question about intended end use of your competition skein before entering, just give me a holler!

We have read the rules, planned our blend, spun and plied our yarn. We know the technical information needed for the entry form, including the ideal end use. Now what? Most WSG competitions require skeins to be tied in 4 places with a figure 8 tie. Unless specifically stated in the rules, the type of yarn used for the ties is incidental. Some judges have personal preferences for ties, but that should not factor into their judging. Skeins should be wrapped onto a niddy noddly, or something similar. Yes, the back of a chair works just fine. Snuggly tie your yarn in four places and continue with whatever method of setting the yarn you prefer. Once dry, a competition skein should be re-wrapped as evenly as possible. When tying your figure 8 ties this time, be cautious not to snug them too tightly. Allow enough slack in the ties as to not constrict the yarn in those areas. This allows the judge a better view of your yarn. Also, tightly tied skeins can appear unbalanced because of the added tension. Finally, neatly trim the ends of your ties, and ensure that both ends of your yarn are neat and secure.



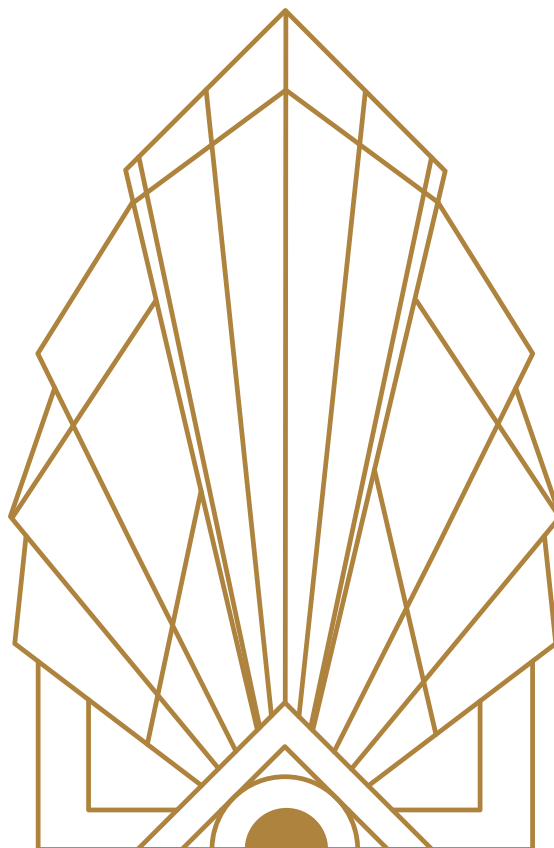
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IWhew! If you are still here, your skein is ready for entry! While it's not possible to address every nuance and scenario of entering a skein competition, I hope you find the information contained in this article helpful when planning your next WSG skein entry. I am always here to answer questions, and be of any needed assistance.

Happy Spinning!

Vanessa Rich
WSG Committee Chairman



Commercial Fiber Committee

Introducing The NARBC Commercial Fiber Committee

The Commercial Fiber Committee (CFC) has been hard at work drafting a **proposed policy** that will help elevate the quality and visibility of Angora fiber within the NARBC. This initiative is designed to provide structure and opportunity for members interested in fiber production, whether you're just starting or have been selling top-quality wool for years.

The goal?

To support and educate our members in fiber processing, marketing, sustainability, and creativity —while also creating new opportunities for recognition and collaboration.

Key Highlights from the Policy:

- A curated **Fiber Resource Directory** with vetted tutorials, videos, and training opportunities
- A regularly updated **Angora-Friendly Fiber Mill Listing**
- Exploration of a **Wool Pool Program** for member submissions
- Emphasis on **sustainability** and full-fiber utilization (no wool left behind!)
- Member spotlights to share real-world inspiration and success stories

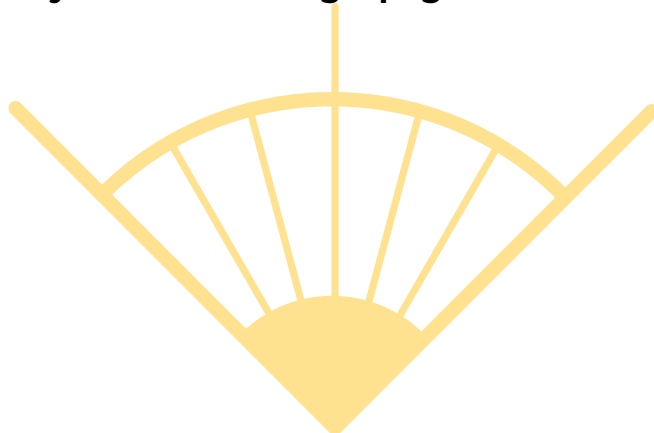
This is an exciting step toward recognizing the many ways Angora breeders contribute to the fiber arts world. We'd love your feedback on the draft and ideas for improving it. You can view the full proposal and send your thoughts to the committee directly.

CFC Committee Members:

- **Chair:** Tammy Vaughn
- **Members:** Emily Ashton, Lauren Cody, Jackie McDonald, & Renee Terralumina

We invite all NARBC members to reach out to us with questions, feedback, or ideas. We're here to serve and support YOU!

Check out our Draft CFC Policy 👁️ the following 3 pages.



Commercial Fiber Committee – Continued

The following three pages are in draft form, and we'd love your input.

We're actively seeking membership feedback and will continue to keep everyone updated as we move forward. If you have suggestions, questions, or ideas, please reach out to any of the committee members—let's chat and work on this together!

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Commercial Fiber Committee Policy

Supporting Excellence in Angora Fiber Production

Purpose:

The National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club(NARBC) Commercial Fiber Committee(CFC) aims to advance the expertise, skills, and opportunities for NARBC members in Angora rabbit fiber production. This initiative will focus on educating and supporting members in fiber processing, utilization, and sustainability, helping breeders maximize the potential of their Angora wool and build new avenues for success.



Draft CFC Policy

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Commercial Fiber Committee – Continued

The CFC will be composed of:

- Two NARBC Board of Directors(BOD) members.
- A minimum of two additional NARBC members.
- The committee will have an odd number of members.
- The committee may consult with or invite guest contributors and advisors to participate in discussions or projects when specialized expertise is needed.

Responsibilities of the CFC:

1. NARBC Commercial Fiber Resource Directory

- Curate and share links to reliable educational content covering best practices for grading, preparing, processing and Angora fiber.
- Partner with fiber educators and experts to promote workshops, webinars, and training sessions, expanding learning opportunities for all NARBC members.
- Encourage continuous improvement and professional development in fiber handling and presentation.

2. Promoting Utilization of Wool

- Educate members on diverse opportunities for utilizing angora wool, including handspinning, felting, commercial processing, and product creation.
- Emphasize sustainability practices and methods for reducing waste in fiber production, and how to utilize all grades of the Angora harvested.
- Highlight success stories and innovative projects by NARBC breeders to inspire broader participation and creativity.

3. Angora Friendly Fiber Mill Directory

- Maintain and regularly update a comprehensive directory of fiber mills, processors, and related resources willing to work with Angora rabbit fiber.

4. Wool Pool Exploration

- Investigate the feasibility of establishing a wool pool program for NARBC members.
- Explore logistics, potential partnerships, and management practices to ensure accessibility and fairness for all contributors.

Commercial Fiber Committee – Continued

5. Communication and Collaboration

- Regularly update the NARBC membership on fiber committee initiatives through newsletters, social media posts, and the NARBC website.
- Collaborate with fiber industry experts, educators, and organizations to expand the club's resources and expertise.
- Remain responsive to member needs and feedback, adjusting committee initiatives accordingly.

6. NARBC Commercial Fiber Resource Directory and Angora-Friendly Mill Listings

To ensure fairness, transparency, and consistency, the NARBC Fiber Committee (CFC) will apply the following objective criteria when evaluating and curating external educational resources and submissions for both the **Commercial Fiber Resource Directory** and the **Angora-Friendly Mill Listings**:

- **Alignment** with best practices in Angora fiber grading, preparation, and processing.
- **Accuracy, credibility, and professionalism** of the content.
- **Accessibility**, with a preference for free educational content.
- **Non-promotional tone**, with content intended as an educational service to Angora breeders of all experience levels.

The CFC will review both submitted and independently sourced materials against these criteria on a regular basis. All curated resources and listings will be formally reviewed by the CFC at least once per year to ensure ongoing relevance and quality. The committee will encourage a diverse range of resources that support different learning styles, fiber goals, and methods. Final approval and publication authority rest with the NARBC Board of Directors.

The NARBC Commercial Fiber Resource Directory and the Angora-Friendly Fiber Mill Listings are curated member benefits and will be published exclusively for active NARBC members. This to be published on NARBC's private Facebook Group and/or Member only section of the NARBC Website.

Mentoring Committee – What To Expect When You Are Showing

By Alicia Andrus

Welcome to the world of Rabbit Shows! They can be a fun, busy, and sometimes intimidating event when you are new to them, or even if you are a veteran exhibitor.

It's always good to make a checklist ahead of time, since I think everyone has accidentally forgotten something important, yes, even a RABBIT!

For Shows Close To Home

- Rabbit nail clippers
- Quickstop (I prefer the gel in a tube) for any nail mishaps
- Small slicker brush Scissors
- Wide tooth comb of your choice
- Water (for humans and rabbits)
- Snacks!
- Band-Aids and Neosporin
- Hand sanitizer
- Battery charger and cords
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Some cash
- Sharpie and an extra pen
- Zip ties
- Duct Tape
- Small notebook

Shows on the Road

The Close To Home list PLUS:

- Extra Rabbit food
- Blower (this can also be a close to home show item)
- Extra potty pads for travel cages
- Pair of Pliers (to help fix any cage issues)
- Larger container of water to keep the rabbits hydrated.
- Electrolyte powder or supplements of choice to keep rabbits from stressing
- Travel food and beverages to keep us people fueled and hydrated!

I really like having the list of who is going ahead of time to keep me from forgetting as I'm getting ready to leave. I usually have it listed in order of where each rabbit is located in my barn to make packing everyone in carriers easier. I even make sure I list everyone's color as well as tattoo, since I admit I am terrible at mornings and packing in general.

Some folks prefer a physical checklist on paper, others prefer it digitally, so I encourage you to use whichever you are most comfortable with.

Another pre show prep point- get those transport cages cleaned up and ready a day or two before you need to leave. That way any needed coop cups can be found and cleaned, the fresh potty pads are installed in the bottom, and you know springs holding things together are in working order, vs a surprise first thing. It is also a great time to give those cage cart wheels a little spritz of WD-40 to keep them in good working order.

As you are choosing which rabbits to enter, make sure you physically check them over for any disqualifications, and ensure they are the right sex! We all know rabbits do weird things, and it's not totally unusual to find someone snapped off a nail, or broke the very tip of their tail, or some weird thing last minute. Every once in a while things just happen.

Mentoring Committee: What To Expect When You Are Showing – Continued

By Alicia Andrus

We always need to get our angoras groomed before we pack them up to travel, that way once we are at the venue all we have to handle is touchups and have minimal surprises waiting for us. Of course they can still find ways to get messy in transit but having them a step closer to table ready is the best. Remember, shake & show is the way to go!

Get them fluffed up nicely and ready to rock before they are due up on the table too. It's also nice to bring a little table like a groom n go or just a couple carpet squares you can set out on top of your carriers for your angoras who are all fluffed and ready (especially if you have English!)

If you're traveling to a show from a distance, check with the Show Superintendent about a spot where you can plug in and give your angoras a quick blowout *before* the show starts, also be sure to clean up debris to be a good steward of our breed. Always be mindful of when your rabbits are due on the table, even if you are grooming, once the breed is called you must go up!



“Mushroom Farm” or the freshly groomed English Angoras waiting for their breed to be called. Bred and shown by Andrea Evans and Kathy Thomas at West Coast Classic 2024



One of your best resources with answers about show particulars like check in times, entry fees, venue particulars, special events, and all the things you need to know is the Show Catalog. This covers all of your basics.

Checking in:

Follow the instructions on the show catalog regarding check in time, don't be late! The Show Secretary is working hard to get the shows updated and running smoothly. Verify your ear tattoos on all of your rabbits, as well as classes. We all make mistakes, and it's an easy fix before the shows start rolling, vs being disappointed at the table with a DQ that could have been prevented.

Some shows have lists displaying the breed order at the tables, some smaller shows try to fill in as they can. So stay alert while waiting, you don't want to miss your angoras getting called!

It's super fun to find other folks who are showing angoras as well and spend time with them, you can learn so much from each other, and networking is a lot of fun too. We all love meeting folks who are new to the fluff and sharing the fun together. Plus it's always a blast to cheer each other on!

Mentoring Committee: What To Expect When You Are Showing – Continued

By Alicia Andrus

Table etiquette is important too. When your breed is called, it's time to get those buns up into the show coops. Breeds are separated in to classes by color, age, and sex. Sometimes an entire breed will be able to go up all at once, other times there won't be enough coop space so it will be broken down by classes. The ramrod and scribe/writer for the table will have this ready and be able to help locate where your rabbit belongs.

When your rabbit is judged, it's important to pay attention, and minimize any chatter so others can hear their comments too. Don't forget, the judge doesn't know which animal belongs to which exhibitor, so make sure not to indicate which are yours. If the judges asks the exhibitors questions or chats in general with them it's absolutely fine! Sometimes if it is a smaller show judges will go a little more in depth and teach exhibitors about certain things. It's always fascinating to learn a little extra about something you don't see very often!



Randy Shumaker judging Satin Angoras at
The Interior Rabbit & Cavy Club's 2024
August Show

If you have detailed questions once the judging is complete, you can always approach the judge and ask if they have a moment. Judges are great about sharing what they know and a lot of fun to learn from!

Once the Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed are announced, don't forget to cheer! Give yourself or your fellow exhibitors a round of applause or some high fives! Supporting each other is just as much fun as winning!

Have any good show tips and tricks? Anything you like to keep in your show bag? Let us know in the [NARBC Mentoring Facebook Group](#)!



July 2023 Alaskan Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Club All Wool Show
with judge Johnny Haussener

Hop Back In Angora History!

By Betty Chu with contribution from Casey Jones

History, Color, Genetics, Education and NCAG... Here and There

Angora Standard of Perfection from 1934 to 1955



Northern California Angora Guild has been in existence since 1982 but the Angora SOP has been in existence way long before that! Around the late 1990s, I had the good fortune of collecting some old SOP material with the help of late judge Dick Gehr. I posted the photo copies of these SOP from 1934 to 1955 on our blog in four Installments. If you are interested in how Angoras looked like, how the names of English Angora and French Angora were developed, why broken Angoras took so long to be considered, you have the chance to read about them.

1. Angora ARBA Standard of Perfection 1934-1939 and 1939-1944

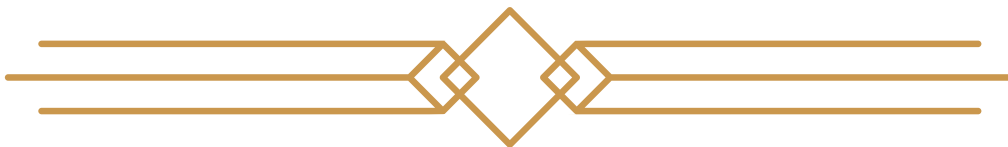
The earliest Angora SOP was published in 1934 for the period of 1934-1939. The name was "Angora Woolers". Colors accepted were White, Black, Blue and Fawn. (Fawn was one of the original colors of Angoras, before there was English Angora and French Angora!) There was less than a one-page description, Angora wooler was the name, one breed only. During 1939-1944, Angora Woolers were given two different types: Angora Woolers (English-Type) and Angora Woolers (French-Type). There was a photo of an Angora Wooler in the 1939 publication. The photo did not specify whether it was an English-Type or a French-Type Angora Wooler. The distinction between the English-Type and French-Type seemed to be the look of the head rather than the texture of the wool. See photo copies of these 10 years of Angora SOP at:

[Northern California Angora Guild: A Bit of History: Angora SOP 1934-1939 and 1939-1944](#)

2. Angora ARBA Standard of Perfection 1944-1947:

The next SOP published was from 1944 to 1947. This period is an exception to the rule of 5-year cycle of the Standard of Perfection. This was the first SOP that used the names of English Angora and French Angora. There was a picture of the English Angora but none for the French Angora on the Angora page. At this point, though there were two breeds, the two seemed to be still similar in their looks, thus had the elimination of English Angora resembles French type and vice versa. See photos and more descriptions of the Angora SOP during these four years.

[Northern California Angora Guild: A Bit of History: Angora SOP 1944-1947](#)



Hop Back In Angora History! – Continued

By Betty Chu with contribution from Casey Jones

3. Angora ARBA Standard of Perfection 1947-1950

The next SOP also covered 4 years, I'd guess it's trying to adjust back to the 5-year cycle to coincide with the years ends at 0 and 5. This SOP may answer the question why broken Angoras were not accepted. There is a sentence "No points for colored on white. Whites to be disqualified if marked with any other color". It took many years to rid of this sentence. When I started raising English Angora in the 1980s, this sentence was still in the SOP then. Read more in:

[Northern California Angora Guild: A Bit of History: Angora SOP 1947-1950](#)

4. Angora ARBA Standard of Perfection 1950-1955

The next SOP of 1950-1955 went into the typical 5-year cycle that has been maintained until today. There isn't any photos shown on the Angora pages. I suspect there might have been a photo section showing all the ARBA accepted breeds. Since I don't have the original physical copies of the SOP, I could not tell. The sentence of no other color on white was still in the description, thus no chance of having any broken pattern. There were more descriptions of distinguishing the English Angora and the French Angora. In addition to the descriptions of the body type and wool, there was also the distinctions of their weight limits. The English Angora senior weights were 5-1/2 to 7-1/2 pounds for bucks and 5-1/2 to 8 pounds for does. (These upper limits are 1/2 pound higher than the in the SOP today in 2025. Starting in 2026, the English Angora senior buck weight limit will be the same as the 1950-1955 standard of 5-1/2 to 7-1/2.) For French Angora, the only listed senior weight was 7 pounds minimum, no upper limit, no distinction between bucks and does. Read in detail at:

[Northern California Angora Guild: A Bit of History: Angora SOP 1950-1955](#)

5. Additional old photos shown:

Here is another post on our NCAG blog on distinguishing English Angora and French Angora during a judges conference. There are more old photos of the two breeds on the screen. If interested, please click: [Northern California Angora Guild: French Angora Session at the Judges Conference](#)

The Satin Angora was accepted into ARBA SOP in 1987 and the Giant Angora was accepted into ARBA SOP in 1988. These two breeds were not included in the ARBA published SOP until 1990.



In Memoriam - Sarah Vantrease

By Alicia Andrus



As you read in Jen's Message From The President, the rabbit and fiber world in Alaska was shaken to its core this spring when a dear friend to so many of us left this world.

Sarah Vantrease meant so much to many of us. She first hopped into the rabbit world in 2022 as a shy young lady who loved her Flemish. This is where she found The Interior Rabbit & Cavy Club and she quickly became comfortable with our group. During that first show, she was welcomed by many and ended up asking questions about other breeds, this lead her into the world of Polish! Her folks were so awesome about us rabbit folks accepting her and becoming friends- both the other youth breeders and all of us adults. She had instant bonus family supporting her and caring about her. Her big guy even took an Honorable Mention in that first Youth Show- a real start to showing rabbits for anyone!



Troll under the Bridge's Karma taking Honorable Mention at his first show. Sarah's first show rabbit!

In Memoriam - Sarah Vantrease - Continued

By Alicia Andrus

Later that year, Becky Hammond took her down to MatSu Fiber Fest for the Alaskan Rabbit and Cavy Club's big summer triple shows plus an all-wool show! Not only did she have a great time showing, she also picked up some Polish, and this is where her love of all things fiber truly began. I remember her running all around the Fest after her breed classes with a great group of other rabbit teens. They all had become fast friends and only got closer from then on.

She came racing up to me after the shows and asked if I thought she could get a drop spindle that the local guild had for folks to take and keep. Of course she could! She was anxious about walking up alone, so we went together, I talked to the lady at the table and she timidly got her freebie kit. I can safely say once she started she hardly stopped spinning! I told her right then and there I was glad to be her social anxiety helper friend. Any time she felt too shy to do something in public, I was glad to go with her and do the talking, no pressure or anything. And that I knew one day she would feel comfortable enough to do it herself.

Sarah became a fixture at Fairbanks Weavers and Spinners Guild during our weekly open studio gatherings. She so truly talented when it came to spinning and fiber arts in general – if she wasn't using her drop spindle, she was working on a crochet project from scratch without a pattern. Her super cute bee scarf was one that is particularly memorable, as some of her other interests are apiarist and entomology. She aptly named her rabbitry Buns & The Bees - Rabbitry and Apiarist.



Her first drop freebie spindle was always in use—even as she added more to her fiber arts tools. She often loved to spin while holding one of her baby buns in her lap too.



Sarah always has her place at Fairbanks Weavers and Spinners Guild. She's in all of our hearts. This is her bee scarf!

In Memoriam - Sarah Vantrease - Continued

By Alicia Andrus

Sarah was a neurodivergent kid, and had a lot of social anxiety, these shows and fiber gatherings helped remove so many barriers and opened her life up. She was so loved and cherished by so many of us. Her creativity was beyond amazing too! Everyone in our guild adored her, and was thrilled to see what she would spin up next. One of our members gifted her an older Ashford student model, which she adored and would bring along with her to all fiber events. She spun miles of gorgeous yarn of all types with that little wheel. She also kept going with her drop spindle too.

Becky often invited her out to White Fireweed Farm, as Sarah was pretty much a rabbit prodigy when it came to rabbit assessment, and handling them in general. It was like they could sense something special about her too. She was great at picking winners directly from the nestbox too. Peaches became her first Satin Angora and was absolutely stunning. She was one of those extra special rabbits from the get-go, AND received an Honorable Mention from Danielle Lowe in one of The IRCC's 2023 Summer Open Shows. Peaches was her best bunny buddy and often would be seen in Sarah's arms as she walked around the show venues taking it all in. Her love of fiber grew, and she later expanded her angoras to include Keebler, the Giant Angora, and a lovely Satin Angora doe, Verbena.

Polish were one of her passions for sure as well, and she excelled in her stock selection, as well as breeding- between both our clubs she received a couple of BIS wins, as well as a 3rd in junior broken does at her first ARBA Convention in 2023 with her homegrown broken chocolate, Delphinius.



Keebler's fancy ear- do



Giant in the car.



Verbena's litter- Sarah's first Satin Angora Litter!



Delphinius flying to ARBA Convention 2023.

In Memoriam - Sarah Vantrease - Continued

By Alicia Andrus

She had an amazing sense of humor, was incredible stubborn about things, passionate about her special interests, and a truly unique person in all the best ways. Watching her grow and mature over the three years I knew her was so special. She was one of those close friends who become chosen family to me.

I've rewritten this more times than I care to admit, and I still can not capture how much she meant to us all or even begin to cover who she was properly. I wanted to pull up more photos from over the years at our events too, but it's still a lot to go through and I can't see through my own tears.

We form connections through our hobbies, our shared passions, fiber and rabbits. These can be life saving for some. Sarah lost her battle after spending her life feeling like she would never fit in. Mental illness is a terrible burden to carry, even with the help of friends and family. Her brain chemistry didn't allow her to see how much she was loved and wanted in this world. She truly did find her people and I believe had some of her happiest and most accepted years with us, "old ladies" and her other rabbit and fiber family. Her parents mentioned that to us as we knew her. She was always such a joy to spend time with, and never someone we needed or wanted to be thanked for including.

Remember how much lighter the load gets when others share it with you. When someone is vulnerable with you, it is a gift to treasure and protect. Even simply being rabbit show buddies or spinning buddies can be a positive impact on the lives of others. Taking time to welcome someone new can open whole new worlds. Checking in if you haven't heard from someone in a bit, also can help throw a lifeline to them. We all seek that feeling of people WANTING us to be a part of something together. It's important.

We become family through all of these hobbies, and closer than blood. Together we can celebrate the good times, have adventures, laugh, experiment with our own creativity, and support each other when needed in times of sorrow. So go reach out to your friends, tell them how much they mean to you. You never know who needs to hear it the most today.



ANGORA NEWS



Peaches the Satin Angora



Sweepstakes Standings as of August 6, 2025

Open English			Youth English		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Chu, Betty - O	10496	1	Isbell, Lillian-Y	591.5
2	Furlong, Debby - O	6922.5	2	Frost, Kendall - Y	515
3	Evans/Thomas, Andrea/Kathy - O	6476.5	3	Ertel, Keegan - Y	415
4	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	5651	4	Wisecup, Alexander - Y	52
5	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	4547.5	5	Currey, Chloe - Y	35
6	Wisecup, Sarah - O	2286.5	6	White, Liam-Y	21
7	Netherton, Amy - O	1853.5	7	Hudgens-White, Sora - Y	18
8	Steffes, Natalie-O	1733.5	8	Rozinski, Domynique - Y	14
9	Evans, Andrea - O	1446			
10	Semerling, Angela - O	1140.5			
Open English Wool			Youth English Wool		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	English - Furlong, Debby - O	741	1	English -Ertel, Keegan - Y	100
2	English - Netherton, Amy	316	2	English-Lillian Isbell-Y	72
3	English-Millsap, Nancy-O	187	3	English - Halstead, Wade - Y	12
4	English - Evans, Andrea - O	156	3	English - Frost, Kendall - Y	12
5	English - Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	102			
6	English-Evans/Thomas, Andrea/Kathy-O	80			
7	English-MacDonald, Adria-O	63			
8	English-Millsap, Lorin-O	60			
9	English - Thomas, Kathy/Kjirsten/Graham	52			
10	English - Hartlieb, Jenny - O	48			

Open English				Youth English			
Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points	Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points
1	BC1AG	Chu, Betty - O	2550	1	FANZ2	Isbell, Lillian-Y	360
2	PF21	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	1814	2	GRCAS	Frost, Kendall - Y	122
3	GRPMPOP	Evans/Thomas, Andrea/Kathy - O	886	3	GRILL	Frost, Kendall - Y	110
4	KD2	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	822	4	LH95	Ertel, Keegan - Y	30
5	NSJOANN	Steffes, Natalie-O	640	5	PF4	Isbell, Lillian-Y	20
6	TOPAZ	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	586	6	GRPMLAC	Frost, Kendall - Y	16
7	BC2VE	Chu, Betty - O	534	7	ZUG	Isbell, Lillian-Y	16
8	FARDBF2	Furlong, Debby - O	488	8	GRPMSWA	Frost, Kendall - Y	14
9	TULSA	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	456	9	MCWPNF	Currey, Chloe - Y	10
10	LWG	Kopp, Amy - O	438	10	PEARL	Isbell, Lillian-Y	10

Sweepstakes Standings as of August 6, 2025 - Continued

Open French			Youth French		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Mackimmie, Deidre-O	4824.5	1	Ertel, Keegan - Y	561
2	Penterman, Rachel - O	3297	2	Perkins, Karen-Y	276
3	Green, Carol - O	2971	3	Cody, Luke - Y	207
4	Semerling, Angela - O	2841	4	Ashton, William-Y	137
5	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	2576	5	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	98
6	McDonald, Jackie - O	2219	6	Will, Katelyn - Y	88
7	Cody, Lauren - O	2169	7	Swihart, Athena-Y	32
8	Havlicek, Bonnie-O	2121	8	Warner, Samuel-Y	26
9	Clark, Laura - O	1632	9	Rozinski, Domyinique-Y	19
10	Boyd, Colleen-O	1221.5	10	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	14
			10	Lewis, Louritta-Y	14
Open French Wool			Youth French Wool		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	French - Schweikart, Charlotte - O	648	1	French - Ertel, Keegan - Y	30
2	French - Mackimmie, Deidra - O	535	2	French - Lewis, Louritta - Y	18
3	French - Penterman, Rachel - O	452			
4	French - Havlicek, Bonnie - O	357			
5	French - Vaughn, Tammy - O	120			
6	French-Needle, Sue-O	72			
7	French - Stelloh, Cindy - O	52			
8	French - McDonald, Jackie - O	25			
9	French-Clemens, Deb-O	24			
10	French - Ferguson, Arianne - O	22			

Open French				Youth French			
Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points	Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points
1	MAUDE	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	782	1	LHHEX	Ertel, Keegan - Y	130
2	BCG1W	Green, Carol - O	647	2	WAFFLE	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	26
3	TVF280	Penterman, Rachel - O	422	3	F1FAE	Perkins, Karen-Y	22
4	LNCCOLETTE	Semerling, Angela - O	362	4	7P932	Will, Katelyn - Y	16
5	4B24	Havlicek, Bonnie-O	305	5	SOOK	Warner, Samuel-Y	16
6	LB168	Simpson, Summer - O	257	6	APU2	Ashton, William-Y	14
7	TVF259	Penterman, Rachel - O	250	7	ABC2	Ashton, William-Y	8
8	HBNOX	Semerling, Angela - O	244	7	MG125	Ertel, Keegan - Y	8
9	JEWEL	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	240	8	JKD6	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	4
10	CCRH5	Hollifield, Alyssa-O	235	8	TVF275	Lewis, Louritta-Y	4

Sweepstakes Standings as of August 6, 2025 - Continued

Open Giant				Youth Giant		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Vaughn, Tammy-O	3230.5		1	Ertel, Keegan - Y	349
2	Roe, Deborah - O	1164		2	Terralumina, Alexandria-Y	302.5
3	Depetro, Amber - O	1011.5		3	Ashton, William-Y	167
4	Terralumina, Renee-O	820		4	Rozinski, Taylor- Y	63
5	Vaughan, Kevin-O	723.5		5	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	27
6	Chapin, Nickie-O	559		6	White, Liam - Y	24
7	Fritsch, Amanda - O	292		7	Greenwood, Phillip-Y	18
8	Vaughn, Tammy/Kevin - O	276.5		8	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	18
9	Greenwood, Catherine - O	230		9	Terralumina, Tristan -Y	9
10	Cody, Lauren - O	184				
Open Giant Wool				Youth Giant Wool		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Giant - Vaughn, Tammy - O	405		1	Giant - White, Liam - Y	12
2	Giant-Chapin, Nicki-O	150				
3	Giant-Vaughn, Kevin-O	130				
4	Giant - Vaughn, Kevin - O	72				
5	Giant - Vaughn, Kevin/Tammy - O	49				
6	Giant - Terralumina, Renee - O	33				
7	Giant - Edrich, Ana - O	30				
8	Giant - Roe, Deborah - O	20				
9	Giant - Hummer, Lisa - O	12				
10	Giant - Bishop, Matthew/Ashley - O	7				

Open Giant					Youth Giant			
Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points		Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points
1	TKL12	Vaughn, Tammy-O	568		1	LHCLYDE	Ertel, Keegan - Y	48
2	TKL56	Vaughn, Tammy-O	465		2	SALLY	Ertel, Keegan - Y	39
3	DOTTI	Chapin, Nickie-O	220		3	MADH	Terralumina, Alexandria-Y	37
4	PD1M	Roe, Deborah - O	127		4	LPGTRUMP	Ashton, William-Y	28
5	TKL75	Vaughan, Kevin-O	121		5	LHBONNIE	Ertel, Keegan - Y	16
6	PD4L	Roe, Deborah - O	112		6	TMHB6	Greenwood, Phillip-Y	12
7	PDIN	Roe, Deborah - O	112		6	MG2G	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	12
8	TKF233	Vaughn, Tammy-O	88		8	AWP3	Ashton, William-Y	10
9	TKL13	Vaughan, Kevin-O	81		8	LHPARIS	Ertel, Keegan - Y	10
10	CADEN	Terralumina, Renee-O	76		10	BBB1	Ashton, William-Y	6
					10	PD3M	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	6

Sweepstakes Standings as of August 6, 2025 - Continued

Open Satin			Youth Satin		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Ferguson, Arianne-O	4006.5	1	Terralumina, Alexandra-Y	601
2	Penterman, Laurie - O	2950.5	2	Ashton, William - Y	460.5
3	Jones, Casey - O	2882.5	3	Ertel, Keegan - Y	451
4	Ederich, Ana - O	2863	4	Kester, Caitlin - Y	305.5
5	Salinas, Kristi-O	1906	5	Close, Andrea - Y	269
6	Richardson, Aaron & Jennifer-O	1459	6	Rozinski, Domynique - Y	149
7	Terralumina, Renee-O	1363.5	7	Perkins, Karen - Y	123.5
8	Hammond, Becky - O	1091.5	8	Jones, Langley-Y	96
9	Netherton, Amy - O	1030.5	9	Jones, Georgia-Y	84
10	Hastings, Joan - O	945	10	Swihart, Athena-Y	64
Open Satin Wool			Youth Satin Wool		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Satin - Shock, Abigail	468	1	Satin - Kester, Caitlin - Y	226
2	Satin - Hunt, Alesha	408	2	Satin - Ertel, Keegan - Y	47
3	Satin - Salinas, Kristi - O	340	3	Satin - Terralumina, Alexandra - Y	44
4	Satin - Penterman, Laurie - O	319			
5	Satin - Kester, Sarah - O	284			
6	Satin - Ederich Ana	284			
7	Satin - Netherton, Amy	144			
8	Satin - Terralumina, Renee - O	126			
9	Satin - Hammond, Becky	126			
10	Satin - Richardson, Aaron and Jennifer - O	29			

Open Satin				Youth Satin			
Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points	Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points
1	CJ743	Jones, Casey - O	644	1	OCTO	Terralumina, Alexandra-Y	192
2	SWEETTEA	Rich, Vanessa-O	304	2	ACS2	Ashton, William - Y	94
3	TVS168	Penterman, Laurie - O	264	3	LHBOB	Ertel, Keegan - Y	34
4	CLOUD	Ferguson, Arianne-O	254	4	LMAY	Jones, Georgia-Y	32
5	TVS175	Penterman, Laurie - O	212	5	GAGM9	Close, Andrea - Y	30
6	WF119	Richardson, Aaron & Jennifer-O	202	6	WILDCHILD	Kester, Caitlin - Y	29
7	R428L	Mezyk, Karen - O	156	7	ACS1	Ashton, William - Y	22
8	HT108	Salinas, Kristi-O	154	8	GRP2	Close, Andrea - Y	20
9	WF011	Hammond, Becky - O	146	9	GARGOYLE	Perkins, Karen - Y	18
10	GSS14	Ederich, Ana - O	142	10	BARBIE	Jones, Georgia-Y	16
				10	POSTY	Jones, Langley-Y	16

Rabbit Dossier

Name:	LNCCollette
Breed:	French Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 French Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Angel Semerling
Location:	District 2: Kentucky



As an English breeder and fiber artist I decided I wanted to try blending French and English fibers together. So I purchased a fleece and fell in love with the result. Colette was in a litter that was not thriving, so I took her and her sister home at 5 weeks old and used my Argente brun mama to get them another week of milk. In a weeks time they flourished and almost doubled in size. I didn't expect much because of their rough start but decided to take them to nationals anyway. The judges asked me to please bring her back in a few months. So I took her home and let her grow.



She earned my very first Reserve in Show at Rabbit renegades show in Indiana. Quickly followed by 2 Reserve in Specialty, and another Reserve in show. I took her to convention where she earned 4th place senior doe. She's been chilling in the barn making copies of herself since convention!



Rabbit Dossier	
Name:	LHHEX
Breed:	French Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 French Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Keegan Ertel
Location:	District 2: Indiana

Hex is the first French Angora born in our bunny barn. She was the only one in her litter and had some trouble staying warm so we moved her inside and she enjoyed her time running through the house.



She has been to many shows across several states and was my youth nationals winner in 2025. She was in coat just at a year old for her last show, the local 4H fair. I look forward to giving her a coat break this summer and showing her off again this winter.



Rabbit of the Year Spotlight

Rabbit Dossier

Name:	CountryBunn-Kin Maude
Breed:	French Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 French Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Charlotte Schweikart
Location:	District 1: Pennsylvania



CountryBunn-Kin Maude is a two year old steel senior doe and Multiple BIS Winner.



Recently winning Best of the Best, at the UARC Specialty shows Wayne County Fair and Fiber Festival



NARBC Fluff Stars!

Rabbit of the Year Spotlight

Rabbit Dossier	
Name:	Bonnie's Killer Vanilla (AKA 4B24)
Breed:	French Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 French Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Bonnie Havlicek
Location:	District 1: Michigan



She was shown at the 2024 Convention as a senior due to being a big boned girl and did well.

In November, she was entered in two shows at the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association fall show, winning Best of Breed in both.



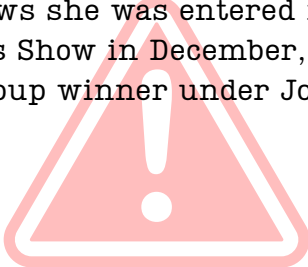
Bonnie's Killer Vanilla is actually very sweet, just like the ice cream flavor she is named after. She is out of Bonnie's Lady's Secret and Maple Glen's Houston.

At the Oren Reynolds Memorial Show in April she received Best in Show A under Lee Nevills.

She has received 9 legs. I'm hoping her nestbox will be full by the time you're reading this. I'm honored that she's in the running for Rabbit of The Year.



She went on to win Best of Breed in the three shows she was entered in at The Christmas Show in December, going on to be a group winner under Joel Marshall.



Rabbit Dossier

Name:	Casey's Prim Rose (AKA CJ743)
Breed:	Satin Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 Satin Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Casey Jones
Location:	District 4: California



She has 3 Open Best in Shows and 2 Open Reserve in shows as well as many Best of Breed awards. I am very proud of her. She is continuing to show at 13 months. Maybe another big award before becoming a mother?

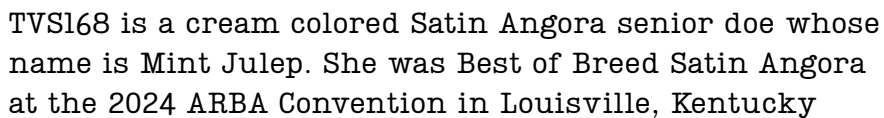
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My beautiful and very sweet Prim Rose has been a favorite of judges for her whole life. Her and her sister Katniss a copper would dual it out for BOB. Katniss won early then Prim Rose sparkled her way to Rabbit of the year. She is a dream show Satin angora. Always neat and clean and a joy to groom and be loved up. Calm with other animals and children. She stacks herself. Big lovely body. So many judges have held her up to watch the shine and admire her.



Name:	Mint Julep (AKA TVSl68)
Breed:	Satin Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 Satin Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Laurie Penterman
Location:	District 3: Wisconsin



Rabbit of the Year Spotlight

Rabbit Dossier

Name:	Celestial Farm's Cloud
Breed:	Satin Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 Satin Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Arianne Ferguson
Location:	District 3: Oregon



My name is Arianne and my Rabbitry is Celestial Farm. I have been breeding under this rabbitry name since 2008, and began breeding and showing Satin Angoras in 2010. However, my first introduction to the Angora Rabbit came in 2001, when I met English Angora breeder Candy Haenzel at our local rabbit club meeting. She taught me how to spin on her Ashford Traditional, and I never forgot how beautiful her Blue-Eyed White English Angoras were (and still are!)



I have had a love for the Blue-Eyed White variety but had not had the chance to get my hands on any BEW Satin Angoras until 2023 when Sandra Wight decided to disperse her program. I've been working hard on this variety since then, doing several judicious color crosses and battling mysterious and unexpected deaths, I am proud to have begun exhibiting my Blue-Eyed White Satin Angoras this year, and a fine example is my first BEW GC Celestial Farm's Cloud. She granded at 7 months and has already raised a beautiful litter with promising density and texture of wool. She is also a good mother and has a gentle and friendly temperament, which as a breeder I never take for granted, hormones can do wild things to their behavior!

I look forward to collaborating with other breeders to maintain genetic diversity and integrity and to elevate this variety to increased popularity and competitiveness.

Rabbit Dossier

Name :	GGC Sweet Tea
Breed:	Satin Angora
Wanted For:	Top 4 Satin Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Vanessa Rich
Location:	District 2: Indiana



Just a few weeks later, Tea was back on the show tables, with much deeper classes and stronger competition. She went BOB four out of four shows that weekend, earning the necessary legs for Grand Champion registration. Sweet Tea finished the weekend with a Reserve In Show as well.

The pinnacle of achievement thus far for Sweet Tea came during the 2025 Angora Nationals where she won both BOB Satin Angora, and Reserve In Show. And then, only a few months later, I was astonished to see her placed 2nd for Satin Angora of the Year.

I am blessed to have raised such a doe as Sweet Tea in my rabbitry. I'm very thankful for the foundation stock I started with, the help of dedicated breeders along the way, and support and love of my dear friends, my Angora girls. Without all of these, I would not have achieved so much.



Four years ago, I started a BEW Satin Angora project with promising foundation stock and a goal of showcasing this often overlooked color. Let's be honest, there is a lot of dislike for the Vienna color genetics, as it can often wreak havoc if undocumented in a pedigree. But worked correctly, a BEW program produces stunningly white Angoras, especially in the Satin Angora breed.

GGC Angoras Sweet Tea was born shortly after Convention 2024. Tea, and her littermate, Sweet Tart, were sheared at ten weeks old and moved to a grow out cage.

With very limited showing, Sweet Tea achieved accomplishments I had only dreamed of for this program. Her show career began in March 2025, just before Tea was five months old, but showing already as a senior doe. She was a solid, chonky 7.5 pounds already. Besides multiple BOBs that weekend, Sweet Tea received an Honorable Mention at the Best In Show table.

ANGORA NEWS



ALERT!!! TOP 2 GIANT ANGORA!**Spotlight on My Top Two Giant Angora Does**

- Tammy Vaughn, Fuzzy Vaughns Farm & Sinfully Soft Angora Yarns

Sometimes, it's a buck that steals the show. But this past year, it was all about two powerhouse does from my barn: Miss Dahlia and Miss Sweet Thing.

Miss Dahlia, my striking Chestnut Giant Angora, has had a whirlwind year. Her body is solid as a rock, and her chestnut coloring is nothing short of phenomenal. In just a short time, she earned over 30 legs and several Best In Show(BIS) honorable mentions. While she never quite snagged that elusive BIS, she came awfully close.

Now just over a year old, Dahlia is on a well-earned maternity break. I'm carefully arranging a date night with a local buck whose strengths will add density—her one area that isn't quite "Giantish" enough. I may bring her back to the show circuit someday, but for now, I'm focusing on preserving and building on her many strengths. That's the never-ending passion of rabbit breeding—chasing that elusive unicorn. And speaking of unicorns... meet Miss Sweet Thing.

This Red Eye White(REW) doe is my pride and joy. She truly has it all—beautiful body, luscious wool, stunning furnishings, an unbeatable temperament, and to top it off, she's a fantastic mother. That one trait of "Great Mothering" is in my opinion the #1 trait we all want in our rabbits. Without that, we are all lost in the woods.



With multiple Best in Show wins and a personality that melts hearts, she is everything I dream of in a Giant Angora. She is, without a doubt, my unicorn—that rare, almost-mythical rabbit that has it all—the kind you dream of and the kind you want to fill your barn with.

Sweet Thing's first litter was a huge success, the baby daddy is Marigold, a gorgeous Fawn Giant Angora buck. They produced 5 beautiful chestnut kits. Merigold has moved to Pat Duggan's rabbitry to help her build up her Fawn Giants, as the Fawn color is her true love. Pat is eager to help support Renee Terralumina & her daughter, Charlie(aka Alexandria) with their future Fawn COD.

I just received word this morning, Pat's doe is fat with kits, crossing fingers! Also, Renee just reported that she is thrilled with her Fawns progress too, her barn is filling up with beautiful Fawn Giants. It's a win-win-win for all!

Spotlight on My Top Two Giant Angora Does - Continued

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Yes, Miss Sweet Thing's show career is over, she is now being pampered and adored. We are crossing our fingers and toes, hoping the stars will be aligned just right, so that we can arrange many more successful date nights in the future.

I'm excited to announce a brand-new Sinfully Soft YouTube video, where I'm demonstrating how to perform C&C evaluations on Miss Sweet Thing's babies—they're looking amazing! This video also includes step-by-step instructions for performing your own C&Cs, plus the importance of journaling and taking detailed notes to track development and identify potential issues before they become problems.

If you're new to the term, C&C stands for "Cheek to Cheek"—a fast but thorough check from one end of your rabbit to the other. These 2–5 minute evaluations can make all the difference in catching early health issues like eye infections, broken nails, or even the deadly risk of fly strike. These and many more issues can easily be missed with just a glance.

Also coming soon: a video where I'll be sharing my favorite tools, tricks, and systems that help keep my rabbitry running smoothly. After weathering the wild ride of the Chestnut Giant Angora COD, I've learned so much—through trial, error, and a whole lot of love for these giant fuzzy beauties. Whether you're just starting out or refining your own program, I truly hope what I share can help make your journey a little easier, a little more joyful, and a lot more successful.

My next steps? I am breeding for more color, plus more Chocolate Agoutis to support Cory White with his COD. Of course I will be continuing to strive for excellence with the help from my favorite girls Miss Dahlia and Miss Sweet Thing. And here's the best part—Dahlia and Sweet Thing come from two different lines. That tells me a couple of things: I'm doing something right, and the foundation for my future herd is strong. Still, I'm treading carefully and thoughtfully as I plan my next steps.

I'm stepping forward with careful planning and lots of hope in my heart.

Wish me luck—and stay tuned!



Liver Lobe Torsions in Rabbits

*By Dr. Logan Kopp, DVM, Diplomate ABVP (Exotic Companion Mammal Practice)
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Please note - Contains surgical images - Viewer discretion is advised

Liver Lobe Torsion in Rabbits: What Owners Need to Know

Rabbits are experts at hiding illness, which makes spotting serious problems challenging for even the most attentive owner. One rare but life-threatening condition is **liver lobe torsion**, where part of the liver twists on itself. This twist cuts off blood flow, leading to tissue damage and severe illness. While uncommon, this condition can progress quickly, so recognizing the signs and seeking prompt veterinary care is critical.

What Is a Liver Lobe Torsion?

The liver is made up of several sections called lobes. In a torsion, one of these lobes rotates abnormally, cutting off its own blood supply. Without oxygen and nutrients, the tissue begins to die, and toxins can build up in the bloodstream. In rabbits, this often affects a lobe called the caudate lobe, but other lobes can be involved as well.

This condition has been reported in pet rabbits of different breeds, but many cases involve young adult Mini Lops or similarly sized breeds. It is still unclear why liver lobes twist, but some theories include wool block, stasis, trauma, sudden movement, or congenital weaknesses in the tissue.

Why Is It So Serious?

When the blood supply is blocked, the liver tissue rapidly deteriorates, releasing toxins and causing inflammation. Rabbits do not cope well with sudden, severe illness, so this type of problem can quickly become life-threatening. Unlike mild digestive slowdowns that can sometimes resolve at home with supportive care, a torsion cannot be fixed without veterinary treatment.

Signs You Might Notice

The signs of a liver lobe torsion can be vague at first, which makes it tricky for owners to catch early. Rabbits with this condition may:

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The signs of a liver lobe torsion can be vague at first, which makes it tricky for owners to catch early. Rabbits with this condition may:

- Become quiet, lethargic, or withdrawn
- Stop eating or only nibble at food
- Produce fewer or smaller fecal pellets
- Show signs of abdominal discomfort such as hunching or grinding teeth
- Have a firm, swollen area in the upper abdomen (something your vet may notice during an exam)

Some rabbits worsen very suddenly, going from “a little off” to severely ill within hours. If your rabbit refuses food, seems painful, or appears weak, this is an emergency.

How Do Veterinarians Diagnose It?

Your veterinarian will start with a thorough physical exam and will likely recommend bloodwork and imaging. Blood tests can give clues about liver function, though not all rabbits with this problem show obvious changes in their liver values.

X-rays may help rule out other causes of abdominal discomfort, but ultrasound is often the best tool to confirm a torsion. On ultrasound, the twisted lobe usually looks very different from healthy liver tissue, helping the veterinarian make a diagnosis.

What Are the Treatment Options?

Once a liver lobe torsion is diagnosed, treatment usually involves either intensive medical care or surgery to remove the affected lobe.

Medical management includes pain relief, fluids, and supportive care. This approach can help some rabbits stabilize in the short term, but the damaged lobe remains in place, which means the risk of future complications is higher.

Surgical treatment involves removing the twisted section of the liver. While this is a major procedure, it often provides the best long-term outcome. Rabbits who undergo successful surgery can live for years afterward.

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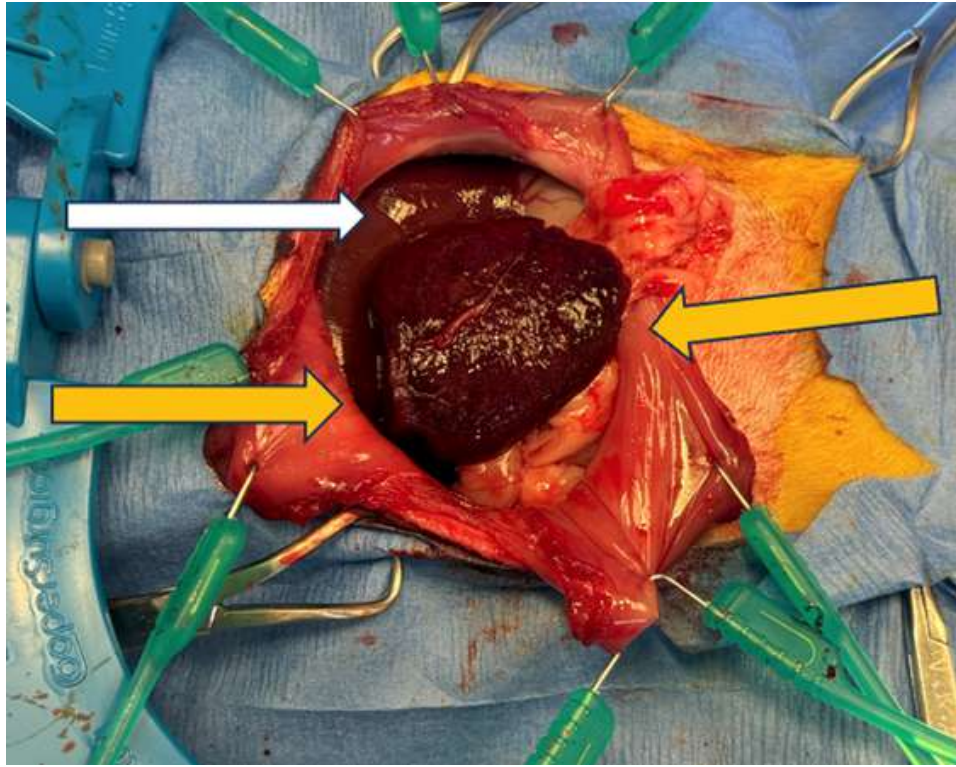


Figure 1 - Intraoperative image of a liver lobectomy in a rabbit. Normal liver is the white arrow. Torsed liver is the yellow arrow.

Your veterinarian will help you decide which option is safest based on your rabbit's overall health, age, and the severity of the torsion.

What Is the Prognosis?

The outlook depends on how quickly the torsion is treated and whether surgery is performed. Rabbits treated with supportive care only may feel better temporarily but tend to have a shorter survival time overall. Rabbits that undergo successful surgery usually have a much better chance for long-term recovery.

How Can You Help at Home?

You cannot prevent a torsion from happening, but you can improve your rabbit's chances by acting fast when something seems off. Rabbits hide illness well, so do not wait to see if your rabbit gets better on their own. Any change in appetite, behavior, or fecal output is a reason to call your veterinarian right away.

Keeping regular wellness appointments also helps your vet establish what is "normal" for your rabbit, making it easier to catch problems early.

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When to Seek Emergency Care

If your rabbit:

- Stops eating or drinking
- Appears weak or collapsed
- Has a swollen or painful belly
- Produces no feces for 12–24 hours

...it is time for immediate veterinary care.

Final Thoughts

Liver lobe torsion is rare, but it is one of the more serious emergencies seen in rabbits. The good news is that with prompt diagnosis and the right treatment plan, many rabbits recover and go on to live normal lives. The key is to know the warning signs and act quickly.

If you suspect your rabbit may be ill, do not delay—contact your rabbit-friendly veterinarian as soon as possible.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this article is not intended to serve as direct medical advice. Please consult your local rabbit-savvy veterinarian for recommendations specific to your rabbit's needs.



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Creative Cooks
By Sandy Tsukiyama

Easy and Delicious Rub

Combine equal amounts (2 Tbsp) of :

Powdered ginger

Powdered garlic

Ground cumin seed

Ground coriander seed

Paprika

Salt to Taste

Season fryer rabbits, then roast in foil. A crowd pleaser that has even the most discerning tastes raving in the buffet line. This will be one of the dishes that is first to vanish!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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I hereby make application for membership in the National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club, Inc. and agree, if accepted, to abide by our Constitution and By-Laws and to at all times support our shows, Rules and Regulations and to further the interest of the Angora rabbit in every way possible.

TYPE	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	4 YEARS
SINGLE YOUTH	___\$10.00	___\$15.00	___\$20.00	___\$25.00
SINGLE ADULT	___\$15.00	___\$23.00	___\$32.00	___\$40.00
ONE RABBITRY	___\$25.00	___\$35.00	___\$45.00	___\$55.00
FAMILY	___\$30.00	___\$40.00	___\$50.00	___\$60.00

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

Single Youth: Through 18 years of age.

One Rabbitry: 2 persons at the same address.

Family: Two (2) adult members and all persons under the age of 19 who live at the same address.

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Please list the FIRST and LAST names of EACH family member who is joining or renewing membership in the NARBC. Please print your names the way you will write them on your show entry forms.

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail: _____

Angora Breeds: _____

LIST THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF EACH FAMILY MEMBER. INCLUDE THE DATE OF BIRTH FOR ALL YOUTH MEMBERS (under the age of 19)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH - YOUTH ONLY	ARBA NUMBER (IF A MEMBER)