

The Angora News

NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB



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Special Committees will be appointed when necessary.

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

Hello fuzzy friends!

This year is already flying by and it is already June! How does that happen? There are many of us shifting from the Nationals show to what do we have to coat out for convention? I am sure we are all starting to work on: What breeding's can we do to help move our herds forward and looking for stock to bred in this summer for the next generations of show stock, Woolers, and pets, as there is a generous supply of angora pets around the world as well.



Congratulations to the National winners and those who could attend. Many healing thoughts out to Debby Furlong and her family as her husband continues to heal. The amount of support that the angora ladies from the area that reached out to help get her animals to Nationals was touching and I love seeing the camaraderie from the fellow exhibitors. There is so much to be said about the friendships that are formed through the love of our rabbits.

It was awesome to see the level of animals at the Nationals as well, not only in the open classes, but the youth classes as well. Wool, Skein and Garment entries were well received and a variety of wool, garments and skeins were beautifully displayed for everyone to see. Vanessa Rich did an excellent job organizing the event, as well as introducing the new class for Crochet and Knit alongs. This will be an exciting class to see grow.

It has also been amazing to see so many angoras winning across the nation for Best in Show and Reserve in Show. We will be exhibiting a few of those animals that have had multiple Best in Show wins in their area in this newsletter. I love scrolling through Facebook on a Sunday night and see all of the lovely photos of the wins on the tables. May your summer season bring you many babies and that the heat is not brutal this year for the angora coats to flourish.

Continued success!

Jen Richardson

Vice President's Message: Andrea Koeniger Evans

Hello!

Looking back on the success of the recent National Show, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional teamwork that made it all possible. An event like this comes together because of the efforts of many, both large and small. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to making it a success. Congratulations to all our exhibitors for their hard work and dedication, your efforts made this event truly memorable. The positive feedback we've received speaks to the strength of our community, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.



We're excited to share that we are now using the new sweepstakes spreadsheet I created for the club. With help from Ana Ederich, who reviewed and corrected the formulas, the spreadsheet now accurately calculates members' points. Jen Richardson, Graham Thomas, and I worked together to reenter every show report from the entire show cycle, dating back to August 2024. It took a significant amount of time and effort to complete this task, but our goal was to ensure transparent calculations for each member, rather than just a final point total. This update has streamlined our process and saved the club significantly by eliminating the need for expensive software. We greatly appreciate the support of our members throughout this project, it made all the difference in its success.

On the Broken English Angora Certificate of Development front, the team has been showcasing our brokens at several shows in the western U.S., receiving excellent feedback. We've been told that our brokens could compete with any English Angora on the show tables today, which is incredibly exciting for our team. We deeply appreciate the support from our members in this program. Your encouragement is vital in making this effort worthwhile and keeps us motivated to continue our work. While we're thrilled with the progress so far, we remain focused on our goals for presenting to the ARBA standards committee at the 2027 convention. The positive feedback has been

Vice President's Message: Andrea Koeniger Evans - Continued

energizing, but we are committed to ensuring our Broken English Angoras meet the ARBA standard of perfection as closely as possible. So for the team, there's still work to be done. We have many brokenes in the nestbox currently for our exhibition group for the 2025 convention in Indianapolis and are looking forward to showing a strong team in November!

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. It's your dedication that makes NARBC special, and I'm excited for what's to come. Onward and upward as we continue working together toward our goals!

Andrea



HELLO
SUMMER!



Vice President's Message: Andrea Koeniger Evans - Continued



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Secretary's Report: Laurie Penterman

It's June! Summer is finally here!! After 10 years of working as the Study Hall Supervisor in a high school, May 23rd was my last day, and I am officially retired!



Granted, I have always had summers off, but it really felt good to clean out my desk and know I wasn't coming back in the fall. I'm DONE!!! I am so much looking forward to spending more time with the rabbits! The Dear Lord has blessed me with a bunch of Satin Angora and Thrianta litters during the past few weeks, and I absolutely love taking extra good care of the mamas and watching the babies grow! This October is going to be a very special month for the Penterman family, as my daughter Angela is getting married to her best friend Austin, and my son Willie and daughter-in-law Abby are expecting their second child! Their first is my grandson James, and we just found out this week that baby #2 is a girl! So much to look forward to! And between now and then I will be attending several rabbit shows in Wisconsin, which is what I love doing.

It has been so wonderful to see that Angoras are doing so well on show tables across the country! For as hard as all of us work to keep these rabbits in peak show condition, it is amazing to see that these beautiful rabbits are being recognized!

Please look carefully at the list of expiring members, and if your name is on it, please renew! Also, please make sure that I have your current email address so that you receive the Angora Newsletter. The newsletter can also be found on the website under More, and then Angora News Editions.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer, and may your nest boxes be filled with beautiful babies!

Board Meeting Minutes

NARBC Board Meeting

March 16, 2025

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, March 16, 2025, via a Microsoft Teams Meeting. President Jen Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm EST. Board members present were Jen Richardson, June Abbott, Lauren Cody, Andrea Evans, Casey Jones, Tammy Vaughn, Madison Wisecup, Laurie Penterman and Jackie McDonald.

Secretary Meeting Minutes- The Board members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes from the February 12, 2025 board meeting. A MOTION was made by Tammy Vaughn to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Lauren Cody. Motion CARRIED.

Status of Membership- Laurie Penterman reported that we currently have 361 members in the club, 295 being Open members, and 66 Youth members. Since our February meeting, the club has gained one new Open member and two new Youth members. Ten 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 \$3,287.73, there is \$31,942.98 in the money market account, and we have a balance of \$249.47 in the PayPal account, for a total cash balance of \$35,480.18. There is \$2,215.14 in the held funds, so there are \$33,265.02 available funds.

Old Business

Boutique- Victory Pass Originals- The Victory Pass Originals can set up a store for NARBC apparel to be sold on their website. They charge a \$25 set-up fee, and then our club will make \$3 per item sold, which will be paid to us through PayPal four times a year. We send them the NARBC logo and also the logos from the National Angora Shows and the Angora shows at the ARBA Conventions. Victory Pass Originals takes the orders, puts them together and ships them, so they do all the work and no one in the club has to hold onto inventory. We can put something on our website with a link to Victory Pass Originals. Yvonne Lyons said she would be the point person for all of this. A MOTION was made by June Abbott to have NARBC pay the \$25 set-up fee to Victory Pass Originals and have them set up a store on their website to sell NARBC apparel. The motion was SECONDED by Lauren Cody. Motion CARRIED.

The 2025 Angora National Show Update: Sandy Berger: Banquet- Sandy Berger signed a contract with NARBC to prepare the banquet meal of a taco bar at the Angora National Show in Decatur, Illinois on Saturday, April 19, which will be a luncheon. According to the contract, the meal cost is \$20 per person, and a \$150 deposit was paid to Sandy. Things have changed, as Sandy Berger is now making a taco bar for everyone that attends the show at a cost of \$15 per person. The contract between NARBC and Sandy Berger will be voided, Sandy will refund NARBC the \$150 deposit, and a refund will be given to those members who have already paid.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

New Business

Tammy Vaughn's Proposals:

1. NARBC Mentoring Committee Proposal- The purpose of the NARBC Mentoring Committee serves as a welcoming bridge for new members, ensuring they feel supported, informed and engaged from the moment they join the National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club. The responsibilities of the mentoring committee would include reaching out to new NARBC members via email, message of social media shortly after joining the club. Also to connect new members to NARBC resources such as introducing them to various NARBC Facebook pages, ensure youth members are made aware of available NARBC youth programs such as Bunny Bucks, and connecting new members to the NARBC District Directors and any Angora Specialty Clubs in their area. Finally, fostering a supportive and engaging community including encouraging new members to ask questions, seek mentorship and participate in NARBC discussions.
2. NARBC Mentoring Facebook Rules, Facebook Policy and Procedure, and Facebook Admin Responsibilities- The goal of the NARBC Mentoring Facebook page is to create a supportive and positive environment where everyone feels comfortable asking questions and learning from one another. This includes that this page is exclusively for current NARBC members, kindness is key, no promotional posts, utilize the FAQ page, respect admin accessibility, and promotion of the NARBC Guidebook.
3. NARBC Districts 1-4 Facebook Rules- This is a friendly space where NARBC members, both adults and youth, can come together to ask questions, share experiences, and learn about all aspects of raising Angora rabbits. Members can share photos of their show wins, exchange ideas, ask questions and support one another.

All board members should study Tammy's proposals, and we will discuss them at next month's meeting.

Photos in District Articles- It says in the PPM that for a \$5 fee you can have a picture of your Best in Show or Reserve in Show win published in The Angora News. Some of the District Directors want to post pictures of people from their districts who have won BIS or RIS as part of their articles in The Angora News. After much discussion, a MOTION was made by Lauren Cody to offer members the opportunity to pay \$5 to have their BIS or RIS pictures guaranteed to be published in The Angora News, or they can send their BIS or RIS pictures to their District Director, and their picture may be included as part of the District Director's article in The Angora News for free. The motion was SECONDED by Andrea Evans. Motion CARRIED.

Sweepstakes Points- Andrea spoke to someone at Easy2show Club Software about purchasing sweepstakes software to make it easier to keep track of sanctions and sweepstakes points, and they said that we would have to use their payment system instead of people paying NARBC directly through PayPal. Andrea is creating a spreadsheet to show how points are calculated and to help improve point calculation accuracy.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Follow Up on Judges for Future Conventions- Laurie reported that Rachel Penterman cannot judge Angoras at the 2025 ARBA Convention because she committed to judging Mini Lops first, and they will be judged at the same time as the Angoras. Laurie reached out to Steven Buell to see if he was available to judge the Angoras, and he replied back that he was available. Laurie informed Dave Cardinal and Dave sent Steven a contract, which he signed. We are still in need of one judge for both the 2026 and the 2027 ARBA Convention, otherwise we have two judges committed through 2030.

Convention and National Show Photos- Jen would like the club to “hire” someone to take photos of the Angora winners at the ARBA Convention and the National Angora Show. We would not pay them a huge amount, maybe \$50. We just need someone who is responsible for taking pictures of all the winners, so we have the pictures to put on the website and in The Angora News. Jen will make a Facebook post asking for people who are interested in doing this for a nominal fee.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Casey Jones. The motion was SECONDED by Jackie McDonald. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm EST. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 7:30 pm EST via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of this meeting is in place for the 2025 National Angora Show in Decatur, Illinois on April 19.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Penterman, NARBC Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

NARBC Board Meeting

April 10, 2025

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, April 10, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. President Jen Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm EST. Board members present were Jen Richardson, June Abbott, Andrea Evans, Laurie Penterman, Jackie McDonald, Madison Wisecup and Tammy Vaughn.

The purpose of this meeting is to make sure everything is in place for the National Angora Show in Decatur, Illinois on April 19. This is what was discussed:

1. Andrea ordered tablecloths for the raffle tables. We have reserved 4 tables.
2. The raffle table should be set up on Friday as soon as possible.
3. The raffle table and photo booth will be close to the Angora judging table.
4. For the silent auction, donors should write what the starting bid should be for the items they brought.
5. The judging order will be Youth French, Satin, English and Giant, followed by Open French, Satin, English and Giant.
6. Pictures of the winners will be taken after each breed is judged.
7. Pictures of the exhibitors of each breed will be taken by the photo booth, then a group picture of all of the exhibitors.
8. Andrea ordered small, blue notebooks with the National Show logo as thank you gifts for all Angora exhibitors.
9. Vanessa is putting the WSG information on the NARBC Facebook page.
10. Going forward, having an all-breed club hosting the National Angora Show should be considered to be an option if no Angora specialty club volunteers to host it.
11. So far there have been fifteen Angora clothing items purchased from Victory Pass Originals. Eleven of these are National Show items, the other four are NARBC items. The National Show clothing items will remain on the website for people to purchase for awhile after the National Show is over.
12. Bob Donnell has been great to work with.
13. Jen's husband Aaron has been working on making show coops for this year's National Angora Show. There will be 15 holes, each hole is 18 X 18" with 16 X 16" doors. Aaron and Jen are donating these coops to the Rabbit Renegades Club when the National Show is over, as the Rabbit Renegades are also hosting the 2025 ARBA Convention. Jen is going to find out if these coops can be stored in the ARBA trailer along with some risers. We can't expect a NARBC member to store and haul these coops to all of the National and ARBA Convention shows. Maybe we could pay ARBA a storage fee to store them?
14. National Show breed and exhibitor numbers will be posted on the NARBC Facebook page after the entry deadline.
15. Sandy Berger will bring the \$150 the club paid as a deposit for the Angora Banquet taco bar and give it to June since the taco bar will be for all the exhibitors at the show.
16. The raffle will close at 2:00 and the silent auction will close at 3:00. Andrea will ask Bob Donnell if alcohol is allowed in the raffle.
17. If anyone at the show asks about sweepstakes points, tell them that they are in process and it's taking time. The goal is to have it updated by the end of April. The spreadsheet will not only tell sweepstakes points, but it will also have each exhibitor's sweeps calculations including each show, date, number of rabbits, etc.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Andrea Evans. The motion was SECONDED by Jackie McDonald. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm EST. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 5:00 pm EST via Microsoft Teams.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Penterman, NARBC Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

NARBC Board Meeting

April 27, 2025

The Board of Directors met on Sunday, April 27, 2025, via a Microsoft Teams Meeting. President Jen Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm EST. Board members present were Jen Richardson, June Abbott, Lauren Cody, Andrea Evans, Casey Jones, Tammy Vaughn, Laurie Penterman, Jackie McDonald and Madison Wisecup.

Secretary Meeting Minutes- The Board members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes from the March 16, 2025, and the April 10, 2025, board meetings. A MOTION was made by Tammy Vaughn to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Casey Jones. Motion CARRIED.

Status of Membership- Laurie Penterman reported that we currently have 333 members in the club, 267 being Open members, and 66 Youth members. Thirty-three memberships expired on February 28. Since our March meeting, the club has gained two new Open members and no new Youth members. Seven 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 \$2,299.95, there is \$32,002.72 in the money market account, and we have a balance of \$646.92 in the PayPal account, for a total cash balance of \$34,949.59. There is \$2,423.14 in the held funds, so there are \$35,526.45 available funds. June was disappointed by the amount of money that was brought in from the National Angora Show. The people who donated items for the silent auction did not say where they wanted the proceeds to go. Here is the National Show income:

\$209.00- Raffle

\$348.00- Silent Auction

\$220- WSG- There were 43 entries

Old Business

2025 National Angora Wrap-Up- The show ran very smoothly. Alan Rafferty did a great job judging the Angoras. Graham Thomas did a fantastic job being the ramrod, writer, and calculating the display points. The awards were made by Amy Netherton and were absolutely beautiful. Andrea Evans and Kathy Thomas put the photo booth together, which was very colorful and spring-like. June Abbott and Deb Clemens did a super job setting up and manning the booth. The holding coops that Aaron and Jen Richardson made are amazing. Thank you to Jackie McDonald for transporting the coops to Decatur. The WSG competition was run flawlessly by Vanessa Rich, who also provided some nice, yummy breakfast snacks for everyone. Emily Ashton did a fine job judging the WSG Contest and thank you to Giovanna Harris for writing for Emily. Lynn Galbraith-Wilson was awarded the President's Award from our President, Jen Richardson. Because Sandy Berger had to cancel having her taco bar lunch for everyone due to not having a permit, the club decided to provide pizza for the Angora attendees. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Tammy Vaughn's Mentorship Proposals- Tammy emailed the board members a color-coded updated Mentorship Proposal.

1. The words highlighted in blue replace the NARBC Mentoring Group Facebook page's description.
2. The words highlighted in yellow replace the NARBC Mentoring Group Facebook page's rules.
3. The words highlighted in pink will be the featured post on the NARBC Mentoring Groups Facebook page.
4. The words highlighted in green will be added to the NARBC Policies and Procedures Manual.
5. A blurb will be added to the welcome letter to new members that Laurie sends along with their membership card. This blurb will include information on how to contact the members of the Mentoring Committee.
6. The Mentoring Committee will meet once a month to see if any new members have reached out. Rachel, Tammy and Madison had a Zoom meeting, and they are all on board. These three are the administrators of the NARBC Mentoring Facebook page. Other people on the committee are moderators.
7. A MOTION was made by Andrea Evans to accept Tammy's Mentoring Proposals. The motion was SECONDED by Casey Jones. Motion CARRIED.

Follow Up on Judges for Future Conventions- We are still in need of one judge for the 2026 and one judge for the 2027 ARBA Conventions. Casey Jones suggested some judges. We will reach out and see who's available.

Convention Photos- Jen made a post on the NARBC Facebook page that we were looking for someone to take pictures of the winning Angoras at the ARBA Convention. Madison Wisecup was the only person to respond, so Madison will take photos at the 2025 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis.

New Business

Sweepstakes- Graham Thomas, Andrea and Jen have been working on sweepstakes. Deb Clemens, our Sanctions Chair, has done a great job putting things in folders. Andrea made an amazing spreadsheet which takes the info from the show report. Each breed and each exhibitor have their own tab, and if there's an issue, the report can be sent to the exhibitor. Andrea used AI to make the spreadsheet, and it takes human error out. This is almost complete. There has been a lot of imputing, but it's easy to work with. Vanessa Rich should be given this spreadsheet for the WSG sweepstakes.

Division of WSG and Commercial Fiber- Jen received a call from Vanessa Rich asking if the WSG sweepstakes and the Commercial Fiber sweepstakes could be divided into two separate committees. Vanessa will be the WSG Sweepstakes Committee Chair, and Tammy Vaughn will be the Commercial Fiber Chair.

Addition of Committees- Jen would like to add two committees:

1. History Committee
2. Youth Royalty Contest Committee.

Removal of Committees- Jen would like to remove two committees:

1. RHD Committee- There are no longer any restrictions for showing Angoras due to RHD. People can show at their own risk. It's good to have an RHD point person, but a committee is unnecessary.
2. Genetics Committee- Betty Chu is this committee. Perhaps we can have a report in the newsletter or republish Betty's blogs?

Board Meeting Minutes Continued

Notebook Challenge- Madison sent the board members her proposal for an Angora youth contest that could provide an opportunity for all NARBC Youth to participate that is both educational and fun regardless of their location. The NARBC Youth that choose to participate in this contest will complete a notebook in one of three age categories, documenting all records the youth choose to keep track of. For example, the number of litters produced, ailments that have negatively impacted their Angoras, or common maintenance that the youth perform on a daily basis. The more detailed the notebook the better. The winners of the NARBC Notebook Challenge will be announced at the ARBA Convention each year and awards will be presented to them. If the winners cannot attend the ARBA Convention, their awards will be mailed to them. All board members will review Madison's proposal, and we will discuss it at next month's meeting.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Casey Jones. The motion was SECONDED by Tammy Vaughn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm EST. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm EST via Microsoft Teams.

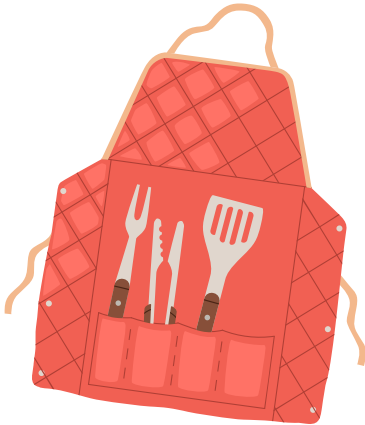
Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Penterman, NARBC Secretary

Treasurer’s Report May 2025

INCOME					
Date	Check #	Description	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Checking Account					
		Carter Bank & Trust Transactions Balance as of 4/30/2025			1,888.51
5/20/2025		June Abbott-Refund of Natl Deposit	150.00		2,038.51
5/29/2025		Sanctions	375.00		2,413.51
5/2/2025		Transfer from PayPal	771.77		3,185.28
		Balance Carter Bank -5/31/2025			3,185.28
Money Market					
		Balance as of 4/30/2025			32,060.64
		Interest Income - May			59.96
		Balance Carter Bank-5/31/2025			32,120.60
PayPal Balance					
		Balance as of 4/30/2025			771.77
		May Transactions	499.02		1,270.79
		Transfer to Carter Bank-5/2/2025		771.77	499.02
		Balance as of 5/31/2025			499.02
		June P Abbott, NARBC Treasurer			



HELD FUNDS	
Youth Scholarship	20.00
Hall of Fame	74.05
ROY/Sweeps	1,584.00
Youth Royalty	340.54
W/S/G	131.00
Research & Development	776.55
	2,926.14



		Prepaid Items		Expense
7/2/2024	1197	Sandy Berger - 2025 Nat'l Blqt	-	Refund Received

NATIONAL ANGORA RABBIT BREEDERS CLUB

TEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2025

INCOME	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
PayPal Sanctions	3,000.00	360.00	4,138.80
Sanction Fees	4,000.00	375.00	3,440.00
W/S/G Sanction Fees	50.00	-	30.00
PayPal Memberships	2,500.00	128.00	2,181.00
Membership Dues	150.00	-	145.00
Newsletter Print Subscriptions	200.00	-	50.00
PayPal Newsletter Ads	200.00	-	-
Newsletter Ads	100.00	-	-
Newsletter Ads - BIS Photos	-	25.00	60.00
PayPal Breeders Listing	200.00	5.00	140.00
Guide Books	500.00	-	171.00
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	59.96	498.62
	19,660.00	952.96	15,590.60
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	952.96	16,465.60

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	-	93.68
Editor's Pay	500.00	-	375.00
Angora News Software Program	120.00	-	120.00
Newsletter Postage	100.00	-	32.90
Sanctions: Pay	250.00	-	-
Supplies	50.00	-	-
Postage	100.00	-	-
Secretary: Pay	250.00	-	-
Supplies	100.00	-	-
Postage	200.00	-	16.50
Sweepstakes: Pay	250.00	-	-
Treasurer: Postage/Supplies	155.00	-	22.40
Pay	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	18.98	309.77
Miscellaneous	100.00	-	-
Dishonesty Bond (every 3 years)	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,505.00	18.98	2,932.49



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



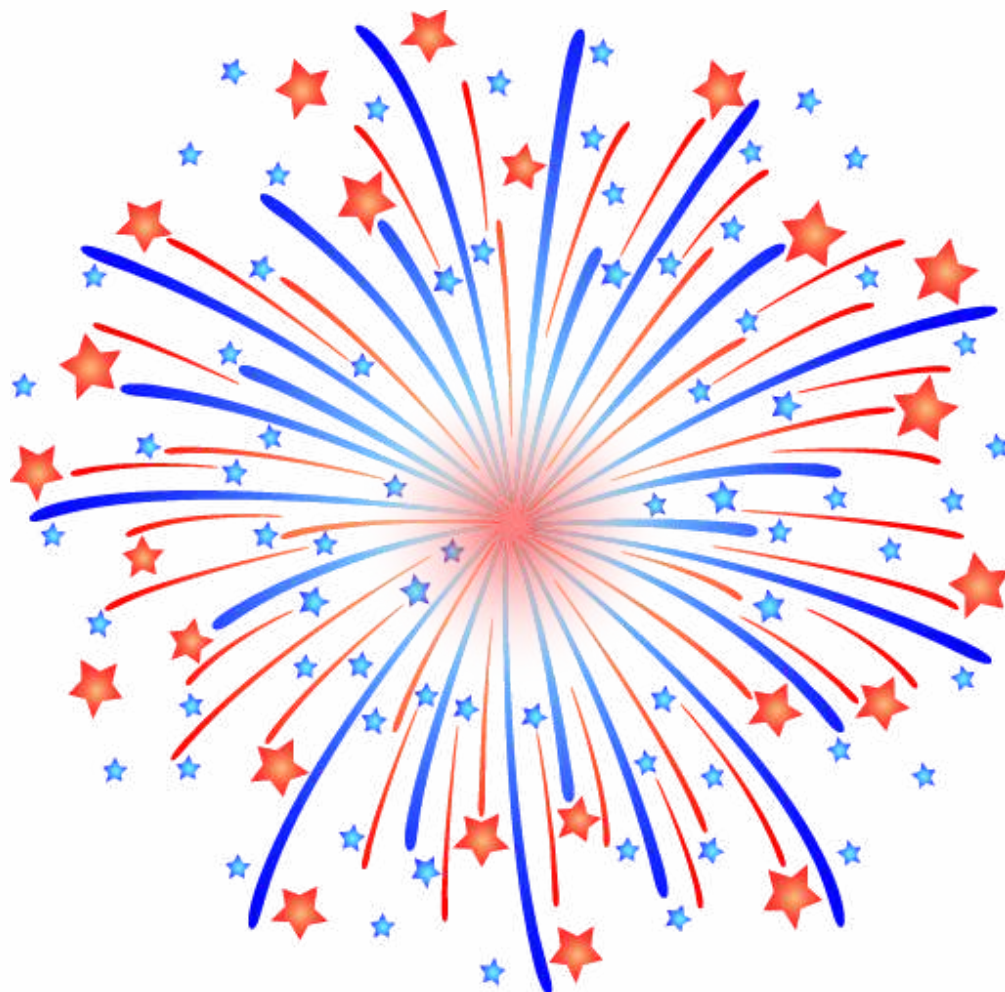



NARBC NATIONALS EXPENSES	2024-2025 Budget	Current Month	Year To Date
NARBC National Awards	2,150.00	-	2,421.45
Wool/Skein/Garment Awards	120.00	-	-
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Pay	125.00	-	125.00
Wool/Skein/Garment Judges' Meals	25.00	-	-
Wool/Skein/Garment Judge's Gift	25.00	-	50.00
Gifts for Angora 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	18.98	14,898.88
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-	933.98	1,566.72



District 1 Director: Jackie McDonald

Angoras have been showing strong in District 1 this spring! It's great to see angoras winning against the other breeds.



Yvonne Lyons has won several Best in Shows and a Reserve in Show in Ohio and Pennsylvania with Sumbunny's A Blessing, a white English angora.

Bonnie Havlicek won a Best in Show in Illinois with Bonnie's Killer Vanilla, a white French angora. She also won a Reserve in Show in Ontario with Bonnie's Jamocha Almond Fudge, a colored French angora.



District 1 Director: Jackie McDonald - Continued

Charlotte Schweikert won Best of the Best with Maude, a colored French angora at the Wool-A-Rama show in Ohio, hosted by the United Angora Rabbit Club.

Michigan Angora club hosted a specialty and Natalie Steffes won BISS in that and went on to win Reserve in Show in the all breed show with her English angora Oddballs JoAnn.



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody

Greetings D2!

So much going on this time of year! Early spring is great; seeing us all wake up, come out of hibernation and get busy. At the time of writing this, that good 'ole Spring rush is on! Busy with shows, busy with breeding, busy with gardening (growing lots of herbs and veggies for our buns!), just blooming all over the place after the long cold winter. By the time this newsletter gets to you, it will be summer, mid-June already!...but I'm sure we'll all still be busy as bees.



Here in my part of D2, western NC, springtime in Appalachia often means I/we can't breathe lol! Allergies are crazy here in April, May and June. Each year, I have to take a good, cleansing trip to Florida in early spring. There is nothing like that salt air to clear the respiratory system and suppress allergies. I don't see my rabbits suffering from allergies but have heard others mention it.

At this point, I am sure most of us have lots of spring/Convention litters. I bred/am breeding late this year...that Spring rush catches me and takes my attention away from where I want it to be (in the rabbitry!), and this year it got me good. So, that's ok. I may not have as many juniors as I'd like, but I will still be at Convention having a blast with everyone.

I want to share some show news and pictures with everyone!

District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

In March at the Richmond, VA show, **Debbie McCormick's** (NC) REW English Angora doe, Ruby won 2 BOB and RIS under judge, Amy Zittle! Way to go, Debbie and Ruby!!

March 15, 2025 **Will Daniel** (NC) won BOB and Honorable Mention at the BIS table with his beautiful blue chinchilla French Angora doe under Judge Tom Schweikart. Congratulations, Will!! She is a gorgeous girl!



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

May 3, 2025, **Alyssa Hollifield** (MD) won Best in Show with a REW Sr French Angora doe, Charm City/Round Hill's Sparkle Smash! The show was held by LeHigh Valley RCBA in Hamburg, PA and the Judge who recognized this stunning doe was Mary Ellen Stamets.

Then on May 24, 2025 at the Delaware Valley RBA show in Collegeville, PA, **Alyssa Hollifield** (MD) also won RIS Show A with a good-looking French Angora buck, Tower View's Jammin' Me. Paul Kyle is the judge who recognized this handsome boy. Congratulations on both, Alyssa!

On May 31, 2025 at the Juniata Valley RCB Show in Reedsville, PA, **Deb Denisuk** (MD) earned Best in Show Show A with French Angora senior doe, Charm City/Round Hills Hotsie!! Judge was Matt Bishop. Great win, Deb! We are all super proud of you and Hotsie!



District 2 Director: Lauren Cody - Continued

Congratulations to everyone on your wins with these stunning rabbits!!! And thank you so much for sharing these pictures and wins with us.

Looking forward, it is my plan that the NARBC D2 newsletter article will start including information ("how to" articles, ideas, etc.) on using Angora fiber in fiber arts, and spotlighting breeders so we can all get to know each other better. We have a lot of interesting, knowledgeable breeders and great fiber artists in our district! If anyone has any ideas about how else to make this article more (interesting, fun, etc.), please drop me a line or post on the D2 Facebook page. I'd love to hear from you!

I'd like to finish up with a reminder that this club belongs to all its members, and member support is vital. If you would like to get more involved in NARBC, take an active part in helping to make this club a great resource for Angora Breeders, please reach out to your District Director or any BOD member. Convention is coming up quickly, and making sure Convention is fun for everyone is a huge group effort. There is always a need for willing volunteers, and your efforts will be appreciated by everyone 😊

Wishing everyone a great "rest of the summer"!

Lauren



District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn

Boy Howdy, It's hot here in Washington already! Temps are up to the 90's already, and it's not quite June yet, as I am writing this. I am cleaning the barn air conditioner and gearing up with all the "Keeping Cool Tips."



As we are looking forward to our fall shows, our fall coats are starting to grow, and keeping our Angoras cool is imperative. I'd love to hear from you, if you have even more Keeping Cool Tips!



Beat the Heat: Keeping Your Angoras Cool This Summer!



Breathe Easy with Good Airflow

Make sure your rabbitry or hutch has solid ventilation. Whether you're using fans, open windows with secure screens, or a barn with cross-breezes, moving air is a must. Heat plus still air is a no-go for fluffy buns!

Create a Cool Retreat - Shade is your best friend. Use shade cloth, umbrellas, or even tall potted plants to block out direct sun. Keep it breezy and dim—your rabbits will thank you.

Chill Out with Frozen Water Bottles - Pop water bottles in the freezer and place them (securely) in your rabbit's space. Buns love to cuddle up to them! Just watch for any chewing behavior—some bunnies think everything is a chew toy.

Cool Ceramic Trick - Refrigerated ceramic tiles are magical on hot days. Rotate them in and out of the fridge to offer your rabbits a refreshing place to sprawl. Pro tip: keep backups ready to swap out!

Hydration is Non-Negotiable - Always provide clean, cool water. Ice cubes in the water bowl? Yes, please! Dehydration is dangerous and can happen fast in the heat.

Grooming Goals - Stay on top of your grooming schedule. Keeping your Angora in a clean, mat-free coat helps them stay cooler. A light summer trim might also be a good idea, depending on your grooming goals and show schedule. My show Giants love their summer belly trims, while keeping the top and sides to grow for the fall shows.

Mind the Clock - Skip the midday heat and plan any outside time for early morning or late evening. And if your rabbit is indoors, a well-placed fan or a little A/C can go a long way (just avoid direct drafts).

Want More Cool Tips? - Be sure to check out the **July/August 2023** issue of **Domestic Rabbits**! It has some excellent articles on heat safety and how to recognize signs of heat stroke.

District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn Continued

Let's Learn Together – Join the NARBC Mentoring Facebook Group!



Are you curious about showing, breeding, grooming, spinning Angora fiber, or anything in between? Come hang out in the NARBC Mentoring Facebook group! It's a positive, friendly space where questions are always welcome, and no one's expected to know it all.

We're launching a *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* project this year to help answer the most common questions new and experienced breeders alike ask. The best part? YOU help shape it! Discussions from the group will be used to build a living FAQ page that will be featured on the NARBC website and benefit the whole membership.

✦ **Be sure to read the featured post** when you join—it outlines the group's mission, purpose, guidelines, and more. It's the best way to get oriented and make the most of your time in the group.

So bring your curiosity, your questions, and maybe a photo or two of your adorable buns. We can't wait to see you there!

District 3 Director: Tammy Vaughn Continued

Finding My Knitting Spark Again

It’s been months since I last picked up my knitting needles... and let me tell you, the dust on my knitting bag was real! But I’m finally shaking it off and easing my way back into the groove.

I’m starting small—because small projects bring big joy—and what better way than with cozy hats? From now through Christmas, I’m committing to knitting at least **two hats a month** using one of my own published patterns on Ravelry.

Guess what my family is getting for Christmas this year? (If you guessed handknit hats... you win!)

June’s hat of the month:

I’m kicking it off with my colorwork favorite—the **Giant Fuzzy Love Hat Pattern**. Grab it on Ravelry using coupon code: **GAfuzzyLOVE**

Let’s get stitching and spread some handmade fuzziness far and wide!

 **Plus check out Vanessa’s new WSG Convention Specialty class! More hats! More ways to win!**



photos above © FuzzyVaughns

Sinfully Soft Giant Fuzzy Love Hat

Project info

Pattern

[Giant Fuzzy Love Hat](#) by Tammy Vaughn

Craft

Knitting

Category

Hat → Beanie, Toque

Made for

Myself

Size

adult

Tags

angora

giant

sinfully

soft

Needles & yarn

Gauge

22 stitches and 26 rows = 4 inches
in Fair Isle, knitted in the round

Yarn used

400 yards

Yarn

[Sinfully Soft Blissful Collection DK](#)

How much?

1 skein = 200.0 yards (182.9 meters), 100 grams

Colorway

[White](#)

Purchased at

[www.sinfullysoft.com](#)

Yarn

[Sinfully Soft Kissed](#)

How much?

1 skein = 200.0 yards (182.9 meters), 100 grams

Purchased at

[www.sinfullysoft.com](#)

Notes

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District 4 Director: Casey Jones

This is my last District 4 report, my term will end on July 31, 2025. These 8 years have flown by. I enjoy being a part of the NARBC board, I learned so much and I made so many friends along the way. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a director.

The NARBC group are dedicated hardworking angora lovers. Volunteer angora friends you will be rewarded. I'll see you at the shows.

We have a small but wonderful group of wool breed breeders/exhibitors in our area. Though the number is moderate, the quality is definitely high. My white Satin Angora Casey's Prim Rose has the honor of winning two all breed Best In Show and a specialty Best In Show recently at the Big Valley RA shows in May. It was so exciting and rewarding. I am sharing my happiness with you.



District 4 Director: Casey Jones - Continued

As I mentioned earlier, the Angoras in our area are high in quality and winning the top honors is a norm rather than a surprise. In my last district report, I reported that Betty English Angora Chu's Aurelia winning 9 all breed Best In Shows within 3 months. However, the photos were left out inadvertently. Betty is kind enough to make a collage to show these 9 wins to save newsletter space for this issue. Aurelia won another all breed Best In Show recently and the Reserve In Show was Carol Green's French Angora! Aurelia so far has won 10 all breed Best In Show, 4 all breed Reserve In Show, 4 Specialty Best In Show and 1 specialty Reserve In Show, and she is still showing.



District 4 Director: Casey Jones - Continued

While English Angora and Satin Angora are making splashes in our all breed shows, French Angora is no shrinking flower. Carol Green's French Angora Angela has won 3 all breed Reserve In Show during the spring show season. In addition, Carol's American Fuzzy Lop won a lot of Best In Show and Reserve In Show. Imagine us wool exhibitors' being the most visible winners at the Best In Show tables.



District 4 Director: Casey Jones - Continued

While the Angoras are making big splashes in Northern California, the Colorado exhibitors are also doing very well. Andrea Evans and Kathy Thomas won all breed Best In Show with two different does, one white and one colored, on the same day. What an accomplishment, congratulations.



District 4 Director: Casey Jones - Continued

WCC is always a fun show. Unfortunately, Betty and I did not attend. Andrea Evans and Tammy Vaughn had a great time and sent me this photo. I believe this is the BAARG specialty show Best In Show and Reserve In Show.



Youth Director: Madison Wisecup

Hey, everyone! Wow, this is a little bittersweet! This might be my last report as the NARBC Youth Director, so I will try to make it meaningful and fun at the same time! There's no time for doom and gloom when there's all this fun in store for all you Youth out there, not to mention the ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this year that's just around that corner!

Summer's wrath is upon us, which brings us closer to the biggest event of the year in the Rabbit World! Do you have goosebumps like I do, raising the fine, delicate hairs on your arms in anticipation of not only the hustle and bustle of the Convention but also the prime opportunity to interact with peers that you haven't seen in ages? Are you ready to measure the quality of your shining, nose-wriggling, sassy creatures in a fun competition to see who wins this year's best of breed, variety, fur, etc.? Are you chomping at the bit for the opportunity to purchase new bloodlines that may cause your fascinatingly beautiful Angoras of kinky silkiness and gleaming radiance to give birth to mesmerizing kits of glossy, dense coats with an infinitely intriguing built frame to match, with straight, beefy haunches to hold up bodies of wide shoulders and immense depth? Are you ready to watch as the next generation of Angora breeders and exhibitors learn from one another and give each other tips in the common pursuit of more knowledge and better quality animals? I don't know about you, but I am ready for this and so much more at the ARBA Convention this year!! I won't be the Youth Director when Convention rolls around, but I will still be knee deep in this experience as a new Open member, interested in learning from the more experienced Open members whilst capturing these complex interactions and Angoras with my photography!!

Youth Director: Madison Wisecup - Continued

Hopping along after the Talk of Convention's heels is an announcement that I am both thrilled and honored to pronounce! There is a new NARBC Youth Contest for all of you Youth to participate in! The NARBC Board approved it this past meeting in May, and while there are few things that need to be fixed before it is released, I am ecstatic to officially tell y'all that The NARBC Notebook Challenge is an approved NARBC Youth Contest! This is a contest that Youth of all ages can participate in, and where they will be keeping track of a Notebook detailing various records like what kind of feed they feed their Angoras, what kind of grooming routine they have, what does and buck they bred together, etc. I don't know if many of you are familiar with this concept but imagine this contest to be very similar to the Notebooks that 4-H Youth have when they are in the Rabbit clubs there. The more details that the Youth include in the Notebook, the higher score that they will likely receive and the higher chance they have of winning the contest! And, along with this, the Notebooks can also be customized to show the Youth's "personality" and "preferences". They can be decorated however they wish as long as they are not vulgar and such. They should include photos in the Notebooks, making sure to be relevant to the subject, "Angoras"; the more photos the Youth include in their Notebooks, the better. The Youth can expect the Notebooks to be judged prior to Angora Nationals and the winners to be announced at Angora Nationals. This is such a fun opportunity for the Youth, and I am really excited to have been working on this contest!



Youth Director: Madison Wisecup - Continued

I am afraid that I must draw this article to a close, but before I go, I have a few things to say. For starters, I want you to look below this article for some Angora fun in some photos! I might not be the best at expressing myself, but I want y'all to have fun with these photos! Anyway, furthermore, I would like to thank everyone for the chance to be your NARBC Youth Director. It was very interesting and such an eye opener! I was able to learn much regarding the Angora Club, and I will be able to apply to this to many facets in my life. Now, the next time I see you, which may very well be at the ARBA Convention, I won't be your Youth Director, but the newly Open Angora Exhibitor that runs around with her camera, taking photos for Sassy Angoras Photography! Have a great summer and I will see some of you at upcoming shows!

Sincerely,

-Madison Wisecup, NARBC Youth Director



Angora Show Fun



Angora Show Fun



Specialty Club Updates!

BAARG Quarterly Highlights – West Coast Wins & WCC Wonders Ahead! 🌟

Spring was bursting with fluff and fabulous wins for BAARG! Our West Coast crew brought the heat to the spring show tables and we're floating into summer with pride—and a bit of wool on our sleeves.

The Ridgefield, WA Angora Specialty in April was one for the books! Kathy Thomas (representing the Evans/Thomas team) took Best in Show both days with their beautiful English Angora, **Generations Lace**. On day one, FV's Desirable, a Giant Angora from Tammy Vaughn, claimed Reserve in Show, and on day two, that honor went to Cloud, a Satin Angora by Arianne Ferguson. Shout-out to all our BOB winners too—what a talented group of rabbits and breeders!

Then came **WCC in Reno**, where we doubled the fun with a double Angora Specialty and our beloved **WSG Contest**. The room was full of BAARG members showing off their fluffiest, most fabulous creations. 🐰

- **WSG BIS:** Skein entry by Arianne Ferguson
- **Judge's Choice:** Wool by Deidra MacKimmie
- **Best Garment:** Arianne Ferguson again with stunning craftsmanship
Huge thanks to Michele Reschly for the gorgeous award designs, and to our dynamic duo our WSG Judge Michele and our WSG table writer Deidra!

More WCC show ring magic:

- **Show A BISS:** *Daphne*, English Angora – Andrea Koeniger Evans & Kathy Thomas
- **Show A RISS:** *BCG Astra*, French Angora – Carol Green
- **Show B BISS:** *Poppy*, English Angora – Andrea Koeniger Evans & Kathy Thomas
- **Show B RISS:** *Noelle*, Giant Angora – Tammy Vaughn

Let's not forget our unofficial mascot—**Billy Bob the Broken English Angora**—who brought smiles (and bunny ears) to the WCC floor!

🌟 **Looking ahead:** We're thrilled to **be teaming up with other West Coasters to host next year's Angora Nationals at WCC!** Start prepping those wool entries, practice your fluff-blowouts, and get ready to make Nationals 2026 an unforgettable experience.

Until then, stay cool, keep grooming, and keep the fuzzy vibes going strong.

👉 Follow all the updates at: blownawayangorarabbitguild.blogspot.com



Specialty Club Updates! Continued!



4/12/25 Angora Specialty Show A Ridgefield, WA

Judged by Michael Perez

BISS - Generations Lace - Kathy Thomas,
representing Andrea/Kathy Evans/Thomas
RISS - FV's Desirable, Giant Angora,
Tammy Vaughn



4/12/25 Angora Specialty Show Ridgefield, WA

Judged by Michael Perez

BOB Winners, Left to Right

English Angora: Generations Lace,
Andrea/Kathy Evans/Thomas
Satin Angora: Siren, Renee Terralumia
French Angora: Black Friday, Deidra
MacKimmie
Giant Angora: FV's Desirable, Giant
Angora, Tammy Vaughn



4/13/25 Angora Specialty Show Ridgefield, WA

Judged by Eric Stewart

Winners, Left to Right

BISS - Generations Lace - Kathy
Thomas, representing Andrea/Kathy
Evans/Thomas
RISS - Cloud, Satin Angora, Arianne
Ferguson

Specialty Club Updates! Continued!

5/2/25 - 5/4/25 WCC, Double Angora Specialty plus WCC Contest, Reno, NV



Left to Right in back row; Briann Reis, Tammy Vaughn, Michele Reschly, Graham Thomas, Andrea Koeniger Evans. **Front row;** Deidra MacKimmie, Linda Hibbert, Carolyn Silvas.
Of course the star of the show, Billy Bob the Broken English Angora!
Bunny Ears provided by Deidra and Briann!

Specialty Club Updates! Continued!



BAARG WSG Contest BIS - Skein Entry, by Arianne Ferguson

Judge's Choice - Wool Entry, by Deidra MacKimmie

Special thanks to Michele Reschly for creating our BIS & , RIS, Judging Choice awards & more!



BAARG WSG Best Garment - by Arianne Ferguson

Specialty Club Updates! Continued!



BAARG WSG judged by Michele Reschly, and our writer Deidra MacKimmie. What a team!
Thank you ladies!



Andrea Koeniger Evans & Kathy Thomas won BAARG BISS Show A
with their Black English Angora, Daphne, Judged by Maddie Pratt.

Specialty Club Updates! Continued!



Carol Green won BAARG RISS Show A with her Fawn French Angora Doe, BCG Astra. Carol was busy running rabbits at another judging table. In our haste, we snapped a picture of the Judge, Maddie Pratt and Carol's winning rabbit. It was a crazy-fun and busy show!



Specialty Club Updates! Continued!



Andrea Koeniger Evans & Kathy Thomas won BAARG BISS Show B with their tort English Angora, Poppy. **Tammy Vaughn won RISS Show B** with her Chestnut Giant Angora, "Noelle", Judged by Scott Rodriguez.



Scott is one of our favorite judges. He has a special way with the fluffies.

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Saturday, May 16th, 2026

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CRCS Open Shows TBA

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

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WINNER'S CIRCLE



Lily Isbell | Reserve BIS in Show A | Best In Show in Show B
Flowering Acres BlueBelle Colored English Angora, Junior Doe,
Louisiana Rabbit Breeders State Show March 8th, 2025 | Deridder, LA



Alyssa Hollifield
Best in Show
Charm City/Round Hill's Sparkle Smash
REW French Angora, Senior Doe
LeHigh Valley RCBA
May 3, 2025
Hamburg, PA
Bred by myself and Debra Denisuk

WINNER'S CIRCLE



Yvonne Lyons | Triple Best in Show | Sumbunnys A Blessing
White English Angora, Senior Doe | May 17, 2025 | Augusta, NJ
Owned by Melanie and Yvonne Lyons



Summer Simpson | Best in Show
Esme | Fawn French Angora, Senior Doe
Iowa Rabbit Festival | March 2025
Lake Charles, LA



Rachel Penterman | Double Open Best In Show
Tower View's American Girl | White French Angora, Senior Doe
Happy Hoppers Rabbit Club | May 24, 2025 | Weyauwega, WI

NARBC National Angora Show Decatur, Illinois

Best in Specialty Show

Congratulations to our Youth and Open Winners!

Youth BISS: Keegan Ertel
French Angora Colored Jr. Doe

Open BISS: Rachel Penterman
French Angora White Sr. Doe



English Angora - Youth

Best Display: Keegan Ertel

Number in the Breed: 7

Number of Exhibitors: 2

BOB: Lillian Isbell - Colored Sr. Doe - FANZ2

BOS: Lillian Isbell - Colored Sr. Buck - ZUG

BOG - WHITE: Lillian Isbell - White Sr. Buck - ZUG

BOSG - WHITE: Keegan Ertel - White Jr. Doe - LH119

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Lillian Isbell - ZUG

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Lillian Isbell - BLIZZARD

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - LH120

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

Keegan Ertel - LH119

BOG - COLORED: Lillian Isbell - Colored Sr. Doe - FANZ2

BOSG - COLORED: Keegan Ertel - Colored Jr. Buck - LH118

Sr. Buck: N/A

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Lillian Isbell - FANZ2

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - LH118

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - LH121

Colored Wool: N/A

White Wool: N/A



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French Angora - Youth

Best Display: Keegan Ertel

Number in the Breed: 5

Number of Exhibitors: 3

BOB: Keegan Ertel - Colored Jr. Doe - LHHEX

BOS: Kynedi Lien - Colored Jr. Buck - TVF27

BOG - WHITE: N/A

BOSG - WHITE: N/A

BOG: Keegan Ertel - Colored Jr. Doe - LHHEX

BOSG: Kynedi Lien - Colored Jr. Buck - TVF27

Sr Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - MG127

Sr Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Domyinque Rozinski - TVF273

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Keegan Ertel - LHJINX

2. Kynedi Lien - TVF27

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - LHHEX

Wool White Wool: N/A

Colored Wool: N/A



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Giant Angora - Youth

Best Display: Keegan Ertel

Number in the Breed: 5

Number of Exhibitors: 2

BOB: Keegan Ertel - Colored Int. Doe - LHPARIS

BOS: Keegan Ertel - White Int. Buck - LHCLYDE

BOG - WHITE: Keegan Ertel - LHCLYDE

BOSG - WHITE: N/A

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Taylor Rozinski - 2YAF5

Sr. Doe: N/A

Int. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Keegan Ertel - LHCLYDE

Int. Doe: N/A

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Taylor Rozinski - MARSH

Jr. Doe: N/A

BOG - COLORED: Keegan Ertel - LHPARIS

BOSG - COLORED: N/A

Sr Buck: N/A

Sr Doe: N/A

Int. Buck: N/A

Int. Doe:

1. Keegan Ertel - LHPARIS

2. Taylor Rozinski - LHLONDON

Jr. Buck: N/A

Jr. Doe: N/A

Wool White Wool: N/A

Colored Wool: N/A



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Satin Angora - Youth

Best Display: William Ashton

Number in the Breed: 9

Number of Exhibitors: 3

BOB: William Ashton - Colored Jr. Doe - ACS2

BOS: William Ashton - Colored Sr. Buck - ACS1

BOG - WHITE: Domyinque Rozinski: Sr. Doe - STAR

BOSG - WHITE: N/A

Sr. Buck: N/A

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Domyinque Rozinski - STAR
2. William Ashton - AST1

Jr. Buck: N/A

Jr. Doe: N/A



BOG - COLORED: William Ashton - Colored Jr. Doe - ASC2

BOSG - COLORED: William Ashton - Colored Jr. Buck - ASC1

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Domyinque Rozinski - READY

Sr. Doe: N/A

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. William Ashton - ASC1
2. Keegan Ertel - LH112
3. Keegan Ertel - LHLILWOODY

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 3

1. William Ashton - ASC2
2. Domyinque Rozinski - HCOCO
3. Keegan Ertel - LH110

Wool:

White Wool: N/A

Colored Wool: N/A



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English Angora - Open

Best Display: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas

Number in the Breed: 32 Number of Exhibitors: 5

BOB: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - White Sr. Doe - GRPMSUG

BOS: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - Colored Jr. Buck - GRPMNO1

BOG - WHITE: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - Sr. Doe - GRPMSUG

BOSG - WHITE: Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - Jr. Buck - PRINCE

Sr. Buck: Number in the Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - BOOM

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 3

1. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMSUG
2. Natalie Steff - NNJESZ
3. Amy Netherton - RDYUKI

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - PRINCE

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Natalie Steff - NSJOAN

BOG - COLORED: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - Sr. Doe: GRPMPOP

BOSG - COLORED: Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - Jr. Buck: GRPMNO1

Sr Buck: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMFRA
2. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - LUX
3. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - DONJULIO

Sr Doe: Number in Class: 8 Number of Exhibitors: 3

1. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRMPPPOP
2. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMLAC
3. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - TULSA
4. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - PMGRBHA
5. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - PMGRKSA

Jr Buck: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMNO1
2. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMALC
3. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - INDIGO

Jr Doe: Number in Class: 8 Number of Exhibitors: 5

1. Kyle Clark - PRURSULA
2. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMF2A
3. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - PMGRUCA
4. Amy Netherton - RD LU ZHI
5. Andrea Evans & Kathy Thomas - GRPMT01



Wool:

Best Overall: Amy Netherton - RD LU ZHI

Colored Wool:

Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Amy Netherton - RD LU ZHI
2. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - TULSA

White Wool:

Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Mike, Lynn & Nichole Wilson - BOOM
2. Amy Netherton - RD YUKI

French Angora - Open

Best Display: Rachel Penterman

Number in the Breed: 34 Number of Exhibitors: 8

BOB: Rachel Penterman - White Sr. Doe - TVF280

BOS: Rachel Penterman - Colored Jr. Buck - TVF285

BOG - WHITE: Rachel Penterman - Sr. Doe - TVF280

BOSG - WHITE: Rachel Penterman - Sr. Buck - TVF279

Sr. Buck: Number in the Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF279
2. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B23

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 5 Number of Exhibitors: 5

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF280
2. Deb Clemens - CBKOA
3. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B24
4. Karen Mezyk - TIFF
5. Jackie McDonald - SRJUBI

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Laura Clark - LB201

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Rachel Penterman - TF292
2. Giavanna Harris - VLBD1

BOG - COLORED: Rachel Penterman - Sr. Doe - TVF278

BOSG - COLORED: Rachel Penterman - Jr. Buck - TVF285

Sr Buck: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Jackie McDonald - ROGUE
2. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B15

Sr Doe: Number in Class: 8 Number of Exhibitors: 6

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF278
2. Karen Mezyk - DTN
3. Rachel Penterman - TVF277
4. Rachel Penterman - TVF276
5. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B12

Jr Buck: Number in Class: 7 Number of Exhibitors: 3

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF285
2. Angela Smerling - HBSOL
3. Laura Clark - LB189
4. Laura Clark - LB195
5. Laura Clark - LB197

Jr Doe: Number in Class: 6 Number of Exhibitors: 4

1. Angela Smerling - HBLUNA
2. Angela Smerling - HBAMOR
3. Angela Smerling - HBNOX
4. Rachel Penterman - TVF290
5. Giavanna Harris - PENNY3



Wool:

Colored Wool:

Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF278
2. Rachel Penterman - TVF276
3. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B12

White Wool: Number in Class: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 3

1. Rachel Penterman - TVF280
2. Deb Clemens - CBKOA
3. Bonnie Havlicek - 4B24

Giant Angora - Open

Best Display: Amanda Fritsch

Number in the Breed: 3 Number of Exhibitors: 2

BOB: Amanda Fritsch - White Jr. Buck - 25AF20

BOS: N/A

BOG - WHITE: Amanda Fritsch - Jr. Buck - 25AF20

BOSG - WHITE: N/A

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Sally Hall - TVG87

Sr. Doe: N/A

Int. Buck: N/A

Int. Doe: N/A

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Amanda Fritsch - 25AF20

Jr. Doe: N/A

BOG - COLORED: Amanda Fritsch: Jr. Buck - 24AF122

BOSG - COLORED: N/A

Sr. Buck: N/A

Sr. Doe: N/A

Int. Buck: N/A

Int. Doe: N/A

Jr Buck: N/A

Jr Doe: Number in Class:1 Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Amanda Fritsch - 24AF122

Wool:

Colored Wool: N/A

White Wool: N/A



Satin Angora - Open

Best Display: Kristi Salinas

Number in the Breed: 37 Number of Exhibitors: 6

BOB: Vanessa Rich - White Sr. Doe - SWEET TEA

BOS: Kristi Salinas - Colored Sr. Buck - HT122

BOG - WHITE: Vanessa Rich - Sr. Doe - SWEET TEA

BOSG - WHITE: Ana Ederich - Jr. Buck - GRP2

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Sally Hall - HLS119
2. Aaron & Jen Richardson - MRFEVER

Sr Doe: Number in Class: 4 Number of Exhibitors: 4

1. Vanessa Rich - Sweet Tea
2. Aaron & Jen Richardson - MRSANXIETYTANGO
3. Cory White - BWSF3
4. Ana Ederich - GRP2

Jr Buck: Number in Class: 5 Number of Exhibitors: 4

1. Ana Ederich - G24V7
2. Aaron & Jen Richardson - MRSPRITZ
3. Sally Hall - HLS125
4. Amanda Fritsch - AFYEP

Jr Doe: Number in Class: Number of Exhibitors: 1

1. Sally Hall - 24AF113

BOG - COLORED: Kristi Salinas - Sr. Buck - HT122

BOSG - COLORED: Laurie Penterman Sr. Doe - TVS175

Sr. Buck: Number in Class: 5 Number of Exhibitors: 5

1. Kristi Salinas - HT122
2. Laurie Penterman - TVS174
3. Ana Ederich - GSS11
4. Karen Mezyk - WF320

Sr. Doe: Number in Class: 10 Number of Exhibitors: 6

1. Laurie Penterman - TVS175
2. Kristi Salinas - HT128
3. Kristi Salinas - HT126
4. Laurie Penterman - TVS177
5. Laurie Penterman - TVS176

Jr. Buck: Number in Class: 2 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Kristi Salinas - HT129
2. Cory White - BWSF1

Jr. Doe: Number in Class: 7 Number of Exhibitors: 5

1. Ana Ederich - RDG1154
 2. Karen Mezyk - G24G04
 3. Ana Ederich - G24G02
 4. Aaron & Jen Richardson - MRSBUSYBODY
 5. Vanessa Rich - TRUE COLORS
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Wool:

Best Overall: Kristi Salinas: HT122

Colored Wool: Number in Class: 8 Number of Exhibitors: 2

1. Kristi Salinas - HT122
2. Kristi Salinas - HT128
3. Laurie Penterman - TVS175
4. Laurie Penterman - TVS177
5. Laurie Penterman - TVS176

White Wool: N/A

New & Renewed Members Since March 1, 2025

Welcome

New Open Members

Caitlyn Chicoine- Oklahoma
Samantha DeBates- North Dakota
Katherine Hamberger- Arizona
Olivia McDonald- Michigan
Brianna Stark- Indiana
Ashley Willgoths- Oregon
Patrick Willgoths- Oregon

New Youth Members

Michellynn Schroeder- New York
Joselyn Willgoths- Oregon

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

Ashley Bishop- Pennsylvania
Matthew Bishop- Pennsylvania
Nickie Chapin- Kentucky
Thom Clemens- Michigan
Julie Drogsvold- Arizona
Paul Lee- California
Donald Marsh- Michigan
Brittney Merrell- Texas
Matt Michener- Tennessee
Candace Rogers- Wisconsin
Carolyn Sawai- California
Raymond Wright- Texas
Sheila Wright- Texas

Renewed Youth Members

Olivia Chapin- Kentucky

Memberships Expiring in the next Two Months

Memberships Expiring on June 30, 2025		
DONALD	DAY JR	6/30/2025
LESLIE	DAY	6/30/2025
LOGAN	KOPP	6/30/2025
AMY	KOPP	6/30/2025
GRADY	KOPP	6/30/2025

Memberships Expiring on July 31, 2025		
PATRICIA	SINGER	7/31/2025
HOLLY	WINEBARGER	7/31/2025



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Upcoming Sanctioned Shows as of June 3, 2025

06/06/25	Southeastern B&C Shows	Carnesville, GA	Open
06/07/25	Southeastern B&C Shows	Carnesville, GA	Triple Open
06/07/25	Southern United Rabbit Fan.	Florence, AL	Triple Open/Youth
06/07/25	Lone Star Angora Club	Hillsboro, TX	Double Open/Youth
06/07/25	New River Valley Rabbit Club	Blacksburg, VA	
06/07/25	Fox Valley Rabbit Club	Fond du Lac, WI	Double Open/Youth
06/08/25	Michigan Angora Club	St. Louis MI	Open Specialty
06/08/25	Pandemic Palooza Pals	Liverpool, NY	Double Open/Youth
06/08/25	Pandemic Palooza Pals	Liverpool, NY	Triple Open Spec.
06/08/25	Angoras of the Rockies	Estes Park, CO	
06/13/25	Southwest Regional RBA	Wichita Falls, TX	Open/Youth
06/14/25	Southwest Regional RBA	Wichita Falls, TX	Double Open/Youth
06/14/25	Santa Clara Co. R&CS	San Jose, CA	Triple Open/Youth
06/14/25	Taughannock Area RBA	Cortland, NY	Double Open/Youth
06/14/25	Saginaw Valley RCBA	Corunna, MI	Double Open/Youth
06/14/25	Northwoods Rabbit Club	Wausau, WI	Double Open/Youth
06/28/25	Friendly Rabbit Club	Galesville, WI	
06/29/25	Friendly Rabbit Club	Galesville, WI	Double Open/Youth
07/11/25	CRCS	Rickreall, OR	Double Open
07/12/25	CRCS	Rickreall, OR	Triple Open
07/12/25	Just for Fun R&CBA	Coldwater, MI	Double Open/Youth
07/20/25	CRCS	Monterey, CA	Triple Open
08/05/25	Indiana State Fair	Indianapolis, IN	
08/16/25	Michigan Angora Club	Allegan, MI	Double Open
08/17/25	Michigan Angora Club	Allegan, MI	Open Specialty
08/23/25	Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers	Imlay City, MI	Double Open/Youth
08/24/25	Michigan Angora Club	Mt. Morris, MI	Double Open Spec.
09/06/25	NC Mountain State Fair	Fletcher, NC	
09/13/25	Western Michigan RBA	Lovell, MI	Double Open/Youth
09/26/25	Fox Valley Rabbit Club	Fond du Lac, WI	Open/Youth
09/27/25	Fox Valley Rabbit Club	Fond du Lac, WI	Double Open/Youth
09/27/25	Michigan Angora Club	Chesaning, MI	Open Specialty
10/04/25	Just for Fun R&CBA	Coldwater, MI	Double Open/Youth
10/04/25	Central Coast R&C Club	King City, CA	Triple Open/Youth
10/18/25	Michigan Angora Club	Lowell, MI	Open Specialty

Wool Skein & Garment – Vanessa Rich

Greetings from the world of Wool Skein and Garment!

We are quickly coming to the end of our WSG Sweepstakes for the 2024-2025 NARBC club year. I will continue to do my best to keep points updated as show results roll in. but for now, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported this program since its recent return. From the local clubs who sanctioned their shows, to the tireless efforts of those that organized the shows and awards, and, finally, to all the amazingly talented fiber artists out there who took of their time and skills to enter all the various competitions, every one of you have my deepest and sincerest appreciation. I am always in awe of the incredible amounts of skill demonstrated by these Wool, Skein, and Garment entries.



The success of the WSG Specialty Class at the National Angora show in April has lead to us continuing with this new facet of WSG for our ARBA Convention Wool, Skein, And Garment competition in Indianapolis in November. While a few updates and suggestions are still being considered and hammered out for the Specialty Class guidelines, the new patterns have been chosen. Links will be included below. Again, I ask that patterns only be downloaded through the provided links, do not share copies or downloads of the patterns please.

So, as we slide through June and into July, let's continue to share and grow a sideline of our rabbit hobby that is unique to our Angora breeds.

Have a great summer--- Vanessa Rich

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>

Mentoring Committee – Grooming Angora Rabbits

By Rachel Penterman

I'd like to focus this Mentoring Committee Report on grooming Angora rabbits. Newcomers need to be welcomed with guidance and tips about grooming Angora rabbits because it can certainly be intimidating. Starting with angoras at the age of eleven, I can honestly say that grooming regiments are the number one thing that I wish I knew more in-depth from the get-go. I learned from reading Angora books and from experience. All these grooming tips and tricks that I'm about to write about have worked well for me.

Now, before we get started, a little bit about me. My name is Rachel Penterman, and I am licensed ARBA Rabbit Judge #1012. I started raising Angora rabbits at 10 years old and have worked with French Angoras, Giant Angoras, and Satin Angoras. And I now only focus on the French Angora. I absolutely tip my hat to anyone who exhibits quality English Angoras. Those coats are extensive, and the dedication that it takes to groom out coats of that magnitude is beyond admirable.



While grooming is important for any breed of rabbit; Angoras are certainly unique in the fact that the coats NEED constant care. It doesn't matter what Angora lines you own, or who "the top breeder" is. The bottom line is that Angora rabbits end up presenting the way that they are on show day and beyond because somebody put in the hard work of grooming that the others did not. I consider grooming Angoras to be part of my daily routine. It's like brushing my teeth or taking a shower. I don't get to decide that day whether it is going to happen or not, I just do it.

Now, let's talk about first coats vs regrow coats. I'm not saying that it can't be done with older coats but many of the English Angoras and Satin Angoras that are shown and do well have first coats. This means that these rabbits are typically a year old or less and are being shown in the original coat that the rabbit was born with. The coat has grown ever since birth. The guard hair that visibly protrudes over the underwool (crimp) is thinner in diameter; therefore, requiring more grooming attention with first-coated seniors. Grooming these first-coat babies starts at 8 weeks of age, focusing on the wool on the cheeks by the head, the nape of the neck, and the tail/rump areas. It is important to remember that every time you brush a coat, density is lost. It is important to be as gentle as possible when brushing. I'll typically only brush the very tips extremely gently with my slicker brush.

Mentoring Committee – Grooming Angora Rabbits Continued

By Rachel Penterman

Speaking of slicker brushes, the only slicker brush that I'll ever use is called the Doggy Man slicker brush. The larger or the smaller size works just fine, that's more personal preference.

I've used numerous slicker brushes over the years and have found the Doggy Man slicker brush to be the most effective in gentle grooming without yanking out a bunch of density. It works well for getting any pills (small mats accumulated at the guard hair, typically formed near the flank wool) out of the coat.



Doggy Man Slicker Brushes (Above)



Grooming Blower (Left)

Using the grooming blower on first-coat juniors starts at 10-12 weeks of age. You must train an Angora to become acclimated to the grooming blower by training. A loud noise with strong wind is scary to a young rabbit, and they must become accustomed to it. My first time using a grooming blower ever on a rabbit, I will restrain them with one hand at the shoulders so that they don't run off the table (it happens). The second time, third time, and so on typically goes better and I can start blowing out the coat for longer duration, and they almost always handle it better. I blow out young first-coated juniors about one to two times a week.

The grooming blower is the number one grooming tool for those serious in showing competitive angoras. Why? Because the grooming blower will open the coat all the way to the skin without hardly invading the wool or taking out coat density. No, it is not a cheap investment. However, it's a purchase that will last you years of use. So honestly, it is an investment worth purchasing if you are serious with Angora rabbits.

Mentoring Committee – Grooming Angora Rabbits Continued

By Rachel Penterman

4-6 months of age in the first coat seniors is when they start to transition. Any coat, clipped or never clipped, transitions about every 90 days. Regardless of if the rabbit has the molting gene or not. How can you tell? They molt that normal fur right at the head. Molting face fur= pushing up more coat. So an eight- to nine-month-old first-coat senior has 3 coats stacked on top of each other. How did you keep the coats that are being pushed up in condition?? Frequent grooming!!! Once a junior reaches 4-6 months old, regardless of angora breed, that coat must be grooming AT LEAST twice a week to stay in condition.

Now, why am I breaking this article down to distinguish grooming first-coats vs. Regrow coats? Because your regrow coats don't require as much work. Why? Because the guard hair that visibly protrudes above the underwool (crimp) is thicker, making less work required. Think about it, after shearing down an angora, that rabbit is naked and there isn't much to groom in those first 2 months that the coat is growing back. If I'm going to show a young French Angora (let's say) with a regrow coat, I'm clipping that rabbit down at roughly 12 weeks of age, or later. Again why? Because that junior will reach sexual maturity as that coat is growing, causing the wool to be denser with thicker guard hair. There is NO advantage in the standard given to a first coat senior vs a regrow coat senior. The guard hair is to protrude above the underwool (crimp) and is to be AS DENSE AS POSSIBLE. Ultimately, showing angoras comes down to a grooming competition regarding who can exhibit the most clean, well-conditioned animals while maintaining coat density. To quote the Beloved Linda Cassella- "There are NO shortcuts!"

Ok, so to review. **Angora Rabbit Grooming tools:**

1. ***Grooming blower***
2. Doggy Man Slicker Brush (big or small size is fine)
3. Gilmars scissors for clipping out any matted areas or stains near the vent area.
4. Cornstarch or baby powder for keeping the vent and tail area clean or moisture free.
5. Gilmars clippers for shearing down the coats. I have had the absolute BEST luck with clipping down coats with the Gilmars Clippers. You can purchase these off Amazon. They are inexpensive, and extremely gentle on the delicate rabbit's skin.

Grooming Frequently:

1. PRE JUNIORS (8-12 weeks)- grooming one to two times weekly with your Doggy Man slicker brush at the cheeks, nape, and the flank wool/tail area.
2. Juniors (4-6 months old) in first coats- grooming with a grooming blower and the finishing with the Doggy Man Slicker Brush at the nape, cheek wool, and flank wool/tail at least 1-2 times weekly.
3. Seniors with a full grow back coat or a first coat- grooming at LEAST twice weekly with the grooming blower and then spot-brushing with the Doggy Man slicker brush and finishing with a gentle-tooth comb (comb optional).

Mentoring Committee – Grooming Angora Rabbits Continued

By Rachel Penterman

Some folks get all bent out of shape about cornstarch or baby powder being used in the coats. HOWEVER, it MUST be blown out. Cornstarch/baby powder is not meant to sit in a coat and saturate forever. It is meant to be applied and then blown out of the coat.



Another thing that I'd like to mention is that the underside of a rabbit is 50% of the rabbit. The belly, chest, and vent/tail area are just as important to keep groomed and maintained as the back of the rabbit. This includes trimming toenails! This also includes keeping the cages and environment clean. You absolutely cannot expect to keep a rabbit clean and do well if the rabbit is living in urine, fecal-filled environments. I clean, disinfect, and apply fresh shavings in the drop pans that my Angoras live on top of every 5 days. Think about it; that's their toilet that they're living on top of. Keep it clean!!!

Coating out a coat to its fullest potential is not something that ever happens overnight. It takes a lot of hard work, patience, perseverance, and trial/error. Your first Angora rabbit that you ever groom out will likely not be a super star showstopper, and that's okay!! Mine certainly wasn't because it's a learning process. It's a skill that takes time, patience, and experience to learn. Even when I'm sick, busy or not feeling mentally at my best, the rabbits are still out in the barn needing consistent grooming care. It's up to YOU!



Hop Back In Angora History!

By Betty Chu with contribution from Casey Jones

History, Color, Genetics, Education and NCAG... Here and There Broken English Angora Presentations since the 1980s

Casey is the NARBC History Chair, she loves historical stuff. To show some old stuff, here is a photo of two of us in 2010 with two of our colored does Casey's Kieran and Chu's Ava that were alternating Best In Show wins at that time.



Northern California Angora Guild has been in existence since 1982, I was a charter member, the only charter member left. Casey joined in 1993, we are the two oldies who are still active after all these years. We created a blog [Northern California Angora Guild](#) in August 2005 after an interesting show at Carol Green's home. For almost 20 years, we try to put on a post everyday, some are long and somewhat complicated but educational, some are light and fluffy but fun, and some are fillers to adhere to the routine of daily posting.

Casey told me that NARBC newsletter would like to feature some of the material that we have posted on our NCAG blog. Let's pick a topic to start. Since there is a new COD on Broken English Angora, let's go down the memory lane to see what happened in the past.

The earliest appearance of Broken English Angora at an ARBA convention was in 1987, not in flesh but in photos. See: [Northern California Angora Guild: Remember When: The Early Photos of Broken English Angora](#) 1987 was my first ARBA convention, I don't recall seeing these photos but luckily Candy Haenszel had taken a photo and shared it with me, credit to Candy.

I went to every ARBA convention from 1987 to 2019 until the COVID hit. The first time I saw the Broken English Angora in flesh was in the 1990 convention held at Tampa, FL. The presenter was Robert Smith, he presented the Broken Black. At the time the requirement was to present one color at a time, he chose the black. I did not get a chance to feel the rabbits, but I recall the presentation rabbits were not well groomed and the judges were not impressed with them, the result was a fail. I don't think I took photos of these broken black English Angoras, nothing to post. The next COD holder of Broken English Angora was Irene Burns of MI, presented at the 1995 ARBA convention at Louisville, KY. See: [Northern California Angora Guild: Remember When: Presentation of Broken English Angora in 1995](#) At the time, there was only one name allowed on a COD. Though some including myself helped, officially Irene was the only person responsible.

Hop Back In Angora History! – Continued

By Betty Chu with contribution from Casey Jones

The rabbits presented in 1995 were very nice and passed the first showing. I took two of the presentation does home and bred them for Irene, as you could see in [Northern California Angora Guild: Remember When: Broken English Angora](#), the does are quite nice. After Irene Burns gave up in 1996, the next person who took out a COD was Susan Clothier originally from PA but resided in NC when she did the COD. Susan did her first showing in 2000 at the ARBA convention at Columbus, OH, see [Northern California Angora Guild: Remember When: Presentation of Broken English Angora in 2000](#). Susan's rabbits were extremely nice, passed with high praise from the ARBA Standard Committee members. I recall there was a little scare before the rabbits went on the judging table: the junior buck was 2 ounces over the 5-1/2 pound limit. She exercised the rabbit over and over, and made the weight. A word of caution, make sure to weigh the presentation animals frequently, there is no leeway if the rabbit is underweight or overweight. As shown in the post, Susan gave up in 2001 after a dog attack killed most of her presentation animals.

The next person who took out a COD was Lynn Wilson. Her first presentation was to be done at the 2008 ARBA convention at Louisville, KY but it did not happen. Instead, Brenda Hunneshagen had her pair of Broken black English Angora on display as exhibition animals; the pair went home with Lynn to help the next showing. I am not sure whether there was a showing of Broken English Angora in 2009, I don't find any post or photos. There was for sure an attempt for the first showing in 2010 convention at Minneapolis, see [Northern California Angora Guild: Broken English And Satin Angora At MN Convention](#) and [Northern California Angora Guild: Results Of New Breed/New Variety Presentation](#). After the first try failed, the 2nd try of the first showing was done at the 2011 convention at Indianapolis, the result of the Broken English Angora showing was again a disappointment, see [Northern California Angora Guild: Broken Angora Presentation](#) and [Northern California Angora Guild: Broken Angora Presentation - Part II](#)

The next record that I have about Broken English Angora presentation was in 2018 at the ARBA convention at E. Springfield, MA, COD holders are Nichole Wilson, Lynn Wilson and Debbie McComick. By then, the COD allows multiple breeders listed on the same certificate. See photos and reports on:

[Northern California Angora Guild: Preparing for Broken Angora Presentations at the ARBA Convention in MA](#) and

[Northern California Angora Guild: Broken English Angora Presentation at the ARBA Convention in MA](#) It was a success!

In 2019 at the ARBA convention at Reno, NV, the COD team of Nichole Wilson, Lynn Wilson and Debbie McCormick attempted for the second showing, see:

[Northern California Angora Guild: Broken English Angora Presentation - Pre-checking](#) and [Northern California Angora Guild: Broken English Angora Presentation - ARBA Standard Committee](#)

Unfortunately, it was a fail but had one more chance to attempt the second showing.

Hop Back In Angora History! – Continued

By Betty Chu with contribution from Casey Jones

2020 convention was supposed to be held at Harrisburg, PA but due to COVID, the convention was canceled. The second try of the second showing was done at the 2021 convention at Louisville, KY. I don't have any photos but heard the result was a fail due to "inconsistency". After attending 33 conventions consecutively, I made the decision not to risk my life in a crowded event during the COVID, and later decided not to fly myself and my rabbits to faraway locations due to the difficulty of airline travel after COVID. Sorry that there isn't any post on our blog to show what happened.

A new COD has been taken out in November 2024 by Andrea Evans, Linda Hibbert, Graham Thomas, Kathy Thomas and Kjirsten Thomas. According to the rule listed in the Standard of Perfection, there is a 2 year waiting period after the COD is granted before the team can attempt the first showing. The team is hard at work, hopefully we will see a successful presentation in 2027. Let's give the team our support and encouragement.

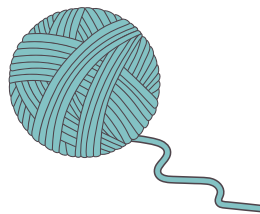
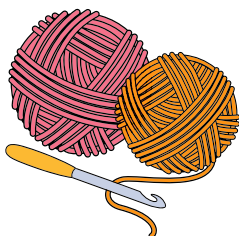
Note: If you are interested in the history of broken Satin Angora presentation, go to our blog and put "Broken Satin Angora" on the upper left to search, you'll see many photos and reports. The broken Satin Angora presentation started in the mid 1990s, many breeders tried and was eventually passed in 2019 at the convention at Reno, NV. The broken French Angora presentation passed in 1993 at the convention in Tacoma, WA by Carol Kerris, all showings were good, no fail along the way. I witnessed the success but did not have a camera on hand to take photos.

Wool, Skien & Garment Sweepstakes Standings as of June, 11, 2025

Wool Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Jack Bailey	1202
2	Charlotte Schweikhart	360
3	Tammy Vaughn	295
4	Lori Gondek	178
5	Deidre McKimmie	105
6	Angel Semerling	92
7	Amy Netherton	84
8	Bonnie Havlicek	76
9	Arianne Ferguson	70
10	Kyle Clark	56
11	Summer Simpson	36
12	Debby Furlong	36
13	Candice Smith	36
14	Joan Hastings	24
15	Jen Richardson	24
16	Amber DePetro	16
17	Rachel Penterman	15
18	Andrea Evans	12
19	Kady Gantt	6

Skein Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Charlotte Schweikhart	300
2	Angel Semerling	245
3	Deidra MacKimmie	148
4	Arianne Ferguson	116
5	Tammy Mason	84
6	Abigail Shock	78
7	Deb Butorac	72
8	Tammy Vaughn	72
9	Evelyn Macguire (Stepaniak)	60
10	Rachel Penterman	56
11	Paul Lee	27
12	Joan Hastings	12
13	Sarah Wisecup	12
14	Madison Wisecup	8
15	Bonnie Havlicek	6

Garment Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Angel Semerling	641
2	Tammy Vaughn	180
3	Deidra MacKimmie	108
4	Dorleska (Penny) Glazier	107
5	Lauren Cody	76
6	Jackie McDonald	58
7	Linda Hibbert	36
8	June Abbott	24
9	Deb Clemens	24
10	Jen Richarson	18
11	Abigail Shock	12
12	Renee Terralumina	8



Sweepstakes Standings as of May 27, 2025

Open English				Youth English		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Chu, Betty - O	9820		1	Isbell, Lillian - Y	568.5
2	Furlong, Debby - O	5304.5		2	Ertel, Keegan - Y	391
3	Evans/Thomas, Andrea/Kathy - O	5012.5		3	Frost, Kendall - Y	295
4	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	4132.5		4	Currey, Chloe - Y	35
5	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	3105		5	Wisecup, Alexander - Y	32
6	Wisecup, Sarah - O	1865.5		6	Hudgens-White, Sora - Y	18
7	Evans, Andrea - O	1446		7	Rozinski, Domynique - Y	14
8	Netherton, Amy - O	1306.5				
9	Steffes, Natalie-O	921.5				
10	McCormick, Debbie - O	850.5				
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 - O	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 - O	52				
10	English - Hartlieb, Jenny - O	48				

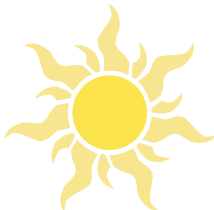
Open English					Youth English			
Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points		Place	Name	Exhibitor	Points
1	BC1AG	Chu, Betty - O	2378		1	FANZ2	Isbell, Lillian - Y	350
2	PF21	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	772		2	GRCAS	Frost, Kendall - Y	122
3	TOPAZ	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	586		3	LH95	Ertel, Keegan - Y	30
4	KD2	Lyons, Melanie/Yvonne - O	574		4	PF4	Isbell, Lillian - Y	20
5	BC2VE	Chu, Betty - O	534		5	GRPMLAC	Frost, Kendall - Y	16
6	FARDBF2	Furlong, Debby - O	488		6	ZUG	Isbell, Lillian - Y	16
7	TULSA	Wilson, Lynn, Mike, Nichole - O	456		7	GRPMSWA	Frost, Kendall - Y	14
8	GRPMPOP	Evans/Thomas, Andrea/Kathy - O	406		8	MCWPNF	Currey, Chloe - Y	10
9	FAME9	Furlong, Debby - O	404		9	PEARL	Isbell, Lillian - Y	10
10	FAEK6	Furlong, Debby - O	402		10	LH17	Ertel, Keegan - Y	8



Sweepstakes Standings as of May 27, 2025 - Continued

Open French				Youth French		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Mackimmie, Deidre - O	4263.5		1	Ertel, Keegan - Y	444
2	Penterman, Rachel - O	2721		2	Perkins, Karen - Y	264
3	Green, Carol - O	2562		3	Cody, Luke - Y	207
4	Cody, Lauren - O	2077		4	Ashton, William - Y	129
5	Havlicek, Bonnie - O	2061		5	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	98
6	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	1880		6	Will, Katelyn - Y	88
7	Semerling, Angela - O	1852		7	Warner, Samuel - Y	26
8	McDonald, Jackie - O	1424		8	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	19
9	Clark, Laura - O	1218		9	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	14
10	Boyd, Colleen - O	1054		10	Lewis, Louritta - Y	14
Open French Wool				Youth French Wool		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	French - Schweikart, Charlotte - O	576		1	French - Ertel, Keegan - Y	30
2	French - Mackimmie, Deidra - O	535		2	French - Lewis, Louritta - Y	18
3	French - Penterman, Rachel - O	380				
4	French - Havlicek, Bonnie - O	273				
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	BCG1W	Green, Carol - O	647		1	LHHEX	Ertel, Keegan - Y	130
2	LNCCOLETTE	Semerling, Angela - O	362		2	WAFFLE	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	26
3	4B24	Havlicek, Bonnie - O	305		3	F1FAE	Perkins, Karen - Y	22
4	MAUDE	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	272		4	7P932	Will, Katelyn - Y	16
5	LB168	Simpson, Summer - O	257		5	SOOK	Warner, Samuel - Y	16
6	TVF259	Penterman, Rachel - O	250		6	APU2	Ashton, William - Y	14
7	JEWEL	Schweikart, Charlotte - O	240		7	ABC2	Ashton, William - Y	8
8	TVF280	Penterman, Rachel - O	206		8	MG125	Ertel, Keegan - Y	8
9	ASPEN	Mackimmie, Deidre - O	198		9	JKD6	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	4
10	SRJUBI	McDonald, Jackie - O	176		9	TVF275	Lewis, Louritta - Y	4



Sweepstakes Standings as of May 27, 2025 - Continued

Open Giant				Youth Giant		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Vaughn, Tammy - O	2957		1	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	302.5
2	Roe, Deborah - O	1054		2	Ertel, Keegan - Y	235.5
3	Terralumina, Renee - O	820		3	Ashton, William - Y	135
4	Vaughan, Kevin - O	723.5		4	Rozinski, Taylor - Y	63
5	Depetro, Amber - O	397.5		5	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	27
6	Chapin, Nickie - O	295		6	White, Liam - Y	24
7	Fritsch, Amanda - O	292		7	Greenwood, Phillip - Y	18
8	Vaughn, Tammy/Kevin - O	206		8	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	18
9	Cody, Lauren - O	184		9	Terralumina, Tristan - Y	9
10	Bishop, Matt/Ashley - O	93				
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 - Vaughn, Kevin - O	130				
3	Giant - Chapin, Nicki - O	78				
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	SALLY	Ertel, Keegan - Y	39
2	TKL56	Vaughn, Tammy - O	465		2	MADH	Terralumina, Alexandria - Y	37
3	TKL75	Vaughan, Kevin - O	121		3	LPGTRUMP	Ashton, William - Y	28
4	PD4L	Roe, Deborah - O	112		4	LHBONNIE	Ertel, Keegan - Y	16
5	PDIN	Roe, Deborah - O	112		5	TMHB6	Greenwood, Phillip - Y	12
6	TKL13	Vaughan, Kevin - O	81		6	MG2G	Hummer, Jennifer - Y	12
7	CADEN	Terralumina, Renee - O	76		7	AWP3	Ashton, William - Y	10
8	BETTY	Chapin, Nickie - O	70		8	LHPARIS	Ertel, Keegan - Y	10
9	LH4032	Depetro, Amber - O	58		9	BBB1	Ashton, William - Y	6
9	PD5M	Roe, Deborah - O	58		9	PD3M	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	6
					9	PUFF	Terralumina, Tristan - Y	6



Sweepstakes Standings as of May 27, 2025 - Continued

Open Satin				Youth Satin		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Ferguson, Arianne - O	3445		1	Terralumina, Alexandra - Y	601
2	Penterman, Laurie - O	2549.5		2	Ashton, William - Y	354.5
3	Jones, Casey - O	2486.5		3	Ertel, Keegan - Y	310
4	Ederich, Ana - O	2348		4	Kester, Caitlin - Y	305.5
5	Salinas, Kristi - O	1720		5	Close, Andrea - Y	269
6	Terralumina, Renee - O	1363.5		6	Rozinski, Domyinique - Y	149
7	Richardson, Aaron & Jennifer - O	1133		7	Jones, Langley - Y	96
8	Netherton, Amy - O	996.5		8	Jones, Georgia - Y	84
9	Kester, Sarah - O	922.5		9	Perkins, Karen - Y	65
10	Hastings, Joan - O	811		10	Swihart, Athena - Y	36
Open Satin Wool				Youth Satin Wool		
Place	Name	Points		Place	Name	Points
1	Satin - Shock, Abigail - O	368		1	Satin - Kester, Caitlin - Y	226
2	Satin - Hunt, Alesha - O	366		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 - O	284				
7	Satin - Netherton, Amy - O	144				
8	Satin - Terralumina, Renee - O	126				
9	Satin - Hammond, Becky - O	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	554		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	LMAY	Jones, Georgia - Y	32
4	CLOUD	Ferguson, Arianne - O	206		4	GAGM9	Close, Andrea - Y	30
5	WF119	Richardson, Aaron & Jennifer - O	202		5	WILDCHILD	Kester, Caitlin - Y	29
6	R428L	Mezyk, Karen - O	156		6	ACS1	Ashton, William - Y	22
7	HT108	Salinas, Kristi - O	154		7	GRP2	Close, Andrea - Y	20
8	TVS170	Penterman, Laurie - O	140		8	GARGOYLE	Perkins, Karen - Y	18
9	HT99	Salinas, Kristi - O	136		9	BARBIE	Jones, Georgia - Y	16
10	HT115	Salinas, Kristi - O	136		9	POSTY	Jones, Langley - Y	16



Rabbit Dossier

Name:	Chu's Aurelia
Breed:	English Angora
Wanted For:	Top 5 English Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Betty Chu
Location:	District 4: California



Chu's Aurelia, BCLAG was born on 3/26/2024, the only doe in a litter of 4. She went to her first show on December 7, 2024 and won one BIS and two RIS out of the three open shows. From then on, she won 10 open BIS, 4 RIS and 5 BISS and 1 RISS.



The judges who selected her as the BIS/RIS in the order of awards are: Cole Rupperecht, Cheryle Blackman, Scott Rodriguez, Cathy Szychulda, Josh Humphries, Louis Potter, Courtney Collins, Doug King, Armando Cabrera, Stephany Brundage, Lauralee Erbe, Steve Hulthom, Jordan Miner, Chris Zemmy.



Some of these judges had awarded her BIS or RIS more than once. She is currently 14 months old and still carrying her show coat and still being shown.



Rabbit of the Year Spotlight

Rabbit Dossier

Name:	Wilson's Topaz
Breed:	English Angora
Wanted For:	Top 5 English Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Nichole Wilson, Lynn Galbraith-Wilson, & Mike Wilson from Wilson's Show Stock
Location:	District 3: Wisconsin

Topaz, is an English Angora Blue Tort Senior Doe, who was born in February 2024. She was named after a gem, and not the car. Lol. Her mother, is Wilson Show Stock's Jade, a black broken. Jade was one of our top broken that we produced, and she had a short compact body and was wide; and was a very good mother. This rabbit caught Eric Stewart's eye and was his favorite of our broken. I can remember him saying to me take her home and breed her. Topaz's father is Wilson Show Stock's Preakness, named after the horse race, and he is a black tort and has been our main herd buck the last couple of years; and he is also out of our broken program. Jade's father, Rocket Man, is the junior English Angora black tort featured in the rabbit documentary in 2018-2019.

Topaz has three brothers, Aquamarine, South Seas and Jett (he was the 5th place colored senior buck at the 2024 ARBA Convention).

At 2 months of age, Topaz got bloat and she was in the fight for her life. Through regimes of Critical Care, Immunize and Baby Stomach Drops, she prevailed.

Topaz has had an impressive show history. At 2024 ARBA Convention, she was a young senior and she was 10th in her class. In, November 2024 she won BIS at Upper Midwest Angora Specialty Show; in December 2024, at The Christmas Show hosted by MI-OH Rabbit Club, she won Best of Breed and was a Best Group Winner.



Then in February 2025, she won a BIS and RIS at Rabbit Renegades (Bob Donnell) All Breed Shows in Peoria Illinois, and then the next day she won another BIS in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Thereafter, we retired her and put her in our breeding program. She currently has a litter of six, and she is a great mom!!

Topaz is special in so many ways. She has a terrific solid compact body with great muscling. It is a sheer compliment when the judges who raise commercial breeds comment on her width and depth in her solid compact body. She has tremendous density and maintains a "round ball of fluff appearance." She has very good crimp and her texture made her easy to groom. We are very excited to watch her children grow up and hit the show table.

NARBC Fluff Stars!

Rabbit of the Year Spotlight

Rabbit Dossier

Name:	Sumbunny's Destined to Win "Winnie"
Breed:	English Angora
Wanted For:	Top 5 English Angora of the Year
Owner(s):	Yvonne & Melanie Lyons
Location:	District 1: New York



"Winnie" resides in New York and was last year's BOB for English Angoras at the 2024 101st ARBA National Convention.



Before her 2024 ARBA Convention BOB, "Winnie" competed at New York State Grand Finals, capturing a Double BIS! Show A Grand Finals had a total of 1,163 and Show B 1,148 rabbits!

She then competed in the Christmas Show winning BISS and a BOB in the All Breed Show.

She is currently in our breeding program and has 7 babies in the nestbox for 2025 ARBA Convention Juniors



Vet Corner : Pregnancy Toxemia (Ketosis) in Rabbits

By Alfred J. Mina, DVM

Pregnancy Toxemia, also known as Ketosis, is a significant metabolic disease in domestic rabbits, particularly affecting pregnant does in their late gestation period, as well as post-parturient and pseudopregnant does. This condition arises from a combination of high nutritional demands and factors that limit adequate food intake, leading to an energy deficit and subsequent metabolic complications.

Understanding Pregnancy Toxemia

Pregnancy Toxemia is a multifactorial disorder involving anorexia, gastrointestinal stasis, hepatic lipidosis, and a mismatch in energy requirements and nutritional status. A common contributing factor is gastric trichobezoar, or hairballs in the stomach, which hinder the rabbit's ability to consume enough feed to meet its energy needs. When food intake falls short, stored body fat is mobilized to compensate for the energy deficit. This process generates fatty acids that are metabolized into acetic acid. However, when the carbohydrate-metabolizing pathways cannot fully process the acetic acid, it is converted into ketone bodies. These ketones exit the body through urine and expired air, often giving the affected rabbits' breath a distinct acetone smell. Accumulation of fat in the liver leads to hepatic lipidosis, and the elevated ketone levels trigger metabolic issues such as acidosis, which can impair cellular energy and affect the brain, potentially resulting in coma and death.

Hypoglycemia is a hallmark of Pregnancy Toxemia due to the inadequate energy supply, leading to depleted blood glucose levels. This condition can affect rabbits of varying body conditions—both obese and underfed—as well as prolific does and healthy rabbits on balanced diets. Factors such as sudden feed transitions, stress, fasting during pregnancy, improper nutrition, hereditary predisposition, and gastric trichobezoar also contribute to the disease.

Clinical Signs and Diagnosis

Pregnancy Toxemia manifests either as sudden acute death or as a progression of symptoms over one to five days. Affected rabbits may present with various signs, including depression, weakness, anorexia, dyspnea (difficulty breathing), acetone odor on the breath, incoordination, convulsions, and coma. Owners often report that the affected does are near kindling, have just kindled, or have spontaneously aborted undeveloped fetuses. Diagnosing Pregnancy Toxemia typically relies on clinical history and observable symptoms, as diagnostic testing may not always be performed due to financial or logistical constraints.

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Treatment and Prognosis

Treatment focuses on stabilizing the rabbit and addressing the energy deficit through supportive care. Initial steps include warming the hypothermic doe and administering fluid therapy with dextrose 5% (glucose) to manage hypoglycemia and dehydration. Oral honey may also be used as a glucose supplement. Calcium supplementation is provided parenterally or orally if hypocalcemia is present.

Nutritional support is vital and may involve syringe feeding, nasogastric or gastronomy tubes, with commercial formulas such as Oxbow Critical Care or Lafeber Emeraid. Prokinetic drugs like metoclopramide are used to address gastrointestinal stasis. If the doe stabilizes, oxytocin may be administered to induce labor, or a cesarean section may be considered. Unfortunately, the prognosis is generally poor, as many affected does fail to respond to treatment. However, spontaneous abortion of fetuses has been associated with improved outcomes.

Prevention Strategies

A local breeder presented three pregnant does approximately one year old and in their last week of gestation with a history of depression, weakness, poor appetite to no appetite and poor water intake, decreased urine output and small scant feces that started several days ago. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, feed availability has been inconsistent here in the islands and had no choice but to abruptly switch feed to what was only available at that time. Shortly after breeding the three does, feed was abruptly changed from a 16% alfalfa-based pellet diet to an 18% alfalfa-based diet with no transition time. The first doe seemed to be breathing rapidly and her breath smelled "sweet". She also seems to hop around the cage like she's drunk. The second doe was depressed and weak. Blood-tinged fluid from her vulva was noted on physical. The third doe was depressed and weak. On physical examination of all three does, they were all overweight and fetuses were easily palpable in the abdomen.

Diagnostic testing was not performed on these rabbits because owner declined. Based on history and clinical findings, pregnancy toxemia was suspected in all three does because of the abrupt feed change with no transition time from a 16% alfalfa-based pellet diet to an 18% alfalfa-based diet about three weeks ago. Supportive care was started immediately with fluid therapy, glucose supplementation (honey given orally), and syringe feeding of Oxbow Critical Care. Owner declined hospitalization and took all three does home to continue treatment. Owner called and reported the following day that Doe #1 was found dead in her cage and Doe #2 and Doe #3 were still weak, lethargic, and not eating or drinking anything.

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Doe #2 had more blood-tinged fluid in cage tray and several aborted undeveloped fetuses. Doe #3 was quiet and not moving around much. After a few weeks have passed, owner called to update and report that Doe #2 is doing good and is already rebred. She was down for several days after aborting her litter and started to eat, drink, urinate, and defecate normally. Doe #3 continued to have poor appetite, water intake, decreased urine output and very small scant feces. She kindled normally but the litter of kits expired because she didn't produce milk to feed them. Few days after she kindled, her appetite, water intake, urine output, and defecation were normal. She was also rebred after two weeks of recovery.

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.

Creative Cooks

By Sandy Tsukiyama

Summer's here & it's time for cookouts and picnics. This month I'm sharing two types of marinade that are very popular among the multicultural community in Hawaii where we eat outdoors year 'round.

One is the teriyaki sauce that my grandmother used. The other is a mainstay of the Asian-Spanish cuisine of the Philippines, Adobo, typically for braising chicken and pork.

Use either of these sauces to marinate a fryer rabbit overnight, then grill or smoke to your preference.

Aloha, Sandy

Teriyaki Marinade

½ C. Soy sauce (Kikkoman Brand preferred)
1 tablespoon sake
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon fresh ginger root or ginger powder
1 large clove garlic

Blend together and marinate rabbit in a Ziploc bag, turning every few hours.

Filipino Adobo

½ C. Soy sauce
½ C. white or rice vinegar
4 cloves garlic
1 teaspoon black peppercorns.
3 bay leaves

Blend well and marinate marinate rabbit in a Ziploc bag, turning every few hours.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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Date: _____ 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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