

# FIRE OF THE FANCY

*OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE*

## **AMERICAN THRIANTA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**



CJ, owned by Carrol Hooks

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**Included in this issue is a flyer, "Propose PAWS" that is a single sheet of paper. Please make copies of it and pass it out to everyone you see at shows and to all your friends and family.**

**If you haven't heard of the PAWS legislation, you can read about it on page 6.**

**NEW ATRBA WEBSITE**

Check out the ATRBA website! Stephen McCreight has done a wonderful job with it. It's full of information and pictures. You can see it at

<http://www.geocities.com/thriantarba/index.html>

**REMEMBER**

**Nov. 1 is the deadline for all ads for the Nov. 15 issue. Please send articles and photos by Nov. 5!**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Bob Whitman

**T**hrianta friends and fanciers, things are about to really heat up for our "FIRE OF THE FANCY" in that your ATRBA Vice-President Glen Carr, will be making his third and hopefully final presentation in making the Thrianta the 46<sup>th</sup> recognized rabbit breed to our ARBA Standard of Perfection. The presentation will take place on Wednesday morning October 26, 2005 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please, if you are attending the convention, make yourself available for the presentation, to offer moral support to Glen in his long sought after goal of getting the Thrianta recognized. If all goes well, it will be the first time that a new rabbit breed has been officially recognized by the ARBA since 1991. As you can well imagine it is no easy task to accomplish.

Once the presentation is complete, we plan to have a small gathering of Thrianta friends for either a "Celebratory Toast to Glen and his Achievement" or a "Crying Toast to our Sadness." Light refreshments will be served. I wished I had a crystal ball that worked, to be able to let you know now, the outcome of that morning, but unfortunately I do not, so we'll all have to wait and see. "GO GLEN CARR WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY."

I would personally like to thank Teri Reymann of Pleasant Hill, California for coming forward to do the club newsletter. By far one of the most difficult jobs of any club is being the editor. Please share with Teri and the rest of us your news, tell about how you keep your animals, show experiences, and question that you may have concerning these hot little rabbits. Also thanks are going out to Dr. Stephen A. McCreight for coming to the club's aid in developing a web site, with Stephen serving as the webmaster; <http://www.geocities.com/thriantarba>. Please have a visit for a look see.

Most of our country has been plagued with unseasonably hot and miserable weather; well it has been no different in my little spot of southeast Texas. While other breeders have been reporting great success with Thrianta litters, I cannot. I've only been able to raise two bucks. Does that have been great mothers in the past, have decide they didn't want to raise any of their more recent youngsters. So Thriantas here at Rare Bits & Pieces are being put into the fostering mode for a time. Interest is indeed picking up for our breed, and the demand for Thriantas is growing fast and it's only going to continue to grow, so keep those does in production.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Thrianta presentation in Indy.

Bob





# VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Glen Carr

Less than 90 days until my final, hopefully, presentation of this wonderful little red rabbit. It's been a very hot summer thus far here in Central Illinois and the rabbits have suffered, eating less, and losing condition. As luck would have it my breedings for juniors for my presentation have produced approximately 80% bucks. I need only one junior doe but I want every animal in the presentation to be of very good quality. A small selection of junior does presents a challenge.

If I am successful in gaining a third and final presentation approval, I hope that a small celebration can be held on Wednesday in the showroom after the ARBA general membership meeting which is scheduled between 1 and 3 p.m. Details will be posted at the showroom.

Those of you in attendance, please attend the presentation. Your support of our new breed will be most appreciated.

Glen Carr

## ARBA JUDGE & REGISTRAR



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# GOOD LUCK GLEN!

On your third presentation at the  
2005 ARBA National Convention

*WE ARE ROOTING FOR YOU!*



Litter of seven, 3 bucks & 4 does. Sire: BH's Napoleon,  
Dam: BH's Rosa, owned by Teri Reymann

Two pictures above, Carrol Hook's buck, CJ

The pictures below are from left to right: Carr's Mac, Carr's Duffy & Carr's Mae, owned by Stephen McCreight.







## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE By Carrol Lyons

Hello everyone. I hope the summer has been good to you and your bunnies. I do not have air conditioning in my barn, so I cannot breed the animals after the first of June. It is all I can do to keep them cool enough to survive. We had not had any rain for a very long time and then last week it began. We received over 12 inches in less than 2 days. You have heard the old saying about feast and famine. It is still raining every afternoon, but once it was able to soak in, things got better. I have two (2) low water crossings on the road to my house, one on each direction. We were all stranded from both crossing for one day, but it finally drained off. Now I keep telling the man upstairs -- enough..... He is probably saying, "What's with you people. You ask, you receive and then you complain." Oh well, another 1-1/2 months of the heat and hopefully not too much more rain.

Our membership is growing and I think all of us are looking forward to the presentation in Illinois. Glen -- best of luck, we are all rooting for you and we know you can do it. I can hardly wait until next year when we will be able to show our beautiful little "Fire of the Fancy" and compete with the other breeds. I love the color, but even more, I like the stocky type. Big bucky heads, short little front legs with a lot of bone (not fine boned) and the short, thick ears. When you look at them it just makes you feel good.

There is a club in Texas that is going to try to get the bid for their national breed show in 2008. The secretary called me Saturday and asked if we (ATRBA) would be interested in going in with them for our National. She does not have to have an answer right away, so I told her we would discuss it after our breed is accepted. 2008 is a ways off, so it is something to think about and discuss.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Steven McCreight for doing our website and Sonja Lyons for monitoring our Virginia Fanciers chat room. A very special thanks to Teri Reymann for doing the newsletter. I am so relieved we now have a "professional" taking care of this most difficult chore. Please send anything you can to Teri for inclusion in each newsletter. When she first agreed to take on the responsibility, I explained to her that the hardest thing is getting items from the officers and members to print..... Yep, it is really hard to do the newsletter when you don't have anything to print. So, remember guys, send something.

Please look at your newsletter label and see when your membership expires. When I have to send renewals it increases the cost to the club. If you will watch and then send the dues it will help. If I can help you in any way, let me know either by email or by phone. If you call and it says caller unknown, I probably will not answer, so leave a message and I will call you back. If I am out of town I will call you when I get back.

Take care and hope to see you somewhere along the way.

Carrol

### ATRBA FINANCIAL REPORT-THRU 7-31-05

Beginning Balance.....	\$247.90
Income:	
Dues.....	\$200.00
Total Income.....	200.00
Expenses:	
Copies Paper .....	\$ 9.74
Membership Cards.....	27.35
Envelopes.....	8.78
Total Expenses.....	45.87
Ending Balance.....	\$402.03

### ▶ **IMPORTANT NOTICE** ◀

We would like to ask the membership to chip in what you can towards a booth for the 2006 ARBA Convention. If enough funds are raised by the Indy Convention, we can purchase the booth space at a discounted price, but it must be paid before the close of the convention. Please send your donation to the Secretary, with a notation "Booth Donation." All who donate will be listed in the newsletter. To start the fund going your president is chipping in \$10.00. Thank you for supporting the "Fire of The Fancy."



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Thank you.



### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Teri Reymann

I want to take this time to thank you for allowing me to be the editor of the "Fire of the Fancy" Thrianta News! I have worked in newspapers, print shops and advertising most of my adult life. I hope you will be pleased with what I have done and I am open to any and all suggestions!

Please use this next couple of months to take pictures of your rabbits to submit to me for the next newsletter. I also need someone to volunteer to be the featured "Breeder's Profile." Anyone want to write an article, I would be more than happy to publish it! Also seriously consider putting an ad in the next newsletter. The revenues from advertising help defray the cost of publishing this newsletter.

I am unable to attend the ARBA convention. I pray safe travels for everyone! Good luck, Glen!

Teri

**After the Thrianta presentation at convention there will be a very brief meeting of the members present to ratify our Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the chartered officers. Please plan to attend.**

**Bob Whitman, president**

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# ARBA WORKING STANDARD - THRIANTA

## DULE OF POINTS

GENERAL TYPE .....	40
Body.....	25
Head and Ears.....	10
Feet and Legs.....	5
FUR .....	20
COLOR .....	30
CONDITION .....	10
TOTAL POINTS.....	100

## SHOWROOM CLASSES & WEIGHTS

**Senior Bucks and Does** – 6 months of age and over, weight 4 ½ to 6 ½ pounds. Ideal weight 5 to 6 pounds.

**Junior Bucks and Does** – Under 6 months of age, not over 5 pounds.

**NOTE:** Juniors exceeding maximum weight limits may be shown in higher age classifications. No animal may be shown in a lower age classification than its true age.

## GENERAL TYPE

**BODY** – Points 25: The body is to be compact, with enough length to carry required weight, well rounded and balanced throughout. The body top line should rise in a gradual curve from the shoulders to the center of the hips and then fall in a smooth curve downward to the base of the tail. Hindquarters are to be smooth and indicate roundness when viewed from any direction. Shoulders are to be slightly narrower than the hips. The loin is to be well filled and deep. The body is to be plump and firm of flesh. The tail is to be carried erect.

**Faults** – Narrow, long or flat in body. Pinched or undercut in lower hips.

**HEAD & EARS** – Points 10: The head is to be short and full with well filled cheeks, slightly more developed in bucks than in does. Short neck. Ears are to be erect, rather stocky and well furred.

**Faults** – Pinched muzzle, thinly textured ears lacking fur.

**FEET & LEGS** – Points 5: The legs are to be short, straight and medium bone. Toenails to be

dark horn colored.

**Faults** – Cowhocks.

**FUR** – Points 20: (Rollback) The fur is to have sufficient resistance to resume a smooth groomed appearance when stroked in any direction. It is to be dense, with medium length (preferable length 1 inch). The fur is to be soft to the touch, neither harsh, silky nor wooly. (Recommended for showing in breed fur only)

**Fault** – Short or fly back coat.

**COLOR** – Points 30: The color is to be fiery, brilliant shade of red, as uniformly carried over the body as possible. Color must be carried well down the hair shaft to the skin. Belly color may be slightly lighter in shade. Underside of tail and eye circles may be a lighter shade of red. Eyes – Dark Brown.

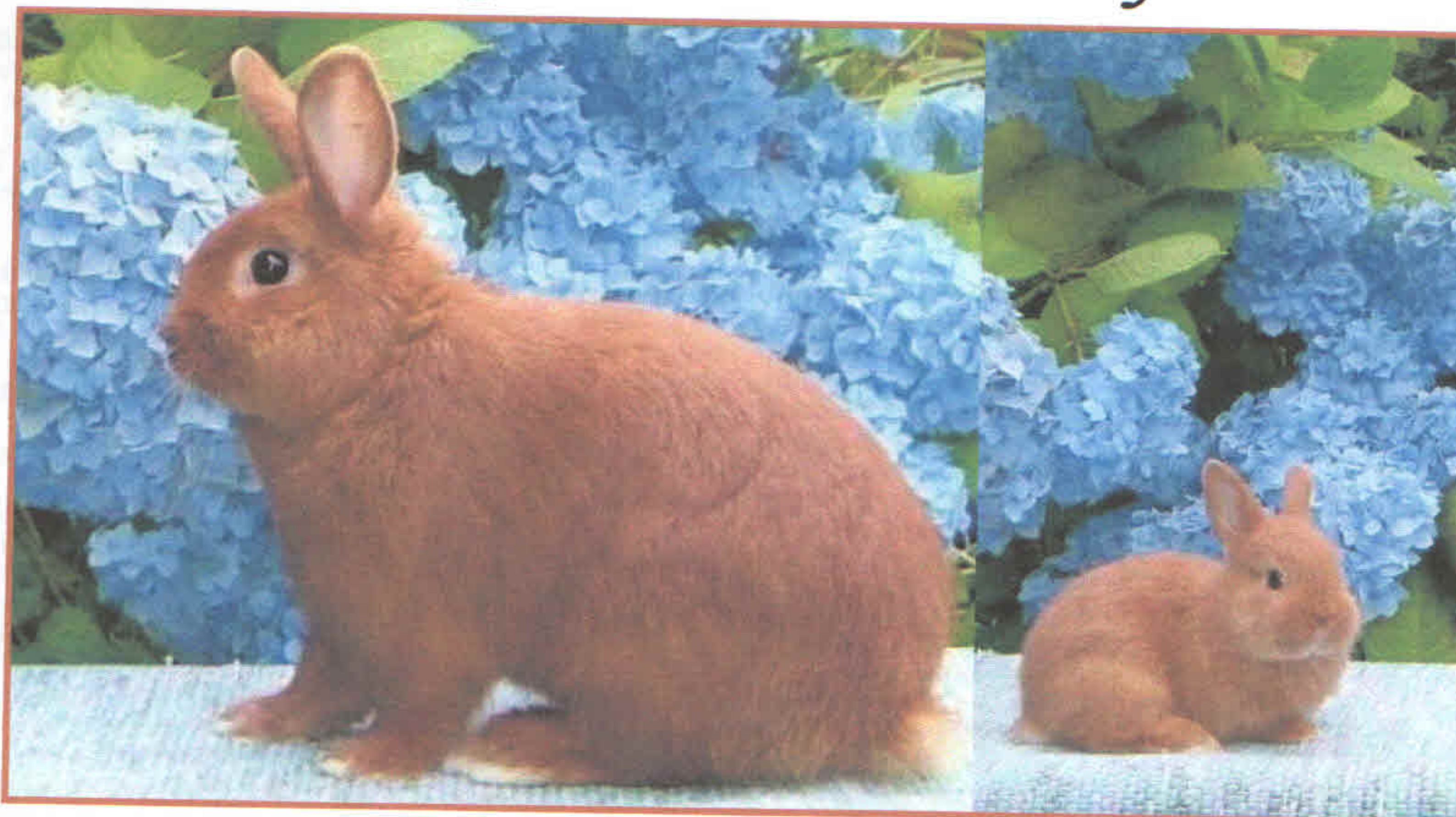
**Faults** – Lack of intensity and brilliance. Extremely light belly color. Light toenails.

**Disqualifications from Competition** – White belly color or white underside of tail. Slate under color. Slate ear lacing.

**CONDITION** – Points 10: Per ARBA definition.

*Napoleon.*

*Dynamite.*



*BH's Napoleon and promising young son*

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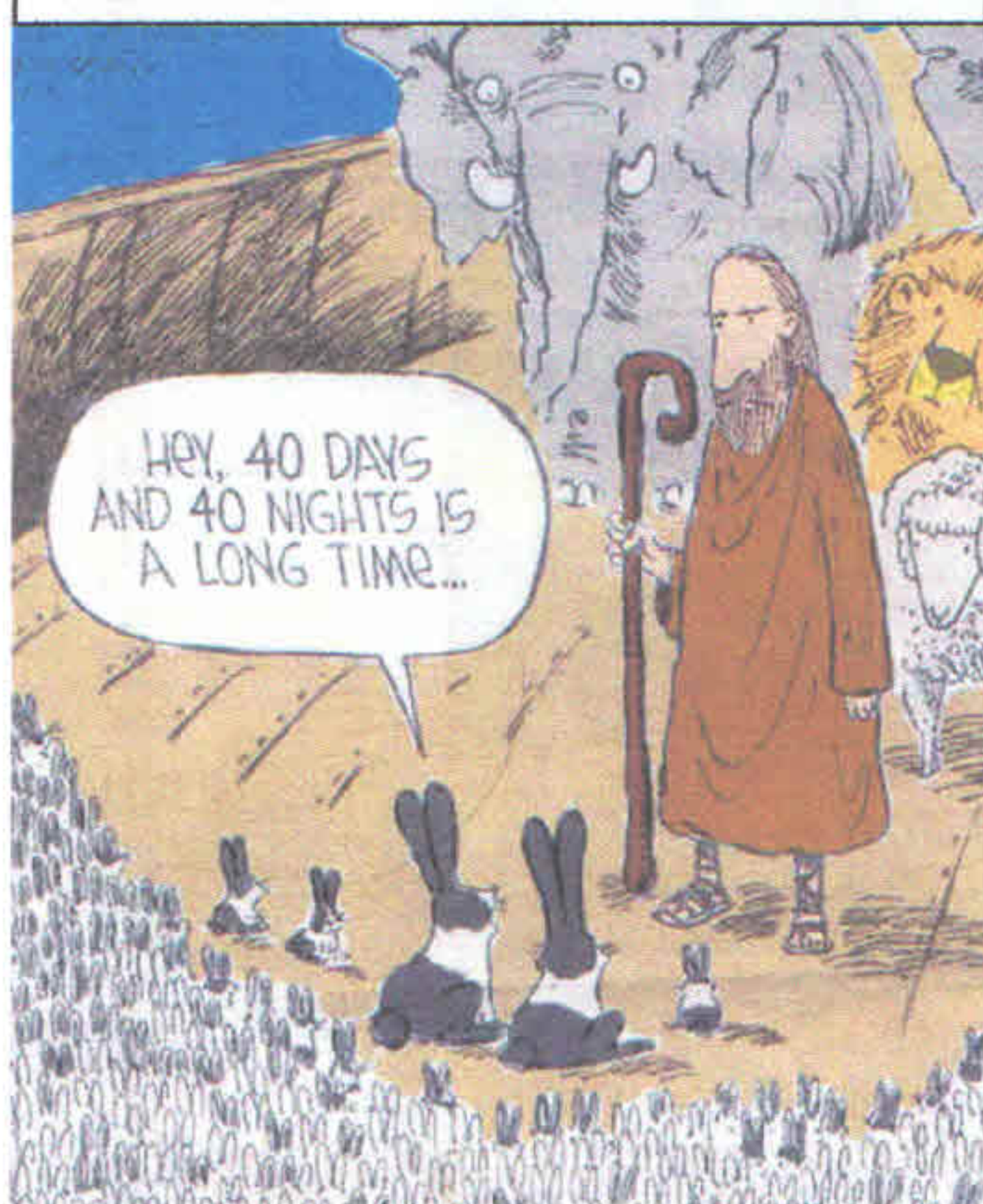
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## Federal PAWS Bill

### The Federal PAWS bill: What It Means to Rabbit & Cavy Breeders

By Corinne Fay  
July 27, 2005

The Federal Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS) S1139/HR 2669 is a bill that will negatively impact every hobby animal breeder in America. It is crucial that breeders take time to voice opposition to the bill sponsors, the Senate Agriculture committee, the House Agriculture committee, and to your own representatives. PAWS will cause every hobby animal breeder to be regulated by the USDA. This will prove very costly to hobbyists and turn your hobby into a business complete with burdensome regulation.

To understand the negative effects of PAWS one must understand the Animal Welfare Act and who currently is regulated. Under the AWA sales of rabbits for any purpose other than food or fiber is a regulated activity. Sales of pet rabbits direct to owners is exempt regardless of sales volume. The direct to owner sale is considered a retail sale and the breeder is exempted from regulation under the retail pet store exemption. However sales to pet stores or other non-direct sources are regulated and you require a USDA license unless you gross less than \$500 per year in these sales. Breeding stock is not defined in the AWA however the AWA does regulate sales of dogs for breeding stock. It is likely that sales of rabbits for breeding or show stock would be interpreted as a direct to owner sale and currently are exempt. If PAWS passes breeding or show stock sales will likely count against the \$500 licensing threshold.

The PAWS bill changes all of the current exemptions of licensing for rabbit and cavy breeders. PAWS defines what a retail pet store is and specifically excludes from the definition those who breed animals to sell as pets. PAWS further defines a dealer as someone who grosses more than \$500 per year in sales of regulated animals such as rabbits and cavies. Dog and cat breeders are given an exemption if they breed fewer than 7 litters and sell 25 or less dogs and cats as well as gross \$500 or less in sales of other animals.

The average number of rabbits a hobby rabbit breeder sells per year is 68 (2004 Breeder Survey), the average price of a pet rabbit is \$19 with breeding stock averaging \$31-\$61 per rabbit (RES breeder survey). Obviously the average hobby rabbit breeder is grossing far above the \$500 limit PAWS sets for USDA regulation. It is likely that PAWS will require most rabbit breeders to obtain a USDA license to continue your breeding program.

What is most unfair is that PAWS allows basically a much higher dollar exemption for dog and cat breeders despite the fact that rabbit breeders produce far more rabbits than cat or dog breeders produce in their species. On the AKC website under their PAWS FAQ they state that a dog breeder can whelp 6 litters and sell 40 dogs and still be exempt from PAWS. In 2004 I checked through classified newspaper ads and found the average price of a dog was \$496 and the average price of a cat was \$475. If we round the average up to \$500 that means the dog breeder in the AKC example can gross \$20,000 and be exempt from USDA regulation while a rabbit or cavy breeder is restricted to only \$500 gross sales.

The impact of hobby rabbit and cavy breeding regulation is huge. To start you will have more expenses not only in the cost of the USDA license but the costs associated with complying with their regulations. Of course hobby breeding rarely provides a net profit to the breeder so added needless expenses will restrict many and likely force many out. An example of the hidden cost of compliance is the USDA requires you to have a formal agreement with a veterinarian to come to the dealer's facilities to monitor and treat animals. This will cost you as veterinarians don't offer this service for free.

You will be required to be inspected, unannounced, so you must have someone over the age of 18 available during what the USDA defines as business hours-M-F 7am-7pm. There will also be record keeping and reporting requirements. These

regulations will not help you breed better show rabbits or cavies but it will add more time and work to comply with what the USDA wants. Your hobby will become much more like a full time job than an enjoyable part time pursuit.

And then there will be the other issues that could stop you from breeding altogether if PAWS is passed into law. The USDA requires licensees to be in compliance with ALL state and local laws. We all know many breeders are currently in violation of restrictive local zoning laws that either prohibit raising rabbits or cavies or limiting how many you can keep. If you are in violation the USDA will not grant you a license and you will be unable to continue breeding if you meet the over \$500 gross sales per year criteria. Also there is real concern that many local governments will view a USDA licensed breeder as a business. Most residential areas have laws restricting home businesses and it may be difficult for many rabbit breeders to maintain that it's a hobby when you're considered a dealer by the USDA.

As the \$500 or less licensing threshold is so low few breeders will be able to sell quality stock at a fair price because these sales will count towards that \$500 gross. 25 rabbits sold at \$20 each or 12.5 rabbits sold at \$40 each adds up to \$500, it's not very much at all! Where will our youth get stock from? How will new breeders open or youth get starting stock? PAWS will likely cause the quality of rabbits to decline as breeders will be unable to buy and sell quality stock to improve herds unless they hold a USDA license.

And then there is the hidden threat of PAWS. In 2002 the Doris Day Animal League sued the USDA over it's definition of breeders selling direct to pet owners are retail pet stores. The goal was to force the USDA to regulate ALL persons selling direct to owners. The case lost...on appeal. The judge ruled that there was no legislative intent in the AWA to regulate breeders selling direct to owners. PAWS will show clear legislative intent to regulate breeders selling direct to owners. All the animal rightists have to do is file another lawsuit and this one will be upheld, if PAWS passes. And then every rabbit and cavy breeder along with every dog and cat breeder will be required to be licensed by the USDA.

And for those who may think they can duck enforcement, what will happen when the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is implemented? The USDA will also enforce that program and the goal is to have every animal id'ed and tracked from cradle to grave by 2009. This will make it virtually impossible for a breeder to hide pet, breeding stock, and meat sales from the USDA.

Things look pretty dismal right now for the future of hobby breeding unless the breeders start actively fighting to preserve our right to breed animals free from undue regulation. Make a call and write a letter to the legislators involved with PAWS and tell them NO! This website <http://saova.org/1139.html> allows you to send an e-mail to every legislators involved with PAWS, the addresses come up automatically and it's a great and easy way to voice your opposition. Also call the Senate Agriculture committee at 202-224-2035 and the House Agriculture committee at 202-225-2171 and tell them you want to be recorded as voting NO to PAWS. And contact Senator Santorum PA at 202-224-6324 and tell him his bill treats rabbit breeders unfairly. The animal rights fanatics usually win not because they are stronger than us but because we usually sit back and do nothing to stop bad laws. Whether we are afraid, too busy, not interested, whatever the excuse when we fail to fight we allow ourselves to end up governed by bad laws. Once a law is passed it is rarely repealed or changed to allow fewer people to be regulated. The time to stop it is when it's just a bill. I've made my opposition calls and written letters, will you?

For more information on PAWS:  
[http://www.cyberdobes.com/PDF/AKC\\_and\\_PAWS2.pdf](http://www.cyberdobes.com/PDF/AKC_and_PAWS2.pdf)  
Very detailed analysis of the bill:  
<http://www.pet-law.com/>  
<http://www.ncraoa.com/alerts.html>



## BREEDER PROFILE - SONJA LYONS

My family, including hubby Dan, and teenagers Ted, Mara and Kelly, are originally from Minnesota. We moved to the Seattle area five years ago. We sure love it here, and the climate is pretty good for raising rabbits. We have a couple of weeks in the winter of slightly frozen water bottles, and a couple of weeks in the summer where it is hot enough that we need to apply drastic cooling measures.

I am a contract writer, primarily business proposals and medical writing. I work from home so I am always around when the bunnies (oh, yeah, and the kids) need me. I got started in the rabbit hobby only two years ago, with thanks to Sue and Vern Marchetti, and Linda and Ron Jinings, wonderful Holland Lop breeders who have mentored us. We bought a baby Holland Lop as a pet, but were lucky enough to get a beaut--he's a grand champion and a great sire. We started going to shows and 4H (my girls do 4H). Two years later we have 45 holes! Our Thriantas arrived in May of 2004. Besides the Thriantas we have Holland Lops, a few Netherlands, and there's a Fuzzy Lop out there somewhere.



Gypsy & Sonja

My interest in Thriantas started when I heard they were a new breed applying for acceptance, and looked them up on the Web. We loved the look of them. Not just the color, but their huskiness, for lack of a better word. Bold broad heads, very deep, stocky rabbits. My initial stock came from Bob Whitman of Rare Bits and Pieces. He shipped me two bucks and two does. I have also worked with Rick Stahl here in the area, who has one of Glen Carr's bucks.

Our rabbitry is theoretically a family affair. Dan's job is tolerating the rabbit population explosion around here. Ted keeps well hidden when it is time to feed the rabbits, and the girls - well, the girls. They are "equal partners" in this rabbitry endeavor. I have yet to show a rabbit in my own name, as they want all the glory. Their latest misadventure has been harness training two young Thrianta bucks, Pepito and Tripudio (that's Latin for jump), with the idea of doing agility with them in 4H. Easier said than done, that's all we have to say about THAT. Although I think this breed is as ideally suited for the activity as any.

What I have learned so far about raising Thriantas that may be of help to those starting out: I need LOTS of cage space. It is difficult for me to cull hard before 4 months of age. My litters are so uniform, at least to my eye, that it takes that long to see any clear differences. The juniors seem to go through a phase when they have donkey ears that make their heads look tiny. And their baby coats are not very bright. So I try not to be in a hurry with them. When they are 4 months old, I evaluate them for all the usual things, and I put them in a run and watch them move, to see if they track parallel, and I look for good overall Thrianta type---visually, at eye level, does it look like my ideal Thrianta? To me it is an overall impression that I crave, which I am not experienced enough to detect by putting them on a table and running my hands over them. Then I select based on belly color. The color on the top side seems to take care of itself--mine are either extremely vivid, or a shade less so. As far as smut goes, that can come in rather late, or perhaps I am just not observant enough? As with any breed, there is a LOT to watch for.

By this hobby more than any I have ever had; it has been quite therapeutic! As long as it continues to be so, I will be a rabbit slave.

## BREEDER PROFILE - DEB HALL

When I first saw those beautiful eyes looking at me through their coops in Wichita at the ARBA convention and saw that beautiful fur, I knew I had to have a Thrianta. I picked up a brochure about them and found out that here in my own state of Iowa was the first person who had imported them to the United States. I had met Judith Oldenburg Graf several years back and knew of her as a judge. I gave her a call and we spoke at length about this breed, their history, how they were being presented and hopefully accepted in the near future. I told her I wanted to purchase some in the future. My husband also was fascinated by them! Even though he isn't interested in rabbits, he wanted me to buy some for him. One year later I purchased my first quad from Judith.

I have had five litters over the past two years from my original stock and their offspring. I have sold some of my stock to others that are interested in the breed. I can't wait until they are accepted this year. I have shown them a few times here in Iowa and went to the Columbus, Ohio show in May and was very happy to have had the opportunity to show against a very excellent group of Thriantas. My stock did well and I was pleased. I now have one buck and three does.

In 1995 my family moved from the city to the country. One day we were at the farm store with my two daughters and, of course, they had baby bunnies for sale. My daughters, who were 9 and 12 at the time, just had to have a bunny, so we came home with two does, a jersey wooly and a satin crossbred. My 9 year old started 4-H the following year and low and behold, two rabbits somehow grew into 10 rabbits, all different breeds. Over a two year period, we had about 30 different breeds. Now my daughter and I raise rabbits together. We concentrate on Jersey Woolies, Britannia Petites, tri-colored Mini Rex, a few Checkered Giants and, of course, Thriantas. We also do rabbit rescue for our local humane society as they don't have facilities for rabbits, so we provide homes for them until they can be placed. Our rabbitry name is Baby "b" Ranch.

Along with rabbits, under the name of Fire Song Ponies, we raise classic Shetland ponies and Arabians. My daughter and I love to attend rabbit shows and meet so many nice people from all over the US. I would say rabbit people are a breed of their own and most are fun and loving people. My daughter got me interested in rabbits because of her 4-H project and then FFA project. She won the National FFA gold medal award in 2003 for her rabbit small entrepreneur SAE. She and I share the work and fun, although I think I enjoy the playing with babies the most. I love watching the babies get their fur, open their eyes and the first time out of the nest box and then all the jumping around and their play antics as they grow. I love how the Thriantas change from juniors to seniors in looks and color. That deep red color is so vivid that this rabbit is my favorite of all breeds. I hope to meet many of you at the Indy convention.



## ~ ADVERTISING RATES ~

*Please seriously consider advertising in the next newsletter, and help support your club!*

All advertisements must be sent to the secretary's office with proper fees. Deadline dates for having ads to the secretary's office are the 1st of February, May, August and November. Ad rates are as follows:

- Breeder Listing - 4 Lines - \$ 5.00
- Business Card Ad - Camera Ready - \$ 10.00, Color \$15.00
- 1/4 Page Ad - Camera Ready - \$ 25.00, Color \$30.00
- 1/2 Page Ad - Camera Ready - \$45.00, Color - \$52.50
- Full Page Ad - Camera Ready - \$80.00, Color - \$90.00
- Non Members add \$10.00 to each advertisement

**TYPESET ADS:** If you want your ad to be typeset by our News Editor and sent to you for your approval, there is an additional \$20.00 fee. For typesetting ads, contact News Editor directly. After ad copy has been approved, send copy of ad and proper fees to the ATRBA Secretary.

## HOW TO USE YOUR ATRBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You say, "I'm already a member of the ATRBA!" Not to worry! You can use the membership application that you see below, at shows, to encourage interested parties to join. Just scan the application and make lots of copies. Put your name in where it says "Recommended by:" and pass them out. Doesn't cost much and who knows...we may just end up with lots of members throughout the US!



Specializing in Quality Holland Lops,  
French Lops and Thriantas  
in Pleasant Hill, California

*Stephen and Teri Reymann*  
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### AMERICAN THRIANTA RBA - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: Carrol Hooks, 8761 Aycock Road, Moody, TX 76557 Ph: 254-986-2331, email [chooks@vvm.com](mailto:chooks@vvm.com)

Circle Appropriate Membership

IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON, LIST ALL NAMES BELOW

Single Adult - \$10.00 per Year      Single Youth - \$7.00 per Year

Husband/Wife or 2 People at the Same Address - \$15.00 per year

For Each Additional Adult or Youth in Excess of 2 at the Same Address – Add \$5.00 per Person per Year

I hereby make application for membership in the ATRBA and agree to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws. Enclosed is the membership fee as circled above.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORT YOUR CLUB – SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY**



# AMERICAN THRIANTA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association.

### ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to promote and improve the breeding of Thrianta rabbits; to disseminate information to the members; and to encourage the exhibition of Thrianta Rabbits.

### ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION

This Association shall be chartered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Any person who agrees with the object of this Association may become a member by making application to the Secretary and paying the dues as outlined in the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Beginning in 2006, this Association shall hold an annual meeting in the same city as the Convention of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. Special meetings may be held as provided in the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The elective officers of this Association shall consist of five (5) members, a President, Vice-President and three (3) Directors. The term of office for these officers shall be two (2) years. These officers, along with the Secretary/Treasurer shall be known as the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board. The term of office of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be two (2) years. The term of office for the Secretary/Treasurer shall begin with appointment in 2007.

SECTION 3: The President and two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in one election, beginning in 2006, and one year later, 2007, the Vice-President and one (1) member of the Board of Directors shall be elected. The terms of office shall be two (2) years.

SECTION 4: Elected officials shall take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> following his/her election.

SECTION 5: Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

Any member wishing to become a candidate for the Executive Board shall write the Secretary/Treasurer for a petition. In order to be eligible to become a candidate he/she must have been a member of this Association for a minimum of one (1) year, must have this petition signed by a minimum of five (5) current members in good standing of this association and must mail petition to Secretary/Treasurer postmarked no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, shall be a member and act as Chairman of the Executive Board, appoint all committees and fill all vacancies in office that may occur between elections. The President shall maintain general supervision over all necessary affairs of this Association which may arise between the annual meetings. The President shall have the right to delegate particular duties of the



Secretary/Treasurer when deemed necessary, with approval of the Executive Board. This may include re-assigning part of the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer to other members of the organization as required to maintain the most effective operation of this Association.

SECTION 2: The Vice-President's duties are the same as those of the President in the absence of the President.

SECTION 3: The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct the general correspondence of this Association; keep the minutes of the Annual and/or Special Meeting(s). The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of all books, papers, and records pertaining to the office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a listing of all current members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify all members upon expiration of dues either by Newsletter or by first class mail. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep account of all money coming into the office from any source. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deposit all funds into a Bank approved by the Executive Board, making payments from funds of the Association. He/she shall submit a Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting and publish the report in the Thrianta Newsletter following the Annual Meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall secure such bond as the Executive Board may deem necessary, cost of said bond to be paid by the Association. The Secretary/Treasurer shall assure that a Newsletter is prepared and mailed to the membership on a quarterly basis. The Secretary/Treasurer shall provide information for inclusion in the newsletter and as requested for a club web site.

SECTION 4: The Directors shall perform such duties as are assigned to them by the President and as set forth in the By-Laws.

SECTION 5: The Executive Board shall have general control of the affairs of the Association between the Annual Conventions. The Executive Board shall decide all matters arising that are not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Executive Board shall be responsible for making decisions and taking action based on what is best for the Association.

#### ARTICLE IX – AUTHORITY

This Association shall have the authority to make such laws, establish such rules and adopt such regulations as may be necessary for the government of its members.

#### ARTICLE X – COMPENSATION

SECTION 1: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid twenty percent (20%) of all income received with the exception of donations and specials, during the term for which he/she is appointed or replaced.

#### ARTICLE XI – RESOLUTIONS

SECTION: 1: Any amendment to this constitution shall be made by resolution, in writing, signed by ten (10) or more members in good standing of this Association and mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2: All resolutions are to be confined to one (1) subject.

SECTION 3: Any resolution to the Constitution must be approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>. majority vote of the members present at the General Membership Meeting. Approved resolutions shall take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. following approval.

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I – DUES

SECTION 1: The amount of the annual dues, renewals, surcharges, Life Membership, etc. shall be set by the Executive Board and submitted to the membership for approval at the annual meeting. If approved by a majority



of the members in good standing, present at that meeting, the revised costs to take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. of the year following approval. The membership shall be notified of any changes in dues and fees through the newsletter.

## ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the city and during the time of the Annual Convention of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

SECTION 2: A Special Meeting may be called by the President at the request of 15 members of this Association providing the Board of Directors considers the request urgent and necessary. If such a request is granted, the Secretary/Treasurer will notify the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of the Special Meeting, setting forth the reason the meeting has been called, the location and the time of the meeting. The only item which may be discussed at the Special Meeting is the item for which the meeting was called. The President may call a meeting of the Executive Board when he/she deems necessary.

SECTION 3: Robert Rules of Order shall be considered as the final authority for this Association on all questions not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-laws.

## ARTICLE III – QUORUMS

Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum at any special or regular annual meeting. Three (3) members of the Executive Board shall be a quorum at Board Meeting.

## ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE

SECTION 1: Any member being charged with willful misrepresentation or fraud or dishonest dealings or conduct derogatory to this Association must have such charges made in writing and sent by certified mail to the Secretary/Treasurer. All such charges must be signed by the person making the charges.

SECTION 2: Any member, against whom charges have been filed, shall be furnished a copy of the charges by the Secretary/Treasurer. The member charged shall have thirty (30) days to file a written reply. The charges, together with the reply, shall be sent to each Board member for their consideration. Each member of the Board shall reply to the Secretary/Treasurer with his judgment of the charges. The Secretary/Treasurer shall inform the President of the Board's action. All decisions of the Board may be handled through First Class Mail.

## ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a ballot listing the names of the members who have filed petitions as provided in Article VII of the Constitution. Only members who have filed for Office will have their names placed on the ballot. The ballots shall be mailed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. A pre-addressed envelope shall accompany each ballot with the Chairperson of the Election Committee's name and address thereon. The member voting shall seal the ballot in the envelope and mail it directly to the chairperson, postmarked no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> to be acceptable. The election committee shall count all ballots and send a certified statement to the President and to the Secretary of the results. The ballots shall be mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer and shall be retained for six (6) months. Terms of office shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>. following the election.

SECTION 2: Any candidate within 30 days of the election results and upon payment of \$50.00 fee, may ask for a recount of ballots.

SECTION 3: In case of a tie vote, the Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a ballot with the names of those tied and the members attending the annual meeting shall cast ballots to break the tie.

## ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the following standing committees: Election Committee made up of the Chairman and two (2) members; Membership Committee made up of the



Chairman and one (1) member; Newsletter Committee made up of News Editor and one (1) member, Auditing Committee made up of Chairman and two (2) members, Web Site Committee made up of Chairman and one (1) member. The President may, if deemed necessary, appoint Special Committees with approval of the Executive Board. All chairmen and committee members must be members of this Association.

#### ARTICLE VII – SANCTIONS

Any ARBA chartered club may apply for an ATRBA Open and/or Youth Sanction. ARBA Sanction number along with sanction fee of \$10.00 for an open sanction and \$7.00 for a youth sanction must be included with sanction request. Sanctions must be postmarked a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to show date.

#### ARTICLE VIII – SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

There shall be an ATRBA Sweepstakes contest which shall run from July 1 through June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. You must be a member in good standing of the ATRBA in order to participate in the sweepstakes contest. Awards shall be presented at the annual meeting to the winners of 1<sup>st</sup>. through 5<sup>th</sup> place. All ATRBA members shall be awarded double points for exhibition at the ARBA National Convention and at the ATRBA Annual Show.

#### ARTICLE VII – RESOLUTIONS

SECTION: 1: Any amendment to these By-Laws may be presented by two (2) methods.

A. An amendment to these By-Laws may be submitted in writing by a member in good standing of this Association and mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer a minimum of 120 days prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting.

OR

B. An amendment to these By-Laws may be made from the floor and presented in writing to the Secretary Treasurer at the Annual General Membership Meeting. The members present shall vote to hear the amendment and if approved, the amendment may then be read and considered for approval.

SECTION 2: All resolutions are to be confined to one (1) subject.

SECTION 3: Any resolution to the Constitution must be approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>. majority vote of the members present at the General Membership Meeting. Approved resolutions shall take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>. following approval.

#### ARTICLE VIII – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call of Officers, Reading of Minutes of all Meetings, Correspondence, Financial Report, Report of Officers, Report of Committees, Old Business, New Business, Election of Judges, Any Other Business for the Good of the Association, Adjournment..

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