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**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](http://www.geocities.com/thriantarba/index.html)

ATTENTION!!!

We need correct email addresses for:
Richard, Debra, Collin, Mary Cronin
Virginia & Daniel Young

Please look at the Membership List on page and check all your information for accuracy. If there are any corrections to be made, please let Secretary Carrol Hook and News Editor Teri Reymann know. If you are on the membership list and have an email address, but there is not an email address listed for you, please also let us know about that. We do a lot of corresponding via email, don't you want to join in?

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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

By Bob Whitman

Three Cheers for Glen C. Carr in achieving a third and successful presentation of the Thrianta breed, the 46th breed to be accepted by the ARBA and the first new rabbit breed recognized in the USA since 1988 (that's a long time). Come February 1, 2006 the Thrianta will be official and may compete for legs, registration, grand champion status and the supreme Best in Show title. Just who will grand the first Thrianta? Who will win the first official Best of Breed? Who will win the first Best in Show? These will all become records for the history book.

The morning of October 26, 2005 found large numbers of fanciers around the Standards Committee Presentation Arena. We all knew that the Thriantas were the first breed up. All the committee members went over the Thriantas with a fine tooth comb. Glen's wife and daughter joined him for the nerve wracking event. Glen is called over by the committee chair, Tex Thomas. "What's going on," I thought, "surely the paperwork wasn't in error and the breed was doomed to fail?????" Glen is finally called into the arena shortly after 9 a.m....there is some talking going on and all ears were strained, but to little avail. Then at 9:15 a.m., Glen gives the audience the "THUMBS UP" to a delighted cheering and clapping crowd. Glen gets those much deserved kisses from wife and daughter.....the rest is history.

Now what processed your president to think that he had to buy champagne in Texas and carry it to Indy, is really beyond me, but I did it regardless. After the presentation, members and interested individuals gather around the Thrianta cooping for a Mimosa toast (champagne and OJ) to Glen Carr and his success. Mini orange cup cakes were also available for the little celebration. A brief Annual General Meeting was held with the club gaining several new memberships. I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all who gave or pledged donations to the club towards the convention booth for 2006 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Thriantas were of course a hot sell item during convention and everyone with available stock sold out quickly. There were a total of 60 Thriantas on display and many of these rabbits were judged later in the day by Bruce Ormsby.

Our little club is moving right along; Secretary Carrol Hooks has been quick to have the necessary fee and paper work on Glen's desk at the ARBA office for our club's charter. We have a great newsletter editor in Teri Reymann and web master with Dr. Stephen McCreight taking the helm. Now we must look to getting an official logo for the "Fire of the Fancy" and get arm patches made up. We will need volunteers to chair the convention booth, a coordinator to oversee the gathering items to raffle in the booth, plus an awards chairman to seek donations for our first official convention showing. Not to be forgotten, we need to put our heads together to produce a guide book in the not to distant future. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact me or Carrol Hooks.

In closing I would like to remind all of you that may have the Working Thrianta Standard on your web sites, this MUST be removed by January 31, 2006. The Thrianta standard is owned and copyrighted by the ARBA. It is strictly prohibited to use it without their written permission.

Let the 'FIRE' be under you....breed heaps of Thriantas, get them to the shows, promote and sign up every new member you can, we have a 'Hot Little Breed'.



VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Glen Carr

Well, I'm finally coming to the realization that our flashy little breed will be the 46th breed recognized by the ARBA effective February 1, 2006. It's been a challenge going through the strict process getting the breed recognized. I sincerely feel that the Thrianta is a wonderful addition to our American breeds. They won't generate the numbers that the addition of the Mini Rex or even the new Mini Satin. But, it is a breed that breeds true and is pleasing to the eye and will have a place in many rabbitries.

I want to thank those people who offered encouragement and support over the past seven years. Believe me, there were times that I had doubts about completing this mission. Thanks also, to all of those breeders and friends that were at the final, trying, third presentation. I was moved by all the support.

My thanks to Bob Whitman and Carrol Hooks for organizing our new national specialty club. We have a web site and this wonderful newsletter. What a fine beginning.

We now need to think about where we are with our breed and what we need to do as breeders to improve them. Believe me, the breed as we know it in this country is good but does not compare to what is in their homeland, Holland. We can improve bodies, fur, color, flesh condition, and breeding instincts. There is a lot of work to be done. Hopefully, within a few years we can relish a BIS win.

Happy Holidays to all,
Glen Carr



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

By Carrol Hooks

What a wonderful time for our beautiful little red rabbits. I hope all of you are as excited as I am. Glen has done a wonderful job and things are moving quickly. We are receiving requests to sanction our breed at upcoming shows. Please see the show listing located elsewhere. We also have a state club that is in the process of chartering with ARBA and will affiliate with us. WOW! It is wonderful to be on the ground floor of a brand new breed.

At the time of presentation, the ARBA Standards Committee felt there were some changes necessary for our breed and of course Glen was in agreement. The revised standard is included in this issue. There are a few changes so read it carefully.

A great big thanks to the following who made generous donations at the convention so that we could have our own American Thrianta Booth at the 2006 ARBA Convention in Fort Worth:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Leslie Ardison | Tim & Jacquie Branham |
| Duane Holman | Judith Oldenburg-Graf |
| Genna Stambaugh | Bob Whitman |

We had a pledge, but have not received the funds at this time.

I cannot tell you how much I missed being at the convention for our final presentation and for the celebration afterwards. That is the first convention I have missed in a really long time and I hope it will be the last. Just know that my heart was there rather than in the courtroom.

Our Thrianta arm patches are available for order. Elsewhere you will find a copy of the patch and an order form. Thanks to Teri for doing the artwork. Please place your order to support our breed and club.

We will have several new columns in the next newsletter. Along with the upcoming show listing, we will have a section for show results and the sweepstakes standing. When a show sanction is issued, the sponsoring club is required to send the show report back to this office. That report is what I will use to prepare the show results listing and the sweepstakes standing. Please encourage your local and state all breed clubs to sanction our breed.

That is about all for now; Teri needs to get the newsletter finished. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your family and friends. Hope to see you somewhere along the way.

Carrol

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Halleluiah, Glen Carr successfully made his third presentation of the beautiful Thrianta rabbit. It became the 46th recognized breed in the ARBA, just a couple hours ahead of the 47th breed, the Mini Satin. Needless to say, over the past years, Glen has put in countless hours, buckets of sweat and anxious times for some loss of hair in order to succeed in this most worthwhile accomplishment. As Glen pointed out to those at the celebration, there is a lot of improvement for breeders to strive for.

Since the first official ARBA showing for the Thrianta will not be until February 1, 2006, Secretary Carrol Hooks has had this show in mind...the Fort Worth, Texas Livestock Open Rabbit Show. It is February 3-5 and will be sanctioned. This is a pre-entry show and the entries are due December 31. For a rabbit catalog write to the Southwestern Expo and Livestock Show, P.O. Box 150, Ft. Worth, TX 76101-0150 or go to the Stock Show website at www.fwssr.com.

Congratulations to Deb Hall and Leslie Ardison for their BOB and BOSB wins at Indianapolis. Now, who will get the honors at the first sanctioned convention showing at Ft. Worth 2006?

Duane Holman, Director

Hello,

The ARBA Convention in Indy was great! Congratulations to Glen on getting the Thriantas accepted. This is a huge task and he did an excellent job. There is a lot of interest in my area for this breed. I have judged a number of them lately. I would encourage everyone to take your Thriantas to the shows and let them be seen. If I can be of assistance to anyone let me know.

Josh Humphries, Director

ARBA Judge 784

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association is holding a Membership Contest. For one year, starting with the official "coming out" of the Thrianta breed on February 1, 2006, sign up as many people as possible to be members of our club. The person who signs up the most members as of March 31, 2007, will win a FREE membership in the ATRBA for one year! Start making copies of the membership form on page 13 of this newsletter and pass them out when you are talking to someone about Thriantas and when you sell a bunny to a new Thrianta breeder. Make sure you put your name on the line that says "Recommended by:" You might even want to have envelopes addressed to Secretary Carrol Hooks available to give to these prospective members!

GOOD LUCK!

Wow! What a great convention. And the Thriantas passed. Congratulations Glen for all your hard work. And a thank you to Judy, too, for starting us out on the path to recognition.

It was really fun to see all those Thriantas shown. I'm not sure what the final total shown was, but I remember there were 14 or so in some classes. Congratulations to everyone who showed. It was wonderful for all of us that you brought them. I definitely saw a lot of people making many trips down to the Thrianta area to see them.

At the ATRBA meeting, it was decided to set up a Constitution and By-laws Committee. I will Chair the committee. Tim Branham, Carrol Hooks, and Glen Carr are also on the committee. This is your club, please send any input you have concerning the Constitution and By-Laws to the Committee. You can reach me at Shebwoso@gmail.com or 62 West Main St, Upton, MA 01568 or 774-278-0216.

JUST SOME THOUGHTS

Now That Thriantas Are A Recognized Breed:

1. Check way ahead with the show secretaries of the shows you normally go to. Many shows determine which breeds to sanction by what was shown the year before. They might not even think to sanction Thriantas. Many clubs also have a rule to not sanction any breed that showed less than 10 rabbits the year before unless someone donates the sanction. You may have to donate some sanctions this first year. Talk to other breeders in your area. Maybe you can take turns donating the sanctions to the various shows. Contact the show secretaries far enough ahead to get Thriantas listed in their catalogue. This is a great way to promote the breed, and our club.
2. If Thriantas aren't sanctioned for a show, and you don't have time to get them sanctioned, show them anyway! Get them out there for everyone to see. Many people have never seen one. If you can get enough shown at this year's show, the sponsoring club will probably sanction them the next year.
3. Enter your Thriantas in FUR class. Color and fur together are worth 50 points on this breed.
4. Promote our club. Hand out membership forms when you sell to new breeders. Or better yet, include a first year membership in the price when you sell to a new breeder. Get the information, and send the membership form in for the new breeder.
5. If you belong to a local all-breed club, ask if you can give a talk about the Thriantas. Or maybe you know of a 4-H rabbit club in your area that would love to have you come in and talk about Thriantas.

Just my thoughts on how to promote the breed. Anyone else have any suggestions? Or thoughts? Maybe we can get a good discussion going back and forth in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all at the shows,
Leslie Ardison, Director

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American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association

Annual General Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana

October 26, 2005

President Bob Whitman called a brief meeting to order at the Thrianta cooping at 9:34 a.m. to ratify the officers, directors, Constitution and By-Laws by the American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association membership present.

Officers and Directors: Kelvin Puckett, NC moved and it was seconded by Tim Branham, OH to accept the following charter officials; Bob D. Whitman, TX-President, Glen Carr, IL-Vice-President, Carrol G. Hooks, TX-Secretary/Treasurer, and Directors Leslie Ardison-MA, Josh Humphries-TN and Duane Holman-TX. Motion carried.

Constitution and By-Laws: President Whitman asked for ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws. Member Deb Hall, IA spoke up that she had issues with the way officers were elected, the compensation amount paid to the Secretary/Treasurer and that the entire membership should be allowed to vote this instrument. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Director Ardison, MA and seconded by Tim Branham, OH that the President appoint a committee to review the wording and issues of concern, this committee to present a Constitution and By-Laws to the general membership for a mail vote. Motion carried. President Whitman appointed the following committee: Leslie Ardison, MA-Chairman, committee members; Glen Carr-IL, Carrol Hooks-TX and Tim Branham, OH.

2006 ARBA Convention Booth: President Whitman said that another specialty club was interested in sharing a booth at the 2006 ARBA Convention and Show in Fort Worth, Texas. It was the general consensus of the members present that the club should have there own booth in 2006 at a cost of \$250.00. Guest Judith Oldenburg-Graf, IA told then gathering that she would like to donate the \$250.00 for the booth rental and present a check for same. Other donations were received by; Leslie Ardison, Genna Stambaugh, Jacquie and Tim Branham, Duane Holman, and Bob Whitman totaling \$420.00. Also Kelvin Puckett pledged a donation.

Thrianta Banner: Guest Judith Oldenburg-Graf presented to the gathering a banner that she had been working on for the club and asked the membership if they would accept it as a gift to the club. Judith explained her ideas for the finished piece.

The membership thanked Judith for her offer and gift.

New Memberships: The following individuals paid for new memberships before the close of the meeting; Ronnie Windland, Bobby and Carol George, Dara and Genna Stambaugh, John Lasley and Amanda Pitsch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob D. Whitman



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Teri Reymann

WOW! is all I have to say! This edition was long in getting done, but I believe it is a good one! Hope you enjoy it!

I want to apologize to Carrol Hooks for not getting her name correct in the last newsletter! I certainly had egg on my face when our esteemed president asked me if Carrol had gotten married! I double checked it this time! I read and re-read the newsletter before it goes out, but sometimes things slip past. Any volunteers for proofreaders?

We have some exciting things happening within the club! On page 14 you will see our new ATRBA patch! I had fun designing it and hope that every one of you purchase one to show off on your show apron or coat! On page 12 read about our Online Thrianta Show. This will be a fun event! Join us for it! We are sponsoring a Membership Contest! Read about it on page 3. February 1, 2006 will be the official "coming out" of our beautiful new ARBA breed! Make sure that you sanction shows so you can start getting legs and points.

Publish dates have changed for our newsletter. It will now be published March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. Deadlines for pictures, articles, advertisements, etc. will be on the 1st of each of those months.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in helping get this issue together. I couldn't have done it without you!

Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB BY BUYING ADVERTISING, PURCHASING PATCHES, SIGNING UP NEW MEMBERS, SANCTIONING SHOWS AND PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE!



Convention Pictures

Pictures top row, left to right: Thrianta cooping, unidentified Thrianta, a Glen Carr Thrianta; second row, left to right, Glen checking on his rabbits, Glen again, Thriantas ready for judging; third row, left to right, decision making, judging, Glen Carr (left) & Bob Whitman (right); bottom two pictures, judging of Thriantas.

Thank you to Kelvin Puckett and Tim Branham for these photos.



2006 ATRBA SHOW SCHEDULE

Below is the listing of the upcoming open shows which have sanctioned our breed. There are no youth shows sanctioned. Our sweepstakes begins February 1st. Please do your best to support these sponsors. Even if you are unable to attend a show in your area, maybe you could make a small donation on behalf of our breed. If we do not support these sponsors they may not sanction our breed in the future.

OPEN SHOWS:

FEBRUARY:

- 2-3/5 Southwestern Livestock Show & Expo
Early Entry Only
Location: Ft. Worth, TX
Show Sec: W. R. "Bob" Watt
P O Box 150
Ft. Worth, TX 76101
817-577-2400
- 2-4 TX Thrianta RBA –
In conjunction with SW Livestock Show
Late Entry Only
Location: Ft. Worth, TX
Show Sec: Carrol Hooks
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- 2-4 Pennsylvania RBA State Show & Convention
Location: Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Show Sec. Lori Jo Whitehaus
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- 2-4 Big Valley Rabbit Association
Location: Stockton, CA
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- 2-5 Pennsylvania RBA State Show & Convention
Location: Lebanon, Pennsylvania
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APRIL:

- 4-8/9 Texas Rabbit Breeders Assn. State Show
& Convention
Early Entry Only
Location: Belton, TX
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There is a sanction request form located elsewhere in this issue. Encourage your local clubs to sanction our breed. You might offer to pay the sanction the first time and maybe they will pay it thereafter.

YAHOO! GROUPS

If you are not already a member of the discussion group at Yahoo, please join! Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Thriantarabbitfanciers> Click on Join and follow the directions! Easy as that! Hope to see more people joining soon!

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ATRBA FINANCIAL REPORT THRU 11-30-05

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| Beginning Balance | | \$ 402.03 |
| Income: | | |
| Dues | \$ 130.00 | |
| Ads | 40.00 | |
| Donations | 420.00 | |
| Total Income | \$ 590.00 | |
| Expenses: | | |
| Newsletter Printing/Mailing | \$ 86.87 | |
| News Editor Petty Cash | 100.00 | |
| Booth Rental Deposit | 250.00 | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 555.16 | |



Merry Christmas

Congratulations!

Glen

Thank You Glen Carr for giving America her 46th official breed of rabbit.....
The Fire of the Fancy
Bob Whitman

Congratulations for putting a fire under the presentation of the Fire of Fancy! They are such wonderful animals we would raise them without being recognized but this is the icing on the cake! Well done, and many thanks for your efforts! - Barbi Brown

Thank you, Glen, for all your hard work and dedication to this great little breed. We couldn't be enjoying them without you!!!
Leslie Ardison

WOW! The Robledo Family wants to thank you, Glen Carr, for your commitment and attention to detail in the care for the exhibited Thrianta rabbits to successfully satisfy all the ARBA presentation requirements. One, two and three passes is a wonderful achievement! American Thrianta breeders collectively rejoice with you! Fire of the Fancy!!
Richard, Valerie, Mikey and Rebekka Robledo
Grand Prairie, TX

Happy the Thriantas made it, Thanks!
Deb Hall

A huge Congratulation to Glen Carr for the wonderful job he did in getting the Thriantas approved in just three showings. A lot of work went into this, and we are so thankful that now our little red jewels can be shown and steal the hearts of many other breeders. We know it won't be long before we're reporting Best in Shows with this breed. A lot of us have stock out of your lines and are so grateful for the great start you have given us. We can never repay you for the hard work, except by getting out there and promoting, and taking this rabbit to the top of the charts. Thanks again. Best of luck in your next endeavors.
Linda Norris & Kelvin Puckett

What a wonderful accomplishment! Now that you've reached this long arm goal, what's next, Glen?
-Christine Giesler,
Sears MI

Thanks for a job well done,
Tim Wilson
Wilson's Backyard Bunnies
Soddy Daisy, TN

Congratulations Glen, on a job well done.
John Lasley

Congratulations Glen!
Thank you very much for your commitment and hard work in getting this breed accepted. ARBA Breed #46 - The Fire of the Fancy - Thriantas!

Glen:
We sincerely appreciate all your hard work and dedication to get the Thrianta breed recognized by the ARBA. Congratulations on your wonderful accomplishment. Thanks to you everyone in the US will be able to show and compete with our beautiful little "Fire of the Fancy". Again, Thanks...
Carrol Hooks
Thrianta Breeder & Exhibitor

Congratulations Glen on getting this wonderful breed accepted.
Good job!
Josh Humphries

Stephen & Teri Reymann

Congratulations, Glen on making the Thrianta the 46th breed!!

Best wishes,
Janelle Dameron
and family

Glen - congratulations on seeing your hard work pay off. I know this lovely breed has certainly "lit a fire" in my state and I look forward to watching it grow!

Amanda Pitsch



The History of the Golden Rabbit

Based on an article by Hans Leinenweber published in "Kaninchenzeitung," the official magazine of the German Central Association of Rabbit Breeders on 13th May, 2005. Submitted by Bob Whitman

Gold of Saxony

The development of the breed "Gold of Saxony" started with Richard Bennack when he discovered a "Golden" rabbit in a litter bred by a friend. He went on developing the breed over 20 years suffering many setbacks, especially during the war. Then, in 1951 he finally presented his breed at his local Coswig Club (S82, near Dresden), calling it the Golden Rabbit of Saxony. In 1951 the breed was first shown at the East German Championship show in Leipzig, judged by Joppich and Tunger.

The 1950s proved important for the development of the breed. At the end of the 1950s more and more Gold of Saxony appeared at the bigger shows. Specialist publications started to discuss the recognition of the breed and details of the breed standard. Bennack turned to Joppich for advice on the breeding strategy. Joppich replied that under all circumstances, a cross with the New Zealand Reds must be avoided in order to keep the Gold of Saxony breed small and compact. With the view of officially recognising the breed, he recommended founding a specialist club. Bennack submitted a list of 50 interested breeders. Even before the breed found official recognition, the quarrels began. In 1959, Georg Kaessler voiced his opinion that the breeding programme was in the hand of novices. He also demanded that the weight limit should be around 4kg (9 lb.) to ensure the economic usefulness of the breed. Also, the name "Gold of Saxony" was in his opinion more suitable to a cigarette brand and recommended calling the breed "Roehrsdorfer." He also

pointed out that the colour was still inconsistent, ranging from ruby red to orange, yellow and even reddish/brown – the whole range of potential colours.

The breed took off mainly in the Eastern part of Germany, whilst in the West it had a rather limited uptake. In 1966, the second Federal Buck Show in Osnabrueck boasted just 2 animals, two years only 15 turned out at the Federal Rabbit show in Essen. Therefore, the breed was not officially recognised in West Germany. However, in the Eastern part of the country, the breed went from strength to strength. The restrictions in moving animals between the two parts of Germany may be one of the reasons for this discrepancy. Since reunification the quality of the breed has dramatically improved. At the Federal Rabbit show in Stuttgart 3002, 254 Gold of Saxony were shown. 28 of them scored 96 points, 34 achieved 96.5 points and 7 were awarded 97 points or more.

Thrianta – the new breed from the Dutch province of Drenthe

Whilst Bennack started in 1925 with the development of his breed, the Dutch teacher and rabbit fan Andreae had orangy-coloured rabbits in his shed since 1938. He seemed to have a special relationship with this colour as he also kept the flowers in his front garden in this colour. When Holland was occupied by the Wehrmacht in 1940, the display was seen by the occupants as a sign of nationalist support for the House of Orange. Andreae was told to remove the flowers. As a sign of defiance, he concentrated on his orange rabbits. Andreae was in close contact with two other Dutch breed-

ers, Hamaker and Vermeulen. In a letter to Vermeulen, Andreae wrote in 1946: "This {breed} is definitely not a mutation nor a chance development. It is the result of a carefully prepared combination of genetic factors." Andreae also contributed to the draft breed standard, recommending various changes in the text. The breed was recognised in Holland in 1949 with a remarkable description of the colour: to show the decent form the Tan, the orange top colour was required to have a hint of brown in it.

The Nederlandse Konijnenfokkers Bond (NKB) separated from the NKBV in 1958. This gave the Thrianta a boost. The NKB included the Thrianta in their breed standards in 1957, yet the standard published by the NKBV in 1958 did not. The Thriantas was now called "Orange Tan." Andreae died in 1959, and the Orange Tan was only recognised until 1966. The 12th edition of the NKB standard, published in 1969, did not include the Thrianta anymore. Yet, three years later the now united NKB and NKBV standard included the Gold of Saxony. In 1976 the Dutch Specialist Club for the breed was established. Already in advance of the opening session interested breeders pointed out that the breed should again be called Thrianta (historic for the Province of Drenthe). By 1998 the membership of the club had increased from 30 to over 100.

Without doubt, the Thrianta and the Gold of Saxony are related. Breeders, such as Jan Balder and Will Plasmeijer, had Gold of Saxony in their sheds. After all, the breed had been recognised in Holland since 1971. Whilst it was no problem to import

rabbits from West Germany, getting them out of East Germany was almost impossible. Yet where there is a will there is a way:

In 1968, Mr. Gelein, the secretary of the Dutch breed standard commission, had heard about the very nice examples of Gold of Saxony in East Germany. With the help of Dr. Kissner, he managed to get a trio. In 1995, Gelein reflected on the story behind the transport: As it was an impossibility to transport them legally, they had to find another way.

There was Piet van Dijk, a breeder from Vinkeveen, who had white-headed pigeons. The East Germans were keen to have them in their country. At the same time, the East German government also wanted to transfer for reburial some of their soldiers that had died during the Second World War and were buried in Dutch soil. As these transports were not controlled anywhere, breeders smuggled the pigeons and fertilised eggs with the coffins. On the way back the boxes were empty, and after some trips the Gold of Saxony trio found its way to Holland. They developed well and produced high quality off-spring. Various Dutch breeders started crossing the Gold of Saxony with their own Thriantas – mostly with negative results as there are some differences in weight, colour and coat. On top of that, both the Thrianta and Gold of Saxony struggle with similar problems – uneven colour and tips. Therefore, one might question whether the Gold of Saxony will ever contribute to the improvement of the Thrianta. Still, especially in the border areas of Holland and Germany, breeders of both are cooperating and exchanging ideas.

CONVENTION REPORT *and photo by Kelvin Puckett, North Carolina*



SUCCESS. That's the best word to describe our Thriantas' presence at the ARBA convention in Indy. There were around 60 entries there for exhibition. The morning of the actual presentation of the breed started out very tense. Everyone could tell how nervous Glen Carr was. He even commented that he hadn't been that nervous since the birth of his first child. Once the rabbits were carried from Glen's carriers to the judging coops, there was standing room only in the area provided for spectators. Few words were said as each judge carefully went over each rabbit. Tension was mounting. Just a few whispered comments could be heard from the spectators, but nothing from the judges. Glen stood and watched as the rabbits and pedigrees were reviewed, and then joined the judges at the round table. Open discussion followed, which we were unable to hear. Then each judge in turn made comments, and then voted on the admission of the breed as the newest ARBA breed. Glen gave a thumbs up and a big smile to the spectators, who

let out a big cheer. Glen spoke for a few more minutes to the panel before going to remove his rabbits from the judging coops back to the carriers. His comment then to the spectators was "Now we need to PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE, and get this wonderful breed going."

After Glen, Rusty Westhoff and Josh Humphries carried the rabbits back to their coops and put them away, everyone joined in a celebratory orange juice toast (picture above) to the newest breed. Congratulations were passed around, and then we adjourned to a meeting of the American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Club. Discussion followed about some needed revisions in the constitution and by-laws, and a committee was appointed by the president to look into this. A handmade banner was presented by Judith Oldenberg-Graf, to be used at the booth next year in Texas. This was approved by the club, and further discussion occurred regarding plans for the booth. Several people volunteered to donate funds for the booth. I'm sure we will be hearing more about the plans later. It was a great presentation, and we all had a wonderful time. Now it's time to fill those nest boxes, get more breeders going, and start showing. Show as an exhibition breed till February, so people will see the beauty of this rabbit, then we can start competing for the big prizes. Thanks to Glen Carr and all who helped for a wonderful job well done.

A LETTER FROM THE THRIANTA CLUB IN HOLLAND

Dear Bob,

That is good news. So our Dutch Thrianta is now officially accepted in America. I hope you, American breeders, will do your best to keep the Thrianta as original as possible. This means, keep it a small, short rabbit (in the Dutch Standard 2.0 to 2.75 kg). Keep also the colour intensive orange-red. For sure not an easy job. Within our Dutch Thrianta Special Club a lot of discussion took place and will take place in future over what is the preferred Thrianta colour. Mr. Andreae, the creator of the breed Thrianta, wants to create an orange coloured rabbit. Orange, the colour of the Dutch Royal Family. Please make the colour not too red (like the Red New Zealand) or too pale. It is important that the top colour is well supported by the middle and base colour. The closer the orange colour goes to the skin the better. The orange colour should be all over the body. Also on the belly. A too light belly indicates presence of the "wild-factor". If the fur is in good condition, the colour will show more intensive. Be aware of "ticking" (black hairs) on the ear tops and rear side of the body. The colour of the nails should be dark horn coloured (as we call it in Dutch).

I will publish the good news on our website. I have set a link to the web site of the American Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association as soon as it was on the WWW.

The link to the web site of the Dutch Thrianta & Hulstlander Specialclub is www.thriantaclub.nl.

Kind regards,
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BREEDER PROFILE – CAITLIN CARPENTER



My name is Caitlin Carpenter. I'm 13 years old and I raise Mini Rex and Thrianta rabbits for 4-H projects. It's very fun, and I would suggest it to any person. I've been raising rabbits for 2 years now. Being in 4-H has really kept me busy, so that I would have something constructive to do. I am a member of ARBA, MSRBA, and the American Thrianta Breeders Association. I hope that if you don't already raise rabbits, you come to enjoy them as much as I have. If you do raise rabbits, you know exactly what I mean.

I first found the Thrianta at the ARBA website, when I was looking at new Mini Rex varieties. I saw the new breeds, and saw Thriantas down as a prospective breed, thinking, "What in the world is a Thrianta?" A few weeks later, at the Michigan State RBA Convention, I laid my eyes on my first ever Thrianta. I got 4 Thriantas from Mr. Carr himself at that convention. My 2 bucks are Carr's Mack and Carr's Joey, and my 2 does are Carr's Gallo and Carr's Ziggy. It took us quite a while, 5 litters in fact, before the mothers decided to take care of their little ones. We rescued some every once in a while, but they never survived no matter what we did. Then, in Mid-August, Gallo delivered 8 beautiful kits. Only 5 kits lived, but she didn't kill a single one, at least not purposely.

Besides my rabbits, I enjoy playing soccer, watching race cars, deer hunting and snowmobiling. I'm in the secretary of All-4-Aurelius 4-H Club, and got first place in rabbit showmanship my first year. I also have a Boer goat named Lizzie, a dog, 2 cats and lots of chickens. I hope to win a Best of Breed with my Mini Rex someday, and when Thriantas get more popular I'd like to win Best of Breed with them too. I already have won a Best of Breed with the Thriantas, but of course I was the only one who showed them so it wasn't as satisfying. Come on Michiganders, show those Thriantas! I know you're out there! I got one of my best friends

into 4-H, and she got her first rabbit from me. Yes, it's a Thrianta.

I'd also like to say thank you to Mr. Carr for my beautiful rabbits and for putting so much work into getting the Fire of the Fancy recognized. Congratulations on getting them accepted too! We wouldn't be here without you!

BREEDER PROFILE – LINDA NORRIS



My name is Linda Norris, and I live in the rolling foothills of central North Carolina. I have been raising rabbits about 6 years now. While living in Florida, I got interested in Mini Lops and Hollands. Together, Kelvin & I have raised a lot of different breeds: Mini Lops, Hollands, Dutch, Mini Rex, Californians, Red and White New Zealands, Dwarf Hotots, Netherland Dwarfs, Tans, and 1 Satin. And now the latest breed that I believe is going to take America by storm, the Thrianta. When we moved to North Carolina, I had sold all of my Hollands except one little blue buck I got from Gene Styles. He's such a sweetheart, I couldn't let him go. So I was basically down to Mini Lops and a few tri-color Mini Rex. Not many people around here raise Mini Lops, so it makes showing difficult. So with the help of people like Tracy Lukeman, Valerie Harrell, Mary Justice, and especially my friend, Laurie Stroupe, I purchased some stock and started showing Hollands again.

We took our first trip to ARBA convention in 2003 to Wichita. It was there that I fell in love with the Thrianta. I had been looking at Bob Whitman's site Rare Bits & Pieces, and really liked the Perffee. So I had made up my mind to go to convention and come home with a couple of Perffees. I liked the look of the Thrianta, but thought the Perffee was what I wanted. Well, I got to convention and one look at those Thriantas changed my mind. I knew I had to have some. I tried to win a pair in the raffle, but no luck, and there weren't any for sale when I went looking.

After coming home, I happened to be talking to Tim Branham at a show, and he told me he was raising Thriantas, and would bring me a pair to the next show he came to in North Carolina. He brought me a buck and doe, and although the buck fit right in, I think the doe never adjusted to the change in weather and environment. She would not eat well, and one day I went out to find her dead. So I had one lonely buck and no one to breed to him. Then at the next show I happened to go to, I was telling my predicament to Kitty Lynch. I didn't know she had been raising Thriantas for a long time. She promised to bring me some to the next show. In the meantime, I had gotten up with Leslie Ardison, and she hooked us up with someone she knew who raised Thriantas also. Kelvin was able to bring back a dozen when he went to Rhode Island for convention. Kitty brought a little buck to the next show that she thought I would like, and boy, was she right. He became my herd buck and has sired the most wonderful babies. Such a little love bug. I nicknamed him DQ in honor of his breeder. Ha Ha. This year at the Ohio State Mini Convention, I was able to pick up four rabbits out of Glen Carr's stock, so I am now breeding, breeding, breeding.

I have found these rabbits to be very curious and friendly. They love to greet you at the door. The does make great moms. My does have all had 4 and 5 per litter, raised them with no problems, and even became foster moms to a few other babies. I even had one doe who recently had 10, eight of which survived. Kitty and I did an exhibition show at the Sandhills Rabbit Fanciers show in Greensboro September 27. Kitty took BOB and I took BOS with a junior buck. We heard so many positive comments about them. We have several other breeders in this area that are getting started, and by the time February rolls around, we hope to be up there in numbers with the Hollands and Mini Rex. I know, Big Hopes, but you got to be positive.

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to Glen Carr, Bob Whitman, and all the others who helped bring us these wonderful rabbits, and promoted them. Great job. I look forward to meeting a lot of other Thrianta breeders at shows in the near future.

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Thrianta Show!



Have you ever thought how great it would be to have your rabbits judged by licensed judges and all you have to do is sit in the comfort of your own home, drinking a hot toddy or soda? Well, now is your chance to do just that!

Announcing our first ever Thrianta Online Rabbit Show! Of course, this is just for fun and will be held before the official "coming out" of our beloved Thriantas on February 1. You won't have to pay entry fees, won't have to put your rabbits in carriers, won't have to drive miles and miles in increment weather, won't have to fight for a place in the showroom to set up all your stuff. Ah...it's a fairytale Rabbit Show, and you can be part of it.

All you have to do is take pictures of the rabbits you want to enter and send them to me! That's right, it's as simple as clicking the camera and either downloading your pictures to me or mailing them to me (for those who don't have a computer, you can still participate!) You will have to identify them by ear number, junior or senior, buck or doe. Pretty easy, huh? I will be setting up a website and putting the pictures up on it for the judges to look at. The rabbits will not be identified by owner, but by a number and then whether it is a junior or senior, buck or doe. I have asked five judges to judge and have heard from 4 of them. As of the publishing of this newsletter, these will be the judges: Glen Carr, Bruce Ormsby from Indiana, Roger Hassenpflug from Oregon and Ray Stacy from California.

Here is what I will need from you:

- Decide which rabbits you want to enter.
- Take pictures using a contrasting backdrop. I like to use green, it makes a nice contrast. Take 6 pictures of each rabbit: both sides, front, back, top and underbelly. When taking the pictures, line up the camera directly with the bunny...in other words, don't take the pictures with the camera aiming down at the rabbit.
- Send the pictures to me via email to sonshinerabbitry@yahoo.com or you can mail them to me at Teri Reymann, 944 Santa Lucia Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
- For emailing pictures to me, you do not need to crop the pictures. I can do that here.
- You will have until January 20, 2006 to get the pictures to me. I will then post them and let the judges know that they are ready to look at. Because the judges have busy schedules, I am giving them one week to look at the bunnies and make their decisions. For those who have email, I will post the results on our group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Thriantarabbitfanciers> and/or email the results to you. All results will be posted in the next newsletter.
- Please note this on your calendar so you don't forget!
- Any questions email me at sonshinerabbitry@yahoo.com or phone me at 925-922-2015.
- Below you will see examples of what I want for pictures.

Please join us for this fun event!

For this example, I have chosen my senior buck, Picante, to model for you. Here is how I want the pictures identified:

Exhibitor: Teri Reymann, Showing Senior Buck – Ear #B1



Right Side View



Left Side View



Front View



Rear View



Top View



Underbelly View

FYI: You do not need to label the rabbit pictures as I did. I only did that to show you what we need for pictures. I will be able to determine if it's the top view, side view, etc.

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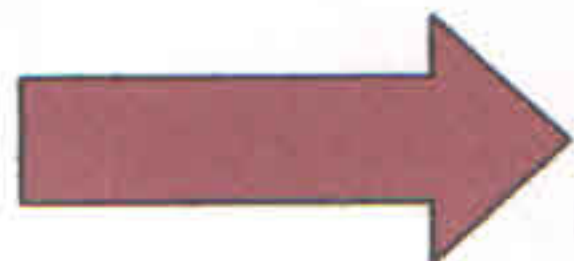
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~ HOW TO HAVE FUN AT A SHOW ~

By Pamela Alley, guest writer

Here's a short exhibitor's guide to fun shows. Yes, this somewhat resembles the 'twenty ways to display insanity', but hey--how different is it, really?

- ❖ Get and read a catalog for the show (preferably in advance). Do NOT enter the whole barn. Stick with the very best that you are willing to show. I try to stay under a dozen total rabbits.
 - ❖ Make sure your rabbits don't know about the show, or they will look like Tufted Hairy Billiard Balls the day of the show.
 - ❖ Don't dress down. Dress nice but sturdy - clean and neat but nothing that can't take urine, blood, or hair. If you value your jewelry, leave it home....shows are great places to see the Great Flying Necklace and Bracelet Set!
 - ❖ Get everything you need except rabbits ready and loaded the day before, carriers clean, labeled (don't forget anyone--very frustrating when that happens) and ready to go.
 - ❖ Get up in plenty of time to get to the show - yawn, stretch, eat breakfast even, toss the rabbits in carriers and load 'em up - then get going.
 - ❖ Do your major grooming ahead of time (like 3 days!). Trim nails, comb out mats, blow out the Angoras, do a last check on teeth, tattoo, and sex.
 - ❖ When you get to the show, pick a spot reasonably close to the tables your rabbits will be judged. Get established but if you have chairs or grooming stands, stack your carriers so that you don't take up half the floor. Keep your impact minimal and the aisles clear.
 - ❖ Carry each animal up - snag kids or other breeders if you need help with lots of them, or just tell the ramrod 'I'm coming, hang in there, six more trips to go' as you fly past.
 - ❖ Offer to help others carry their rabbits. NEVER EVER EVER EVER SCRUFF A RABBIT THAT IS NOT YOURS!! (Scruffing your own isn't the best of ideas either but what you do on your own rabbits is your problem.) Even breeds that you aren't familiar with can be fun to carry - but a hint - don't try that with Britannia Petites or Checkered Giants.
 - ❖ Take the time to relax, kick back, and people watch. If you see someone who looks bored or unhappy, go over and say, "Hi, I'm so-and-so; what do you raise?" People love to talk about their rabbits (in case you hadn't noticed!) and that is NEVER a bad question to ask. Never bash someone else's choice of breeds; listen and enjoy from their viewpoint. After all, they aren't trying to stuff them in your pockets to take home.
 - ❖ Help out with the show. Go talk to the show secretary and offer to help with paperwork or go to your breed table and offer to clerk, ramrod, or table secretary or be the apprentice of those who are doing those jobs.
 - ❖ If someone is a twit to you, SMILE and say that you're sorry they feel that way--it's a shame that they don't seem to be having fun, isn't it? Bash your rabbits? So what! It's an opinion, and if YOU like them, who cares what the world thinks? :) The only opinion you're paying for is the judge's, although listening to constructive criticism from other breeders can be really helpful too. Gratuitous or jealous bashing is out!
 - ❖ Never be afraid to ask the judge (at the end of a class, or of the breed) for details on why an animal (even if it's not yours) placed as it did, or if they used a term you aren't familiar with. Don't do it constantly, but once the judge knows that there is a curious person out there, they usually make their comments a little more in-depth for your benefit.
 - ❖ The MOST IMPORTANT POINT OF ALL!! Have FUN. Regardless of what anyone else does or says, enjoy the day. Kick back, relax, learn from the comments you get, and it's amazing how entertaining sticking around to help clean up after the show can be. :) Even if you use a scooter, you can still hold a push broom on the front and play 'snowplow'!
- The overall idea is low-stress, high-fun. So go have a good time!

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Photo by Linda Norris



Dreamcatcher's Junior
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Randy Schumaker, judge
Photos by Teri Reymann



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Stockton, CA Show B, 11-5-05
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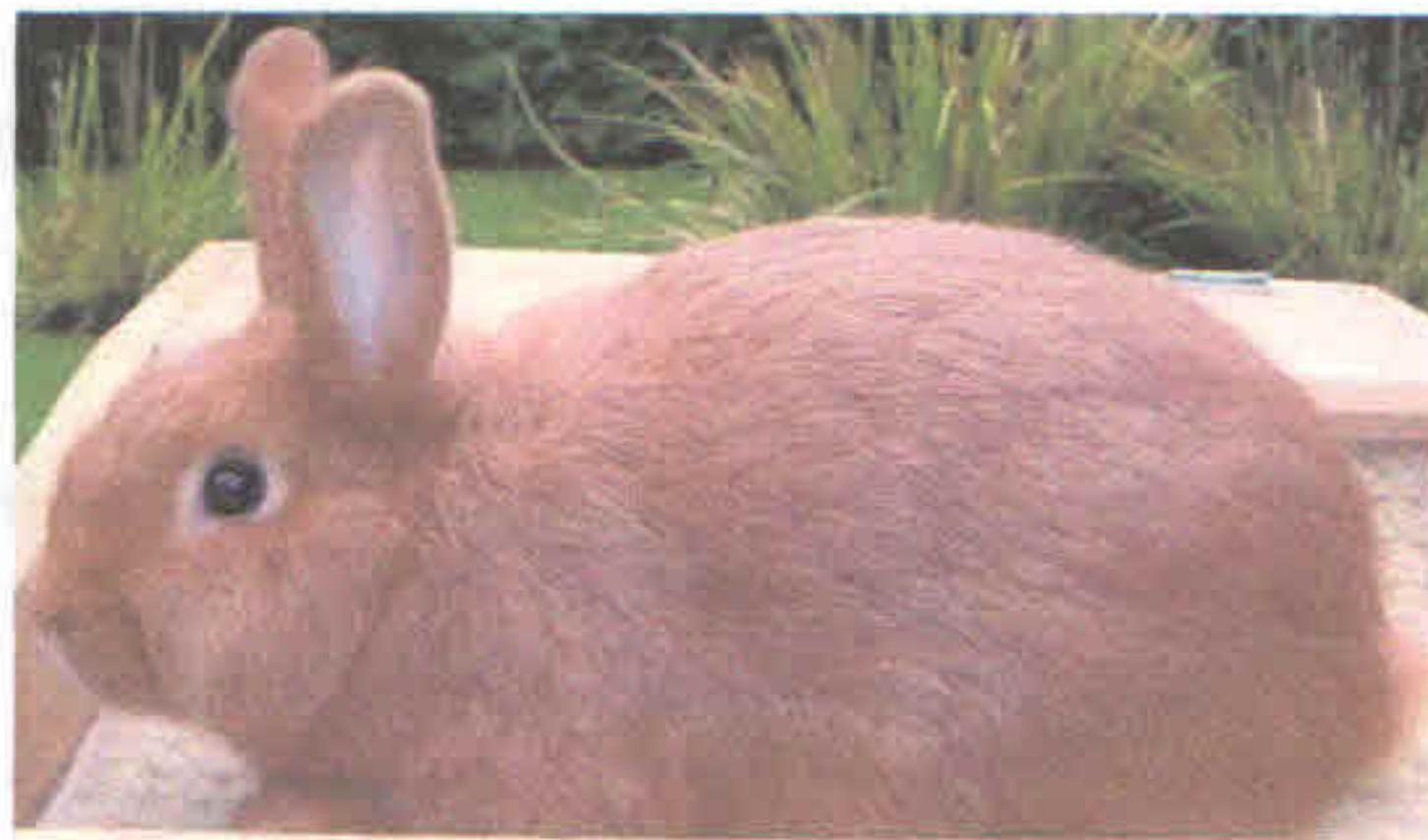
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Dreamcatcher's DC1
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3 Day Olds!
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3 Week Old Litter
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Dreamcatcher's DC1
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EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2006 – ARBA STANDARD**THRIANTA****SCHEDULE OF POINTS**

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

SHOWROOM CLASSES & WEIGHT

Senior Bucks & Does – 6 months of age and over, weight 4 to 6 pounds

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

Minimum weight 2-1/2 pounds.

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

GENERAL TYPE – Points 40

Body – Points 25: The body is to be compact, with enough length to carry the required weight, well rounded and balanced throughout. The body top line should rise in a gradual curve from the base of the ears 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. Neck to be short. 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 are to be dark.

Fur – Points 20: (Rollback) The fur is to have sufficient resistance to resume a smooth groomed appearance when stoked 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.)

Faults – Short or flyback coat.

COLOR – Points 30: The color is to be fiery, brilliant 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 to 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 undercolor. Slate ear lacing.

CONDITION – Point 10: Per ARBA definition.

