

# 2013 TOP LOP- Youth

## 1 ~ My Girl's Hellina Handbasket – HELL

2201 points SSD

Bred and owned by Abbey Johnston

My name is Abbey Johnston and I am honored that my special doe, My Girl's Hellina Handbasket, is this year's #1 Youth Top Lop. At the 2011 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, my mom purchased a trio of Hollands for me from Kylie Donovan. When we got home, I bred Xcaliber's Lila to Xcaliber's Easton, and soon I had a litter of two pretty little does. Even in the nestbox, you could tell "Hellin" knew she was special. I was looking forward to repeating that breeding, but unfortunately that was the only litter I was able to get out of Easton before I lost him. As nice as I thought Hellin was, she didn't show very well as a junior. She didn't win her first leg until she was almost a year old. In January of 2013, she won her first Best in Show, and she never quit winning after that. She won two more all-breed Best in Shows, 11 BOB and a total of 16 legs. When we went to Convention in PA, my goal that year was to place a rabbit in the Top 10. I never dreamed that I would win Best of Breed! I was so proud of my girl!

After Convention, I made the decision to let Hellin retire and be a mom. After a few failed tries, she finally gave me ONE live baby. And guess what? It's a FUZZY! I bred her again and this time only got one live baby, but at least it's not fuzzy!!!



It's a little doe and she looks just like her mom. I am expecting her next litter next week, and I really hope she gives me more than one. But even if she never gives me another baby, she will always be my special doe that made my dreams come true!

Congratulations to all the Open and Youth Top Lop winners!

## 2 ~ Jessie's Hoppy Lops Ruby Runt – RR

973 points BSD

Bred and owned by Jessica Souza

Jessie's Hoppy Lops Ruby Runt is a really cute and adorable rabbit that begs for a head pet every time I walk into the barn. I love her with all my heart! She was the runt of the litter and always appeared a bit awkward. This is one of the reasons I never showed her as a junior. I thought she was perfect, but my Mom just didn't think she would stack up to her brother and sister and tried to sell her twice. Both times I begged and argued to keep her. Luckily, I won the battle.

Ruby pulled it all together in a nice, neat, compact package as she entered her senior age. She posies naturally and appears to show herself off for the judges.

Ruby made her show debut in Reno, NV, at the WCC in 2013, receiving 2 BOBs and many wonderful comments. She did far better than I ever imagined. Ruby has been rocking the show table ever since winning numerous BOB's, and several Best in Show and Best Reserve in Show wins. I am proud of Ruby and it is an honor to have her recognized as #2 Youth Top Lop.

I want to send out a huge thank you to all the wonderful judges I have encountered; the dedicated Open Holland Lop breeders that have given me advice and help; and all the other youth Holland Lop breeders that I have met on this amazing



journey. I have learned so much from all of you!

### 3 ~ Lund Lops' Problem Child – TC1

918 points SSB

Bred and owned by Rheana Lund

Lund Lops' Problem Child is quite possibly my favorite rabbit, in my herd. I remember the night I returned from the 2012 ARBA Convention, and saw his face peeking out the window of the barn. It was the first time I had seen he and his littermates out of the nestbox, and I had an instant feeling he would be special. He was competitive from an early age, winning his first BOB at PaSRBA at just 15 weeks old. Now, P.C., as I call him, is on the open tables, and holding his own. But P.C. is more than just a great show buck in my barn; he's captured my heart, and has quickly become a companion. He's always bouncing around the front of his cage looking for his nightly head scratch and attention.



### 4 ~ Quietcreek's Jourdanton – H371

874 points SSD

Bred by Brian and Cindi Hinton

Owned by Cody Zachary

Hello world! This is Cody Zachary, and 2013 was my final year showing, and what an honor to end my show career with TWO Top Lops. When I first saw this awesome bunny, I knew she was special, and I knew she had to be mine; and she turned out to be just that.

Jourdanton came from Brian & Cindi Hinton of Quietcreek Farm. She is the niece of the 8th place Top Lop, Quietcreek's Camp. I was so excited about getting her on the show table just to see if everyone would love her as much as I did. My suspicions were right on when she won the junior class at her first show. She continued to win again and again.

After a fairly short show career, I decided that I needed to focus on the next chapter in my life, after high school. I talked to the Hintons and decided the best thing for Jourdanton was for her to go back to them, be placed with a buck that would compliment her, and give her the best chance of producing something great. Though it is possible she may never see the show table able again, she is now happy just being a mama and is making beautiful babies.





5 ~ Kristin's Kritters Lexus – LEXUS

871 points BSD

Bred and owned by Kristin Peterson, IA

Our KK's Lexus has been the Queen of my barn since she came out of the nest box. I knew she was going to have a successful show career, I just loved her look at me attitude. She has proven me right and now has 33 GC legs with many being specialty Best in Shows. Lexus and I have now graduated to open and she is even rocking the show tables in open. I want to thank Denise Crafton for selling me Chase's Hummer he is such an amazing buck and Lexus is proof of what he can produce. KK's Lexus will always have her throne in my barn and I feel honored to have raised such a Queen.

6 ~ Krolow's Grizz – OKD4 836 points SSB

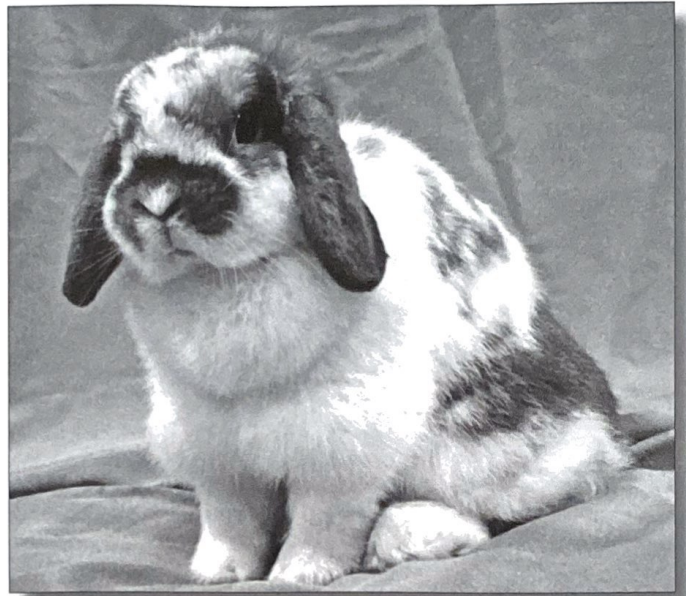
Bred and owned by Kolton and Kiara Krolow

In November of 2010, Krolow's Grizz was born in our rabbitry. A litter of three bucks, this litter was one of the first litters born into this new hobby of ours and from the start his personality just melted our hearts. As he grew we knew Grizz was special. By the time Grizz was 6 ½ months old he had earned enough legs to become a Grand Champion. Grizz now has over thirty legs, but the most exciting leg came when he was three years old and won the 2013 Youth Holland Lop Nationals in Hutchinson, Kansas. We are sure Grizz could have placed higher in the top lop race but has had some stiff competition from his son Krolow's Barry who ended up in 19th place in the top lop run. Grizz will always be a part of our Riverview Ridge Rabbitry herd.



7 ~ Pelham's Darlin – DL6 796 points BSD  
Bred by Sharon Pehlam  
Owned by Courtney Hall

I bought Darlin when she was six weeks old for fifty dollars. She was off feed and scrawny. Her future didn't look bright. Some how I got her eating again, after I got her up to two pounds I started showing her and the rest is history. I couldn't have imagined that the skinny little bunny I bought would be that successful.



8 ~ Quietcreek's Camp – H172  
714 points SSB  
Bred by Brian and Cindi Hinton  
Owned by Cody Zachary

I am ending my show career with Camp hitting his prime and making 8th place Top Lop, which was an unbelievable surprise and honor. It was early 2012 when I first saw Camp and I knew I had to have him, so I bought him from Brian and Cindy Hinton, my adopted parents. He ended up staying at the Hinton's, with most of my other rabbits, because my barn was destroyed by a tornado.

The first show I took him to he won his junior class and got Best Opposite Breed. I knew I had something special. Again and again, he would win his classes, but he also started wining Best of Breed, most of the time. He even won Best in Show, which was awesome. As I focus on the next chapter in my life, I know how Camp loves to travel and show, so I have passed him along to a close show friend to help her.



9 ~ L&R Shylo – SY 639 points BSB  
Bred by Linda and Ron Jinings  
Owned by Kiara and Kolton Krolow

Thanks to the generosity of Linda & Ron Jinings, in the mid-summer of 2012 we welcomed a new member into our rabbitry. It was then that we purchased L & R Shylo as an older junior, but didn't get to show him until he was a young senior. At his very first show he earned his first leg, and 36 legs later he still is going strong. Some exciting moments for us with Shylo, are when he won our first BIS win in Owatonna, MN, in the spring of 2013, and later that fall placed third broken senior buck at the 2013 ARBA convention, held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Shylo is a beautiful Broken Blue Tortoise buck with a wonderful personality and continues to make us smile every day. We are so thankful that Shylo is part of our Riverview Ridge Rabbitry herd. Thanks Linda and Ron!

10 ~ DuBois Farm's Moe – DF168  
558 points SSB  
Bred and owned by Bryce DuBois

DuBois Farm's Moe has had a great year and I'm really glad he made it into the top ten youth Holland Lops in the country. Moe was ranked number ten for the 2013 show season. Moe has won six Best in Shows, 1 Best Reserve in Show, and 10 Best of Breeds. He placed second in the solid senior buck class at the 2013 convention in Harrisburg, PA, and this year Moe won Best of Breed at the 2014 Holland Lop Nationals in Wisconsin. Unfortunately I was not able to be at nationals, but my parents took my rabbits. I couldn't believe it when I got the phone call saying that Moe won. Moe is my main herd buck and the sire of my two other herd bucks. Moe has a great personality on and off of the show table and will always be part of DuBois Farms Rabbitry.

