

2012 TOP LOP- Youth

1 ~ Pehlam's Nero - BS4 - 2274 pts

Bred by Sharon Pelham, OK
Owned by Farrah Chalue, TX

First of all, I want to give credit to Sharon Pelham for the breeding of such an outstanding buck. I can remember the day I chose him. It was at a show when he had just turned six months old. Sharon had two bucks to choose from, and although each was very nice, there was just something about Nero that caught my eye. He went on to grace the show tables, standing very proudly as he likes to do, to win multiple grand champion legs, several Best in Shows, Best Reserve in Shows, and many Best of Breeds. After 47 legs, and at four years old, I decided to retire him. After sitting at home for several months, my mom talked me into letting him go to help produce more winning babies for someone else. He is a sire of two beautiful proven show bucks; already earning multiple GC legs, to continue his legacy in my herd. He has also produced several does to help keep that line going strong. I now have great great-grandkids from Nero who, I hope, will be coming to the show tables later this fall.

As I write this article, I am spending my last few days with Nero, before he leaves for his new home in Oregon. This will definitely be a sad moment, but also a happy moment that he will carry on his lines with another breeder. He has been an awesome buck, a great producer, and I am sure the new owners will love him as much as I have for last three and a half years.

Good Luck to all of my fellow breeder friends, Youth and Open in the upcoming show season.



2 ~ BBC's Miyoshi - MI - 2065 pts

Bred and owned by Harley Butler, MI

Miyoshi was ten months old and first place broken senior doe at the 2010 ARBA convention. Miyoshi is that girl you hated in high school, she may not be perfect but her flash, sass, and utter belief that she is better than everyone, are what shadow her imperfections. I knew I wasn't barn blind when judge, Scott Rodriguez, stamped her comment card with a red "GORG".

After having six litters at two and a half years of age, I pulled Miyoshi out in the spring of 2012 and palpated her. She was open, so I put her on my grooming table, she posed like a diva and looked like a million bucks so I took her out of retirement, and that was the beginning of an incredible year for my old brood doe.

Miyoshi is sired by Dietrich's Babu. Michael lent me Babu at the 2008 ARBA convention, and let me show Babu as he'd been in my care all winter. Babu received his senior leg and granded, so Michael allowed me to give Babu a "forever" home at my house.

Miyoshi is also out of a doe that was given to me by Lea Kloster, as she went back to one my bucks. My point here is, Miyoshi is a product of friendship and sharing, which are what this hobby has taught me is most important. In addition to the numerous Best in Show wins that Miyoshi received in 2010, she earned many more in 2012 and was the second place broken senior doe at convention that fall.

But what makes Miyoshi so special to me is where she comes from and the friends who made her possible.





3 ~ DTL Creature ~ LD1 - 1258 pts

Bred and owned by Elijah, Riley, & Zander Maki, CA

We were very surprised to see DTL's Creature place as third top lop. This is an honor and a huge accomplishment for him to place so high considering our very limited showing this past year. Creature has numerous Best of Breed, Best in Show and Best Reserve in Show wins. He is the half brother to DTL's Hulk, who won BOB Open at the ARBA convention this past year. Creature has passed this winning streak onto his kids, with many of them winning the same awards as Creature for their new owners.

He is a very special buck, not only for his wins or his ability to produce winning offspring, but also for his personality. He is always at the door waiting for attention, and you have to move him out of the way to feed or water him. He seems to really enjoy coming in the house and running around exploring.

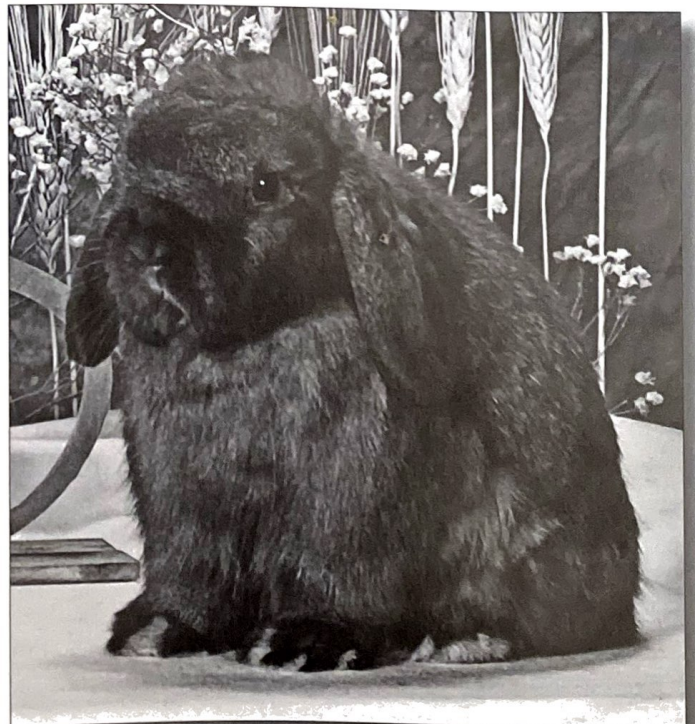
We are very thankful for the judges who have recognized him and our breeding program and awarded Creature with so many honorable wins. We would also like to thank our many friends and supporters over the years.

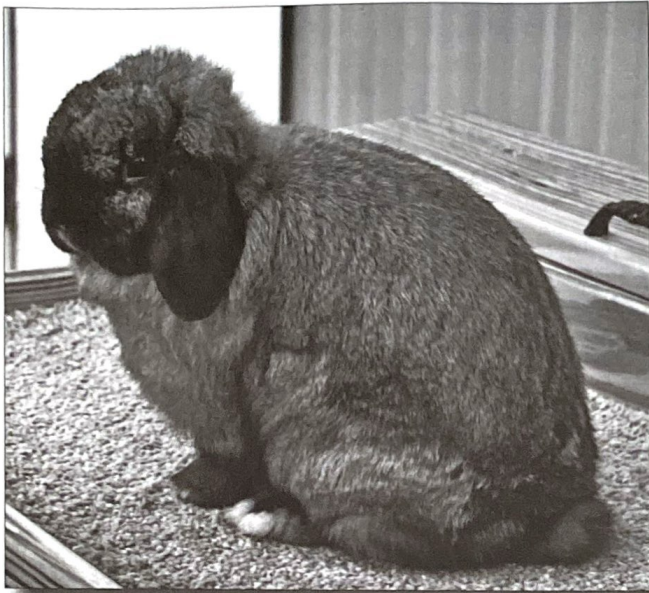
4 ~ Lund Lop's Kermit ~ AL3 - 972 pts

Bred and owned by Rheana Lund, NY

Lund Lops' Kermit is one of my favorite bucks in the barn. When he was about six weeks old, he began molting out the fur on his face. My mom took one look at him and told me he looked like a little frog. It was at that moment I knew his name should be Kermit. I took him out on the tables at just nine weeks old, and I never expected how well he would do against the older bucks. He won his first Best Opposite Breed at twelve weeks of age.

His first Best of Breed didn't come until Convention. I was in complete shock when he won his class, then when Pam and Rusty announced him as Best Solid, then BOB, the tears came. This was a win that I had never fathomed becoming a reality for me. Now Kermit has sired many new hopefuls for my future shows.





5 ~ Lil' Bit Farms Hope ~ L437M - 932 pts
Bred by Leann Caraway and Melanie Price, OK
Owned by Chase Herman, AL

MagnoliaPlace farms is a very small youth rabbitry in south Alabama. Hope came to us from Melanie Price & LeAnne Caraway of Lil' Bit farms to help in getting our herd started. A huge thanks goes to them both. I don't think anyone would have ever dreamed Hope would have done as well as she has. Not only has she shown well, she has produced several grand champions herself.

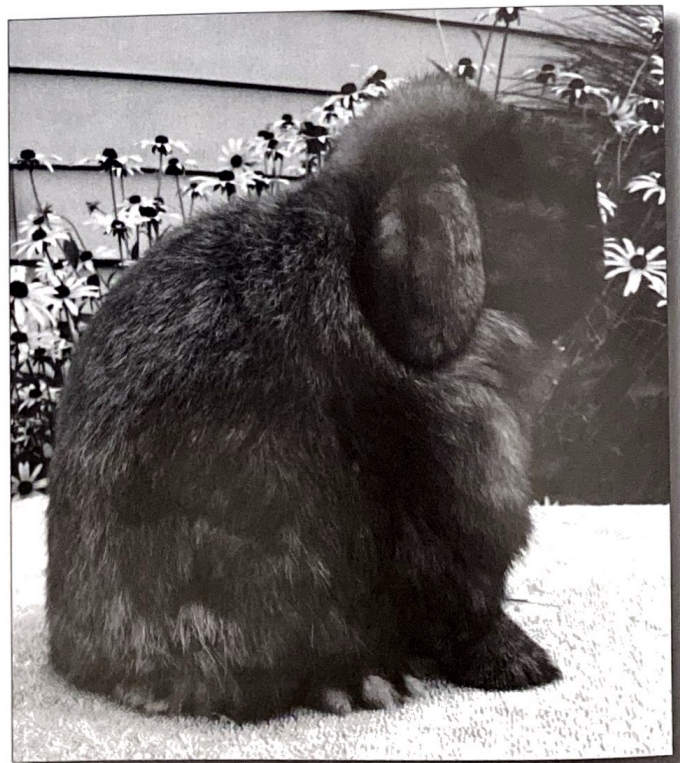
Hope, just a day after turning senior, won three Best of Breeds and a Best in Show. We knew we had a special rabbit then.

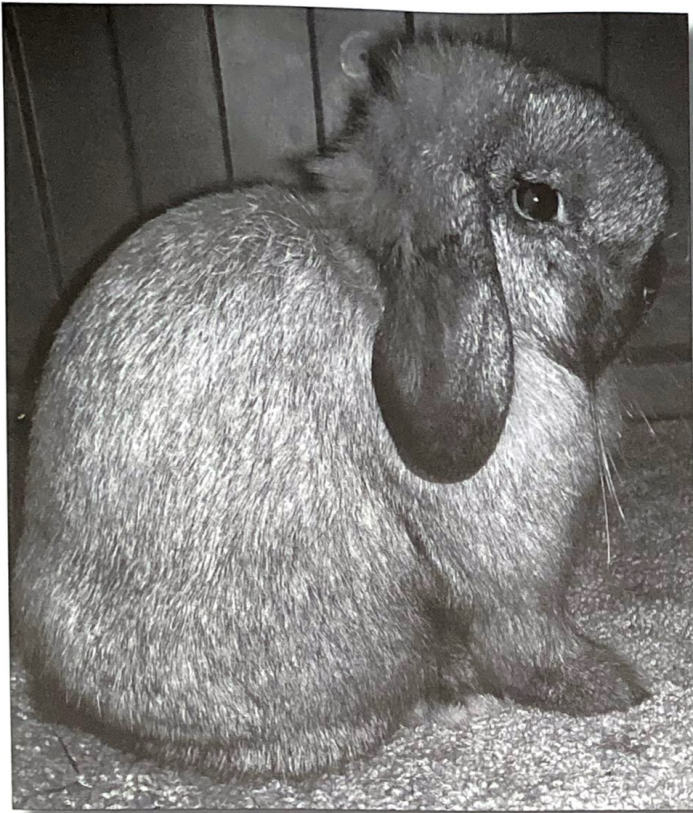
Since she arrived, Hope has had quite a career with limited showing. She has won two Best in Shows, three Best in Specialty Shows, seven Best Reserve in Shows, nineteen Best of Breeds, eleven Best Opposites and thirty-two GC legs. Because of Hope we have met some really great people along the way and learned a lot of valuable lessons.

6 ~ DuBois Farm's Zest ~ DF50 - 873 pts
Bred and owned by Bryce Dubois, DuBois Farm's
Rabbitry, NJ

Zest is the first rabbit born in our barn to become a grand champion. Even though he is usually one of the smallest seniors on the table, he has type to back it up. I would like to give a special thanks to Becky Brim for selling us Stone Hill's Kracker, Zest's sire, the buck that started it all for us. Kracker was out of a buck named Keebler and we ran with the name theme. We had Krums, Ritz, Townhouse, and Zest.

Zest has been a top producer for us with many grand champion offspring, which are now showing and breeding for us. Zest has two Best in Show legs and eleven Best of Breed legs and all while he is just two years old. We hope the best is still to come. We are very proud of Zest. Congrats to all the other Top Lop finishers.





7 ~ Santana's Nancy Drew - ADM - 837 pts
Bred and owned by Cruz & Sky Santana, CA

Santana's Nancy Drew won five Best in Shows and two Best Reserve in Shows. She was also fourth place solid junior doe at the 2012 ARBA Convention. This was all before the age of six months! She raised a beautiful litter at six months, and went to live with Ariel Spotswood, CA, when we sold out of rabbits. She is currently raising a litter of five.

8 ~ Frog Hollow's Cookie Dough - CD - 730 pts
Bred by Allison and Amanda Williams, WI
Owned by Kristin Peterson, IA

I am so honored to have the eighth place top lop, GC Frog Hollow's Cookie Dough. I was fortunate to find him at the Indianapolis Convention. While doing my chores I looked over and saw his cute face with his feet up on the wire and I could just hear him saying, "Pick me! Pick me!" I was so excited when I saw the for sale sign on his cage! I want to thank Allison and Amanda Williams for allowing me to purchase such a wonderful bunny!

Cookie Dough has been a great addition to my herd. He has won many Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex Breed awards, and even a couple Best in Show Specialty awards. He is now a cornerstone of my breeding program, producing many quality offspring that are now very competitive on the show table! Cookie dough will always have a special place in my rabbitry and my heart.





9 ~ Wolff's Elle - ELL - 722 pts

Bred and owned by Jordan Wolff, Wolff's Rabbitry, WI

I am beyond honored to have bred one of the 2012 Youth Top Lops. With her fat face and open ear, G.C. "Wolff's Elle" was a baby that I had my eye on as soon as she started to hop out of the nest box.

Elle has had a tremendous show career for me, receiving numerous Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex awards, winning my first ever Best in Show with a Holland Lop, and placing tenth place BSD at the 2012 ARBA Convention after just coming off a litter.

I have just recently graduated to the ranks of Open and now show with my mother. With animals like Elle, this transition has been smooth. She is the first Holland to win a Best of Breed in Open for us and out of sixteen times hitting the Open show tables this spring, she has won the broken senior doe class fifteen times. Elle currently has accumulated thirty-one legs.

There are two amazing and helpful women that I have to thank for the animals and genetics that have allowed me to breed such a beautiful Holland. Elle's dam is "Laini's Elise", is a doe that I was fortunate to buy from Elaine (Bracher) Robertson when she sold her herd. Elise has given me gorgeous offspring and is the granddaughter of the 2009 #10 Open Top Lop, "Canterbury's O'Henry".

Elle's sire is G.C. "Swade's Brent", a buck from Charlotte Swade that has had a tremendous impact on my herd. He is the son of one of my all-time favorite Hollands, G.C. "Swade's Kolby", a buck that came to live with me in his later years and an animal that my mother and I will never forget. Brent is also the grandson of G.C. "Swade's Alan", the 2006 #8 Open Top Lop.

I am so happy to see Elle carrying on the legacy of these amazing animals and to be able to call Elaine and Char my friends. As I write this, Elle is bred with another healthy litter hopefully on the way.

10 ~ Ormond/Odabashian's Cowboy ~

O53 - 676 pts

Bred by Allan & Becky Ormond and Loretta Odabashian

Owned by Reagan & Riley Crews, FL

Our Mom purchased Ormond/Obadashian's Cowboy for Reagan, as a birthday present, from Loretta Odabashian at the 2011 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, the same year we won BIS with NGF Odie! We weren't able to show him for the few months after we brought him home because he was so stressed from convention, traveling, & a new home. He wouldn't eat for almost a week & lost a lot of flesh condition. Who wouldn't eat for almost a week & lost a lot of flesh condition. Who would've known that this buck was going to turn out to be another huge piece of the puzzle with our Hollands. Thanks again to all the amazing breeders out there who have help us out along the way!

Much love and gratitude to you!

