

2013 TOP LOP- Open

1 ~ Blue Storm's Alfani – ALF 2481 points SSB
Bred and owned by Matt Helfrich and Matt Valgenti

Three years ago I sat at my computer, staring blankly at the screen as I tried to figure out a name for the cute little solid junior buck I wanted to tattoo for an upcoming show. Creativity had completely escaped me. I had already looked up names of waterfalls, mountain ranges, national parks, shrubs, exotic foods, all without success. Nothing seemed to fit. Then as my eyes slowly scanned the room, I came across a shoebox with the word "Alfani" written across it. Ah ha! That was it! And he became Blue Storm's Alfani.

Alfani has always been a very special rabbit. Even as a little guy he just seemed to stand out. He was upright and massive with nice full hindquarters and just the right amount of attitude. He did very well on the show tables as a junior and ended up earning four legs.

At just over a year old, Alfani's head started to develop into something quite beautiful. By the age of two, he had the nicest head of any buck in our herd. That head has been a big part of Alfani's success on the show table.

Today, Alfani is three years old and has earned a total of 52 grand champion legs. Included in that total are 16 wins for Best Opposite of Breed, 15 for Best of Breed and 1 for Best Reserve in Show.

Beyond the show tables, Alfani has sired many beautiful Hollands for us. Several of his sons and daughters occupy important positions within our breeding herd.



We are incredibly proud of all that Alfani has accomplished. He's an amazing rabbit with an absolutely wonderful personality. We'll be retiring him from the show tables soon so that he can live out the remaining years of his life enjoying relaxation (and ladies) on our farm.



2 ~ Dubois Gunner – DF187 1925 points SSB
Bred and owned by Bruce, Lori and Bryce Dubois

DuBois Farm's Gunner is a rabbit that is just full of personality and charm. Being a slow bloomer, we didn't see Gunner's full potential. It wasn't until after we put him in a bottom hole and waited, like many of us have to do sometimes. When getting our convention list ready we were so excited to see what this junior buck could do, just hoping that he could place in the top ten. It was beyond our wildest dreams to hear the judges announce our Gunner as Best of Breed Holland Lop, for the 2013 ARBA convention. Gunner has quickly become one of our main herd bucks; his offspring are as nice as him if not better. One of his offspring, Dubois Farm's Tuah, recently won a double Best in Show in Malaysia this spring. We look forward to what Gunner and his offspring can achieve in the future.

3 ~ Critter Co*Op Hukilau – C343

1433 points SSD

Bred and owned by Chris and Matt Zemny

Our C.C. Hukilau's claim to fame was winning Best Opposite Breed at the 2013 ARBA Convention. She is out of C.C. Dawson and GC C.C. Hanalei, and has C.C. Douglas Wayne on both sides of her pedigree. DW (as we call him) won BOB at the 2010 ARBA Convention.

Hukilau has three Best Reserve in Show wins, six Best of Breed wins, two Best Opposite wins and 14 legs to her name.

She is a nice blending of our lines (75%) and DTL lines (25%), which almost always produces amazing Hollands when crossed.

Hukilau retired from showing at six months of age, is in our breeding program, and is a great mom.



4 ~ Hope's Uncle Si – JEB 1414 points BSB

Bred and owned by Hope and Randy Blackburn

~ No story submitted ~



5 ~ Camelot's Jumping Jack "Flash" – 474C

1225 points BSB

Bred and owned by Jenny Poprawski

Paul, the 'Bunny Whisperer', told me to keep Jumpin' Jack Flash as a baby, even though he stuck his ears up when excited! He actually matured out of sticking them up in the cage at home. At home they are down and placed perfectly, but once he is out at shows, his personality kicks in and he raises one ear as if saying, "What's up? I am Jumping Jack Flash," on stage just like Mick Jagger!

He is always begging for attention, and reminds of an animated stuffed animal with his cuteness and personality. His son's all inherit this wonderful personality trait. He won BOV at the ARBA Convention and Holland Lop Nationals. And he has produced some very nice offspring that will be showing soon that I am very excited about. Future generations are always key from your show animals.

Keep breeding and keep evaluating. Holland's rule!

(There is a poem that Paul wrote for Jumping Jack Flash in the Hollander on Page 69. It reads best if you listen to Mick Jagger singing along.)

6 ~ Kandyland Heat – HEAT

1063 points BSD

Bred and owned by Kandy Reif

I am so proud to have bred and raised such a gorgeous doe, "Kandyland Heat" #6 Top Lop 2013.

Heat caught my eye when she first peeked up over the nest box. I knew she was a show doe when I watched this gal pose. She loves to pose. Heat is a second generation homebred out of "Kandyland Hot" & "Kandyland He Man".

I give a lot of credit to Kylie Donavon for allowing me to purchase her grandsire, "Xcalibers Xander". He has been a stepping stone to a lot of quality show rabbits in my barn. Kandyland Heat has four Best in Show wins, one Best 4-class win, and 32 grand champion legs to date at the age of 1 1/2 yrs.



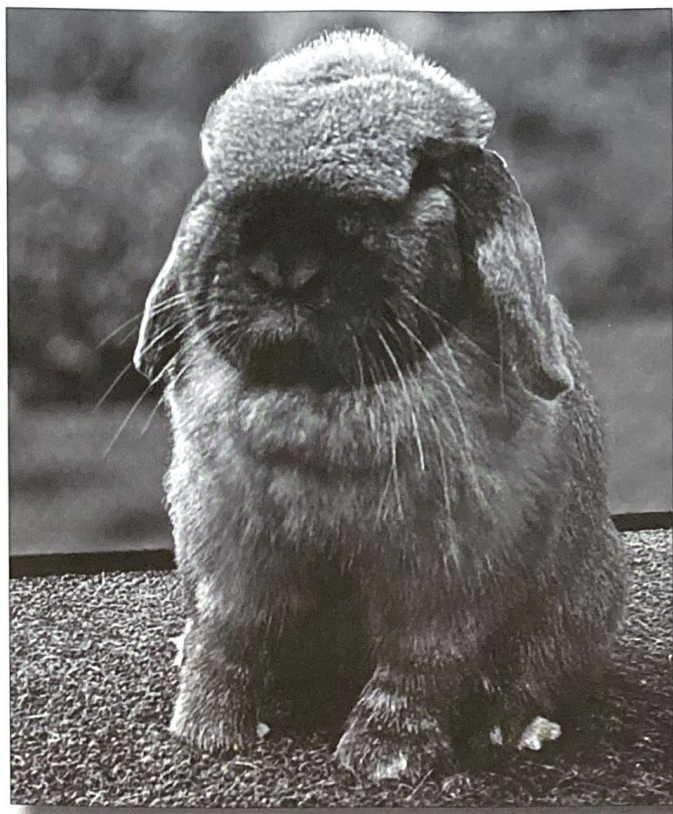
7 ~ Chase'n A Dream Lottie Moon – CD639

960 points SSD

Bred and owned by Chase and Denise Crafton

Chase'n A Dream Rabbitry is extremely excited and honored to have placed a doe in the Top Lop contest for 2013! Chase's Lottie Moon, CD639, was a very beautiful doe that sadly passed away, but has left us with daughters and sons to take her place.

Lottie was an even-tempered doe, that loved to pose and made a judge's job go a lot easier. She will not be forgotten and we hope to produce many more special showgirls in her memory.



8 ~ Blue Storm Dawn – DAW

935 points SSD

Bred by Matt Helfrich and Matt Valgenti

Owned by Jeremy Haines

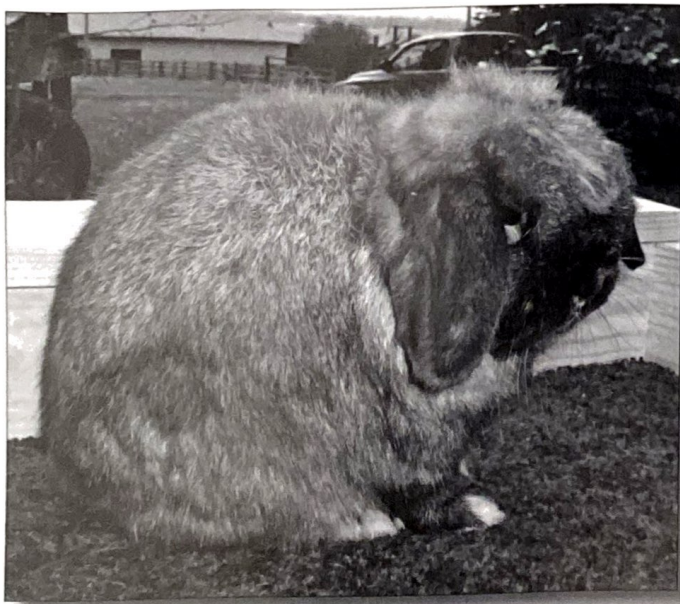
I can't thank Blue Storm Rabbitry enough for this beautiful doe! Blue Storm Dawn really had a good year last year winning various BOB and BOS across both Oregon and Washington. The thing that judges love so much about her is that she knows how to show herself off. She is definitely the 'Diva' in my rabbitry and I couldn't be more proud of her!

Her dad was G.C. L&R Danson, who was our main herd and show buck six years ago, when my brother was showing Hollands. When we stopped breeding Hollands five years back, I was very thankful that Matt gave Danson a new home.

Danson produced so many nice Hollands for me and for Matt. Here's a fun fact for you, G.C. Blue storm's Alfani (#1 top lop 2013) is a Danson grandson!

9 ~ Zenk's Josh – Z247 929 points BSB
Bred and owned by Andrea and Dale Zenk

This was Josh's third time being a Top Lop out of the last four years. He ended his career with eighty legs and numerous Best of Breeds, Best Reserve in Shows and Best in Show wins to his name. Most of the rabbits in my barn have his name on their pedigree at least once. Josh was not only a champion show rabbit, he was also a barn favorite with his half butterfly usually sticking out between the wires of his cage, demanding extra attention. I can only hope to have another with his quality and temperament.



10 ~ Kp's Deacon – DE 834 points SSB
Bred and owned by Kathy Pelton

Kp's Deacon is out of L&R Hadden x L&R Rosie, which were my original breeding pair purchased from Linda and Ron Jinings. Deacon is my main man, and always makes showing a real treat with his fun personality. He is now handing down his winning traits to his sons and daughters. I hope to have his influence in my herd for a very long time to come.