

Benefits of a Sound Youth Program

Without a good youth division properly placed, whom do we look towards as the next promoters and officials in the American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club? Youth programs where the youth are taught that raising and showing rabbits, can be a vital step in establishing character in our youth. Encouragement through a good Dwarf Hotot youth program induces the youth to become active in the club and help formulate larger and more progressive programs for the future, and hopefully it will carry over into their adult life as well.

The youth need to be kept occupied and be listened to. Any challenge, encouragement and appreciation of their accomplishments are very important. Most problem areas in the lives of our young seems to occur because they are not given challenges or anything that might motivate them, and leaves them with the feeling that they are not appreciated.

With a quality rabbit such as the Dwarf Hotot, a good program in place, many new experiences are brought to the youth. The benefits from such a program may not be recognized at the time; however, the underlying benefits will become apparent as time goes by.

With the opportunity to meet and make new friends and win at the shows, there are many other things to be gained from raising rabbits. One learns how to deal with disappointment as well as success, solving problems, responsibility, genetics, livestock evaluation, sex, death, decision making, as well as many other things including self esteem.

Raising and showing rabbits includes all of these things and hastens and enhances the growing process of our youngsters. However, it is very important that during this growing-up period all youngsters have the interest of their parents behind all aspects of their projects, and receive their encouragement along the way.

A good youth program including raising Dwarf Hotot rabbits can and has done wonders for youth as well as the adults. Let's make it even better by trying to expand and improve on the program at all times. Just the fact that youngsters like our Dwarf Hotot rabbits is reason enough for a sound youth program and we should all be behind it and support it to the fullest of our abilities. Just remember, the youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow.