

*American Dwarf Hotot
Rabbit Club
Membership Application*

Membership Dues:

- () Single \$10.00 () Husband/Wife \$15.00
() Youth (8-18) \$7.00
() Family \$15.00 + 2 ea child

I/We enclose \$_____, and make application for membership in the American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club. I (We) agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club if accepted. I (We) will also work to further the Dwarf Hotot breed.

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Please add \$7.00 for bank charges.

*The American Dwarf
Hotot Rabbit Club*

The American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club is chartered by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. The Club was organized in 1982 to unite all breeders of the Dwarf Hotot in a closer bond of cooperation, to provide means of communication among members and to assist breeders in the development, raising and advancing interest of the breed. These activities include the following:

* A Guide Book sent to each member. It contains information and articles by many of the countries leading breeders.

* A club bulletin is sent out four times a year to keep advised as to the latest news and development among Dwarf Hotot owners.

* The club sponsors national sweepstakes contest which makes it possible for breeders to compete with one another on a national and local level. Points are credited to each exhibitor at sanctioned shows and at the end of each fiscal year trophies are awarded to those attaining a top level nationally or regionally. A special contest is held for the youth.



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"The Eyes of the Fancy"

A Brief History of the Dwarf Hotot

The Dwarf Hotot's original home is Germany. It was developed independently in both East and West Germany in the late seventies and later crossed.

The breeders in these two parts of Germany took different approaches in their development of the Dwarf Hotot rabbit. The West German breeders tried to develop a Hotot marked Netherland Dwarf by crossing a REW and Black Netherland Dwarf. One of these crossings produced a Dutch marked rabbit that when bred back to the black Netherland Dwarf produced Dwarf Hotots with black ears and spots on the back. Further breeding among the offspring of this mating resulted in a true Dwarf Hotot of very small size.

About the same time an East German breeder crossed a REW Netherland Dwarf doe with a Blanc de Hotot buck and produced a Hotot marked baby, two Dutch and three REW's in the first mating. The Hotot marked rabbit was a buck of 1.6 kg. (3.55pounds) weight and ears of 7 cm. (2 3/4 inches) at five months.

The breeder continued with this buck and the original doe and introduced other dwarfs and eventually developed a vigorous, prolific Dwarf Hotot of larger size than the West German one.

Soon the two approaches merged as breeders exchanged stock across the border, giving better size and more vigor to both.

Their first showing was at the ARBA Convention in Syracuse, New York in 1981. The Standards Committee accepted this as their "first showing" in the process of becoming a new standard breed.

The second showing at the Seattle Convention in 1982 and the third

in Colorado Springs in 1983 were also accepted and by 1984 the "Eyes of the Fancy" became an accepted breed in the ARBA Book of Standards.

Major problems that all breeders experience are with color and composition of the eye and black spots on the body. Breeders both in Germany, as well as the United States, are still working with this problem and are also working to improve the size and length of ear and overall body type.

Whatever the problems, the beauty and uniqueness of this little rabbit is reward enough. Any effort breeders make in the future of our "Eye of the Fancy" will help insure its continuous development and improvement.

Standard of Perfection

As the name implies, the Dwarf Hotot should be small and compact, a stocky, docile little rabbit much like the Netherland Dwarf. The head itself is round, with a broad skull. There should be no visible neck. Eyes are round, bold and bright. Ears should be short, well furred, and of good substance. Ears should balance with the head and body. The body should be uniformly wide from shoulders to hips, with well rounded hindquarters. The topline should have very slight gradual curve from the ear base to the highest point over the hips, and fall in a smooth curve to the base of the tail. The maximum weight is 3 lbs., ideal weight 2 1/2. The fur should be soft, dense, fine with good luster. Fur is to roll back gently back into position when stroked. Color is to be uniform and of pure white over the entire body, except for eye bands. Eyes to be dark brown. Eyebands are to be narrow, well defined bands of black colored fur forming a complete outline of the eye. Color to be as intense and dark as possible.

Ideal eyeband width is to be equal to the thickness of two pennies.

Caring for your Dwarf Hotot

The first problem of the new breeder is that of stocking the rabbitry. Breeding stock should be obtained from an established breeder: breeders who are consistent winners at the shows do offer creditable qualifications. Buy the best Dwarf Hotot that you can afford but don't expect them all to be winners. With good blood lines you should be able to breed your own winners.

Dwarf Hotots only require 2 to 3 ounces (1/4 to 1/3 cup) of food a day plus plenty of fresh water. Additionally, this breed tends to need more fiber than other breeds. Give them plenty of oat or grass hay (not alfalfa). If that is not readily accessible offer them dry wheat bread 3-4 times a week. Good sanitation is a must: clean cages monthly with a wire brush and a mild disinfectant.

As to breeding, Dwarf Hotots can be bred as early as six months old, and will produce young in about 30-32 days after breeding. The Dwarf Hotot is a good mother and can be a little protective of her litter. The average size litter is 3-4, although 5-6 is not unheard of. Litters can be weaned in 6-8 weeks and the does bred again at that time.

In addition to a sound breeding program supported by good sanitation, proper feed and conditioning - frequent handling of your rabbits should be considered as a routine matter. Don't sell handling short. Handling develops familiarity and it aids in promoting a more even disposition of the animal. You will find they respond to attention and further add to the enjoyment of these curious and very active "Eye of the Fancy."