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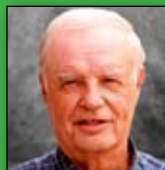
**Eric Stewart**  
ARBA Judge  
ARBA Exec. Director



**Dr. Scott Williamson,**  
ARBA Judge  
Professor of Animal Science  
California State University



**Robert Glass, MT**  
Rabbit Pathologist  
Pan American  
Veterinary Laboratories



**Bob Bennet**  
Author  
Founder, DR Magazine



**Dr. Jay Hreiz**  
ARBA Judge, Veterinarian  
Chair, ARBA Health Committee

# 2013 rabbitcon

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**At the 90th ARBA Convention and Show  
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Room 1

Friday, October 18, 2013

## Class Schedule

5:00 p.m.

### How to Show Your Rabbits Without a Rabbit Show

**Bob Bennet (VT)**

Rabbit shows have always been the traditional means of showing off and getting appreciation for our hard work. Author and longtime rabbit breeder, Bob Bennett, begs to ask the question, "How else can we show our rabbits without stepping foot into a showroom?" During his class, Mr. Bennet will demonstrate the value of rabbits and your hobby by putting them in a variety of nontraditional places, further characterizing rabbit breeders as thoughtful, responsible, and humane animal producers. He will also share an inspiring story of how rabbits can change human lives as therapy animals.

7:00 p.m.

### Break

7:15 p.m.

### Trash to Treasure: Make a Scarf with Molted Fur

**Kellyjo Younggreen (CO)**

What? Really? Yes you can! Tired of fur in your slicker brush or molt stuck to your apron? Save it and learn to make a fashionable scarf with artist Kellyjo. Techniques in wet felting, including the trendy Nuno felting, will be covered. Wool and fur and supplies will be provided to the first 25 participants. Others can still watch and learn. Inexpensive, easy, and fun!

Room 2

5:00 p.m.

### Rabbit Color Genetics, 101

**Dr. Scott A. Williamson (CA)**

If you've always wanted to use the essentials of color genetics to make the most optimum breedings in your rabbitry, you cannot miss Dr. Williamson's class. Starting with some history and must-know vocabulary, he'll make sense of the fundamental yet often confusing lingo. He will demystify a topic that all breeders want to know more about. An ideal class for the first-timer!

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### Getting On Track with the Rabbit Reproductive Tract

**Cole Rupprecht (ND)**

Why won't my doe become pregnant? Are breeding techniques science or superstition? Why do some does breed readily while others will not? The reproductive system in rabbits is quite unique and unlike other livestock species. Often referred to as induced ovulators, the ovulation of a female rabbit occurs without an estrous cycle. Learn the core basics of rabbit reproduction to increase efficiency in your barn by graduate student and rabbit breeder, Cole Rupprecht. Plan to get up close and personal with real reproductive tracts that Cole brings along.



## Class Schedule

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Room 1

### Pasteurella in Rabbits, The Cold Hard Facts

**Robert Glass (TX)**

9:00 a.m.

There isn't anyone raising rabbits who hasn't experienced Pasteurella in some form. Whether it's one of your own rabbits in your barn or a neighbor on the show table, "snuffles" has snuffed us all. Robert Glass will take an in depth look at the basic disease mechanisms, epidemiology, lab diagnostics, and historical treatments to get everyone more informed. Stay ahead with the latest cutting edge information available.

### Advances in Rabbit Science, Pasteurella Vaccine

**Robert Glass (TX)**

10:00 a.m.

After getting the 411 on Pasteurella, learn about a breakthrough vaccine for rabbits from research scientist Robert Glass. The development of the vaccine (the only USDA approved for rabbits) and summaries from clinical trials will be reviewed. Mr. Glass will also take a step further to talk about what he is developing for rabbits in the future. A question and answer session will follow the lecture.

### Break

10:50 a.m.

### Pose Your Rabbit Like a Judge

**Josh Humphries (AR)**

11:00 a.m.

Do you ever stand at the judging table, watch at the judge, and wonder, "How do they do that?" Being able to pose and handle your rabbits makes you feel more confident and also gives you the opportunity to correctly evaluate your own animals so you can make the right breeding and selecting decisions. Respected judge, Josh Humphries, will share his ideas in a presentation and then work one on one with guests in the classroom for almost two hours

### Is Having Too Many Bucks in Your Rabbitry Like Having Too Much Money in the Bank?

**Chris Zemny (CA)**

1:00 p.m.

There are differing schools of thought on managing the sires in a rabbitry. Commercial breeders might argue that only a couple of bucks is necessary for a barn full of does. Fancy breeders, on the other hand, argue that keeping a dozen bucks is important because each possesses a very key trait. Top breeder and judge Chris Zemny will share her thoughts on the long debated subject and help you make the most informed decisions for your herd.

### Ask the Expert Panel: Top Breeders and Judges Converge **Randy Shumaker (CA), Josh Humphries (AR), and Dr. Betty Chu (CA)**

2:00 p.m.

Have some burning questions about the rabbit and cavy hobby? Maybe after a weekend of Rabbitcon courses you're wheels are turning and you're begging for more. Join in an informal hour-long roundtable discussion with an eclectic assemblage—Randy Shumaker, Josh Humphries, and Betty Chu—a panel made up of two top ARBA judges and one of the most celebrated rabbit breeders of our time, there's never been a better chance to raise your hand and finally, "I have always wondered..."

### Pedigree Perfection

**Chris Zemny (CA)**

3:30 p.m.

Tired of toting pedigree binders to shows, stockpiling show remark cards, or worse, living in the dark ages of handwritten pedigrees? Tired of people asking when you will send the pedigree? Take Chris' class and learn her savvy secrets from over thirty years of involvement in corporate business practicing effective organizing and resourceful decision-making. You will change the way you think about pedigrees and your organization practices.



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### **Building Your Business Through ARBA Promotion**

**Eric Stewart (PA)**

Feeling like you're stuck in a rut when it comes to promoting your rabbitry or caviary? Wishing you could grow your hobby into a business? Believe it or not, there are a lot of opportunities out there. The ARBA is an excellent resource and tool to help jump start your ideas and ambitions. ARBA Executive Director, Eric Stewart, will share some inspiring ideas and ways you can make it finally happen.

### **Break**

### **Keeping Babies Alive**

**Dr. Jay Hreiz (NC)**

It always hurts to get that highly anticipated litter out of your Best In Show doe only to find weak, fading, and ultimately dead babies day after day in the nest box. "The fish that got away" doesn't even have a second chance when the litter wilts to nothing. Veterinarian Jay Hreiz will uncover some of the problems young rabbits face after they are born and share ideas to help promote good health, vigor, and longevity.

### **Waste Management Techniques and Fly Control**

**Dr. Scott Williamson (CA)**

Managing waste on a constant basis is essential for the vivacity and efficiency of our barns. Disposing of waste is usually easy, but it's possible you've never considered the potentials for its usefulness. As the manager of the swine department at Fresno State University, Dr. Williamson is an expert in managing the waste on a large scale operation. "Doc" will also share ideas on controlling flies which are a nuisance to us and red flag to neighbors and animal control.

### **Tips to Breeding and Showing Full Arch Breeds**

**Kelly Flynn (IN)**

Arguably some of the most intriguing rabbits to watch get judged, full arch breeds might be the ideal addition to your barn. Whether tearing down the table like a Tan or a Belgian Hare posing like a Roman statue, these handful of breeds require some special attention on the runway to success. Get tips from passionate Full Arch breeder and judge Kelly Flynn on mastering these distinctive animals.

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### **Wool Rabbits: Successfully Keeping and Showing**

**Dr. Carol Green (CA) and Nate Burbidge (UT)**

"I don't have time for that!" is often what non-wool breeders say about wool breeds. The truth is, wool may not be half the tangled mess you've imagined all this time. Wool breeds are not only beautiful and competitive for show, but also useful for making yarn and even felt. Learn some management and grooming tricks to keeping these breeds from top breeders and ARBA judges, Carol and Nate.

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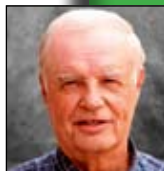
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Faculty

**Eric Stewart** Since his childhood, rabbits and cavyies have been an important part of Eric Stewart's life. Today, Eric is not only one of the most respected ARBA judges but also one of the most influential people in our hobby, serving as ARBA Executive Director and Editor-in-Chief of *Domestic Rabbits* magazine. Mini Rex, French Angora, Britannia Petite, Holland Lop, English Spot, and English Lop are just some of the breeds he's raised over the years. He has an Animal Science degree from Delaware Valley College, travels extensively to promote the rabbit and cavy industry, and raises Natural Colored Angora Goats.



**Bob Bennet** At age 12, Bob Bennett earned the Boy Scout Rabbit Raising Merit Badge. Twenty-five years later he wrote a new manual for the Scouts. He has written eight rabbit books bought by more than 500,000 readers here and abroad. Bob founded, named and edited *Domestic Rabbits* magazine. He edited *Rabbits* magazine and was department editor of *Countryside* magazine. He was an ARBA director and advertising and publicity chairman. He showed rabbits for over 50 years and won BOB Tan at an ARBA convention. Born in New York City, he lives in Vermont.



**Dr. Scott Williamson**, is a Professor of Animal Science at California State University, Fresno. Dr. Williamson earned a B.S. in Animal Science from Purdue University, and went on to gain a Ph.D. in Meat Sciences from the University of Illinois. For over twenty years he has been a professor of Animal Science at Fresno State University. As one of the leading experts on rabbit husbandry, one step into his classroom and his inspirational power as an educator is certain. He's been winning for over forty years ever since showing rabbits as a boy with his dad.



**Dr. Jay Hreiz** is a practicing veterinarian in North Carolina. Jay was introduced to the rabbit hobby and ARBA through 4-H. He was honored with a T.E. "Doc" Reed Memorial Scholarship and studied rabbit science at Purdue University. It is no surprise that Jay went on to veterinary school. His sincere interest in rabbit and cavy medicine is a true asset to the ARBA. He is the chairman of the ARBA Rabbit and Cavy Health Committee and writes a column in *Domestic Rabbits* magazine.



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**Dr. Carol Green** received her Ph.D. in Toxicology and Pharmacology from the University of California, Davis and is a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology. She has authored more than 100 publications and scientific presentations in the fields of toxicology, pharmacology and drug metabolism. Professionally, Carol is Senior Director, Toxicology & Pharmacokinetics at SRI International, a nonprofit research institute. Dr. Green is also a licensed ARBA judge and breeder of top American Fuzzy Lops and Jersey Woolies.



**Randy Shumaker** For over fifteen years, Randy Shumaker has been one of the most respected ARBA judges. He has five times been nationally voted to judge the prestigious Best In Show at ARBA Conventions. As a breeder, he has exhibited at national and ARBA Convention winners for over two decades. In 2009, Randy successfully passed the recognition of Red and Opal Mini Satins into the ARBA Standard of Perfection. In 2008, he was awarded the President's Awards from ARBA President Dr. Chris Hayhow and in 2011 he received the ARBA Distinguished Service Award. Randy is the current Vice President of the ARBA.



**Betty Chu** Rabbit breeders have been mystified for over thirty years by the beautiful English Angoras bred by Dr. Betty Chu. Betty received the highest honor in a rabbit show career by capturing the first ever Best In Show by an Angora at the 1992 ARBA Convention in Columbus, Ohio; and Best Of Group at the 2001 and 2003 ARBA Conventions. She possesses a Ph.D. in Economics and spent twenty-six years as a professor of economics at San Jose State University in California.



**Kelly Flynn** ARBA Judge Kelly Flynn is fast becoming a popular face behind the judging tables across the country. She is a recent graduate from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in her home state. Rabbits become part of her young life while in 4-H and she quickly began showing at ARBA shows. She is the current President of the American Tan Rabbit Specialty Club and has a zeal for full arch breeds. Her Tans are frequently recognized at the national level, including Best of Breed at the 2012 ATRSC



**Josh Humphries** ARBA judge Josh Humpries is one of the most familiar faces at rabbit shows around the country today. He's been a licensed registrar since 1999 and judge since 2001. For six years, Josh dedicatedly served as ARBA Director for District 6 and has held many positions in local, state, and national clubs too. He currently sits on the esteemed ARBA Standards Committee. Mini Rex, Mini Satins, and Florida Whites are found in his barn today, but he has breeding experience with other breeds too such as French Lops. Whether



**Robert Glass** Mr. Glass is founder and current owner of Pan American Veterinary Laboratories (PAVL). Since entering the private sector in 1984, Mr. Glass has been instrumental in developing over 50 Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbant Assays (ELISA) for various infectious diseases in animals. His current work with rabbits includes BunnyVac, the only product licensed by the USDA for use in rabbits to help protect rabbits from Pasteurella infections.



# rabbitcon 2013 Faculty

**Chris Zemny** There is no surprise why Chris Zemny has been hailed the "Holland Lop Diva." Since the natal years of the Holland Lop in the United States, Chris Zemny has helped make it the powerhouse breed that it is today. During her twenty-nine years in the rabbit industry, Chris has made her mark and is one of the most respected judges at home and abroad. On a professional level, Chris is retired from the pharmaceutical and medical industry, with a decorated resume.



**Cole Rupprecht** County livestock extension agent in Fargo, North Dakota, Cole has a lifetime of experience raising, promoting, and studying animals. He holds an undergraduate degree in Animal Science from North Dakota State University and is pursuing graduate studies with a focus on ruminant reproduction. His family owns a dairy and he personally has a herd of beef show cattle. Additionally, he is an ARBA registrar and raises and shows Netherland Dwarfs and Mini Rex.



**Nate Burbidge** Growing up under the wings of excellent mentors like Chris Zemny, Deb Sandoval, and Lou Towne, Nate learned the ingredients to being a top breeder and fell in love with the hobby. Today he is an ARBA judge and raises nationally competitive American Fuzzy Lops. He won Best of Breed at the 2012 ARBA Convention 2013 American Fuzzy Lop of the Year. Rabbits are a family affair with his wife, Lisa, and four children. Professionally, Nate is an attorney in Salt Lake City.



**Kellyjo Younggreen** An ARBA registrar and avid fiber artist, Kellyjo Younggreen is passionate about using her animals to make beautiful, useful, and easy-to-make garments. Along with her Satin and French Angoras, she uses fiber from her Nigora and Cashmere Goats as well as mohair from her Angora Goats in her projects. She enjoys using natural dyes made from flowers and plant materials whenever possible.



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