

Julie Whitehaus - QUEEN

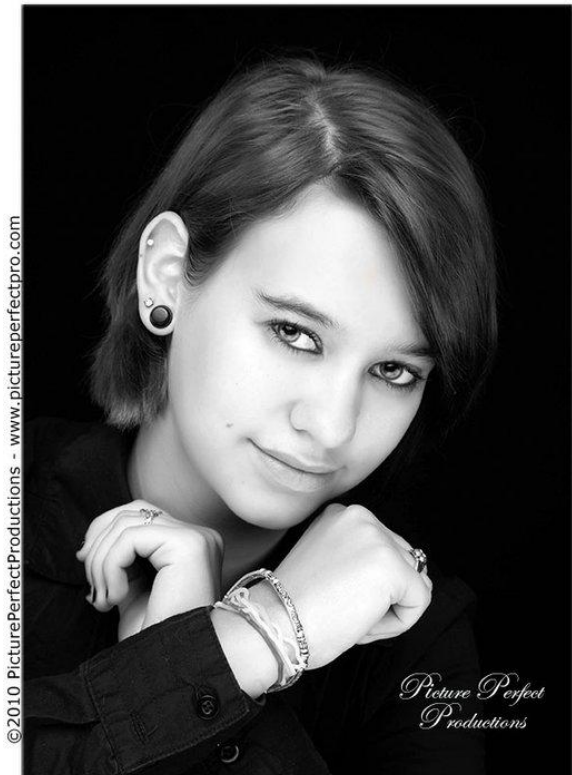
My name is Julie Whitehaus and I am an eighteen year old senior at Lower Dauphin High School near the famous chocolate town of Hershey, PA. I started raising rabbits 12 years ago when I bought a MiniLop named Buttercup from my sister for my 4-H project. Since then I have raised Polish, Rex, Lionheads, and now Satins. I also raised American, American Satin, White Crested and Coronet cavies. I have shown horses, Nubian goats, Call ducks, and King pigeons.

I love to travel and my most exciting times with this hobby include participating with my friends on Pennsylvania's teams that compete at the national ARBA conventions. Our family has attended the last nine national conventions and we look forward to this event each year. We are also very involved in the PaSRBA and assist in many ways to run our popular annual state convention. In addition, the Pennsylvania State Farm Show, held annually in Harrisburg, is the nation's largest indoor agricultural exposition where I meet thousands of people each day who ask me questions about rabbits. My club members and I provide information on basic husbandry and management along with guiding people through our breeders' directory.

In 4-H, I am a member of three different clubs including the Fur & Feathers Club, Dauphin County Teen Council, and Exchange Club. I have held every office in these clubs and enjoy regional and state 4-H events including Teen Leadership Conferences, 4-H Camp, State 4-H Achievement Days, the District Horse Show and the State Horse Show driving a miniature horse. Our Exchange Club has traveled to Oklahoma, Connecticut and Wisconsin. The Teen Council raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund for Cancer research and I have organized a team for our annual Dance-a-Thon to raise money for this wonderful cause.

I have been accepted at the Antonelli Institute near Philadelphia to study photography. I have chosen this field because I love photography and I would like to start my own business after college. I have found that showing rabbits gives me experience in working with adults and youth at the shows keeping records and being organized. All of these skills are required to run a business. I am expecting college to be exciting and challenging. Studying for royalty contests and other animal competitions is also exciting and challenging. All of these experiences will help me become a better person.

Raising show rabbits and cavies is a fun hobby. I have enjoyed meeting many interesting and knowledgeable people and look forward to meeting you, too! See you at the next show!

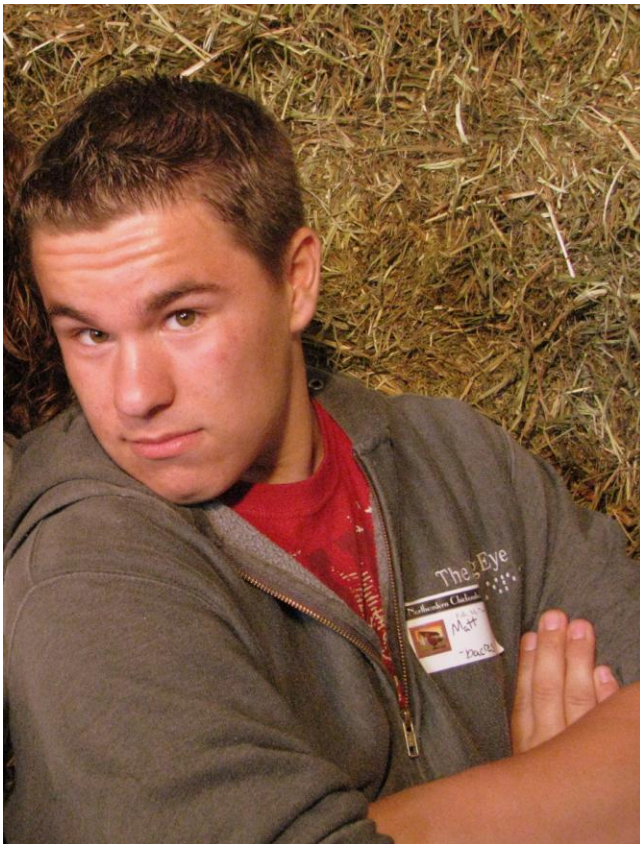


Matt Bishop - KING

My name is Matt Bishop and I am honored to represent the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Association as the 2011 King. I live in Myerstown, Pennsylvania and I am a sophomore at Eastern Lebanon County High School. My activities at school include being a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the National FFA Organization. In addition to my school activities I am very active in 4-H. I am a member of the Lebanon County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Club, the Extra Special Puppy Club, the Latigo 4-H Horse Club, the Lebanon Livestock Club, the Lebanon County 4-H Poultry Club and the Dauphin County Fiber Arts Club. My rabbitry was started in December of 2006 with a single Tortoise Dutch Junior Doe that my parents gave me for Christmas. Over the years it has grown to include Dutch, Satins, Mini Satins, Lilacs and a few Angoras. I have had a lot of help with expanding my rabbitry from my parents, 4-H leaders and local adult rabbit breeders and I am very thankful for their help and guidance. Just recently I expanded my rabbitry to include a caviary with seven Himalayan American cavies and one American Satin cavy. I really enjoy raising rabbits, going to shows and competing in the many educational and showmanship contests. It is my hope to become a licensed registrar and maybe even a judge someday.

When I'm not in school or working on 4-H projects, I am probably at a rabbit show, horse show, four wheeling, fishing, water skiing, snowmobiling or just hanging out with my friends. I have always really liked being around and working with all kinds of animals. Currently I have two horses, rabbits, cavies, chickens, ducks, geese and a Seeing Eye Dog. All of this keeps me very busy.

In the future, I would like to attend Delaware Valley University to pursue a degree in Veterinary Science. Hopefully, after I graduate, I will fulfill my dream of owning my own Veterinary practice.





Sarah R. Rager

DUCHESS

In March 2007 I joined The Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeder Association. Now it is only December 2011 and I feel like I have achieved. When I first started I had one Mini Rex black buck and I kept him in my bedroom in a cage. Today I have an 8'x20' barn that I helped my dad and uncle build and

I have 22 cages, two breeds and a lot more rabbits. I attended a rabbit school sponsored by the Westmoreland County Rabbit Club in 2007 to learn more about the one rabbit I had at the time. Out of curiosity my mom and I decided to sit in on a class about rabbits used for meat. This peaked my interest and at our own county farm show that August I saw that meat pen rabbits were where the big prize money could be earned. I decided that I could do this. I located a breeder of New Zealands and purchased two does and one buck. I showed these rabbits as intermediates and the one doe won best of breed and the buck won best opposite. I continue to show him and he has won best of breed several more times. One year later my single meat pen entry earned me a Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen at the Butler County Farm Show. I sold that pen at the livestock auction for \$400. My future goals are to increase the amount of cages in the barn to fill it completely. I want to breed more New Zealands to improve my meat pen in order to show at our State Farm Show and try to move up to Grand Champion Meat Pen at our local county farm show. Today I have a total of 27 rabbits. I have 1 black mini rex, 1 blue otter min rex, and 1 blue mini rex. I also have 1 mini rex blue doe she has a litter of 6 one blue mini rex, three black mini rex and she is fostering two broken New Zealand. I then have three white New Zealands and 19 broken New Zealands. I also want to improve my broken New Zealands so I can show them as a meat pen along with my white New Zealands. I also enjoy showing my Mini Rex rabbits. This year at our farm show for Butler County I showed a broken and a white New Zealand they both got first. The best part of our Butler Farm Show was getting first place in our showmanship. This was great because for the past three years I have been second place by a slim margin. I enjoy selling my rabbits to other children and I always encourage them to join our 4H club to learn more about their rabbit and themselves.

Robert Vaerewyck - DUKE

I am really proud to be the PaSRBA Duke. I have studied really hard to get here and I am glad I did. I raise Florida Whites. I am thinking about getting 1 new breed of rabbit. I am a member of Boy Scouts, Butler Bunni Bunch, Butler Poultry Club, Butler Green Meadows Horse Club, PaSRBA, and ARBA. I also raise chickens and ducks with my brother and our family has 2 cats, 2 snakes, a hermit crab, an iguana, and a horse. I like math, science, art and music. I love to build and design new things. As soon as I can, I plan on becoming an ARBA registrar, then becoming a judge. As well as an ARBA registrar and judge, I would like to become an engineer or a physical therapist as a full time job and own a wind mill farm.



Sydney Turner - PRINCESS



Hi, my name is Sydney Turner and I am proud to be representing the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeder's Association as their 2011 PaSRBA Princess! I am eleven years old, in fifth grade, and homeschooled. I live near Philipsburg, Pa. with my mom and dad, my sisters Morgan and Lauren, and my brother Devon. We own a farmette and raise rabbits, have several horses, and a miniature horse named Sunny. The name of our rabbitry is Turners" Rabbit Habit and we raise Dwarf Hotots, Mini Rex, and Californians. My mom and dad are 4-H leaders and my brother and sister are very active with 4-H, so I grew up around animals. My mom started taking me to rabbit shows seven years ago and I enjoyed them so much that last year I started my own line of Mini Rex that I am breeding, raising, and showing. My favorite varieties right now are BEW and Tortoise. I am also involved with my local and state rabbit club s and 4-H, and I travel a lot on community service trips to visit nursing homes, classrooms, local and state events, and other 4-H clubs to talk about rabbits and to help out other 4-Hers getting started in their rabbit projects.

There are several clubs that I am a member of, including the American Rabbit Breeder's Association,, the Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeder's Association, the National Mini Rex Club, the American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club, the Mid-Atlantic Dwarf Hotot Specialty Club, the Californian Rabbit

Specialty Club, the Central Pennsylvania Rabbit Breeder's Association, and the Tri-County Rabbit Breeder's Association. This is my third year as a member of Thundering Hoofbeats 4-H Horse and Rabbit Club of Clearfield County. We are a very active club and I participate by being club news reporter, showing my new Quarter Horse "Sammy", raising and showing rabbits and rabbit meat pens, chickens, and taking wildlife, sewing, and art projects.

I went to my first ARBA National Convention at Michigan in 2007, and I was very excited to win the title of 2007 ARBA Lady. I was also fortunate to win the title of 2008 PaSRBA Royalty Lady! I really enjoy going to rabbit shows and participating in youth events and encouraging other youth to get involved in the contests – it's a lot of fun and I have made many new friends.

I really like the outdoors and swimming, trail riding and taking riding lessons from mom on my new show horse "Sammy", showing horses, going to church and Miracle Mountain Ranch church camp in the summer, 4-H events and activities, spending time with family and friends, and traveling to rabbit shows. I look forward to going to the Pennsylvania State Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Convention every year, and when we can, ARBA Convention ! I have participated in the Michigan, Louisville, and Minnesota Conventions so far. Every trip we go on is an adventure!

I am very excited to have participated in the PaSRBA Royalty contest and other youth contests this year. It is fun to meet other kids, make new friends, and have a good time while you are learning about rabbits. I hope other kids will read this and realize that they can have fun doing the events and contests too. Thank you PaSRBA for hosting the youth contests and everyone who has helped me!

Matthew James Nock - PRINCE

My name is Matthew James Nock. I am 11 years old, I am in sixth grade and have always been home schooled. I live in Jamestown, Pennsylvania. I raise Dwarf Hotots and have many other breeds. Belgian Hares are one of my favorite breeds. I also have a New Zealand White, Mini Rex, Polish, Himalayan, English Spot, Tan, and a Netherland Dwarf. Having many breeds helps me to learn about all the breeds of rabbits. I am a member of many rabbit clubs including ARBA, PaSRBA, American Dwarf Hotot Rabbit Club, Mid-Atlantic Dwarf Hotot Club, and am a member of the Mercer County Rabbit 4-H Club. I would like to get a registrar's license and want to be a rabbit judge when I get older. I like to attend the Rabbit School in Westmoreland, PA every year because I learn so much there. I really like to go fly fishing, mountain biking and going to summer camps. I also like swimming in the summer. I also have a lot of fun at my Church activities. I am in my first year of Boy Scouts and really like outdoor activities and spending time with my friends. The thing I like most about showing rabbits is having fun with my friends at the shows. I also like traveling to many different places when we go to rabbit shows. Some places I have been to are Canada, Virginia, Michigan, Ohio, and New Jersey. My most favorite trips are to Washington, DC when my mom judges in Maryland. Someday I would like to be a judge and be able to travel around the world and judge in places like Hawaii, Australia, and Japan.





Hailey Mart - LADY

My name is Hailey Mart. I am seven years old. I am home schooled and I am in 2nd grade. I learned how to read when I was 3 and now I like to read a lot. I read a lot of guinea pig and rabbit books. We have over 30 books about rabbits and guinea pigs at my Grandmother's house. I like to go to shows with my older sister and my grandmother. Sometimes we go to shows that are far away and sometimes we go to shows close by our house. I even got to go to another country called Canada. I like to have my animals win at the shows but sometimes they don't win.

Once I entered a Polish Speciaty show. There were 70 animals. I won Best Opposite Sex.

I dressed up my guinea pig for a contest once. He did not win but I got a prize anyway. I made some friends at that show. One time I entered a pet show. She won the pet show for best personality. I went to Minnesota to the national ARBA convention. I met a lot of friends there.

I like to dress up in jeans and jean jacket I work on our farm and I like to play Indian. I like to paint. I like to go to church and sing. I like to learn British. It is fun to play Indian because I talk British When I grow up I want to be a cook or author. I am a published author. Two of my stories were published in the JACBA.

Owen Binkley - LORD



Hello, My name is Owen Binkley in Cleona, Pa. I am 7 years old and I am in first grade at Cleona Elementary. Thank you to PaSRBA for this opportunity to represent PaSRBA as your 2011 Lord.

I am glad to be showing rabbits and are very thankful we are able to meet so many interesting and helpful friends in 4-H and the shows. It seems everyone has been very helpful in my learning experience: whether it be helpful information at showtime, facts about the breed or animal or just an encouraging word. I am just a beginner in showing and handling rabbits, but I am learning a lot and look forward to the many years in being in 4-H and attending different shows and meeting new friends.