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CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Peachstate Poultry Association
Green Card Show
Perry, GA • January, 2020
Bantam Black Pullet by
David Driggers



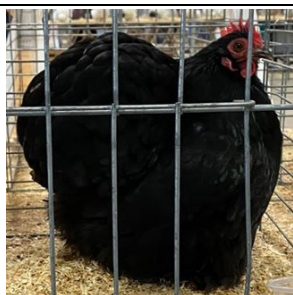
RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Northeastern Poultry Congress
West Springfield, MA • January, 2020
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Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

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CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

CHAMPION ASIATIC
Peachstate Poultry Association
Green Card Show
Perry, GA • January, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
David Driggers



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Peachstate Poultry Association
White Card Show
Perry, GA • January, 2020
Bantam Black Hen by
Justin Harper

CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Pearl River Classic
Columbia, MS • January, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
M & M Exhibition Poultry
(Matt Lhamon & Mike Sayre)



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Pearl River Classic
Columbia, MS • January, 2020
Bantam Black Pullet by
Jonathan & Thomas Peters
(PEEP)

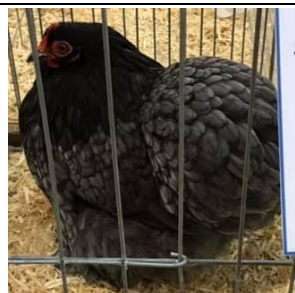


CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
National Western Stock Show
Denver, CO • January, 2020
Bantam Black Hen by
Renaë Bloomer

ALFA 1st PLACE OVERALL
Canadian Valley Poultry Club
Norman, OK • February, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Anne Shaffer



RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Dixie Fellowship Memorial – Red Card
Anniston, AL • February, 2020
Bantam Blue Hen by
Bruce Auger

CHAMPION OF SHOW
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Dixie Fellowship Memorial – White Card
Anniston, AL • February, 2020
Bantam White Hen by
Rhonda Smith





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

CHAMPION OF "MISFITS SHOW"
 (Non-Recognized Breeds & Varieties)
 Dixie Fellowship Memorial
 Anniston, AL • February, 2020
 Bantam Blue Mottled Pullet by
Donna Smith



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
 Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Assn.
 Newnan, GA • February, 2020
 Bantam Black Cock by
Rhonda Smith

SUPER GRAND CHAMPION
 North Central Alberta Poultry Assn.
 Wetaskiwin, AB • February, 2020
 Bantam Black by
Rico Sebastianelli
 (C-R Ducks)



CHAMPION OF SHOW
 Cape Fear Poultry Assn. – Blue Card
 Smithfield, NC • February, 2020
 Bantam Black Hen by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

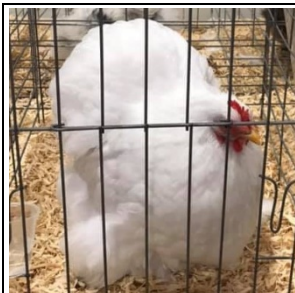


CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE ASIATIC
Cape Fear Poultry Assn. – Both Shows
Smithfield, NC • February, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

CHAMPION ASIATIC – White Card Show
RESERVE ASIATIC – Blue Card Show
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club
Pendleton, SC • February, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Jake Henderson



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Blue Card Show
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club
Pendleton, SC • February, 2020
Bantam White Hen by
Rhonda Smith

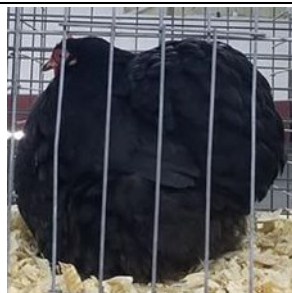
RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Unifour All Breeds Show
Salisbury, NC • March, 2020
Bantam White by
Judy Gantt





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Unifour All Breeds Show
Salisbury, NC • March, 2020
Bantam Black Hen by
Rhonda Smith



SHOW CHAMPION – Blue Card Show
Carpet City Bantam Club Show
Dalton, GA • March, 2020
Bantam Blue Pullet by
Judy Gantt
(P & G Silkies)

ANNUAL LEGACY AWARDS

are given in honor of our Master Breeders who have passed or retired from showing. The award is given in their home District and in their specialty Variety.

2020 Otes Ray, Sr. Legacy Award

Awarded to **Rhonda Smith** for the Best Bantam Black at the Southeast District Meet held at the Unifour All Breeds Show, March 2020.

2020 Maxie Chastain Legacy Award

Awarded to **Judy Gantt** for the Best Bantam White at the Southeast District Meet held at the Unifour All Breeds Show, March 2020.



MASTER BREEDER PROGRAM

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Master Breeder Milestones

The Master Breeder Points are on the CI website, reflecting all shows that have reported to us as of March 31, 2020. The respective list of shows reporting is also on the website. If a show is missing, contact your District Director.

Congratulations to our Milestone recipients! Keep up the great work!

MASTER BREEDER is our Club's highest honor.

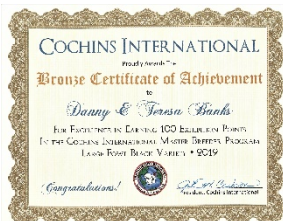
The Title and Plaque are awarded when a member earns 500 points in one Variety in no less than 5 years.

The **SILVER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is earned when a member earns 250 points in one Variety.

TOM & SANDRA ROEBUCK, JR.
Bantam Whites • January, 2020



The **BRONZE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is earned when a member earns 100 points in one Variety.



CHRISTIE ROSS • Bantam Blues • October, 2019

KEITH WAGONER • Bantam Blacks • October, 2019

DANNY & TERESA BANKS • Large Fowl Blacks • November, 2019

THOMAS & JONATHAN PETERS (PEEP) • Bantam Blacks • Jan., 2020

BRUCE AUGER • Bantam Blues • January, 2020



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

2019 ANNUAL EXHIBITOR AWARDS

The Cochins International Annual Exhibitor Awards were established to recognize and reward, on an annual basis, those members who have earned the most Master Breeder points in their respective (recognized) Variety for the calendar year. Master Breeder points are earned based on the number of Cochins exhibited at shows which host Cochins International meets. Winners are awarded with Certificates documenting their achievements.

BANTAMS

Barred:	Scott Adams
Birchen:	Sarah Batz
Black:	Mark & Larry Peterson
Black Frizzle:	Judy Gantt (P&G Silkies)
Blue:	Christie Ross
Brown Red:	Bill Mackowski
Buff:	Donna Lamb
Columbian:	Craig Hansen
Golden Laced:	Annamay Carlson (<i>tie</i>) Gail Carlson (<i>tie</i>)
Lemon Blue:	Pilot Mtn. Poultry (Ivy & Jason Young)
Mottled:	Matt McCammon
Mottled Frizzle:	Kim Breakfield
Partridge:	Annamay Carlson
Red:	Joan Fullerton
Self Blue:	Chad & Karen Powell
Silver Laced:	Craig Hansen (<i>tie</i>) Amanda & Randy Talarchyk (<i>tie</i>)
Silver Penciled:	Annamay Carlson
Splash:	Bill Mackowski
White:	Judy Gantt P&G Silkies)
White Frizzle:	Tessa Young
OVERALL:	Matt McCammon

LARGE FOWL

Barred:	Scott Adams
Black:	Steve & Rob Dixon
Blue:	Danny & Teresa Banks
Buff:	David Stuart
Partridge:	Richard Barczewski
White:	Larry Schrage
OVERALL:	Scott Adams

RODENT PROBLEMS AROUND BIRDS

By Rich Barczewski

Have you ever been out in your bird pens (inside or outside) and notice something running quickly along a wall or fence-line? If you are like most folks who raise poultry, occasionally seeing a mouse or rat is not out of the question, however ignoring that situation can result in major problems down the road.

Why are rodents associated with keeping poultry or any livestock for that matter? It all comes down to how we raise our animals. Consider this for a moment. What do rodents need to become established? Food, water and safety from predators that normally prey upon them. When you consider rodents in the circle of life, they are fairly low on the totem pole. Just about every meat-eating animal, feeds upon rats and mice. Hawks, owls, foxes, cats, and just about any other animal will kill and eat rodents if they can catch them. In some cases, young mice and rats can even be eaten by chickens and ducks too!

That said, rodents like our bird facilities because in them, they can find food, water and a safe place to live. The one exception to making this space safe would be the presence of a barn cat or a terrier dog that some folks keep and give access to their pens. The end result is that in the environments that we provide for our birds, rodents can often thrive to the point of becoming a major problem.

How does this happen? Well, in a natural environment, a mouse or rat would find an area to build a nest, and in that nest, they would give birth. They would then have to leave that area to search for food. The entire time that they are doing this, they would be vulnerable to predators looking to kill and eat them. Likewise, the youngsters would also be exposed and accessible to those predators as well. In the end, only a small portion of the nestlings would ever have the chance to grow, mature and become reproductive.

However, in a barn, the rodents would be able to feed, drink and reproduce with minimal disturbance and almost all of the offspring would live to grow to adulthood. Additionally, if the facilities were well protected, they would even be able to live a longer lifespan and multiply much faster than what would typically happen in a wild setting.

So how fast can a rodent population get out of hand? It comes down to the reproductive capabilities of the animals. Both rats and mice are fairly similar in their reproductive traits. The gestation period for mice is 19-21 days where the gestation period for rats is 21-23 days. Both rats and mice usually give birth to 7 to 12 pups but both can have in excess of 20 pups at a time. Puberty, in both species is between 5 and 6 weeks of age and both rats and mice can breed back within a couple of days of giving birth.

What does this mean? Well having one mouse or one rat is not a big problem. The problem starts when you get two individuals, one male and one female. One pair of mice or rats will breed (females come into heat every 5 days or so), so within a week you are going to have a pregnant female. Considering the safe, ideal conditions in a barn, lets just assume 12 pups in a litter. Within a month of the two individuals getting together, we are up to 14. That assumes the two parents and 12 babies. Within 6 weeks, you would expect that the mother would be having her second litter and the babies would now be reproductive. So, then we are dealing with 6 more females (assume 50 percent males and 50 percent females in a litter). By 13 weeks, we have 7 females each having 12 pups or 84 new pups, plus the 7 additional males for a total of 91 mice (or rats).

Move ahead another 9 weeks and one half of those 84 pups or 42 would be female and having another 12 pups for a total of 504 pups, plus the 91 adults or 595 individuals. It gets worse if we follow it out further but you can get my point in how fast a population can grow in a relatively short timeframe.

Ultimately, it comes down to the fact that you need to stay on top of a rodent problem to make sure it does not get out of hand. While a lot of mice is a problem, a lot of rats is an even bigger problem. Loss of feed, soiled feed, chewed electrical wires and pens, rats can even chew concrete if given enough time. Truth be told, a lot of barn fires are probably caused by rodents chewing on electrical wires. Definitely something that you should be on the lookout for.

So, how do you prevent being overrun with rodents on your farm? The key is to have a plan in place for control. I've had some folks tell me that they rely on barn cats to do the job and if you happen to be lucky enough to have a couple of good barn cats that, may work, however, they need to be hungry enough to do the job. Additionally, you also need to be aware that cats are indiscriminate killers and when left outside, it is well documented that they will kill many other things like song birds, rabbits etc. that you may not want them to kill. You cannot control what they eliminate.

I've also had some folks tell me that they prefer to leave snakes in their pens to control rodents, however you also need to know that some species of snakes routinely eat eggs and birds/chicks. In my area, the black snake is a known bird/egg eater so you would have to deal with that as well. Additionally, I have had black snakes eat entire clutches of eggs and kill full grown ducks, right on the nest. What do you do?

Perhaps the best option for most folks is to use poison, but to do so in a very controlled way, that prevents off target animals and birds from gaining access to that poison. One way that this can be done is with the use of commercially produced bait stations. Bait stations are essentially boxes that provide rodents with an entryway that is sized for the rodents and will keep most other non-target animals out of the station. Inside the station is a separate area where the poison can be placed.

Most rodent baits are available in a couple of forms. Pellets (which may not be the best choice as they are approximately the same size as feed pellets) or bars. If you use bait bars, there is a lot less likelihood that non-target animals/birds can take the bait. These can be placed inside the bait stations and the likelihood of them being carried out is reduced. One other type of bait station that I have seen made (home-made) is a length of PVC pipe (3-inch diameter) and configured into a T shape. The bait can then be secured on a flat piece of wood (kind of like a yard stick) and then stuck into one end of the PVC pipe. Essentially the rodent would go into the PVC pipe and the bait bar, being attached to the stick would prevent them from removing the poison out of the pipe.

The last thing you need to think about is what type of poison is appropriate for rodents. You will sometimes here folks talk about an anticoagulant poison called Warfarin. Some people will even claim that their rats are warfarin resistant! Truth be told, the only place you are likely to find warfarin resistant rats is in the inner cities that have been baited for years. Warfarin is one type of anticoagulant that causes the rodent to hemorrhage and essentially bleed to death. While they are dying, they often seek out water so it is critical to keep your eyes open and pick up any dead rodents that die outside of their burrows.

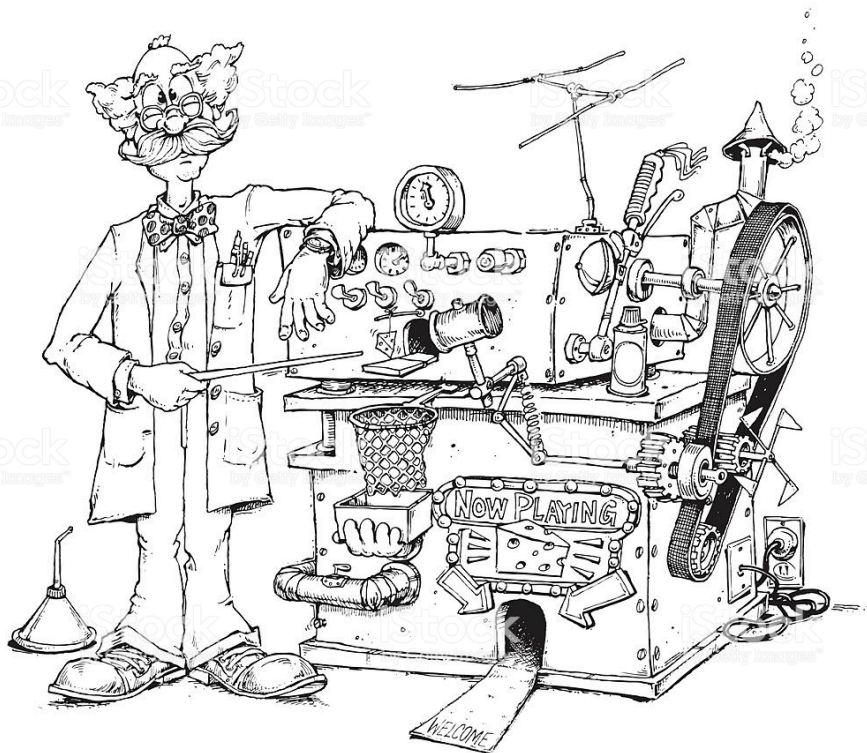
There are many other types of bait available some with different modes of action including bromethalin and colecalciferol which cause seizures or disrupt the calcium use in an animal's body. All of these rodenticides are known by many different trade names. Havoc, Rampage, Just-One-Bite are just a few. Don't purchase a lot of bait until you are sure your rodents will eat it. Sometimes it is good to rotate baits as well, especially if you are dealing with a large population and the rodents become bait

shy to a specific bait. As a word of caution, when purchasing rodenticides, be sure to read and follow the label directions on the packages. Oftentimes, instructions are also provided for what to do if an off-target animal should be exposed to the poison. This is good information to have on hand just in case.

The key to remember with rodent control is that the best approach is to start before you ever have a problem. When rodents first show up on the property and are in very low numbers, they are very shy animals and will often go to a bait station to feed as opposed to eating the feed out of your feeders. You need to be ready and have your bait stations up and baited to prevent a major problem from developing.

If you have a large population, your approaches may have to change. In those cases, where the population is bolder, you may have to make a major effort to remove any feed and limit feed your birds, what they will totally clean up at feeding time so as to not leave excess feed around for the rodents. Then, by placing bait in strategic locations on your farm, you would encourage the rodents to go to the bait. Never overuse the bait but put it out in smaller amounts until the rodents have used it up and then immediately replenish the bait. Excessive bait placement will typically encourage the rodents to gather and stockpile the bait underground.

One additional thing that I think should be mentioned is trapping. Mouse traps and rat traps can be used for smaller populations of rodents and can be an effective non-chemical control measure provided you have enough traps and you rebait and check them regularly (daily). Again, if your rodent population gets very large, trapping generally is ineffective.



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Welcome to our Newest Members!

We're happy you have joined our Cochins Family!

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Claudia Ezernack

California

Stacy Lane

Colorado

Janene Borini

Rancho-Snowfall - James Haught DVM

Georgia

Rihana Smith

Toni Robinson

Andrea Smith

Kentucky

Troy Anderson

Maryland

Fowl Talk Farm – Christina Raposo

Massachusetts

Rebecca Ducharme

Minnesota

Brayden Anderson

Missouri

Brent & Niki Warner (*Welcome Back!*)

Anne Shaffer

Gabrielle Harter

New York

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Christina Poirier

North Carolina

Kason's Koop – Kason Fulford

Ohio

George Ade

Reuben Miller

Pennsylvania

Daleon Kunkel

South Carolina

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Ashley Lejeune

Texas

Patricia Ann Dunlap-Vento

Washington

Kelly Fitzgerald

Wisconsin

Ella Tretsven

<u>Cochins International Membership Totals</u>			
Type	4/21/19	4/21/20	Change
Single	157	153	-2.5%
Family	84	88	4.8%
Junior	18	20	11.1%
	259	261	0.8%

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Please contact your District Director for more information or to apply.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Springtime Greetings from the Missouri Heartland!

These are challenging days for all of us. Many of our members are on the front lines of this fight, and our thoughts and gratitude go out to you. I have to admit that I often find myself anxious, depressed, and sometimes just plain scared. Yes, I'm in a couple of those "high-risk" categories: I'm over 65 (shocker!!), and several years ago, they removed the lower lobe of my right lung due to a nasty bout with pneumonia. But the redbuds, daffodils and quince are blooming, the hummingbirds are returning, and I have eggs in the incubator!! So, I force myself to focus on the hope and promise of the future.

I know we are all missing our Spring shows, and we are anxious to get out and about. And frankly, we still have no guarantees of what the fall show season will look like. But this I do believe – if we don't continue now to follow the safe practices and guidelines deemed necessary by our medical professionals, we run the risk of putting a successful fall season in jeopardy. We practice biosecurity for the health of our birds – why not practice biosecurity for the health of our family, friends and fancy? Let's all work together to make this the biggest, best fall show season ever!!

Please join me in welcoming our newest State Representatives: **Christie Ross** of Oklahoma and **Brent Warner** of Missouri.

I want to thank **Rich Barczewski** again for his dedication to our Master Breeder Program, as well as the great articles he has been writing for our Newsletters.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank **Ross Treffert** for all fresh new ideas he is bringing to our Junior Programs! These are exciting times for our Juniors!

A huge congratulations to all the winners of our **2019 Annual Exhibitor Awards!!** (See page 8.) We sent out 30 certificates to 22 different exhibitors. This is the 4th year of awards, and I am thrilled to see it so well received. As this was my pet project a few years ago, I want to thank the Board of Directors and Members for their continued support of the program.

In January, the BOD doubled our (earmarked) financial allocations for our District and National meets. Funds are also now earmarked specifically for our Junior programs. We remain committed to celebrating your exhibition excellence!

Speaking of exhibition excellence, we are proud to announce the **Cochin Judges for our 2020 Nationals:**

EAST: Judge Mike Sayre / Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. / Morehead, KY / November 21, 2020

WEST: Judge Jamie Matts / Oklahoma State Poultry Federation / Shawnee, OK / December 12, 2020

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations now before everything is booked up! Watch for more details on our 2020 Nationals this summer.

We are currently accepting bids from host clubs for our **2021 Nationals**. The Eastern National will be held in the Northeast 2 District, and the Western National will be held in the West Central District. If you have a favorite show you think would be a great National host, please ask them to submit a bid, or contact your District Director. The deadline to submit bids is July 30th.

I am happy to announce that we have placed an order for **new merchandise!** We listened to your requests, and are adding Youth Tees, Full Zip-Front Hoodies, and more extended sizes (where possible). Unfortunately, the production was temporarily halted due to Covid-19, but they are hoping to be back to work by the time you receive

this Newsletter. So, while we were planning to be fully stocked and ready to fill orders and ship by May 1st, it will most probably be closer to mid-May. Please watch for announcements on the Club website and on Facebook as to when we can start taking your orders. Remaining old stock will stay on the Club website at closeout pricing of 50% off!

2020 is an election year for Cochins International. This October, we will be voting on all Officers and District Directors to serve in 2021 and 2022. The BOD is also currently reviewing the Constitution & By-Laws for any necessary updates or amendments we feel need your consideration. Being an Officer or Director is not a line-item on your resume, nor is it a pathway to help you sell more birds. It is a 2-year commitment of responsibility to serve and represent not only our Cochin breed, but also our General Membership and your respective District. The Board of Directors sets the policies and guides the direction of our Club, as dictated by the wishes of our membership. It is important to understand that as an Officer or Director, you are being entrusted by those voting you in to office to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. You are their voice!

Anyone wishing to run for a position on the Board of Directors MUST submit a Letter of Candidacy by August 15th. All letters will be published in the September 1 Newsletter. Ballots will then be mailed by USPS mail to all members October 1. We also encourage those running for office to declare their intentions in the CI Facebook group. If anyone wishes to write a letter of support for a particular candidate, those letters also need to be submitted by August 15th for publication in the September 1 Newsletter. Letters of Candidacy or support should be emailed to me at HappyHens1@hotmail.com. Again, they must be received by August 15th.

I hope your incubators, brooders and grow-out pens are full of this fall's Champions!!

In closing, I want to leave you with these three simple words:

“COMMUNITY OVER COMPETITION”

Three simple words, with such a powerful meaning. We strive to promote our Clubs and Breeds, and we strive to advance our Exhibition lines. This is as it should be. But we must never forsake those that cleared the roads we travel on, those that are on the journey with us today, or those that will follow in our footsteps.

Stay Safe, and Please Be Kind to One Another!
Gail

Be sure to check out all the
NEW Club Merchandise!!
NEW Styles! • **NEW** Colors!
More eXtended Sizes!
Show your Cochin Pride!
Great Gifts for the Cochin Fancier!
See inside back cover.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Hello everyone,

I hope everything is going well for all of you and you are somewhat enjoying your spring. With all the craziness in the world right now, I hope your able to still find some enjoyment with your birds. Hatching season has been good for us and has helped relieve some stress of everything. Having the young chicks gives us some peace and relaxation during such uncertain times. Hopefully everyone has hatched out some future champions or at least made improvements or reached goals you were shooting for. I know my family will be glad to get back out to some shows, hopefully this fall.

This year is an election year. I encourage you, if you have time and would like to help your club, to put in your name to run for a position with the club. Any amount of time you can volunteer will be appreciated. There are tons of things anyone can do to help grow this club and make it the most premium breed club out there. If you are interested, please contact any of the district directors or officers of the club to ensure to get your name in. You can also post your intentions to the Facebook page, just be sure to follow up with a board member.

Please everyone out there stay safe and stay healthy! Enjoy those birds! Reach out to someone you know and ask them to join the club! Check on your family and friends!

Thank you and keep growing those champions!

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Oh, where do you begin? Well first and foremost I hope by the time you all read this our lives are back to a little normalcy!! I for one am sooo thankful for my farm and birds during this self quarantine. You are never lacking for something to do when you have animals. I have taken this time to work in summer pens and get birds set for the summer. Being able to spend more time trimming beaks, toenails and checking them over a bit more thoroughly. So many projects are getting done sooner than I expected. The garden is all ready to be planted, the greenhouse is full of seeds looking to sprout!! Been clearing brush in the horse pasture and their fence is all fixed for another year. I am definitely taking this time to reflect on what's really important as well. I miss my coworkers, my family and the kids I treat every day. Truly am thankful for my ordinary life it's not so much 'bout the things we have but the people we surround ourselves with and just be grateful.

We all need to do our part to encourage this hobby, from the juniors to the new adults. I can't tell you how many texts or messages I get asking my opinion on birds or housing requirements. It's all of our responsibility to answer these questions with kind and honest answers as well as timely responses. I always think who knows they may be the next master breeder or even just a backyard breeder who deserves the enjoyment of Cochins. The respect you give them you in turn earn yourself. I am a firm believer of "do unto others as you would have done to you".

The club's treasury is doing well and thank you to Gail for making the accounts look very professional. I look forward to seeing many of you this fall at shows always know I'm very approachable and will give my reasons for judging placements. But realize this is my interpretation of the standard and just my opinion. I'm honored to be able to judge another National this year and thank you to all who gave me this honor. It is truly a privilege. Until next time take care, treat everyone the way you want to be treated and for God's sake be grateful for all this hobby and your life has to offer!!!

Jamie

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Happy Spring everyone!

I am sure that everyone is dealing with the COVID19 outbreak in different manners, and I hope that this finds you all in good health and in as good spirits as you can muster during these strange times. I am also aware that it is impacting decisions on breeding/hatching goals/numbers for many people. Obviously something that each of us has to determine for ourselves. Since I am Chairman and CEO of Golden Feather Farm I am plodding ahead as previously planned and hatching what I normally would hatch, but trying to stick to halting egg saving when I feel I have enough of a particular match up or I've met my goals for that particular breed/variety this year. As I write this, I am done hatching Bantam Whites, and I just broke up the large Black and Buff Cochins matings. I am still saving large Whites, and I just started saving bantam Buffs, Blacks and Self-Blues. My other breeds are in various stages of doneness for the year as well but I won't bore you with details on the Cornish, Wyandottes, Rocks etc.

No matter what you decide, remember this is our hobby and it is supposed to be fun. Hatch what you can handle. I always try to make improvements on something, no matter what breed or variety. This year I am focusing on improving eye color on my white bantams for example and made some very specific matchups to work toward that. As another example, in previous years I've overlooked a weak wing here or there in the Buff Bantams because the overall type warranted that action. This year, I do not have any weak winged birds in the breeding matchups, and I was tempted by a hen with quite good type. She is still in my group pen because I like looking at her but I am avoiding more of that poor attribute down the line because of this decision.

Read your standard. I think too many people get hung up on minute details and lose the forest for the trees. I am not saying the details (like eye color) aren't important, but consider the overall canvas as a final work of art. The canvas here is your bird. If you are so laser focused on the eye color, and overlook other things, like symmetry (way more important to the overall final product), it won't matter how good your eye color is, if, in the end you just have a mediocre canvas.

I have a couple birds at the moment that I think, "if only there was a show to take you to," as I feed and water. I am missing the shows and camaraderie as well, but I am using this time to get some stuff done around the house. My grass looks fantastic, as I have had time to apply fertilizer. My blackberry beds are in top shape because I actually had a chance to get the canes under control this spring. Silver Linings I guess. The Coronapocalypse will pass. Keep your chins up! We'll see you at the shows this fall!

Roebuck out!

★ ACCOUNTING BASICS ★

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF CASH ON HAND

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/17	YEAR ENDED 12/31/18	YEAR ENDED 12/31/19	3 MOS. ENDED 3/31/20
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	2,200.67	3,548.54	4,239.77	2,250.00
Membership Dues & Merchandise	1,152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	872.00	2,512.00	1,004.00	1,293.50
Less: Merchandise Sale Discounts	0.00	(95.90)	(77.54)	(548.00)
Subtotal: Dues & Merchandise	4,224.67	5,964.64	5,166.23	2,995.50
Merchandise Shipping Fees	17.00	132.76	37.54	218.00
Breeders Directory Ads (Bi-Annual)	1,089.00	0.00	835.00	0.00
Premiums from Host Shows	0.00	0.00	262.00	0.00
Cash Donations	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Raffles & Auctions	317.00	759.00	304.00	175.00
Other - Merchandise Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other - Non-Inventory Merchandise Sales	36.00	109.50	74.00	0.00
Total Revenues	5,783.67	6,965.90	6,698.77	3,388.50
Expenses:				
Advertising	125.00	95.00	30.00	65.00
Breeders Directory (Bi-Annual)	1,749.48	0.00	1,964.32	0.00
COGS - ABA Cochins Bantams Book	88.55	0.00	81.12	0.00
COGS - Ameri Tee T-Shirts	0.00	1,654.00	0.00	0.00
COGS - ChickenZoo Decals	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.65
Dues - YEPA	25.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Junior Program Awards	190.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Member Memorial Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	638.61	150.31	256.90	114.88
Office Supplies	0.00	341.38	917.62	352.39
PayPal/Bank Fees	9.02	45.27	25.19	7.67
Plaques	96.00	142.25	32.00	0.00
Postage & Shipping	453.54	983.99	1,041.69	372.52
Rosette Ribbons	1,128.60	464.25	182.10	0.00
Self Blue Qualifying Meet	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Show Promotions / Awards	0.00	1,163.61	430.50	197.90
Website	19.95	214.35	19.95	216.00
Total Expenses	4,574.55	5,339.41	4,981.39	1,454.01
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,717.38	1,934.49
Beginning Cash Balance on Hand	3,014.98	4,224.10	5,850.59	7,567.97
Net Cash Profit (Loss)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,717.38	1,934.49
ENDING CASH BALANCE ON HAND	4,224.10	5,850.59	7,567.97	9,502.46



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Item	Retail Value	12/31/18 Inventory Count	12/31/18 Inventory Value	2019 Purchases Count	2019 Purchases Value	2019 Adj. / Promos Count	2019 Adj. / Promos Value	2019 Sales Count	2019 Sales Value	12/31/19 Inventory Count	12/31/19 Inventory Value
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	18	360.00					7	140.00	11	220.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	52	1,040.00					8	160.00	44	880.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	44	1,100.00			-1	(25.00)	10	250.00	33	825.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	47	1,410.00					3	90.00	44	1,320.00
Hoodies	35.00	46	1,610.00			-1	(35.00)	6	210.00	39	1,365.00
Caps	10.00	12	120.00					2	20.00	10	100.00
Patches	5.00	86	430.00			-1	(5.00)	9	45.00	76	380.00
Decals	9.50	3	28.50					2	19.00	1	9.50
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	3	30.00	12	120.00			7	70.00	8	80.00
			<u>6,128.50</u>		<u>120.00</u>		<u>(65.00)</u>		<u>1,004.00</u>		<u>5,179.50</u>

Item	Retail Value	12/31/19 Inventory Count	12/31/19 Inventory Value	2020 Purchases Count	2020 Purchases Value	2020 Adj. / Promos Count	2020 Adj. / Promos Value	2020 Sales Count	2020 Sales Value	3/31/20 Inventory Count	3/31/20 Inventory Value
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	11	220.00			-1	(20.00)	3	60.00	7	140.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	44	880.00					3	60.00	41	820.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	33	825.00					0	0.00	33	825.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	44	1,320.00			-1	(30.00)	14	420.00	29	870.00
Hoodies	35.00	39	1,365.00			-1	(35.00)	19	665.00	19	665.00
Caps	10.00	10	100.00			-2	(20.00)	2	20.00	6	60.00
Patches	5.00	76	380.00					4	20.00	72	360.00
Decals - LF	9.50	0	0.00	12	114.00			2	19.00	10	95.00
Decals - Bantam	9.50	1	9.50	12	114.00			1	9.50	12	114.00
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	8	80.00					2	20.00	6	60.00
			<u>5,179.50</u>		<u>228.00</u>		<u>(105.00)</u>		<u>1,293.50</u>		<u>4,009.00</u>

2020 DISTRICT & NATIONAL MEETS

(Below are confirmed Meets placed as of this publication date.)

March 7	Unifour All Breeds Show	Salisbury, NC	Southeast
April 25-26	Dayton Fancy Feather Club	CANCELLED	North Central
Sept. 7	New Brunswick Purebred Poultry	Fredericton, NB	Canada
Sept. 19-20	New Ulm Fall Classic	New Ulm, MN	West Central
Oct. 10-11	Utah Fancy Poultry Association	Farmington, UT	Pacific
Oct. 10-11	New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers	Deerfield, NH	Northeast 1
Nov. 7-8	Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Assn.	Fayetteville, AR	Southwest
Nov. 21	Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn.	Morehead, KY	East National
Dec. 12	Oklahoma State Poultry Fed.	Shawnee, OK	West Central

2020 EASTERN NATIONAL MEET

November 21, 2020

Eastern Kentucky Poultry Association

Morehead, Kentucky

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2020 WESTERN NATIONAL MEET

December 12, 2020

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation

Shawnee, Oklahoma

www.oklahomastatepoultryfederation.org

NATIONAL MEET ROTATIONS

EAST DISTRICTS

2018 – Southeast / Dec. 1-2 / Tennessee Valley Poultry Club / Knoxville, TN

2019 – Northeast 1 / Sept. 8 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY

2020 – North Central / Nov. 21 / Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. / Morehead, KY

2021 – Northeast 2 / Open

2022 – Southeast / Open

WEST DISTRICTS

2018 – Pacific / Dec. 1 / Pacific Northwest Poultry Assn. / Ridgefield, WA

2019 – Canada / Oct. 19-20 / Ontario Poultry Breeders / Grassie, Ontario

2020 – Southwest / Dec. 12 / Oklahoma State Poultry Federation / Shawnee, OK

2021 – West Central / Open

2022 – Pacific / Open



COCHINS INTERNATIONAL

**Cochins International is seeking Bids
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*Deadline for Bid submission is July 30, 2020.***

**Our 2021 EASTERN NATIONAL will be held in our
Northeast 2 District, which includes:
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania,
Virginia & West Virginia.**

District Director: Christopher Rob, silkies.r.awesome@gmail.com

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West Central District, which includes:
Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota,
South Dakota & Wyoming**

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Our National Meets are established to promote and advance exhibition of the Cochin breed and, as National Meets, should reflect the best interests of our entire Club membership. All aspects and criteria of bids received are given consideration, including, but not limited to: premiums offered, quality of venue and facilities, location, date of show, past show attendance and performance, and expected show attendance and performance.

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President: Gail Carlson, email: HappyHens1@hotmail.com

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NORTHEAST 1 DISTRICT REPORT

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I hope everyone is well and is finding ways to stay busy during this crazy time. I really don't have a lot to write about since we have not been showing this spring.

Here is the list of shows I have placed meets at:

Twin Tier Poultry Show NY, September 12 & 13

Northern New York Poultry Fanciers, September 20

Central Maine Poultry Fanciers, October 4

New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers in Deerfield New Hampshire will be the District Meet, October 10 and 11th

Yankee Fall Classic, October 13

Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers, October 18

Boston Show, November 7 and 8th

New England Bantam Club, November 22.

This is hoping all shows will be on by September and October. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and hope everyone's hatching season went very well. I was pleased to see the hatch rate I had on my large fowl this year so excited now let's hope there's something there to show.

Be well, Lisa Podgwaite

NORTHEAST 2 DISTRICT REPORT

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Greetings from Northeastern District 2. With all that's happening I hope that all of you are taking care and keeping safe. During this time we normally are breeding and hatching out for this fall and I hope we are keeping with that tradition. We currently are in a state of unsure what the future is to bring but in truth that is every day we live, which is why we should not let this cause concern and panic within our hearts. This as good as time as any to keep doing what we love and enjoy each day in and out. So breed and hatch decently, not to the extreme. Finish building those breeding/grow out pens that you planned this year. Care for your show birds and condition as normal (don't the birds deserve it). And in the case there are no shows this fall does not mean the end of the world is here. Just take it as a year to advance each and every line you have so that we will come back swinging the next time.

I currently have some babies on the ground myself with more to come. I'm going to continue as the same here. One of the positives of where I am at, is that I can still go outside and take care of my birds. There are people I know, that don't have that

luxury and yearn just to be outside. Really the birds are what keep me centered and prevent me from being crazy. Remember the birds at their core, never mind how pretty and conformed they are to the standard, they will always be a form of agriculture across the United States. And who knows maybe more fanciers will arise from this as trying to be self sufficient has seemed to have sparked in the past few weeks. We all know it nice to have eggs but if they can look pretty too, what a bonus.

Fortunately I am still working and still able to interact with some other than the ones in my house. But that doesn't mean I get to go out or do things away from home, unless I'm getting things for the birds. I drive to work and home, with no stops or normal drive-thru routines. It's not nearly as fun but if that is what is needed to help finish this whole thing so soon, then I am happy to oblige. On another note I have heard about the possibility of some Avian Influenza cases that have been concerning so at this time, I ask everyone to take the much needed care and precautions to their flock, especially if you are home. Biosecurity can help prevent even the slightest of issues and yes I agree no way will ever be perfect. It's a help but not a 100% cure or sure thing.

I know personally, currently I am not pushing to schedule and fall special or district meets for this district at least until we are part way through summer and are more in the know of how the days will pan out. I hear good and bad on the news and keep a little indifferent and figured it's easier not to estimate but to just let it be. I know most if not all spring shows have been cancelled including the Central PA Avian Club who had a special meet scheduled for May 3, 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation and PA's quarantine protocols. This is unfortunate but still we have survived & weathered no shows in the past. Those true to the fancy will still be there when all the dust settles as in any other industry or hobby. Remember we are still accepting bids for the 2021 CI National in Northeastern District 2 and are due by July 2020. If you have any questions just email me or Gail in regards to the process or any questions you may have with the bid form.

So, with that said I wish to see you all in the fall and have been watching online to see the birds that people are showing off that are coming of age or just starting anew. Due to being more limited outside, I am becoming more active online. I saw some virtual shows and think that if we continue on our goals we can keep a little more sanity in our lives as with all things in history, it will come to an end one way or another. The way it happens will be unsure but again I don't predict the future. Just all keep yourselves safe and I can't wait to see you in the Fall to compete.

Christopher Rob
Northeastern 2 District Director

COCHINATION

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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Happy Spring Everyone!!!

I was really looking forward to sharing the results in photos from our Spring district meet for 2020 but life had different plans for us all. With that being said we will have our 2020 District Meet this fall prior to our Eastern National that also happens to be held in our district this November. The show and date will be announced soon. Make sure you follow the Facebook page or website. In the mean time I hope everyone is staying happy, healthy, and safe and spending extra time with their birds. I recently cut back on a lot of my birds, some by choice and the rest by a mink. My first ever experience with mink. In the course of two nights I lost 37 Cochins, both bantam and large fowl. I have never experienced such a loss in the course of 48 hours. I had no idea what I was dealing with until the second night. I am now the proud owner of 3 mink pelts. Since I've never experienced them in all my years on the farm I didn't think those little buggers would take on full grown Large Fowl cochin. This was the year I was ready to sell off everything and walk away. But here I am. Dedicated or just a gluten for punishment?! The weather here has been quite interesting and needless to say the brooders are pretty bare. Not what is needed for rebuilding my flock. But in the last 2 weeks the eggs have started picking back up and looks like will be a late year for hatching. Hope you all are having a better year than me. Miss seeing my poultry family and friends at the shows. Keeping this short and sweet this time around. Hope everyone has a good summer and see Y'all in the fall!!!

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

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WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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Finding the Fun again during frustrating times? Yes, here in Minnesota spring has sprung, but also a virus has sprung up that put our hobby to the test. How do we still enjoy our birds, if there are no shows to take them too?

1st, be grateful that you can still have these little creatures. How many others are in apartments, in large cities, with nothing to do but watch the media. Cochin fans get to go out to the coop, sit on a pail, and forget about the world outside. For me, the chickens bring me back to earth.

Maybe take time to do those projects that you have been putting off. Cleaning, building new pens, etc.

Maybe put on your own little show. Just a few of your favorite birds, and you being the judge. Enjoying the quality that you have created, and maybe finding new ways to improve your future birds.

That's the way you enjoyed this wonderful hobby in the past, but most of all, that's how you will keep this hobby alive in your heart.

Everyone, stay healthy on these quiet days, take time to enjoy the birds, and hopefully we meet in the future shows.



Sasha Hanson travels from Oklahoma to Minnesota to visit with Rick Klehr!

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT

AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN

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Happy spring!

I'm sure it's not the spring everyone wanted. I sure wasn't planning on any of this. And with all the spring shows canceled. I'm on to planning fall show season. This year we've had a lot of great shows and a lot of cochins on champion row. Congratulations to all of you.

We had a show in AL who made a champion row for all unrecognized colors of all birds. We had in cochins blue mottled, bobtails. The blue mottled owned by Donna Smith was 100% the best I've ever seen. I saw that bird and thought to myself, dang if that color was recognized it would have won this show!

It was so awesome to have a show do award for these birds that aren't able to really compete for BB or champion status.

In March we had the SE district meet in Salisbury North Carolina. We had just shy of 100 bantams at the show and actually had 3 LF. Which in the past couple of meets we have had none. It was great to see that. Congrats to Rhonda Smith for winning over all champion. Judy for winning Res overall. Rhonda also won the legacy award for best black and Judy for best white. To me it's more of an honor to win those awards. We had members from all over the SE come. Thank you to all who came. We raised 175.00 on raffles and sales. Thank You to all who helped and donated. Special thank you to Elton and Jean Minnich for donating the 2 silver bowls as awards.

I would like to thank Ross Treffert for making the awards for the district meet. I had planned to go to a lot more shows this spring. But we can all be disappointed. Or sit at home and pretend we all won a show. I think I'll stay at home and pretend haha.



Judge Mike Sayre picks the winners at the SE District Meet at the Unifour Show.

Now on to the Fall show season. In this uncertain time we are all facing. I'm still staying positive we will all be together and enjoying shows, birds and the fellowship. I've got my hotel booked already for the Eastern National in KY. Be sure if you are planning to attend get rooms booked soon. They are booking up fast.

I think it's in a good location for us to have one of the biggest nationals ever. I'm also hoping to attend the Western National in Ok this year. If things work out I'll be at both.

Finally, I would like to say. It's an election year. Everyone should consider running for office. This is the time to Volunteer and get involved with the club. If you don't want to run for a, office ask what you can do to help. Not a single director or officer in the club will ever turn down help.

In closing I pray everyone stays healthy and safe in this unprecedented time. I know it's hard on a lot of us right now. If I can be of any help to any members please feel free to contact me.

I'm at home like everyone. And have time on my hands. Even if you just want to talk about birds. We all need to be here for each other.

Ivy Young

PACIFIC DISTRICT REPORT

AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA

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Greetings from the Pacific Northwest!

We all get asked several times per day by friends and colleagues how we are doing. I respond that while working from home I get to pull weeds during conference calls, collect eggs on my breaks, and every day is the best day of my kids' lives. Right now, we can be grateful that we enjoy growing things and spending time on our favorite hobbies, in our backyards. The animals don't comprehend brewing catastrophes, and they demand our attention away from these distressing topics.

Although a somewhat late start, I turned the incubators on the first of April more prepared for the breeding season than perhaps I have ever been. After not hatching at all last season, I have forty hens and two dozen males in individual breeding pens. In this arrangement I can tightly track which birds are productive and which produce the best offspring, as well as control the inputs to any experiments. The daily chores and artificial insemination are time consuming, but the females all seem to be coming to lay at the same time. My focus in this barn is producing numbers of blues, buffs, and columbians, as these flocks are aging and I want to increase the number that I keep.

Outside, I have six additional pens of bantams in trios/quads, and four trios of large partridge. My excitement in these pens is two matings of black-tailed red bantams. They are headed by two richly colored males that are so significantly better than the birds two generations ago I smile every time I look at them. The hens are still widely variable and remind me of the great progress yet to be made.

I have made significant outcrosses in the large partridge, to improve productivity issues that resulted from several years of bad breeder selection. It is a now a very long-term project, but the beauty and history behind these big birds makes me look forward to the chore.

I have a book suggestion for all club members who enjoy multiplying your birds- Start Where You Are With What You Have, A Guide to Poultry Breeding, by Ralph Sturgeon. It is available through the American Bantam Association and was referred to me by our renowned club member, Matt Lhamon. Some of the genetic concepts are outdated, but it made me realize that I have been making significant

mistakes in my twenty-five years of breeding cochins. The counter-intuitive lesson for me was that reducing genetic diversity is the path to greatest success, but if one does not select for health, vigor, and productivity over the other characteristics in the Standard of Perfection, the path certainly finds a disappointing dead end. Think about that challenge! Genetic diversity is a much easier and assured path to long-term breeding, yet genetic uniformity is a much shorter path to a flock of champions. Please read the book yourself; with over twelve chapters, certainly you will gain this and other valuable lessons.

I would like to hear about your breeding goals- please send me an email, and perhaps we will collate them into an article for the next newsletter. Be selective!

Cochins Rule!

AOV DEFINITIONS & PLACEMENTS

The APA and ABA define AOV as Any (or All) Other Varieties. When judging, it is NOT a typical placement that is made. The placement is usually made when a specific request is made, either by the Host Show or a Breed Club, wishing to make a special award.

In October of 2016, the General Membership of Cochins International voted to adopt the following as our Official Club Definition for AOV Placements & Awards: ***“AOV awards should not include birds from the following varieties: Black, White, or the Varieties from which the Best of Breed or the Reserve of Breed have been determined.”***

What this tells us is that Blacks and Whites can never be awarded AOV – no matter who wins BB or RB.

Example #1: Black wins BB, and White wins RB. AOV can only then be awarded to Any Other Variety, not including Black or White.

Example #2: Black wins BB, and Mottled wins RB. AOV can only then be awarded to Any Other Variety, not including Black, White or Mottled.

Example #3: Mottled wins BB, and Brown Red wins RB. AOV can only then be awarded to Any Other Variety, not including Black, White, Mottled or Brown Red.

I hope this helps everyone understand AOV Definitions and Placements.

~Gail

CANADA DISTRICT REPORT

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Greetings to All from Canada! It is deeply saddening that just as we are getting chicks into brooders in eager anticipation of the season ahead, alas, we are taken by surprise by CV-19. It is difficult to imagine life getting back to "normal" after we clear through this crisis which has certainly impacted each and every one of us! With luck everybody remains healthy. Sincere wishes and thoughts from me to you and your family!

With announcements of show cancellations already coming forth, it is looking quite dismal indeed for spring and early summer exhibitions. We can, however, still enjoy raising our chicks perhaps spending a little more time on them than usually allowed as many folks are social distancing at home. With smartphones and Apps to video chat why not have a video chat in your "barn" with a friend or fellow breeder? Show off your birds, monitor progress and have discussions by video and hopefully we'll all be able to get together for chats and handle birds at an event very soon! The social aspect of the hobby is one of the nicest things and needn't fall by the wayside.

Now provided our late summer and autumn shows can proceed as planned I will make some announcements ...

The *Cochins International Canadian District Meet* for 2020 shall be held in the Eastern area of our country, specifically Fredericton, New Brunswick hosted by the N.B.P.P.A. With the 2019 District Meet being held in Western Canada at the Canadian Heritage Breeds show in Olds, Alberta, and the Western National at the Ontario Poultry Breeders show in Grassie, Ontario, Cochin Exhibitors across all of Canada will have had opportunity to attend a Meet over the 2019/2020 seasons!

I'll share this brief article provided by Shelby Lyons about the show...

"The New Brunswick Purebred Poultry Association in conjunction with the New Brunswick Exhibition will hold its annual poultry and pigeon show September 7th on Labour Day weekend. The NBPPA is proud to be hosting the APA District 10 Meet along with other club and district meets for individual breeds. The NBPPA hosts one of the largest shows in Canada with exhibitors coming from many provinces and Eastern United States. The show provides every exhibitor with a coop-in payout for attending the show along with the ability to win prize money. Snacks are provided by the association! The show committee will provide direction to exhibitors looking to attend from the USA with paperwork and border crossing information. It makes for a fantastic and scenic vacation to the East Coast!"

Show Name: NBEX – New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

Club Host: NBPPA- New Brunswick Purebred Poultry Association

Show Date: September 7th, 2020

Judge: Mark Camilleri (Poultry and Waterfowl) & Bob Ridler (Pigeons)

Show Contact: Billy DeLong – 506-261-6897 or by email at billy_delong@hotmail.com.

Best of luck to all shows in 2020!

In addition, for those attending the Ontario Poultry Breeders Association show in Grassie, Ontario this upcoming October 24-25 2020, please take part in a *Cochins International Special Meet!* (The O.P.B. show is also hosting the A.P.A. Canadian National as well as the A.B.A. District Meet this year).

Please contact me if you would like to host a Special Meet at an APA or ABA

Sanctioned show near you! It would be nice to promote more meets across the District of Canada!

Thinking positively going forward is the ONLY attitude one should have, but in the unfortunate event that either of these exhibitions are cancelled due to Covid-19, we will post that information in a timely fashion on the C.I. Facebook page.

So until we get out of this undesirable situation...get a handle on your snacking habits and don't kill one another during lockdown, LOL. Practice stress relieving activities...like...go pet your soft'n fluffy Cochins !

Looking forward to seeing you on a showroom floor soon....Roxanne!

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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"THE BIRCHEN COLOUR PATTERN"

From the Australian National Pekin Club, Inc. February/March 2008 Newsletter.

The Birchen color pattern on a Pekin (Bantam Cochin) creates a striking contrast of stark silvery white against a rich black ground colour that should have a lustrous beetle green gloss to it. The male should have a full over-cover of silvery white. The neck hackle feathers being black; but, edged with crisp silvery white and the saddle & cushion covers should be black edged with silvery white a little broader than that on the hackle. The chest feathers to half way down the breast should be finely laced with silvery white free from mealiness or foreign colour inside the feathers' laced edge. The male's back and shoulder coverts should be silvery white and not striped with black. The female should have the same rich greenish-black ground colour as the male; but, will only have the black striped neck edged with silvery white and the fine lacing half way down the breast feathering. Neither male nor female should have any white or silvery white on their legs/feet. As males age, the extent of the silvery white hackles and over colour are exaggerated due to loss of pigment as in human hair. So, for this reason, breeders should be sure they observe the colour of the male and female in their first adult year because that is the way they will reproduce (exactly in the same way as the mottled pekin loses black pigment as they age). Some breeders have discarded many a good 2nd & 3rd year bird because they are over-silvered; but, have forgotten what they looked like as 12-month-old birds.

The Birchen colour pattern appears dominant to black; so, every so often a Birchen of excellent silver markings as described, can be mixed into a black, remembering to choose only the silver top coloured one from the progeny to back-mate into the Birchen line and keep this experimental mating well marked as the danger is that a percentage of the F1 progeny will carry gold (from the blacks) and can produce an "impure" birchen.

Too much lacing in Birchen offspring can become an issue so mating to a black breasted birchen free from chest lacing is an option, then breed back to the laced bird you used in that mating. If clarity of lacing/ending is an issue then you must look wider to bring in a bird to introduce who has the fineness of lacing. Thick edged lacing, continually used, will result in feathers becoming partially or even fully over silvered and have an appearance of mealiness.

The Mealy Grey can be used to enhance the silver top colour in birchen progeny. Often, this also enhances the lacing; but, remember that you will hatch many different variations of half mealy/birchen; so, select the best looking one according to

the standard colour description to mate back to the original birchen. Reject any that have a gold tinge to the silver top colour.

The Brown-Red can also be mated to a birchen with the aim of improving the lemon top colour in the brown-red only. In most cases this works extremely well. Choose only a brown-red that has distinct saddle and neck striping and chest lacing or you are wasting your time. One should never use progeny from this mating back into the birchen line as all the birchen produced will be of an impure nature and be of detrimental value to Birchen colouring. Use these progeny to enhance your brown-red line.

The White can also be mated to a birchen; but, will still produce the impure birchen as many whites carry the gold gene; however, the best silvered F1, once again can be taken back to the birchen for type improvement. Breeders should watch the results carefully, using only silver progeny to back mate to birchen.

Some HANDY POINTS for use WHEN SELECTING BIRCHEN PEKINS (BANTAMS) for BREEDING

1. Aim for clarity of silver by breeding from it on both sides of the breeding pen. In the neck, which must be black on both members of the pair, as well as, striping, laced with crisp silver is required.
2. Focus on the depth & quality of lacing, i.e., evenness of it from underneath the neck to half way down the breast and be mindful that the edging is not so thick that it nearly fills the black feather that it laces.
3. Don't let anyone convince you that you must have lacing all the way down the breast of either male or female. Half way down is the standard requirement.
4. Birds with full laced chests (& females with silver frosted shoulders & backs) are fine; but, in essence they contradict the Standard requirement and should be more successfully used in the breeding pen to enhance lacing in under laced birds and promote the silver top colour in males.
5. The Australian Standard requires fine lacing & edging half way down each breast feather; so, fineness of lacing is what should be aimed for and the minimal of shafting should be present so as not to detract from the clarity of the silver edging to each black feather.

SOME HANDY TIPS WHEN BREEDING BIRCHEN PEKINS (BANTAMS) & how to avoid the pitfalls encountered by the use of impure colour

1. Never use a brassy topped male carrying gold to breed into a silver birchen line.
2. Never use a birchen bred from a brown-red back into your pure silver birchen line and expect to get good silver results.
3. Each second season, mate a black breasted birchen (or very under laced) to an over laced birchen for maximum success in balancing the thickness and crispness of the lacing.
4. Aim for fineness of edging to the lacing and minimal shafting of ground colour laced feathers.
5. Aim for lacing only half way down the breast of each bird.
6. A mealy grey can be used to an under coloured birchen with success by back breeding to a good silvery birchen the next season.
7. The lacing & silver, present partially, visually, dominant traits when mated to a black pekin (bantam); so, type improvement can be gained by this cross remembering to back-breed the F1 progeny to the birchen from where they came from, not back to the black as the lacing will diminish significantly. Some form of silver will usually come out in this cross; but, because the blacks carry gold, you must select from the best silvery-coloured progeny to back breed to. Do not use any that carry the goldish or brassy hue to back breed to a silver birchen or you will be heading for doom . . .

JUNIORS' REPORT

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Its times like this that I worry most about our youth and youth in general. Our lives have been turned upside down and I think it's easy for us adults to get caught up in this "change" we are in. But I wonder what is it like for the children? No more school, possibly done for the rest of the year. Not able to go do the normal daily activities they are used it. It took me a while to get used to the new "normal" and its continuing to change on a daily basis. So I hope you all are keeping up on your school work and taking this extra time home to hatch more, condition more, and set goals for our hopeful fall show season. I am working with Ivy our South East District Director and coming up with exciting new contests and ways to earn Cochin Cash since our spring show season has pretty much come to a screeching halt. I plan to do 2 different contests every month until mid summer so every single youth member has the opportunity to earn CC until fall show season is here and you can start earning for BB, RB, BV, and RV. So keep an eye out for the contests on the Cochins International Facebook page for all the details. In closing, All I can hope for is you all stay safe and healthy. Keep your chins up and get those Cochins ready for fall show season and I hope to see you all in the show halls soon!



Colton Chandler-Deuser and Maggie Hanson enjoying mail day!

JUNIOR COLORING CONTEST

Juniors were challenged this past month to color this Large Fowl Cochin, and earn Cochin Cash.

Congratulations to **Maggie Hanson** for a job well done!!



Watch the CI Group on Facebook for more contests and opportunities to win Cochin Cash in the next couple of months!!

JUNIOR AWARD PROGRAMS

PIN PROGRAM

Juniors (CI member under the age of 18 years of age) may earn achievement pins for Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed wins in either an Open or Junior APA/ABA sanctioned show. These pins look great on the lapel of a showmanship coat, show apron or hat! Please submit copies of your coop tags or show report showing the name of the show, date, bird placement and signature of an adult, along with your name and address to the CI Junior Chair.

COCHIN CASH PROGRAM

Objective:

The objective of this new program is to not only incentivize Juniors and accelerate Junior exhibitor numbers, but to also promote Junior exhibition excellence.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this program, "Juniors" are defined as a member of Cochins International under the age of 18 years old, with a JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP or part of a family membership. To qualify for the program the junior must be on their junior membership or a junior listed on a family membership but can be shown in Open or Junior show to earn Cochin Cash.

For the purpose of this program, "Meets" are defined as any APA/ABA sanctioned show.

For the purpose of this program, "Cochin Cash" is defined as coupons awarded for designated placings at meets, and are redeemable only in the Junior Store on the Cochins International Website and hold no cash value.

For the purpose of this program, "Junior Store" will be placed on the club website, and items in the store will only be available for redemption with Cochin Cash.

Program:

1) To earn Cochin Cash the junior must place: Reserve of Variety, Best of Variety, Reserve of Breed or Best of Breed with a recognized variety of Bantam or Large Fowl Cochin with a minimum of 5 birds in the Class.

2) Copies of coop tags must be provided to Junior Program Chair, by either mail or email. Name, Date, Show and City of meet must also accompany the coop tags on "Show Results" form provided in the Juniors area on the website.

3) Cochin Cash will be paid out and mailed as follows:

Best of Breed: \$5.00 + Gold Pin (from current Pin Program)

Reserve of Breed: \$4.00 + Silver Pin (from current Pin Program)

Best of Variety: \$2.00

Reserve of Variety: \$1.00

4) Original Cochin Cash coupons must be submitted with Merchandise order from the Junior store. Coupons must cover the cost of the merchandise as well as the cost of shipping.

5) If Cochin Cash coupons redeemed exceed the amount of the order, coupons will be returned with the difference in amounts to the nearest dollar.

Other:

This program does not replace the Cochins International Pin Program. It is a separate and independent program.

Program is subject to change within 30-day notice of newsletter per Junior Program Chair or B.O.D.

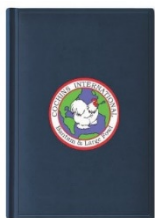
★ ★ Junior Achievement Pins ★ ★



★ ★ Preview – Junior Cochin Cash Store ★ ★



Drawstring Bag
\$15.00 + s/h



Journal/Notebook
\$12.00 + s/h



Lunchbox/Cooler
\$26.00 + s/h



Fleece Blanket
\$35.00 + s/h



Chair w/Logo
& Your Name
\$33.00 + s/h



Stainless Steel
Bottle
\$18.00 + s/h



Sling Backpack
\$21.00 + s/h



Large Duffel Bag
\$28.00 + s/h



Fleece Jacket w/Logo & Your Name
\$42.00 + s/h



(Items in the Junior Cochin Cash Store can ONLY be purchased by Juniors redeeming Cochin Cash.)



CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



JUNIOR CHAMPION LARGE FOWL CHAMPION ASIATIC

Peachstate Poultry Association
Perry, GA • January, 2020
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Jake Henderson

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEATHERLEG

Heart of Dixie Poultry Show
Fort Payne, AL • February, 2020
Bantam White Pullet by
Colton Chandler-Deuser



JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG

Heart of Dixie Poultry Show
Fort Payne, AL • February, 2020
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Colton Chandler-Deuser

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

WHAT CAUSES BRASSINESS? by Art V. Granger

[Editor's Note: Art Granger was one of the premier breeders and exhibitors of White Cochins Bantams in the 1940's. This article written by Mr. Granger was republished in the World Cochins Family Yearbook (1976-77, Volume II). His birds were frequent subjects of Arthur O. Schilling's pictures.]

During the past two years, I have conducted various experiments to determine the cause of brassiness in White Cochins Bantams, and to try to find a remedy for its elimination. All of these experiments were conducted on male birds because the brassiness is most noticeable in their glossy feathers; although by careful examination, it can be found in the hackle of some females.

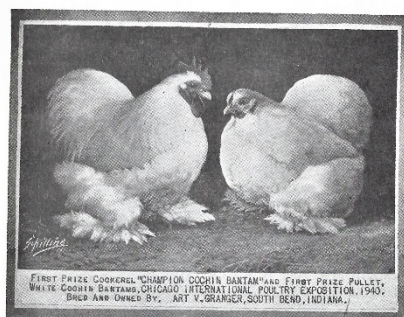
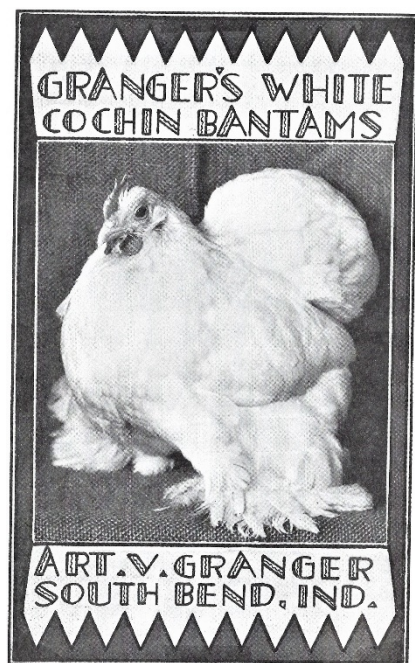
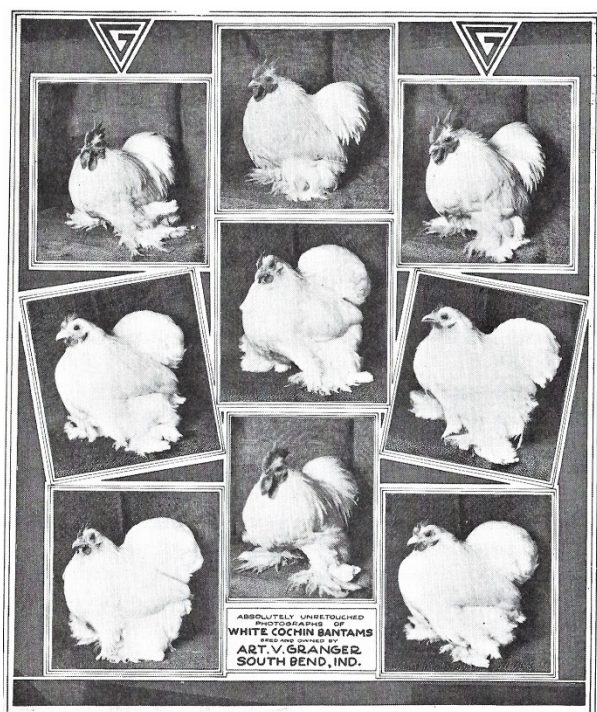
I set about to prove or disprove three popular theories; namely, that yellow corn, the sun, and green food will cause brassiness. Regarding the first, I set up three pens containing a male bird in each and fed them all growing mash, one with no yellow corn meal added, one with 25 per cent meal added, and the third with 50 per cent corn meal added. The mash was before them at all times and in addition they were fed a grain ration containing 40 per cent cracked yellow corn. RESULT: After three months of such feeding all three birds remained unchanged in color.

Next, two males were taken and fed plentifully on yellow corn. One was allowed to run in the sun and the other kept in the shade. RESULT: No difference in the color of the two birds. During the first two experiments green food was kept from all the male birds.

For the third experiment, two males were used. They were both fed mash as in the first experiment. One was given a good supply of green food while the other received none. After a while, the male having access to green food turned to the brassy order, while the other remained pure white. To test the green food experiment further, five males were allowed to roam the yard with plenty of green food available. They could also get into the sun if they cared to, but two males were kept inside. These two males were given no green food and no mash, but did receive rations of which 40 per cent was yellow corn. RESULT: The five males having access to the green food turned brassy, while the other two remained pure white. It is my contention then, that green food is a contributing factor to brassiness.

I do not believe green food alone is responsible for this color condition, but I think, rather, there are exceptions to the individuals contributed by breeding. The keen observer and fancier who has the patience to watch his growing stock closely and constantly, will note various characteristics develop on them. Birds fed from the same cup, bred from the same pen, and reared identically, will grow differently.

It is desirable to watch the individual birds that grow ideally, to note what they are when fully matured, and then follow them through their first molt. The study of color is one that starts when the chick first gets wing feathers and never ends until stay white color is an established characteristic of your strain. To me it represents a problem that must be eliminated by careful breeding. It might be quite a job, but I know it can be done. Many White Cochins Bantams show gray striping in their feathers when pulled will grow in pure white. New feathers injured while the blood is in the quill, will sometimes be off-color, due to the coagulation of the blood. Such feathers if allowed to mature and then be pulled, will generally grow again in good color.



MECHANICS OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OF POULTRY

By Rich Barczewski

Going to the world-wide-web for health advice for our birds is kind of like going to the casino, especially if you are using typical sites like Facebook. You may win, but then again you may lose and for bird keepers those losses are hard to take. I thought that it might be good to go over a few things about medicating and health that are often overlooked, and misunderstood by the average person.

First, let's talk about vaccines. Vaccines are biologicals. Biologicals include tissue and substances from live animals (whole blood, serum, harvested organs, etc). Biologicals also include vaccines, bacterins, toxoids, etc. created in the lab from bacteria and viruses. All must be kept cool or frozen to avoid decay. Vaccines can be killed or modified live. That means that they take the bacteria or virus and alter it with heat or chemicals so that it is no longer pathogenic (able to cause full blown disease). But what is not altered is the part of the bacteria or virus that is going to be recognized by the immune system to allow the animal/bird to make antibodies against the offending pathogen.

So, what happens when you administer the vaccine? Basically, antibodies are formed, the antibodies fight that specific virus or bacteria. In the process, the vaccinated bird may get a mild fever as a natural response to their immune system. They are not necessarily "getting the disease" but their immune system reacts as if they are. If you repeat the vaccine annually, or as directed by the manufacturer, this boosts the immune response.

Generally, modified live vaccines elicit a stronger response from the immune system than the killed vaccines, however they may have more side effects. For practical purposes, you need not fret over which to use: most vaccines come in one form or the other. You do not have a choice.

A stressed animal with an unhealthy immune system that is vaccinated will still not actually succumb to the disease, but it will not produce the proper amount of antibodies that would be produced by a healthy animal. This is where you can get a vaccine failure. The decision that most poultry keepers have to make is how much risks dictates when to vaccinate? Which diseases should you vaccinate for? The decision should be based on the prevalence of the disease, the likelihood that your birds will be exposed to the organism, and the value of your birds compared to the cost of the vaccine. You can obviously vaccinate for more diseases than would be practical, but the decision on which vaccines to use is up to the individual poultry keeper unless your state dictates a particular vaccination regime.

One key thing to remember about vaccines is that it matters how they are stored, shipped and handled. It is critical that you follow the label instructions on these vaccines and if you order them from a mail order supplier, be sure to request that they be shipped early in the week so you can be sure they do not sit in a post office over the weekend. All vaccines are biologicals and have to be shipped with ice packs as they must be kept in a critical temperature range if they are going to remain effective.

Always follow the label directions on any biological regarding storage, and use. The ones that need to be reconstituted (require a mixing of a liquid diluent, with a freeze-dried wafer), often have a very short useful life once mixed so make sure you know what you are doing and are set up prior to mixing any of these types of vaccines. Unused vaccines in this case must be discarded as they will not be effective if used beyond the labeled time frame.

That brings me to other medications, specifically antibiotics. Like in humans, antibiotics are effective drugs against bacteria. They do not work against viral diseases, however sometimes in certain situations, they may be used to treat or

prevent secondary infections that impact the birds who are experiencing a viral disease. Like with most drugs, antibiotics can come in many forms, injectables, soluble powders, pills, etc. When treating individual birds, it is often easier to use a pill or injectable because that way you are sure that the treated bird was given the correct dose at the correct time.

Commercially, most farms treat their flocks by dissolving a soluble antibiotic in the water system and treating the entire flock at one time. This can also be done if you have to treat a large group of birds and one advantage of putting an antibiotic in the water is that birds will often drink when they are sick even though they will sometimes not eat.

With injectables, it is critical that you know what the proper dose of the antibiotic is that you are using. Most injectable antibiotics come in different formulations and it is critical that you understand a couple of specific things about them. For example, if an antibiotic is identified as containing 50 mg/ml, that means that there is 50 mg (milligrams) of the drug in each 1 ml of the injectable. If the formulation is 200 mg/ml then there is 200 mg of the drug in each 1 ml. That means the 200 mg formulation is four times stronger than the 50 mg formulation. But all of this is totally irrelevant until you know what the proper dose is, and that can further complicate the equation.

Most doses of drugs are reported on a milligram/pound (mg/lb) basis, and occasionally, you may see one listed as milligrams/kilogram (mg/kg). One kilogram is equal to 2.2 pounds so you need to know the weight of your birds in order to calculate the proper dosage to give. The best way to do this is to actually weigh your birds but we all realize that very few poultry keepers have scales. One option may be to use the APA/ABA standards for the approved weights of Cocks, Hens, Cockerels and Pullets as an estimate.

So, if you have a large fowl cock bird that weighs 10 pounds and you need to medicate that bird, and the dose to medicate is 5 mg/lb you would need to inject 10 X 5 or 50 mg of drug into the bird. If the medication you have is 50 mg/ml, then you would have to give 1 ml of the drug to the bird to properly dose it. One ml is essentially the same as 1 cubic centimeter (cc) which is the typical numbering on a syringe. It is important not to underdose when treating as repeated underdosing can result in resistant bacteria. Likewise, overdosing may have negative impacts as well as some drugs can be toxic at high levels.

Another important thing to consider is safety when using any medication. Be sure to read and follow the label directions before using any medication. It's always a good idea to consult with your veterinarian when possible about any treatment plans but I realize that many vets do not specialize in poultry and finding a poultry vet is often difficult. One other consideration when using any medical treatment has to do with the withdrawal periods. If you intend to sell the birds through an auction or privately, and the bird might be used for food, you want to make sure you adhere to any withdrawal periods on the label of the medication. The withdrawal period is the time required for the drug to be completely metabolized by the bird so that no residue remains in the carcass.

To determine the proper way to administer a medicinal into the bird refer back to the label. Most injectable drugs are given IM or intra-muscular. That means they need to be injected directly into the muscle. For poultry, the easiest place to inject a bird into the muscle is into the breast meat. You could also consider injecting into the thigh muscle as well. To do this properly, you'll want to choose the right size needle and syringe.

Some medications are thicker than others but I would suspect that the largest needed you should be using on poultry would be 25 gauge. (with needles, the larger the number, the smaller the diameter of the needle). Additionally, needles come in

different lengths. A ½ inch 25-gauge needle would be my first choice to inject poultry IM. When injecting, you may want to pull the skin of the bird slightly forward or back, inject the medicine and then allow the skin to return to its original position. This will help to prevent any flow-back of the medicinal out of the injection site.

Considering syringes, I would use the smallest syringe available that will hold the dose required to be injected. Syringes for consideration would be 1 cc or 3 cc. Like needles, these come in varying sizes as well.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention off-label drug use in our hobby. Off-label means using a drug in a manner which is inconsistent with its labeling. For the most part, this is a gray area. Pharmaceutical companies do not have the money to test all products on all species. This has become a problem for both veterinarians and animal keepers. In 2004, the Minor Use, Minor Species Animal Health Act was passed (MUMS). This act gave veterinarians guidelines to allow the use of drugs that were already on the market and approved for the use in some species, on other species for which the drug was not approved. It allowed, them to use their professional discretion in using an off-label drug when no other effective drug was available, provided they provided the animal owner with proper protocols for use and a withdrawal period for both meat and milk. This deals mainly with food animals, however if we sell surplus birds through auctions or swap meets, we need to be aware that those birds may enter the food chain. For the most part, this is not a big issue if your birds are never going to enter the food chain, however, if you routinely or even occasionally sell birds through any auction channels, and the birds have an illegal residue in their system that is detected you could be liable. Personally, I would be very careful recommending that someone else use an off-label drug to treat any disease especially in a public forum.



What homeschooling looks like in CochiNation!

If your 'Stay-at-Home' projects include counting your chickens, be sure you follow these rules (anonymous author):

"Official Rules for Counting Chickens."

Are sure you are counting your birds correctly? There are specific rules that apply:

1. You do not count any eggs in the incubator because you don't count your chickens before they hatch.
2. You don't count chickens that were given as a gift because they were a present and are more properly considered a gift rather than a chicken.
3. You do not count any bird under 18 weeks old because they are too young to lay eggs so they are considered juveniles rather than chickens.
4. You don't count bantams because bantams are considered bantams rather than chickens.
5. You don't count ornamental birds because they are ornamental and are considered yard art, folk art, or fine art rather than chickens.
6. You don't count birds beyond laying age because they're retired and don't lay eggs and are considered retirees rather than chickens.
7. You don't count birds in molt because they're are in molt and missing feathers so cannot be properly considered as complete chickens.
8. You don't count males because males are for the production of meat and count as a food source rather than chickens.
9. You don't count males even if they're not destined for meat productions because they are protectors of the flock and are more accurately considered guard dogs rather than chickens.
10. You don't count laying hens because they produce eggs and thus are more accurately described as a food source rather than chickens.
11. You don't count sick or injured birds because they are sick or injured and their disposition is in question so they go on the injured or sick list not on your list of chickens.
12. You don't count birds that are for sale or possibly for sale because they belong or will belong to someone else.

Thus, if you follow the rules (and it is always good to follow the rules) you may only count healthy full-size female chickens that are not in molt and not a gift and are of laying age but not laying.

Agriculture Word Search

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shepherd	scarecrow	rice	ram
poultry	meadow	mare	machete
land	Jersey cow	jenny (female donkey)	irrigation
insecticide	incubator	horse	honey
hog	hoe	hive	herd
hen	haystack	hay	hatchery
harvester	harvest	grains	goose
goat	geese	gate	gander
fruit	food	foal	flock
field	fertilizer	fence	feed
farmhouse	farmer	farm	egg
duckling	duck	drake	donkey
dog	dairy	cultivator	cow
combine	chicken	chick	cattle
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