

The Thrianta

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News Bulletin of the Thrianta UK rabbit club

This is the 20th edition of our Bulletin since March 2011 when the question of forming a Thrianta club was first suggested. It is hoped you find it of interest. The club continues to receive good support with the present membership being 41.

Included with this issue is the updated List of Members who have agreed the sharing of their details. Also the Minutes of our 2016 AGM and Audited Accounts for 2016 are included for your consideration prior to the 2017 AGM (see page 2 for details)



The Stock Show at the Essex Championship in April did not attract the entry anticipated when planning the 2017 shows. Botany Stud and Greywil Stud entered 5 Thrianta. The low turnout was unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances.

Our second show of 2017 was held at Mansfield on the 3 June and attracted an entry of 10 Thrianta from 5 members, Bob Marsden taking a well deserved Best in Show with his adult buck. His entry of two adult bucks took 1st and 2nd in the class and also won the Pair class, congratulations Bob.



The next club stock show, with Rose Burgess judging, will be held at The London Championship Show at Peterborough on Saturday and Sunday the 7/8 October. Our club chairman Paul Hopkins will be judging the London classes.

Congratulations to Paul Hopkins for winning 1st Adult Fancy Chall and 2nd Fancy Chall AA with his Thrianta at the Wayland Agricultural Show staged by Central Suffolk R&C Society on the 6th August.



Reminder regarding your entry to the "Pair Class" at Thrianta UK Stock Shows

The class does not appear on the advertised show schedule and entry to this class should be made on the show day to the Thrianta Club Secretary prior to judging.

This will be a class for two Thrianta matched as closely as possible in size, type, colour, etc. The sex is optional. **There is one award of £5 for the winning pair.**

The 2017 AGM will be held at The London on the Sunday morning at 11.00am in the Bedford Suite, situated underneath the grandstand, which is approx 5 minutes "stroll" from the show hall.

Your views and suggestions are important and will be most welcomed at the meeting.

Notification has been given in the August issue of the Fur and Feather and any proposals for formal changes are to be submitted to the Secretary by the 9 September 2017.

Venues for the 2018 Stock Shows will be discussed at the meeting and your suggestions and wishes are important.

If you are unable to attend the AGM your views can still be discussed so please do not hesitate to let me have the details.

Should anyone wish to receive a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting please let me know.

It should be available approx 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Remaining Stock Shows for 2017

Saturday/Sunday 7/8 October - London Championship Show (Peterborough)
Judge: Rose Burgess

Saturday 28 October - Scottish Championship Show (Kelso)
Judge: Mark Deal

Sunday 3 December - Doncaster RC; Judge: Garry Richardson

New Thrianta UK Club Website

In April it was pleasing
to announce that the club now has a new website.
The full address is,

thrianta-uk.thrianta.eu

Note this is a sub domain address and www should **not** be added
Our thanks and gratitude to Edwin Broekhuizen for all his work in developing the site and
in anticipation, his future assistance that will be necessary for its maintenance
It is hoped that this site will work alongside the club
News Bulletins that are issued to members on a regular basis.

Trusting you find the website informative.

The map adjacent
showing the
Geographical spread of
locations viewing the new
website in May.



I was recently asked if I had knowledge of white spots appearing in Thrianta. Since then I have found reference to the problem in the following article by Bill Mairs, first published in the AMERICAN Thrianta Rabbit Breeders Association Guide Book 2009. Having encountered some of Bill's experiences I thought to share the article below.

Observations, Faults and Disqualifications of Thriantas

By Bill Mairs

Over the last four years, we have raised approximately 200 Thriantas. Some of the faults I've seen first hand. Others have been pointed out or told to me from the breeders in Holland.

Kits - The first year that we raised Thriantas, the litters were separated and put into individual cages to grow into adults. The kits that had thin, lightly furred ears finished with long, fine bone on the front feet. Young that had long, thin back feet ended up long in the rib giving, poor type. The ones that had short, fat feet had good type.

Fur - This is something you wait for. They seem to change up to six months before they end up with a good coat. The fur ends up with a sheen when it is in prime.

Color - This is the same as fur, usually by six months the color is what you're going to get. The colors range from orange red to red orange; one darker than the other. Belly color is important. You are looking at 360 degrees on the rabbit for total color. Fading at the crotch and tail are common, but not desirable. You should try breeding to correct it. I have seen a Thrianta with perfect belly and tail color, so it is possible.

Teeth - This hasn't been a major problem, but I find in a few lines the teeth are close to being even. As the head develops, they correct themselves. A few lines that I crossed produced all bad teeth.

Badly Turned Front Legs - A Thrianta I saw in Holland had the front legs turned out from the body at 60 degrees and was down on the pastern, showing a genetic fault in the leg development.

Light Nails - For the first year, we started to cull young for white nails on the front feet. At three months, they looked white. We found at 5-6 months they darkened to a bone color, dark enough to show, but still not what the standard calls for.

White Spots - I have not had this problem, but have seen it in Holland. I'm told it pops up every now and then.

Undescended Testicle - I have not had this problem, but have seen it in Holland. It is not a major problem, but with the limited gene pool of the Thriantas, it does crop up.

Split Penis - This is a problem that I never checked for. After raising giants for 35 years and never seeing this problem, we were disqualified at a show. Now, we check at 10-12 weeks and catch the obvious. Others that are questionable we wait until 4-5 months of age and recheck them, before we start to show them.

I'm sure there's more problems that can show up, but I haven't seen them yet.

It was very sad to hear that Jean, wife of our chairman Paul, passed away last month after a 5 month illness. Our sincere condolences on behalf of all club members go to Paul and his family during this difficult time.



Fully embroidered sew-on Club Badges, measuring 110x60mm, are available at a cost of £3.00 plus 50p postage.



Rosie Short continued her success by winning Best Junior Fancy and 3rd Fancy Chall Ad at Pontefract on the 30 April, with her Thrianta Buck, congratulations.

Rose Burgess our press rep would welcome any news, views and show results etc. from you for the Fur and Feather Club News.

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The next News Bulletin will be issued in December when results of the three remaining 2017 Stock Shows will be given together with news from the AGM.

If you have any items for the Bulletin, I would be pleased to receive them.

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