

Holland Lop Named Tops In Berks County 4-H Rabbit Show

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — It took 10 years of 4-H participation, but Todd Becker, 16, of Norristown, Montgomery County, finally won a contest Saturday during the Berks County 4-H Wabbit and Cavy Lovers Club youth show here in the 4-H Community Center.

Todd's black rabbit, a senior buck in the four class whom he named "Luke" on the spot, won

over 300 other rabbits entered in the show.

"It was the biggest show we've ever had as far as animals and exhibitors were concerned," said Nancy Plushanski, coordinator of the event. This youth open show attracted contestants from all over the state and New Jersey, she said.

It also attracted 40 Guinea pigs, or cavies, as they are known in the business.

In the six class, a Palomino, owned by Tammy Brooks of Pal-

myra, Lebanon County, won top honors. This rabbit also was the runner-up best-of-show.

The best cavy was a Silkie, owned by Christine Cascioli of Egg Harbor, N.J.

In the meat pen competition, the best were a trio of Champagnes, owned by Cheryl Lutz of Spring City.

In individual breeds, the best and best opposite are as follows:

Californian — Tammy Stroup, Richfield; opposite, Nathan Kramer, Bernville.

Champagne — Rudy Ziegler, Spring City; opposite, Sarah Westley, Hamburg.

Creme D'argent — bestand opposite Jennifer Miller, Limerick.

Giant Chinchilla — Kevin Vosburgh, Port Norris, N.J.

Dutch — Allen Schaeffer, Lenhartville; opposite, Fawn Long, Egg Harbor, N.J.

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Todd Becker cradles his best-of-show Holland Lop assisted by some of his friends.



Melissa Edwards of Grove City, Chester County, the state Rabbit Queen, with her Netherland Dwarf.



Eric Wineske and Tammy Brooks of Lebanon County, Jill Shollenberger of Berks County and Tod Becker of Montgomery County are some of the winners of the "Name the Breed and Variety Contest."

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