

**American Dutch Rabbit Club Membership**

As a member of the ADRC, you will receive a quarterly magazine "The Dutch Reporter" which is filled with articles and information submitted by other ADRC members. In addition, you will also receive "The Dutch Guidebook" which is full of great information on breeding, raising and showing Dutch rabbits. Being an ADRC member, you will get to participate in the National Dutch Show each year and earn ADRC sweepstakes points.

**Yearly Dues For New Members**

- ( ) Youth \$13.00      ( ) First Class Dr add \$7.00
- ( ) Single \$15.00      ( ) Canadian add \$5.00
- ( ) Husband/Wife \$19.00      ( ) Foreign add \$8.00
- ( ) Family \$25.00      ( ) Breeder Listing \$5.00

I hereby make application for membership in the American Dutch Rabbit Club. I agree to abide by your Constitution and By-Laws to further the interest of the American Dutch Rabbit in every way possible.

Member Name(s) & Birthdate(s)

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**Send application and dues to:**

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DUTCH RABBIT CLUB**



**"You Can't Beat the Dutch"**

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## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

The American Dutch Rabbit Club is an organization of people who come from all walks of life, all ages, from over the country with one common interest in that great little rabbit called the Dutch. Through the clubs activities, its publication the *Dutch Reporter*, its national sweepstakes, the ADRC website and the yearly National Dutch Show, the clubs goal is to promote, boost, stimulate, and encourage the Dutch Rabbit. As an ADRC member, you receive a quarterly magazine, *The Dutch Reporter*. This official newsletter of the American Dutch Rabbit Club, keeps you posted with upcoming events, get Dutch news from across the country, introduces you to breeders, includes many interesting articles on raising and showing Dutch that are written by experienced breeders, and much more. Additionally, being a member of the American Dutch Rabbit Club, you will be eligible to participate in the National Dutch Show every spring. You will receive the Dutch Guidebook, another publication of the ADRC that is full of valuable information about your Dutch.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

The Dutch rabbit has been around for well over 150 years making it one of the oldest breeds. Originally from Europe, the Dutch were imported to the United States in the early 1900s. The original Dutch were Gray and the additional colors we now recognize being Black, Blue, Chinchilla, Chocolate, Tortoise and Steel, which were not developed until later.

## DUTCH RABBIT DESCRIPTION

The Dutch Rabbit is a medium, compact, fancy breed that is well known for its “Dutch” markings. These markings consist of the Blaze, Cheeks, Neck, Saddle, Undercut, and Stops. Dutch Rabbits come in six varieties or colors: Black, Blue, Chinchilla, Chocolate, Gray, Steel and Tortoise. Ideal senior weight for bucks and does is 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds. They are a sweet natured, easy to handle, versatile, disease resistant and hardy breed of rabbit.



## CARE OF YOUR DUTCH

Getting started in Dutch requires a bit of homework, as one must start with quality rabbits from a well-established breeder. Not only will you get your beginning stock, but also an experienced Dutch breeder can provide you with vital information that you may not find in a book or on the internet. Listen and learn from them. This will help prepare you to raise your own Dutch. There are a number of options when it comes to housing your Dutch, but an all wire cage is usually ideal for easy cleaning and better sanitation. They can come with a pull-out tray for easy waste removal. A cage that measures 24in. wide X 24in. long X 18in. tall is of sufficient size for a Dutch rabbit. A doe with a litter will require a larger space, at least

30X24X18 inches. Rabbits are solitary animals and are best housed separately. Rabbits can be housed indoors or outdoors as long as they have protection from the elements (rain, snow, wind, etc.). They can easily tolerate freezing temperatures, provided they have fresh water, feed, and proper shelter. Heat and humidity are actually the most dangerous conditions when it comes to rabbits. They will easily overheat and die in hot and humid weather. When it is hot out, it is important that they have fresh, cold water, shade from the sun and air movement/ventilation from either a fan or an outdoor breeze. On days of extreme heat, empty plastic soda bottles can be filled with water and frozen, then placed in the rabbit's cage to help keep them cool. It is important that clean, fresh water be available at all times. It can be provided by either a crock or a water bottle, whichever you prefer. A commercially formulated rabbit pellet is a complete ration and is made up of everything a rabbit needs for nutrition. Dry hay can be given in small amounts as a treat, which is greatly enjoyed and good for a rabbit's digestive tract. Greens should be avoided especially in young rabbits as it can cause loose stools, which can prove to be fatal. When handling your rabbit it is best to use both hands and support the rabbit's bottom and feet, which make them feel more secure. If a rabbit feels insecure, they may struggle and possibly get injured. Never pick a rabbit up by the ears; this can cause damage to the ear as well as being painful to the rabbit.

For more information on the Dutch Rabbit and/or the American Dutch Rabbit Club visit our website at [www.dutchrabbit.com](http://www.dutchrabbit.com)