

The Color of Rhinelanders

The Rhineland first appeared in the rabbitry of Josef Heintz, a postal official from Grevenbroich, Germany. Heintz was a Harlequin breeder and a 'breeder of color variations'. To improve the marking of his Harlequins, Heintz had tried, without success, several crosses with other breeds, a common practice at this time. In 1904, Heintz paired a Harlequin buck with a gray and white crossbred doe of German Checkered Giant or English Spot ancestry. The litter from the cross consisted of one Harlequin, one solid gray, one Checkered gray and white, and a three colored doe. The littered over 200 rabbits of which 50 were selected and became the ancestors of this wonderful breed of Rhinelanders.

In 1972, Robert Herschbach, an ARBA judge and registrar, imported four prize winning Rhinelanders from Germany's top winning bloodlines. These four Rhinelanders were purchased in February 1972 at the Tenth Annual Bundeskaninchen Schau held in Essen-Grugahaollen, West Germany. These rabbits were shipped to Herschbach home in Watsonville, CA, where they were bred to promote the breed.

The Rhineland Club of America was organized and chartered in 1974 with ARBA once the breed was accepted. The Rhineland appeared in the Standard of Perfection in 1975 once the controversy over what the standard what it was to say.

Rhinelanders

Statistics

Maximum Senior Weight:

9 1/2 lb.

Minimum Junior Weight:

3 1/4 lb.

Judging Points Distribution:

General Type: 36

Fur: 5

Color: 27

Markings: 27

Head: 12

Condition: 5

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Rhinelanders live up to the this name. But what are those colors you need and how is it attained? To catch a coin phrase, ‘Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder.’ Everyone has their ideal pattern and shades and mixture, however this does not mean brindling. The mixture means a clean, sharp, and clear demarcation. These mixtures are a dark orange color and a pure black color. Recently, oranges have become diluted and this is being researched.

In order to get this vibrant and sharp color, the fur is very important. It needs to be a short coat that is dense and silky giving a smooth appearance (SOP 187). As a junior, the coat is not as short and silky appearing causing a brindled appearance. Once the baby coat leaves, so should that.

The placing of markings is important, though type is worth almost ten more points. All markings must carry both colors, except the cheek spots. The spine and ear markings should match in contrasting colors. The butterfly should literally look like a butterfly while it matches the spine and ear colors. Reverse coloring in the ears is an undesirable trait; one carrying a great deal more orange and the other more black. The cheek spots should be round and in balance to the rest of the head marking. The same is for the eye circles.

Basic Care

As any other rabbit, a Rhinelanders needs a nutritious pelleted feed daily, 1 oz. per lb of rabbit with fresh water. Limited treats can be fed such as carrots, sweet potatoes, bananas, apple, dried bread, or unsweetened cereal. Feed hay on a regular basis. The minimum housing requirements are .75 square feet per lb of rabbit. A good size cage is 24”x30”x18” and 30”x36”x18” with a heavy wire floor. Some Rhinelanders do not do well on wire floor and floor boards would be required. Excessive heat is much more dangerous for your Rhinelanders than cold temperatures, so be sure to keep rabbits protected from the weather in the shade.

Your First Rhinelanders

The most important thing in points is type. As a full arch type, it is sometimes hard to see this as a junior because they are unable to properly carry their weight. The quality of a Rhinelanders depends on type, coloration, and markings. All go hand in hand because without each, the animals’ appearance is altered unfavorably. The back line is to be smooth with rounded hindquarters with an alert and inquisitive personality. Rhinelanders can be skittish, but with care, they are loving animals. They are a loving rabbit and usually will only attach to one person.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult	1	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Husband/Wife	1	\$7.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (18 years & under)	1	\$3.00
	Subtotal:	_____
	Total:	_____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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Membership Includes:

4 issues of the newsletter and membership card.

A guidebook is being worked on.

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