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Cooper's Rabbit Ranch News



Kits Available for Sale:

- ♥ New Zealand White, DOB 9/9/2020 \$75
- ♥ New Zealand Variety of color, DOB 9/9/2020 \$75

Up and Coming Does:

- ♥ Trixie, New Zealand Charlie Tri-Color
- ♥ Sasha, Black New Zealand
- ♥ Delilah, Sandy Flemish Giant
- ♥ Violet, Blue New Zealand
- ♥ Magnolia White New Zealand
- ♥ Lacy, White New Zealand
- ♥ Blue Velvet, Blue Rex
- ♥ Flopsy, Opal Rex

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New Zealands, Flemish Giant, Rex

We repaired several hutch roofs that were leaking. We destroyed the double Flemish hutch that housed several does that we lost for unknown reasons. Next season we will build two new ones to replace it (funds willing). Brandy our blue Flemish dam is on a diet. By spring we are hoping she will lose

enough weight to produce a litter or two for us. We are keeping our eyes on Thelma our Sandy Flemish dam. Deliah our Sandy Flemish doe is four months old and thirteen pounds already. We had to take Willy our Chocolate Otter Rex buck off calfmanna early because he was getting too big. We are

going to have to do the same with Blue Velvet and Flopsy our Rex does also. We decided to cut off our New Zealands from calfmanna when they reach their sexual maturity because the does are getting quite large. We will see with the Flemish kits, we want the size from them.

Quarantine Practices are Important

It is important to quarantine your rabbit after a show, if your rabbit is sick or anytime you introduce a new rabbit into your heard, or if a rabbit comes back to your heard that was once in your heard. What is quarantining you ask? That is when you have hutches set up in an area that is far

away from the other hutches your herd are housed in. This provides a quarantine area to keep your primary herd safe from bringing in diseases that other breeders may have in their herd. This is also important to practice if you show your rabbits. When you bring your rabbits back from a

show, quarantine them for 30 days before you put them back in your herd to be sure they didn't contract anything at the show from other rabbits at the show. Diseases going around are Syphilis and RHD are the most serious, then you have the less serious such as weepy eye or mites.



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We started breeding Mini Rex because we loved the feel of the fur. We then decided that the breed was too small so we found the Standard Rex. As we continued to breed we found how relaxing and stress reducing it is to be around our rabbits. When we were introduced to the Flemish Giant breed and found how docile and sweet they are we expanded our breeds. As we learned more about rabbits we acquired the New Zealand breed. So we now breed Rex, Flemish Giant and New Zealand. The more time we spend with our rabbits the more fun we have and the more surprised we get to find that they all have different personalities. Every day is an adventure with our rabbit breeding.



Standard Rex, Black Otter Sire, for sale on Retirement Plan



Standard Rex, Blue Otter Dam, for sale on Retirement Plan

Rabbit Health Check-Need to Know

At least every three month you should check the health of your rabbit. Check his/her weight to make sure he/she isn't gaining or losing too much weight. If your rabbit goes off their feed that can be a sign of illness. Check your rabbit's eyes. The eye tissue should be pink, not red or pale with no discharge. Check the ears for crusty material, that could be ear mites. Check the nose to make sure it's free of discharge. Check the teeth, upper and lower to make sure they are aligned correctly with a slight overbite. Check the mouth area to make sure there

are not bumps to indicate dental abscess. Check all four feet for sores. Check to see if the nails need clipped. Check the genital area, there are scent glands there too, clean out any dark waxy substances with a warm Q-tip, also look for bumps that may indicate abscesses or pimples. In rare cases you may find signs of vent disease. If so quarantine right away. Check the fur and skin, make sure there are no skin irritations or fur loss, crusty skin, white scabs, this can indicate fleas or fur mites. Don't mistake natural shedding for fur



mite fur loss. It's always helpful to have someone help you with the health check. Two hands are better than one in this case. It's important to support the rabbit's back during the health check. If you find anything concerning with your rabbit after your health check please consult a veterinarian. Amanda Oedekoven with Central Valley Animal Clinic is a rabbit Veterinarian.