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On the Cover: The Romero children were the big winners in the Junior division at the Red Stick Poultry Club show held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on December 4, 2021. Pictured from left to right is: Dwight Madsen (Judge), Embrie Romero, Davin Romero, and Colton Romero. The proud parents are Brooks and Amanda Romero of New Iberia, Louisiana.

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From the Editor . . .

Who remembers 'Road Rage'? I know that I do. Back in the early 1990's you had no idea what would happen if you left home in your vehicle. It was frightening. "*Road rage is aggressive or angry behavior exhibited by motorists. These behaviors include rude and verbal insults, and physical threats.*" (Wikipedia) I was working close to downtown Los Angeles in 1991 and that was definitely a high road rage area. Road rage seems to have peaked in 1996 and then dropped off sharply afterwards. And then came 'Air Rage' . . . "*Air rage is aggressive or violent behavior on the part of passengers and crew of aircraft, especially during flight.*" (Wikipedia again) It's on the news almost everyday, with approximately 6000 cases reported in 2021.

And now? It's Facebook Rage. "*Facebook rage is a feeling of intense or growing anger brought on by other Facebook users' comments or posts. Such behavior might include sarcasm, verbal insults, name calling, and making threats.*" (Urban Dictionary). We have all seen or read these types of rants. And this affliction has not escaped our APA online communities. For some of the people using Facebook the worst thing you can do is to block them if their drama just gets out of hand. To these 'Facebook ragers' it seems to be an unforgivable sin that you would press that little 'block' button on Facebook to escape their drama. They want their audience, for what ever reason, and they feed on their ability to inflict their drama into the lives of others.

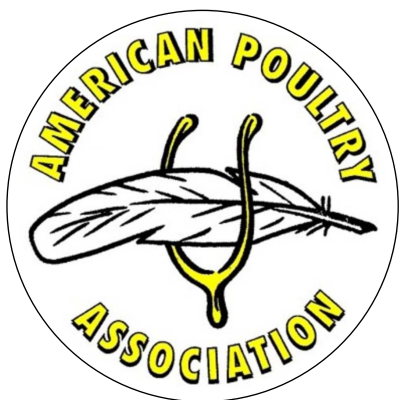
I currently have about 2000 Facebook 'friends' on my personal account and less than 1 in 200 are blocked. That tells you something. Facebook ragers, you go ahead and rage on . . . just leave me out of it.

Lastly, this is an 'APA Election' issue. Please make your choices based on mature intelligent thought, not what someone 'told you'. I would appreciate your vote for APA Vice President.

And above all—VOTE!

Until next time . . .

Ann Charles, Editor



APA News & Notes December 2021

By Jill Burks

Happy New Year from the American Poultry Association! We can't thank you enough for being part of the APA family this past year. 2021 saw a 17% increase in membership (the highest in 50 years) and it couldn't have happened without your support.

2022 is an election year for the APA. All candidates in contested elections have the opportunity to submit a statement in support of their candidacy in the APA's January Newsletter. Please be sure to read your newsletter to learn more about your candidates, and feel free to reach out to them if you have specific questions about their candidacy. Voting is restricted to Individual Annual, Individual Life and Individual Endowment Trust Life members in good standing on December 31, 2021, and does not include Junior or Associate members.

Ballots will be sent out at the end of January, and must be postmarked no later than 30

days after the date of mailing of the ballots and must be received by the Secretary no later than 40 days after being mailed. Please vote and return your ballots in a timely manner. Elected officers take office on April 1st following their election.

The APA's 2022 Semi-Annual Meet will be held at the Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Association show in Newnan, Georgia, February 19-20, with an APA banquet on Saturday night. In addition to the meet, this show hosts one of the largest swaps in the Southeast. Add it on your "must attend list" for 2022. Visit cvpa-newnan.org for more info.

An official presentation of the proposed Standard changes was listed in the November newsletter. Thank you to all members who have already responded to the proposals. Your input makes the process more complete. Proposed Standard changes will be voted on at the Semi-Annual meeting, so if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your District Director as soon as possible. They want to know the views of their District members so they know how to best represent them when voting.

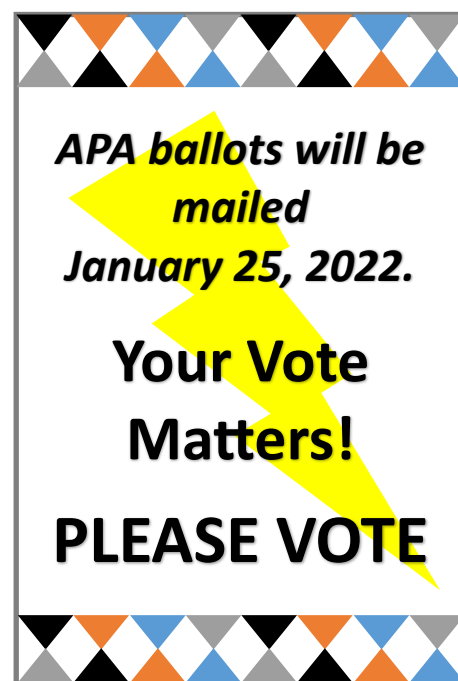
The APA Video Committee has been hard at work shooting interviews as part of the APA's Secrets of The Poultry Masters series. An interview with Lou Horton (Buff Wyandotte Bantams) is currently available on the APA's YouTube Channel.

Interviews with Laura Huey (Sebastopol Geese), Don Schrider

(Light Brown Leghorn), Art Lundgren (Call Duck), Curtis Oakes (Khaki Campbell), Don Nelson (Rhode Island Red), and Paul Kroll (Japanese Bantam), have been filmed and will be released as soon as editing on each has been completed.

The updated APA Facebook page shares lots of great poultry tips and articles, but did you know are now also on Instagram? I've enjoyed following conversations on both social media platforms on everything from winterizing your flock, to dealing with mites, and genetics. Stop by and give us a follow @americanpoultryassociation.

For young exhibitors, the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association, or YEPA, also has a new Facebook page where they will be posting items relevant to YEPA and youth in the hobby. Follow them at @youthexhibitionpoultryassociation. Wishing you and your flock all the best as we head into 2022!





ABA News January 2022

Welcome 2022! The ABA ended 2021 with a successful ABA National Meet held in early December in Knoxville, TN. National Meets bring out the best of the best and the ABA would like to

congratulate all the winners! The 2021 ABA National Champion went to a Wheaten Old English male by Billy Grooms from Florida and the Reserve Champion went to a Golden Sebright female by Tom Carey, also from Florida. If you have never been to an ABA National meet now is the time to put the 2022 ABA National on your calendar. (November 2022 at the Ohio National in Columbus, OH) You won't be disappointed, a National meet is truly an experience like no other!

In other National highlights the ABA is pleased to report we received approximately \$1,000 from the ABA Auction donations. We would like to say a heartfelt

"thank you" to all who donated and made this possible as well as all who purchased the items. These generous donations go a long way in helping the ABA continue the work we do.

Starting in January 2022 the Board approved a new ½ star to be awarded to bantam classes of 50 to 99! These ½ stars will accumulate in the same way the current stars do towards the current awards programs. You can review the current awards programs on the ABA website at bantamclub.com and by clicking on the drop-down menu in the upper left side and going to "Awards Program".

Another topic of discussion was the Juniors of the fancy.

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Starting in 2022 the ABA will be recognizing the top winning Juniors based on Champion and Reserve Champion bantam wins. In addition, a committee was formed with the purpose of reviewing and formulating a cumulative Junior award program.

In Standard News: The Self-Blue Ameraucana breeders held a successful qualifying meet in November at the Ohio National and are now an accepted variety in the ABA Bantam Standard. The Splash Ameraucana breeders also held a qualifying meet in Knoxville. Those results are in review. Expect more information to be coming to you soon!

In other news, I will be working closely with Karen Unrath in a broader role here at the ABA. Part of this is working on communications. This included newsletters, email notices, and the monthly outreach that you are reading now. I am excited to expand my role and will do my best to serve the ABA and its members.

Legband Update: 2022 legbands are shipping and many of you have received yours already. We have many to ship. If you have not ordered yours yet – please do so before stock is gone. Always a good idea to place your order early so you can mark that off your list of things to do.

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Show sanctioning for all ABA shows is \$50 per show. Clubs do not need to join the ABA separately to sanction, however there are some benefits to holding a club membership. If your club opts to hold an annual membership, the address on file will receive and ABA yearbook, four newsletters, and a free ¼ page in the ABA yearbook. If you have a question regarding your membership, or would like to join the ABA, please contact me at membershipaba@gmail.com. I'm always willing to help you and can even sign you up over the phone.

Aside from the cold weather which I do not enjoy, a new year always seems so full of possibilities. It's like a blank page waiting to be written, birds are laying or will be soon, I have some chicks in the brooder and eggs in the incubators, shows in my area are in full swing. It always gets me thinking about my goals. There have certainly been years where I felt I have taken more steps back than forward...but sometimes learning what DOESN'T work can be just as helpful, or even more so, than what does. At the very least it teaches what not to do to avoid repeating. Poultry has taught me to look at progress differently than in a traditional "moving forward" only sense because sometimes what is technically a setback is really a step forward even though it may not initially appear so. It has taught me to celebrate even the smallest of successes because

those keep me going and keep me coming back craving more. I hope 2022 bring you all huge successes...but remember to take time to really enjoy even the small ones :). In closing hop-

ing 2022 blesses you with brooders full of champions and to see you and your bantams at the shows!

Until next time,
Michelle Lynch

Howard Davenport

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When Seconds Count

By Howard Davenport

When you're having chest pains and short of breath, you get to the ER and see a doctor as soon as possible. When your dog or cat is injured, you head to an Emergency Vet Clinic. But what if your prized bird that produces you income from hatchlings or eggs to cover part of the cost of your feed bill gets sick or injured? "I'm sorry, but we don't see chickens." Yes, we've heard that a thousand times. Most people would just cull, cut the losses and be done with it. But, with a little knowledge and skill, there are alternatives that can get your bird back on track to a normal life and producing for you when time is critical. Sometimes you can't wait two weeks.

I worked my way through High School as a Vet Tech for a local clinic. I was fortunate that the Doctor taught me a lot of things, especially when it came to surgery. By my senior year I pretty much did all of the closures after a spay or neuter. This was way before using "Vet Glue." I became quite the seamstress!

That being said, I do not advocate "do-it-yourself" medicine. But when time is not on your side, and you can't wait or find a vet, you do what you have to do.

CASE NUMBER 1: FOOT AMPUTATION

The subject was a 7 month old Silkie cockerel. A neighbor juvenile that was part of a "cult" gang had been going around the neighborhood cutting feet off of various animals to use in their "voodoo" practices. This Silkie fell victim to a partial foot amputation from this kid and became severely infected. No vet would see the bird, so we performed a field amputation of the infected foot. The bird survived and is now "ruling the roost" at the owner's house.

CASE NUMBER 2: TRAUMA TO THE NECK

The subject hen had caught her

head and neck in a gap between pieces of lumber. She had been like this for over 48 hours before the owner discovered her after she turned up missing. The wound was cleaned thoroughly with normal saline, antibiotics given, and sutured closed. Within 3 weeks, the wound had completely healed and no scar was left. The hen is happily back with her flock mates.

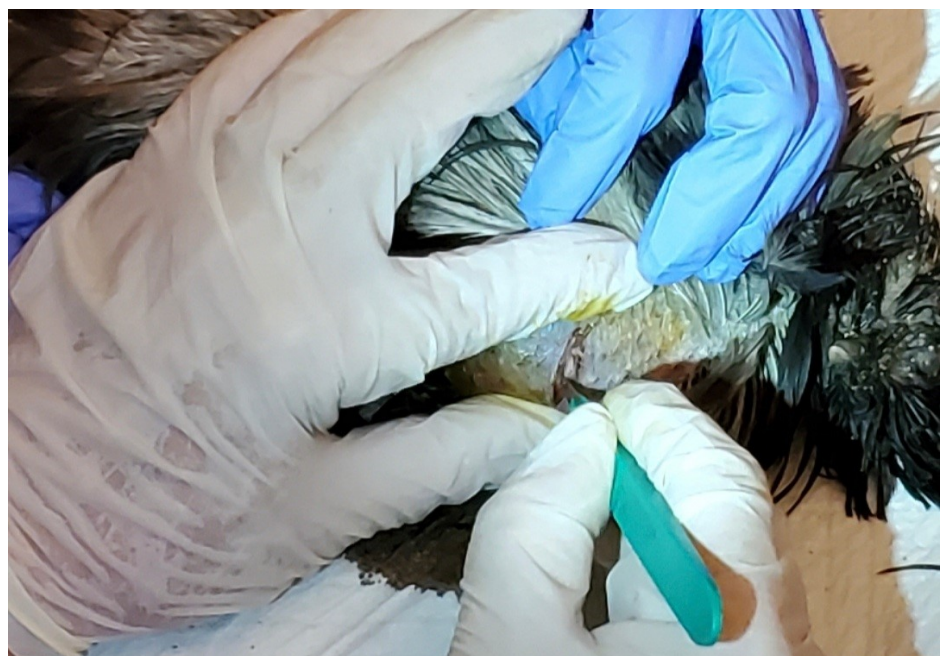
CASE NUMBER 3: IMPACTED CROP

The subject Silkie pullet initially had wry neck, but no treatment was given. The owner discovered the bird's crop not emptying and no vet available. When I arrived, the bird was near death and in shock. The impaction was as large as a baseball and hard. It was too late to try flushing the crop, so we opened it up. An incision was made in the skin then an offset incision was made in the crop. The contents were removed and the crop was flushed out with normal saline. The crop was sutured with Vet Glue and skin was su-



tured with silk suture thread. The bird was put under a heat lamp and was given scrambled eggs for 4 days post-surgery before crumbles were introduced. The wry neck was treated with vitamin supplements. The bird survived.

These are just 3 examples of "home health care" when a vet is not available. It helps to have some knowledge of avian anatomy and physiology along with technical skills, but it can be done.



Impacted crop surgery on a Silkie pullet in the field.
1. Initial incision made through the skin.



2. Crop incision



3. Removing contents



4. Examining contents of dirt, pebbles, and grass



5. Suture closure

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Ann Charles . . .

Candidate for APA VICE PRESIDENT

I have been asked what my 'platform' is for the upcoming 2022 APA election. Put simply, I believe that any APA officer should be open-minded, abide by the Constitution and By-Laws and allow no personal prejudice to affect their vote or actions on any given subject placed before them. If any officer on the APA Board of Directors stands to receive gain (monetary or otherwise) from any vote by the APA Board of Directors they should, ethically, abstain from that particular vote.

Additionally, I believe there are at least four key areas of the APA Constitution and by-laws which are either being under enforced or just pushed aside as not being as important as they should be. These are:

1) The APA Constitution, Article IV, section 3b states that "No member convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be eligible to file for or hold office in the association". I believe this rule should be extended to appointed heads of committees, and committee members also. Convicted felons who have been appointed to positions of influence, and/or committees in the APA, should be immediately removed.

2) If elected as Vice President of the APA I would automatically be placed on the Fi-

nance Ways and Means Committee along with the president, and two other well-qualified business members of the Board of Directors. Article IV: Section 5: States . . . "The committee may require a certified audit of the Association at any time they deem necessary." I believe a certified audit of the American Poultry Association's finances should be performed immediately and is long overdue.

3) We (the APA) sell a Standard of Perfection to new members (\$60) plus a membership, then offer little additional instruction as an association. The website is making good strides recently in supporting new breeders/APA members. The APA currently sponsors an established youth program through YEPA. Perhaps the same type of program could be offered to all adult poultry breeders that are new members of the APA. The association should be focusing on supporting the actual APA members themselves.

4) Most of all, especially as a breeder, I believe in the Standard of Perfection and the APA's constitution and bylaws. And in judging poultry by the Standards as is written instead of what is fashionable on any given day. I believe the Standard to be as powerful and effective now as when it was first published 148

years ago. Change should be an organized and methodical process, as is described in the APA bylaws. The same as with any successful breeding program.

I am asking that the membership think long and hard before voting for officers in this upcoming election. We need officers who are ethical, knowledgeable, and capable of making their own decisions without undue influence from other past or present officers. Also, in this age of instant feedback from social platforms like Facebook, I have seen too often, online bullies and internet trolls used as weapons against the APA membership to further some individual officer's personal agenda, or simply to keep them quiet and politically correct. The drama needs to stop. These trolls and bullies should not be tolerated by the APA Membership, and certainly not be put in positions of authority within the Association itself.

In the upcoming election, please do not vote for those who merely want a prestigious title, but don't want the responsibility that goes with it. Vote for those who would benefit the APA and it's membership and possibly bring some fresh perspective to current issues and problems. I would appreciate your vote for Vice President of the APA in the coming election.



VOTE *Ann Charles* **for APA Vice-President**

- *I have spent 17 years breeding and exhibiting poultry*
- *Former APA state representative for both Arkansas and Louisiana*
- *23 years married to my husband, Andrew*
- *25 years as executive secretary for a 4000-member livestock breed association*
- *10 years as Exhibition Poultry Magazine's co-owner and editor*

≡≡≡ **“My life experience has made me an open-minded hard worker with a strong belief in ethical actions while listening to all points of view before voting on issues. I hope to be an asset to the American Poultry Association if elected as an officer.”** ≡≡≡

How To Prepare Your Bird For The Show

By Katrina Sallee



It's showtime!!! In my last article we talked about what you'll need when you want to enter a poultry show. We covered the breeds, the paper work and testing that's required to enter a poultry show. Now what about the bird?

I hope to cover the main points of what most breeders do to condition a bird before show. Granted this won't be a complete guide by any means but definitely a good overview. Most breeders will tell you that conditioning starts when the chick hatches. Giving the best feed, clean fresh water daily, and access to the outdoors will make a world of difference in any bird.

Now, depending on how many



When washing birds we use a toothbrush for the face.

chickens you've entered. you'll want to start preparing at least two weeks before the show. So baths should be done at this time, this will allow the birds natural oils to return to the feather before the show. I always wash my large fowl, and darker birds first, then my lighter colored and lastly any feather legged breeds. Our silkies always get washed closer to show day then the rest of our birds, their feathers are completely different from other birds.

When washing your birds make sure to clean the feet and face well. Always use caution when washing a birds face, being careful to avoid getting water in the nostrils they can choke easily. We use a toothbrush for the face, it's perfect to reach all the hard to clean spots without a lot of water.

Next you'll need to dry your bird. You can do this several ways and some choices will depend on the weather. When you're done bathing, wrap your bird in a towel. Allowing the towel to absorb a majority of the water. Now you have a couple of choices, first you can let the bird finish drying naturally in the sun in a holding pen on clean grass. (weather permitting) If the weather isn't cooperating you can

use a hair dryer. Drying on a medium heat be sure to carefully keep the dryer moving so you don't burn the bird. Also keep an eye on the bird while drying, if he starts to pant, he's too hot. Stop drying and let the bird cool off for awhile.

While he's cooling off, you can trim toe nails, spurs and the beak. This would also be a great time to rub down the birds legs and toes with some petroleum jelly, just a little goes a long way. Now with your toothbrush you can put some petroleum jelly on the comb just to soften it a little. We also like to put a little Vet-rx on the comb and wattles, only use a sparing amount, you don't want any excess on the feathers.

Lastly, a clean pen! One of the most important factors in keeping your bird clean before a show is a clean pen. You should have this prepared before the bath or during the dry time. Another thing to



Katrina Sallee's white Plymouth Rock cockerel was Champion American at the 2021 ABA Annual Show in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

think about is keeping the bird isolated.

The last thing you want after all that hard work is for your bird to get in a scuffle, just to be covered in filth again. After we bathe our birds they are kept in individual cages way from dirt and other birds. Doing this will definitely help you keep your bird in tip top shape before show day.

Show day! It's finally here and you have to get your birds to the show hall, and cleaned up before judging. One of the very best ways is to transport your birds in

show crates. Show crates are wonderful for keeping tails in condition while traveling. They also seem to keep the bird calmer because they are a little more confined. If you don't have a show crate you can use a dog crate. While these work in a pinch, they aren't the most ideal way to travel. They allow tail feathers to slip in between wires which can cause the tail to become shredded. Making the most beautiful bird instantly out of condition. I will admit it can be very difficult to find quality show crates for large fowl males. I'm

still trying to acquire enough large fowl show crates for my own birds.

Once you get to the show hall and get checked in, you can usually give your birds a once over before judging time. This is the time to reclean feet, faces and check vents for any messes made during travel. I also use this time to spray my birds with a little Frontline or Adam's flea and tick spray. Just a little at the vent, and under the wings can help keep your birds free of parasites.

Make sure you're keeping the cage clean to prevent any further mess and only give water (no feed) before being judged. The last thing you want is a bird that stepped in poo that then scratches its face. I had this happen with a white bird, thankfully I was able to clean him up in the nick of time, he won reserve of breed.

The last bit of advise I would give is to make sure you buy a traveling tote of some sort to carry all your grooming needs when at a show. We call ours the show tote, and we always check that it's fully stocked before every show. Also, bring your own shavings, you'll be happy you did.

Above all have fun and enjoy yourself. Try to talk to everyone and ask questions. Let people know it's your first show. You'll find that poultry exhibitors love to help the new exhibitor. So don't be shy, ask questions, take notes and make friends, you'll be winning in no time!



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 - » Daughter is an ELCA Lutheran pastor
 - » Son is a Major in the US Air Force; his wife is a JAG in the US Air Force; two children
- Managed a Weatherization Program for a Community Action, working for the needy for 27 years. Managed over 30 people
- Operated a business primarily insulating homes (owned for over 40 years), employing two full time people
- 4-H leader for 40 years
- Served as Vice President of the APA in the 90s and was the lead on getting the original APA homepage up and running, with the support of Rico Sebastianelli and Fred Zillich



- Has had a judging license for both the APA and ABA for 33 years
- Master Exhibitor in both the APA and ABA, primarily with White Rocks but currently breeding White Japanese
- Has been working on the Standard Revision for over 2 years, along with some fine people, to completely revamp the SoP
- Has worked on the committee to completely update the website and all the workings, e.g. Facebook, etc.
- Involved with helping the Flock Certification finally get revamped and completed

How I Obtained Very Good Lacing On My Sumatras

By Tom Kernan
APA Grand Master Exhibitor

Obtaining good lacing on my
blue Sumatras took me three years

to accomplish. My start with blue large fowl came from Basil Smith, from Pennsylvania. He had the best blues I had seen anywhere.

At the Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania auction in the 1990's he had the best blue cock with the best color I've ever seen so I bought this bird with several hens. These birds didn't have too much lacing so I tried a few different ways to achieve this.



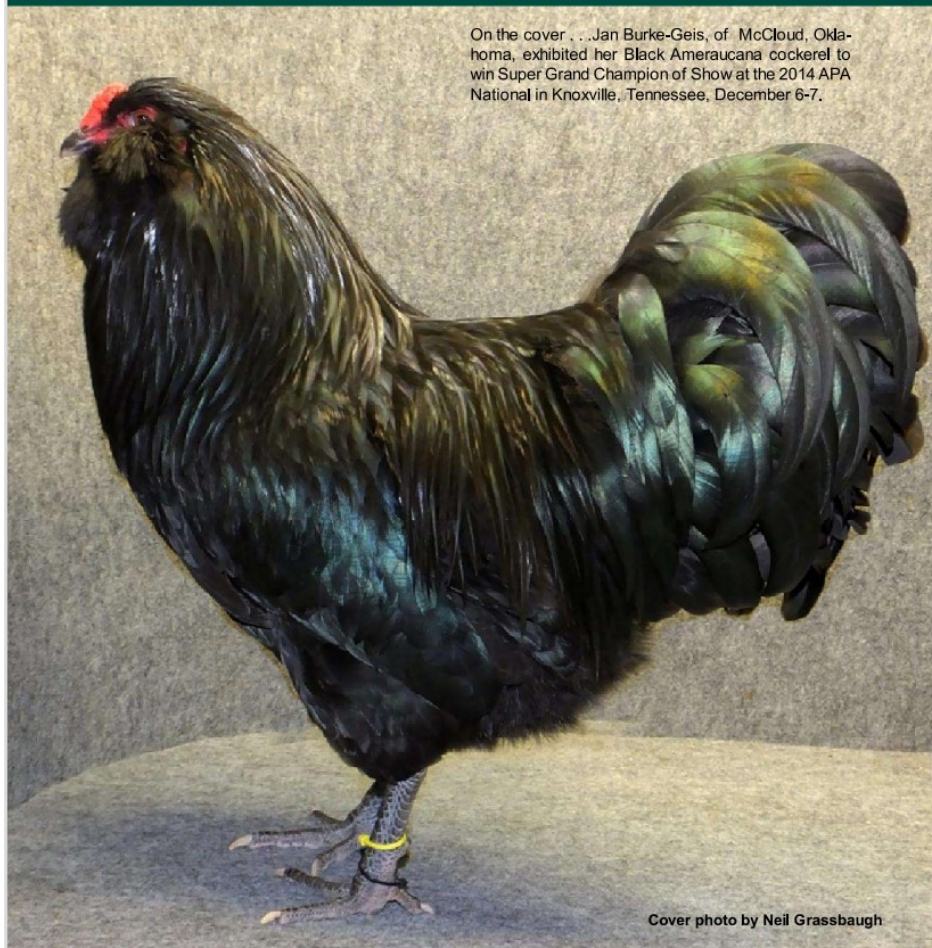
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On the cover . . . Jan Burke-Geis, of McCloud, Oklahoma, exhibited her Black Ameraucana cockerel to win Super Grand Champion of Show at the 2014 APA National in Knoxville, Tennessee, December 6-7.



Cover photo by Neil Grassbaugh

Tom Kernan also breeds exceptional Ameraucana. Shown above is our cover from January 2015. This black Ameraucana cockerel was bred, raised, and conditioned by Tom Kernan, and may be the only bird to ever be 'Super Grand Champion Of Show' at both the APA and ABA Annuals in the same year (2014).

The way that worked best on the Sumatras is listed below.

Remember to toe punch to keep the pen that the birds came from in the correct order. It took me three years to get the best laced blues with little smut in the plumage and with no brassy lacing.

The first year, use a black cock on splash hens. This will give you 100% blue chicks.

The second year, use blues with the least amount of smut and no brassy color to them. This will produce chicks that are 25% splash, 25% black, and 50% blue. The blue chicks from this batch will have less smut than their parents.

The third year, use the black cocks and the lightest laced blue females with no brassy plumage. You should end up with excellent lacing from these matings. And you can always repeat what I did in year three.

When using splash birds to get 100% blue chicks, a number of them will have black smut in their



Two of Tom Kernan's blue Sumatra hens exhibiting excellent lacing

plumage. I tend to like blues which have heavier lacing like a Sebright because this really makes them pop in the show hall. Save birds that are slightly darker when they are young as blue tends to get lighter with age, so several of my best show birds are a few years old.

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