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Howard Davenport with Cassandra Everly, the owner/exhibitor of the Champion Large Fowl at the Canadian Valley Poultry Club Spring Show, Norman, Oklahoma, February 6th, 2021. The Speckled Sussex Hen, was bred by Philip Newendyke. Photo by Jay Brennehan

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From the Editor . . .

There is nothing that dims memories of record cold like a week of Spring temperatures and early blooming flowers. With the mid 70’s, and sunshine abundant right now it is hard to believe that just a couple of weeks ago we had record bone chilling temps and an ice storm bringing down branches everywhere. Yet more storm clean up is needed now with some of the damage from the hurricane last summer, still present. At least the Covid stats are easing up and I have high hopes for Fall shows this year although many of the Spring Shows have already been canceled.

On the subject of shows, we have resurrected the ‘Upcoming Shows’ section that we used to run in some of the earlier issues of this publication. The show information is pulled from a variety of sources, so if you see anything incorrect regarding your club’s show be sure to email me with corrections. I will try to keep the information as accurate as possible over the coming months.

About all I can think about right now and for the next few months is what I will be hatching out of this year’s breeding pens. I only work with one breed, Araucana, but with both bantam and large fowl and a number of varieties it makes for a lot of work this time of year. For the first time I will be trying to stack egg trays in my 1502 since I might have 4 full trays for weekly hatches. I think I saw a thread on that subject at the American Poultry Association’s official Facebook page. I will be reading through that again for tips, since I usually only set 96 eggs a week (maximum). But what are you going to do when *everyone* is laying?

Just a heads-up on the article on page 23. It is an excerpt of a lengthy editorial by Fred Proctor, written almost 100 years ago. This was pre-yearbooks days which you will know if you read it. So many of the arguments and discussions that we have now online were the same in his time. It just goes to show if you don’t know your history you are pretty sure to repeat it.

Ann Charles, Editor



APA News • March 2021

Hello from the APA office. Spring will soon be here and hopefully everyone has their breeding pens set up and perhaps even many chicks out by now. As I write this on February 10th it sure doesn't look or feel like spring as it is snowing and cold but we can all dream and look forward to better things.

I hope many of you have had the opportunity to receive a Covid-19 vaccine shot by now. If you are one that has made the choice not to take the vaccine, I respect that decision but urge you to carefully consider that choice. Many of us will be very happy when we get the opportunity that you have declined.

The 2020 Annual Meet of the APA is now history. Congratulations to the Pacific Poultry Breeders for managing to host a show in these difficult times and everyone who participated. Even though many of the APA Officers and Directors were unable to attend the business of the APA was conducted through virtual meetings. Many important things were discussed and will appear in the minutes of the meetings in the next newsletter. The APA General Meeting was also conducted virtually. Honorees Samuel Brush, Jeff Halbach, and Mike Johnson were recognized for their many years of dedication to the APA and its mission. Please take time to congratulate them when you see them at a show.

I am very pleased to report the Board approved a plan presented to establish the APA Scholarship Program. For at least the next thirty years the awards will be in memory of Richard Stevens of Virginia. Mr. Stevens was very generous in his will to



Best of Show, 2020 APA Annual Meet, Black East Indie, exhibited by Denise Stevens and Adam Dye.
Photo by Jason Earl.

leave the APA approximately \$35,000 from his estate. I have been in touch with Dick's sister concerning the use of the funds and she was very pleased to find out the APA will be honoring Dick's memory in this way. For 2021 one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to an APA member. Complete eligibility requirements, the application form, and other related information will be posted on the APA's website by May 1. I want to thank Emily Lhamon-Shoop, Doris Robinson, Bruce Sherman, and Ramona Trombley for their hard work in helping to put together the plan the Board accepted as presented with no changes.

Another important decision made by the APA Board was the selection of the host clubs for the 150th Anniversary Semi-Annual and Canadian National shows. Our Semi-Annual in 2023 will be hosted by the Pacific Poultry Breeders in Lodi, California. The 2023 Canadian National will be hosted by the Ontario Poultry Breeders in Grassie, Ontario. I am sure both of these organizations will do a fine job putting on great shows to help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the APA. Time to close and get this off to the presses. At least I am on time this month! Until next time, stay safe!

David Adkins—APA Secretary



ABA News • March 2021

This is an exciting time of year when we announce the Annual winners for the ABA's top award programs.

A special congratulations to the following three recipients of the ABA Lifetime Achievement award. This level of achievement is difficult to achieve – some may say near impossible. It is calculated on

the level starred wins that and ABA member accumulates over a minimum of 10 years. I am thrilled to congratulate: Shorty Polston, SC; Tracy Hill, TX; and Brent Davenport of AL for achieving this honor.

Also I am happy to announce the 2020 Master Exhibitors and Master Breeders.

An ABA Master Exhibitor must accumulate 20 starred wins in bantams. A starred win is defined as a win in a class of 100 or more. These awards are given id numbers commensurate with the number of starred wins that they were awarded at the time of achievement. I am thrilled and proud to share with you the following 10 ABA members who achieved this in 2020. Note: This is a preliminary list. We still have a few show reports to process and will add to this list if needed before printing of yearbook.

ABA 2020 MASTER EXHIBITORS

#526 (43 wins) Tony Davis, FL

#527 (27 wins) Copper Ridge Farm, Melissa Evans/
Steve Ferreira, FL

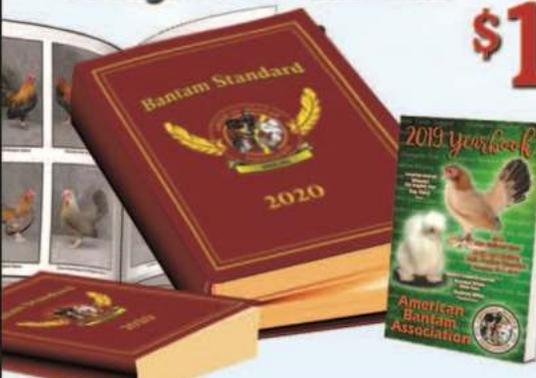
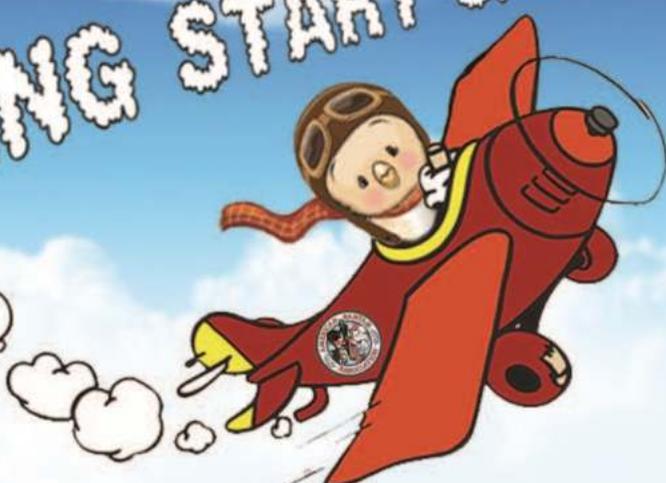
#528 (24 wins) Noah & Wade Ziesman, TX

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#529 (22 wins) Royal Oaks Farm/
James Konecny, IL
#529 (22 wins) Shane Morris, LA
#531 (21 wins) John Philpot, KY
#532 (20 wins) Scarlet Estlack, TX
#532 (20 wins) Shannon Lejeune, LA
#532 (20 wins) Rhonda & Rihana
Smith Family, GA
#532 (20 wins) Allen Wetherbee, AZ

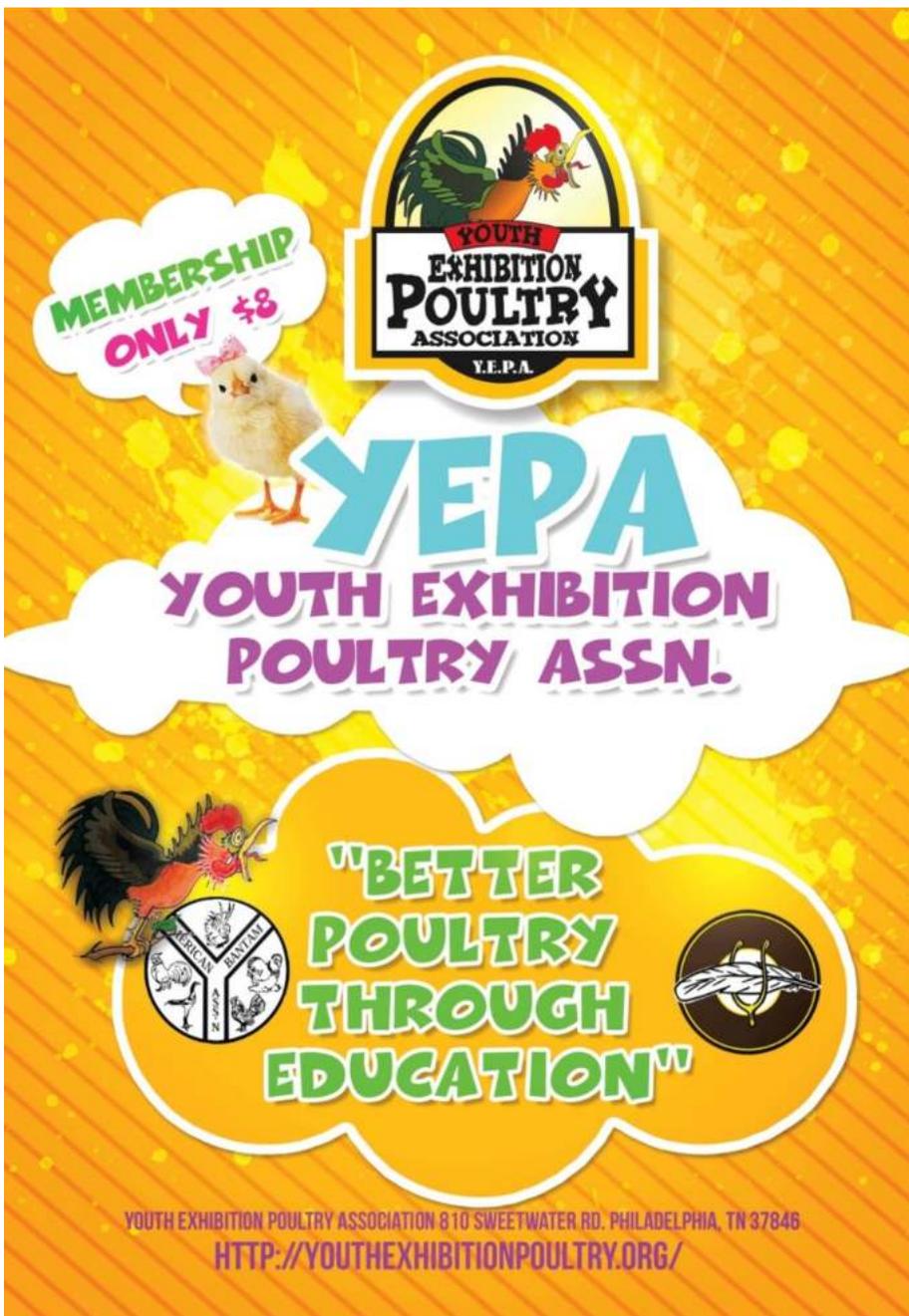
Master Breeder awards are awarded to those ABA members, who over a period of not less than five years, accumulate 20 starred wins (wins in a class of 100 or more) in a single breed and variety. We are honored to award this to the following 10 winners:

C & Z Bantams/Kevin Christiansen, UT - Silver Duckwing Old English Game - 20 wins. Phillip Harriman, TX – Black Langshan - 25 wins. Don Harrington, Ontario – White Call Duck – 23 wins. Dick Horstman, PA - Barred Plymouth Rock – 20 wins. Dwayne & Melody Jonas, TX – Birchen Modern Game - 20 wins. Steve Ledford, GA – Blue Wheaten Old English Game – 20 wins. Reynold Loecker, SD – Partridge Wyandotte - 20 wins. Shane Morris, LA – BB Red Old English Game – 22 wins. P&S Farms/Justin Phillips, GA – Wheaten Old English Game 21 wins. Wade Walker, Walker Bantams, OK - Black Modern Game—22 wins.

We would also like to recognize those who are working towards the Master Level awards with the annual Certificate of Merit awards. These ABA members are recognized once they earn a minimum of five starred wins (wins in a class of 100 or more) in a single breed and variety. This year, we are pleased to recognize the following ABA members for their hard work and commitment to their birds:

Black Coffee Ranch/ Chad Satterfield, SC – Red Pyle Old English Game – 6 wins. Brent Davenport, AL – Black Langshan – 7 wins. Patricia Dunlap-

Vento, TX – Bearded White Silkie – 6 wins. Lacy Greer, AZ – SC White Leghorn – 5 wins. Mathew Haehn, OH – Blue Wheaten Old English – 5 wins. Colby & Madison Harris, LA - Brown Red Old English Game – 7 wins/Black Wyandotte – 5 wins. Hunter Bantams/Ric Hunter, TX – Mille fleur Belgian d'Uccle – 8 wins. Ray Johnson, UT – Black Old English Game – 10 wins. Dwayne & Melody Jonas, TX – Mottled Belgian d'Uccle – 5 wins. Jerry Little, KY – White Plymouth Rock – 5 wins. MJ Waterfowl/ Matt Boensch, MI - Black East Indie – 6 wins. Nick Moss, UT – White Wyandotte – 12 wins. Thomas & Jonathan Peters (PEEP), LA – Black Cochon – 6 wins.



David Price, OK – Brown Red Old English Game – 5 wins. Rounsaville Bantams/Craig Rounsaville, TX – Silver Duckwing Old English Game – 5 wins. Bobby Shepard, OK - Brown Red Modern Game -13 wins. Payton Stuart, TX – Gray Call Duck – 7 wins. Thompson Bantams/ Brett & Adam Thompson, AL - Birchen Modern Game – 7 wins / Wheaten Old English Game – 9 wins / Black Sumatra -5 wins. Keith Wagoner, AL - Black Cochin -6 wins. Mark E. Webster, OH - Bearded White Silkie – 8 wins. Noah & Wade Ziesman, TX – Black Old English Game – 5 wins.

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Karen Unrath - ABA Secretary

An introduction to . . .

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By Terry Smith

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nesota, Ohio, and Tennessee. And of course, you can order our products online. (See our ad in this issue).

Over the years we have raised various breeds of standard and bantam chickens, but our main interest is raising ornamental pheasants, partridge, and francolins.

We are members of the ABA and APA, and are active in HOAGBA (Heart of America Game Breeders Association). We both are current officers of HOAGBA, and I have edited the club newsletter for the last

36 years. We are also members of the American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society where I have served as both secretary and president.

The American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society recognized John with a Master Breeder Award for his work with Pheasants and we have also received the APWS Lifetime Achievement Award for service to APWS.



Francoline Partridge

Upcoming 2021 Poultry Shows

Most shows listed are APA and/or APA sanctioned shows. Please contact our office if your show's information needs updating (date, location, website, or contact info).

MARCH 2021

March 6, 2021

Salisbury, North Carolina

Old English Game Bantam Club of NC - Unifour All

Breed Show contact: Neil Mahaffey,
bluebantam4@yahoo.com, 336-403-8640

March 13, 2021

Dalton, Georgia

Carpet City Bantam Club Spring Fling, contact: Jeff
Wilson, Jayfred57@yahoo.com

March 11-13, 2021

Ogden, Utah

Utah Fancy Poultry Association, info: [http://
utahfancypoultry.com](http://utahfancypoultry.com)

March 13, 2021

Rison, Arkansas

Backwoods Benefit Show/Cleveland Co Fair Assoc., or
contact: Frankie Harper, PO Box 552, Rison AR 71665,
(870) 461-0236, frankieharper657@gmail.com

March 20, 2021

Dripping Springs, Texas

Fancy Feathers Kyle 4-H Club, info:
www.fancyfeatherstx.org, or contact: Rebekah McDaniel,
512-665-2808, seramaartchick@yahoo.com or
Michelle Strange, 512-297-7986, Relief_vet@yahoo.com

March 20, 2021

Clanton, Alabama

Alabama Bantam Club Spring Show, info: [https://
alabamabantamclub.weebly.com/](https://alabamabantamclub.weebly.com/), Marty McGuire, 104
Ash Street, Leeds, Alabama 35094, 205-725-9447, al-
bantamclub@gmail.com

March 26-27

Kissimmee, Florida

Central Heritage Poultry Classic, contact: Shereen
Simmons, Shereen.simmons20@gmail.com, 407-399-
4372 or Annette Nation, anation4h@yahoo.com, 407-
201-1905.

March 27, 2021

Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

Lawrence County Poultry Club, 'Davy Crockett Clas-
sic', contact: Shelia Clanton, showbird62@aol.com, 256-
272-5342

March 27, 2021

Beaumont, TX

South Texas State Fair Poultry Show, info: [http://
www.ymbl.org/events/come-to-the-fair](http://www.ymbl.org/events/come-to-the-fair), or contact:
Wendy Brooks, wbrooks@ymbl.org or Thomas Bell, 409-
429-5735 or Debra Corbello, 409-350-2901 or YMBL, 409-
832-9991, info@ymbl.org

APRIL 2021

April 10, 2021

Knoxville, Tennessee

Tennessee Valley Poultry Club Spring Fling, info:
<https://tvpoultryclub.com> or contact: Eddie Dunlap, 865-
742-5525, cotton@protechfinishing.com or Ruth Murchi-
son, 865-414-7565 or Angie Sutton, 865-414-8935

April 10, 2021

Spencer, Indiana

White River Poultry Club Spring Show, contact: Larry
Lawrence, 3761 State Ferry Rd. Solsberry, IN 47459,
(812) 876-8651, tedebear@smithville.net or Rick Bond,
(812) 988-8815, Rrckyr@aol.com

April 10-11, 2021

Comanche, Texas

Comanche Crossroads Poultry Show, info:
www.comanchecrossroads.com or contact: Dwayne &
Melody Jonas 325-948-3046, comanchecross-
roads@gmail.com

April 15-18, 2021

Puyallup, Washington

Payallup Spring Fair, info: [http://www.thefair.com/
spring-fair](http://www.thefair.com/spring-fair) or contact - Open Show: Tiffany,
Tbcb123y@gmail.com or Youth Show: Kyle French, 253-
314-2887, WAJRPoultryExpo@hotmail.com

April 15-25, 2021

Pima, Arizona

Pima County Fair, info: [http://
www.pimacountyfair.com/](http://www.pimacountyfair.com/), or contact: Ruth Birdsong,
raewer@live.com, (520) 360-6278

April 17, 2021

Sedalia, Missouri

Missouri State Poultry Association, contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, Missouri 65360, 660-647-2474, bmiller@iland.net.

April 24-25, 2021

Greenville, Ohio

Dayton Fancy Feather Club, info:

www.daytonfancyfeatherclub.com or contact: Amanda Heitzman, (937)681-6002, daytonfancyfeatherclub@gmail.com, amanda.heizman@hotmail.com

MAY 2021

May 1, 2021

Newport, Tennessee

Something to Crow About Spring Show, contact: Ruth Murchison, 3231 Buck Horn Rd. Sevierville, TN 37876, 865-414-7565 or Angie Sutton, 865-414-8935 or Eddie Dunlap, 865-742-5525, cotton@protechfinishing.com

May 2, 2021

Walpole, Massachusetts

New England Bantam Club Spring Show, info: <http://www.newenglandbantamclub.com/> or contact: Dave Anderson, 508-942-6208, nebantamclub@aol.com. For information on the Serama show, contact: Kristina McLaughlin or Kenneth Howe, wither98@yahoo.com, SCNAnortheast@yahoo.com

May 8, 2021

Tunbridge, Vermont

Green Mountain Poultry Show & Sale, info: <http://www.greenmountainpoultryshow.weebly.com>, contact: Mark Podgwaite, nfldr31@trans-video.net or for Serama show, contact: Jenifer Lawyer, jeni0909@aol.com

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May 13-16, 2021

King City, California

Salinas Valley Fair, info: <http://www.salinavalleyfair.com/> or call: 831-385-3243

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May 15, 2021

Jefferson, Ohio

Western Reserve Poultry Club, contact: Erica Elliott, ericaelliott5@gmail.com, 440-998-0291. Serama show info, contact: Donnie Gallagher, donnieg03@icloud.com

May 16, 2021

Richmond, Rhode Island

Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers Annual Spring Show, info: www.littlerhodypoultryfanciers.com or contact: Don Nelson, PO Box 345, Wyoming, RI 02898, 401-539-7874, realrired@aol.com, littlerhodypoultry@verizon.net

May 29-30, 2021

Hillsdale, Michigan

Saulk Trail Poultry Show, info: <https://saulktrailpoultry.wixsite.com/saulktrailshow> or contact: Amy and Lucas Gabbard, saulktrailpoultry@gmail.com

May 30, 2021

Windsor, Maine

Central Maine Bird Fanciers Spring Show, info: <http://centralmainebirdfanciers.org/> or contact: Linda Blackman, lindablackman@roadrunner.com, 207-832-6130

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JUNE 2021

June 5, 2021

Norman, Oklahoma

Canadian Valley Poultry Club Junior Prospect Show.

Info: www.facebook.com/OklahomaPoultryShows/ or
contact: APAJudge1009@aol.com

June 6, 2021

Syracuse, New York

Finger Lakes Feather Club Show, info: [http://](http://fingerlakesfeatherclub.weebly.com)

fingerlakesfeatherclub.weebly.com or contact: John
Pierce, 315-492-1974, jcpierce43@gmail.com

June 12, 2021

Canfield, Ohio

Buckeye Fancy Feather Club Poultry Show, contact:

Rhonda Simmons, 5220 Adams Rd., East Palestine, OH
44413, (330) 426-6870, rjos2256@gmail.com

June 13, 2021

Durham, Connecticut

Connecticut Poultry Breeder's Society Show, info:

<http://www.connecticutpoultrybreederssociety.com>.

For Serama Show, contact: Carrie Phimvongsa,
scnanortheast@yahoo.com

June 14-19, 2021

Shelbyville, Kentucky

Shelby Co Fair & Horse Show, info: [http://](http://www.shelbycofair.com)

www.shelbycofair.com or contact: Regina Browning, 502
-633-4593 or Lilly Bennett, lilly.bennett95@gmail.com or
R. H. Bennett, (502) 664-0870, rbennett57@mac.com or
Walt Reichert, waltreichert@yahoo.com

June 17-20, 2021

Placerville, California

El Dorado County Fair Poultry Show, info: [http://](http://eldoradocountyfair.org)

eldoradocountyfair.org or contact:
fair@eldoradocountyfair.org, 530-621-5860

June 25-July 4, 2021

Indianapolis, Indiana

Marion County Agricultural Fair, info: [http://](http://www.marioncountyfair.org)

www.marioncountyfair.org, or contact: Kaye Elliott, 317-
353-2444, dkellio@live.com or Tim Randolph, 317-435-
0297, timrandolphconstruction@yahoo.com

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Norman, Oklahoma

Junior Prospect, ALFA, & District 5 Serama Show
June 5, 2021

Mini MEGA Show
Nov. 27, 2021

Hutchinson, Kansas

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www.facebook.com/OklahomaPoultryShows/

JULY 2021

July 19-24, 2021

Newport, Tennessee

Cocke County A & I Fair, info: [http://](http://www.cockecountyfair.com/)

www.cockecountyfair.com/ or contact: Angie Sutton,
3231 Buck Horn Rd., Sevierville, TN 37876, 423-414-8935

July 20-24, 2021

Myrtle Point, Oregon

Coos County Fair, info: [http://www.co.coos.or.us/](http://www.co.coos.or.us/Departments/CoosCountyFair.aspx)

[Departments/CoosCountyFair.aspx](http://www.co.coos.or.us/Departments/CoosCountyFair.aspx) or contact: Debbie
James, 541-396-2200, djames@co.coos.or.us

July 21-24, 2021

Longview, Washington

Cowlitz Co Fair, info: [https://](https://www.cowlitzcountyfair.com/)

www.cowlitzcountyfair.com/ or contact: Tracee Stoner,
(360) 577-3121, stonert@co.cowlitz.wa.us

July 21-25, 2021

Eugene, Oregon

Lane County Fair, info: <http://www.atthefair.com/> or

contact: Fern Durbin, 541-515-3333, red-wfarm@hotmail.com

July 21-31, 2021
Minot, North Dakota
North Dakota State Fair, info: <http://ndstatefair.com>
or contact: Shelly Parish, 701-857-7620, competitive@ndstatefair.com

July 21-August 1, 2021
Paso Robles, California
California Mid-State Fair, info:
www.midstatefair.com/

July 22-31, 2021
Harrington, Delaware
Delaware State Fair, info: <http://www.delawarestatefair.com>, contact: Mike Wasylkowski

July 23-August 1, 2021
York, Pennsylvania
York Fair, info: <http://yorkfair.org/>

July 24-31, 2021
Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Lebanon Area Fair, info: <http://www.lebanonareafair.com/> or contact: Dana Lape, 717-273-1592

July 25-31, 2021
Waverly, Iowa
Bremer County Fair, info: <http://www.bremercountyfair.com/> or contact: 443-422-3247, reneecneil@gmail.com

July 28-August 8, 2021
Columbus, Ohio
Ohio State Fair, info: <http://www.ohiostatefair.com>,
or contact: Clell Agler, 614-296-3385

July 29-August 1, 2021
Plymouth, California
Amador County Fair, info: <https://www.amadorcountyfair.com/> or call: 209-245-6921

July 29-August 7, 2021
Dunbar, Pennsylvania
Fayette County Fair, info: <http://www.fayettefair.com/> or contact: Ed Stanish Jr, 1143 Farm Rd., Uniontown, PA 15401, 724-437-9310 or Steve Stanish, 2105 University Drive, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456, 724-439-5253

July 30-August 7, 2021
Great Falls, Montana
Montana State Fair, info: <http://goexpopark.com/montana-state-fair/> or contact: Vicki Stevenson, PO Box 72 Ulm Vaughn Rd., Ulm, MT 59485 or Caylie Thompson,

(406) 564-6272

July 30-August 8, 2021
Fairbanks, Alaska
Tanana Valley State Fair, info: <http://www.tananavalleyfair.org/> or call: 907-452-3750

July 30-August 8, 2021
Fredricksburg, Virginia
Fredericksburg Agricultural Show, <http://fredericksburgfair.org/> or contact: C. Travis Bullock, (540) 373-1294, travaau@cox.net. Mail Entries to: Bridget Kane, 13041 Sillamon Rd., Goldvien, VA 22729

July 31-August 1, 2021
Lambertville, New Jersey
Mercer Co 4H Fair, info: <http://mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair/> or contact: Jennifer, jenniferbooth222@gmail.com or, Dylan, djoye73@gmail.com

AUGUST 2021

August 2-7, 2021—PA - Goshen Country Fair
August 6-7, 2021 - MO - Ozark Empire Fair
August 6-22, 2021 - IN - Indiana State Fair
August 7-14, 2021 - IL - Georgetown Fair
August 10-14, 2021—TN - Jefferson County Fair
August 11-15, 2021 - OR - Josephine County Fair
August 12-21, 2021 - TN - Wilson County Fair
August 12-22, 2021 - IL - Illinois State Fair
August 12-22, 2021 - IA - Iowa State Fair
August 12-22, 2021 - MO - Missouri State Fair
August 16-21, 2021 - OH - Huron County Fair
August 17-21, 2021 - WA - NW Washington Fair
August 17-21, 2021 - WA - SW Washington Fair
August 17-22—OR - Clackamas County Fair
August 18-22, 2021 - MN - McLeod County Fair
August 19-22, 2021 - OR - Wasco County Fair
August 19-29, 2021 - KY - Kentucky State Fair
August 20-22, 2021 - OR - WOE Heritage Fair
August 20-28, 2021 - OH - Allen County Fair
August 20-29, 2021—ID - Western Idaho Fair
August 20-Sept 6, 2021 - NY - New York State Fair
August 21-28, 2021—PA - Crawford Co. Fair
August 21-28, 2021 - ME - Union Fair
August 22-29, 2021 - OH - Lorain County Fair
August 27-Sept 6, 2021 - OR - Oregon State Fair
August 27-Sept 6, 2021 - CO - Colorado State Fair
August 27-Sept 6, 2021 - NE - Nebraska State Fair
August 29-Sept 6, 2021 - ME - Windsor Fair

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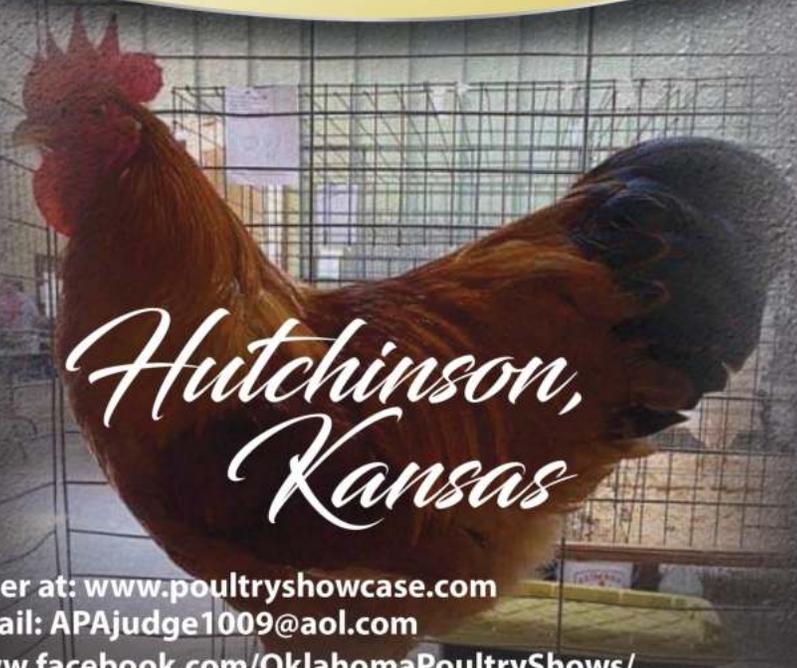


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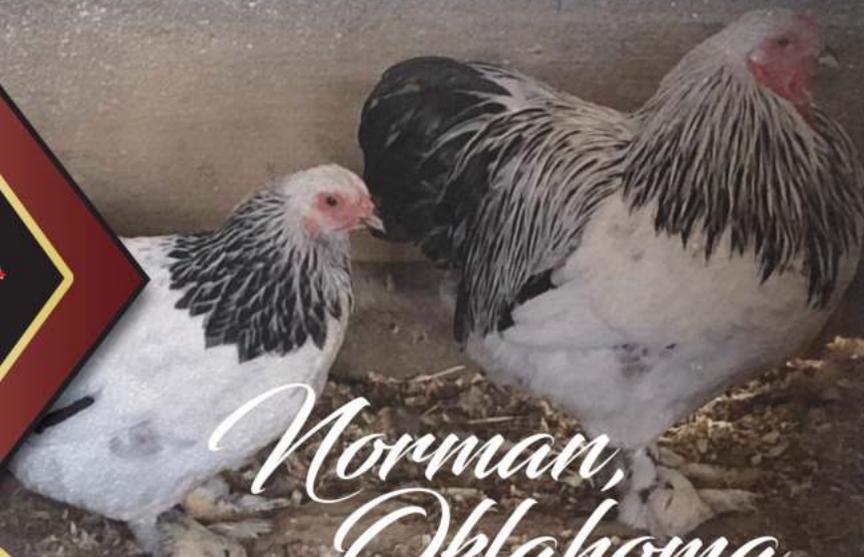
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The MEGA SHOW

It's History

By Richard Peters



Richard Peters

The MEGA SHOW was a concept thought up by myself years ago in which we would develop a show which was more than simply a poultry show but rather an event. My first show that I conducted was in 1972 in Norman, OK. which had 1,200

entries. I was fresh out of high school and had just

gotten my APA Judges License and was full blown into poultry, all aspects of poultry from breeding, showing, judging to promoting. I began my poultry adventure in High School back in 1965-1966. Yes, I started with those famous Murray McMurray Hatchery Chicks that everyone back then started with. But I found that although some of the chicks were not show quality birds that many displayed the defects that the APA Standard pointed out. SO after ordering nearly 10 sets of these 100 packs of assorted chicks I learned a great deal, about good birds, bad birds, defects and disqualifications. All the old timers probably remember the posters the hatchery gave out which had all of the fantastic pictures of all the grand birds we have/had. After being injured at work and out of work for over a year I decided to get my APA Judges License at the ripe old age of 19. But I first became a lifetime member of the APA to assure that I would never lose that honor of being a judge. I attended many shows and had many great mentors along the way. Breeders like Hi Patton of KS, Leo Bowers of Stillwater, OK, A.J. Lance of Alex, OK, Ken Poynor of Norman, OK, etc. After studying for well over a year I decided to take my test in Hutchinson, KS at the APA Nationals (I believe) under the legendary Hi Patton. I passed. Did very well in fact. Mr. Patton taught me the most important

thing I have ever learned as a judge, NEVER go to a show to judge without your Standard in hand. When I questioned him on this he plainly stated, "Boy, do you ever see a preacher go into church without his Bible?" Point well taken. My judges Number is 1009. There are only a handful of judges still around with a lower license number than I have. I do not know whether or not this is good or bad. I was the youngest person to ever get a judges card at the time. (Smiling now)

After taking off for college and moving to town I gave all my birds to Eugene Murnan as I could not care for them once I started college. So I lost contact with many people in the poultry world BUT I tried to keep my Poultry Press up to date and as I traveled the USA I always took my old Standard with me, constantly studying, know that someday I would be back. My Standard has traveled with me to Russia, Norway, Sweden, Luxemburg, England and to almost every State. As I stated earlier, I love poultry.

Fast forward 30+ years to 2014. I decided to take my son to our local country fair when I ran across longtime friend John McDaniel. John and I used to show against each other in both crops, swine and cattle. The fair was in bad shape the first time I attended after the break. John asked me if I would help them get their show up to snuff. Of course at first I said NO but then agreed to "help" them. Poultry is like a virus, once you get the fever you are consumed by it. It wasn't long before I asked if we could start a club, then a show, then a bigger show and finally a MEGA SHOW. You see, I don't believe in doing anything small or doing something just to go along to get along. I strive for the BEST, always have. But the Poultry world had changed from what it used to be back in the 60's and 70's. I suppose the whole world has changed including attitudes, ideas, actions, etc.

Once I started conducting shows I learned that the poultry show world that I once knew no longer existed, at least in the way I remembered it. It seemed to me that things like kids and families being involved, having fun and enjoying the poultry fancy were virtually non-existent. Everything and everyone seemed to be so competitive and shows were more like professional wrestling matches. It seemed to me people were more involved in show-

ing up, showing and leaving than they were in having a great time building memories, enjoying themselves and spreading knowledge. I did not like this change. I decided early on that I wanted to build a show where I could personally meet and greet the exhibitors, get to know them and their families and what they do, what they raise and what their likes and dislikes are in the poultry world. To this day I enjoy meeting the exhibitors and providing a show they can enjoy along with their husbands, wives and family. AKA, an EVENT! Fast forward a few years to the present. The MEGA SHOW. An Event!

My concept of the MEGA SHOW was one in which I wanted to emphasize the importance of our youth and their education, involvement and participation in our shows. Yes, the future of the fancy is in the hands of our youth but what many forget is that if our youth are not properly groomed and educated and respectful of those who came before them our fancy would slowly disappear. They must also realize that this fancy is not a sport of physical contact but rather an opportunity to learn the true beauty of the birds, the people and the atmosphere of a family friendly poultry show and environment. Too many people who are involved in poultry and our shows today are in this for themselves and they think of themselves first and foremost. These are traits that are quickly learned by our youth. I teach the kids who come through our Junior Poultry Club what respect is and how to say "Thank You". When people ask me what is wrong with the youth of today I simply say "They are a product of their environment". In other words, we WILL reap what we sow. If we want respect we must show it to others. Someone is always watching us especially our youth.

This brings me to the meat of this conversation, the MEGA SHOW. Many may ask what all that I have stated previously has to do with a poultry show. The answer is simple. The MEGA Show is an opportunity for all exhibitors, adult and junior, to attend a show where they are respected, treated fairly & squarely and where they can enjoy themselves and their families can be treated the same. At the same time they can show with and against some of the very best SOP Poultry in the country, learn from legendary breeders and exhibitors, learn,

have an enjoyable time, make new quality friends and experience a poultry show that simply is not just another chicken show. This theme may or may not interest some people and that is fine. We simply don't want the MEGA SHOW to become known as a "drive by" poultry show wherein the exhibitors rush to the show, throw their birds in a cage, load out as soon as their birds are shown and quickly head to the next show. I love reading about all the great shows of the past including the mind boggling shows at Madison Square Garden and the other legendary shows of the past.

The past year has been a real challenge to all poultry breeders and exhibitors and our shows were no exception. My fear now is that we'll lose several of our old time shows and the people who have conducted these shows as many promoters are getting up in our years. This is another reason we need to train and teach our younger people the basics of conducting shows and thinking about the fancy as a whole. We lost nearly 20% of our entries in our shows this past year because of Covid 19. It was just by the grace of God that we were able to conduct all our shows but through the use of education, safety and prevention we were successful in conducting all of our shows including a modern day record for our Mini Mega in Hutchinson, KS. and approximately 3,000 in the Mega Show in November.

We also started ALFA (American Large Fowl Association) 3 years ago and have brought our large fowl shows up considerably reaching a new record for us last November at the Mega Show of over 1,100 Large Fowl from just 400 2 years ago. The MEGA SHOW is always looking for ways to improve our shows and thereby increasing interest in all forms of Poultry and Waterfowl.

We believe the MEGA SHOW offers the best combination of Premiums, Awards, Judges, Events, Atmosphere, Fellowship and Fun Times. The MEGA Show is a combination of the past and the future of the fancy. Many people love this concept and others will slowly follow while kicking and screaming. But the MEGA SHOW will always be a refuge for those who want more than just a simple "poultry show."

The Effect of Altitude on the Hatchability of Chicken Eggs

By D. W. FRANCIS, PAUL E. BERNIER AND DAN C. HUTTO

“Because of the contradictions in the reports on the effect of altitude on hatchability of eggs, a study was undertaken to compare the hatchability of chicken eggs produced and incubated at low, medium and high altitudes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Beginning in the spring of 1960 and each year for four consecutive years, hatching eggs were exchanged between the Oregon, New Mexico, and Wyoming experiment stations. The respective altitudes of these stations are as follows: 83 meters (272 feet), 1,204 meters (3950 feet), and 2,194 meters (7198 feet). Each year two hatches were made at New Mexico, one at Wyoming, and three at Oregon. Cornell Random-bred stock was used at Oregon and New Mexico as a control. This was obtained from Cornell University in 1961 and the North Central Regional Breeding Laboratory in 1962 and 1963. The elevation of 167 meters is essentially the same for these stations. The standard procedure of candling at 18 days and transferring eggs with live embryos to hatching trays was used. Only chicks which emerged from the shell without aid were considered in determining hatchability. Means for each year at the various locations were used because of variations in the number of hatches and number of eggs set. The data were analyzed using analysis of variance and the significance of differences between the means was determined by the method of Duncan (1955). The data were analyzed with three models to obtain as much information as possible. The first was based on the three hatching locations and three strains for each of the four years.

The second was based on the Oregon and New Mexico locations, the three basic strains, and the Cornell Random-bred stock for 1961, 1962, and

1963. The third was based upon the three hatching locations, the three basic strains, and a second group from Oregon for 1962.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

With the first model, there were significant differences between years and between locations. Hatchability in New Mexico (3905 feet) was 11 percent below that in Oregon (272 feet) and 10 percent above that in Wyoming (7198 feet). These data confirm the finding by North (1947) but suggest that the decrease may be 10 percent instead of 5 percent at an elevation of 3000 feet to 4000 feet and 21 percent instead of 12 percent at an elevation of 7000 to 8000 feet. When the eggs were shipped from Oregon (272 feet) to Wyoming (7198 feet), the hatchability was reduced about 30 percent. Conversely, when the eggs were shipped *from* the high

altitude, there was an increase in the hatchability.

“ When the eggs were shipped from Oregon (272 feet) to Wyoming (7198 feet), the hatchability was reduced about 30 percent.”

The increase in number of embryos which did not hatch at each level may be due to the lack of oxygen at the higher elevations. An adaptation has apparently taken place in the Wyoming and New Mexico strains, as shown by a lower embryonic mortality rate. This adaptation is not complete, however, as evidenced by the decrease in embryonic mortality with the

lower hatching locations. Wilgus and Sadler (1954) found a marked difference in susceptibility to hypoxia in the progeny of different dams at 5000 feet. Davis (1955) found marked differences in hatchability between dams at 7198 feet and reported that hatching improved because of natural selection in the absence of supplemented oxygen. Some of the poor results at the higher elevations may be due to the inability of the dams to produce enough hemoglobin as reported by Buss (1956).

The second analysis included the results obtained with the Cornell Random-bred stock as a control. Highly significant differences between the hatching locations of Oregon and New Mexico were observed. The differences which occurred between strains at each location were not significant. These results are similar to those obtained in the first model, but with the second model, the difference



Canadian Valley Poultry Club Spring State Championship. Norman, Oklahoma, February 6th 2021. Best of Show: Andy Barnes, Black Old English Game Pullet. Photo by Cassandra Everly.

between the two locations was even greater. The differences between the Oregon and Cornell strains at the two locations were in agreement.

The third analysis was made to ascertain whether differences existed between the two Oregon strains. Significant differences were found between strains and hatching locations. In general, the results were the same as those from the first two analyses. However, there was a significant difference between the two Oregon strains. The Oregon—"P" strain which was used throughout this work showed a decrease of 23.5 and 35.9 percent for hatch of fertile eggs when compared with its native location. The Oregon—"X" strain exhibited a decrease of 5.2 and 22.0 percent, respectively. This illustrates vividly the differences obtained with two strains from the same location but hatched at higher elevations.

SUMMARY

Hatching eggs produced at altitudes 272 feet, 3950 feet, and 7198 feet by hens of different origins were exchanged so that hatchability of all strains could be determined at all locations. Significant differences were observed between the three altitudes for hatch of fertile eggs, fertility, and hatch of all eggs set. The results indicate a 10 percent decrease in hatchability of eggs from the same strain with an altitude increase to 3950 feet from 272 feet. Hatchability was 20 percent lower at an elevation of 7000 to 8000 meters than at the low elevation. . . . (Study conducted by New Mexico Agricultural Experiment Station, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Oregon Agricultural, Experiment Station, Corvallis, Oregon 97331, and Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station, Laramie, Wyoming 82071)

More Show Pix . . .

Right: Reserve Bantam Duck at the 2020 APA Annual Meet, February 5-7, 2021 Lodi, California. A White Call, exhibited by Mark Dooms.

Photo by Jason Earl

Bottom: Canadian Valley Poultry Club Spring State Championship, Norman, Oklahoma, February 6th, 2021. Champion Large Fowl: Cassandra Everly—Speckled Sussex Hen. Bred by Philip Newendyke.

Photo by Cassandra Everly.



Chickweed

(Stellaria media)

By Ann Charles

With all of our recent rain and the sudden warm up over the last couple of weeks (mid 70's) we have Chickweed growing everywhere, especially around the chicken pen, where it is lush. I would assume that is a testament to the extra nutrients in that particular area. The few chickens I have that do free range are gobbling it up like crazy. This is the first really prolific spring plant that my birds have had access to this year. That particular group of 6 Araucana are already laying and at 100% fertility. I am pretty sure the chickweed has something to do with that.

Chickweed is a annual, growing to about 4 inches in height and grows at a fast rate. It is in leaf and flowers all year, and the seeds ripen all year. It is suitable for all soils, and all pHs. (acid, neutral or alkaline). Plus it can grow in semi-shade or no shade.

"It's not called chickweed for nothing - chickens love this common garden weed. A hardy annual plant which can survive the coldest winter, you'll find it spreading quickly from February onwards. It loves bare, damp ground, preferably where you've recently dug, and is especially fond of spaces under trees. It doesn't like heat though, so in hot, dry areas it will quickly die back. Chickweed is also known to have high amounts of gamma-linoleic acid - better known as Omega 6" . . . According to 'raising-happy-chickens.com'

Information at 'poultrydvm.com' states that chickweed has been used in traditional medicine for millennia to treat a number of conditions, such as inflammations of the digestive, renal, respiratory and reproductive tracts. It is antioxidant, antibacterial, and antiviral. And let's not forget the feed value. Leaves are 14.5% protein and 2.4% fat (dry weight), and the tiny seeds contain 17.8% protein and 5.9% fat.



Chickweed, a small prolific, nutritious plant. (Quarter for size comparison) Photos by Ann Charles.

Click and Cluck: Lesson on Animal Training from Chickens

By Sophia Yin, DVM, MS
1966-2014 R.I.P.

I went through the picture in my head. Chicken number one climbs up the ladder onto a one-foot-wide platform, makes a 180-degree turn and tightropes across a narrow bridge to a second platform, where it pecks a tethered ping-pong ball, sending the ball in an arc around its post. The chicken then turns 180 degrees and negotiates a second ladder back down to ground level, where it encounters a yellow bowling pin and a blue bowling pin in random arrangement. It knocks the yellow one down first and then the blue one.

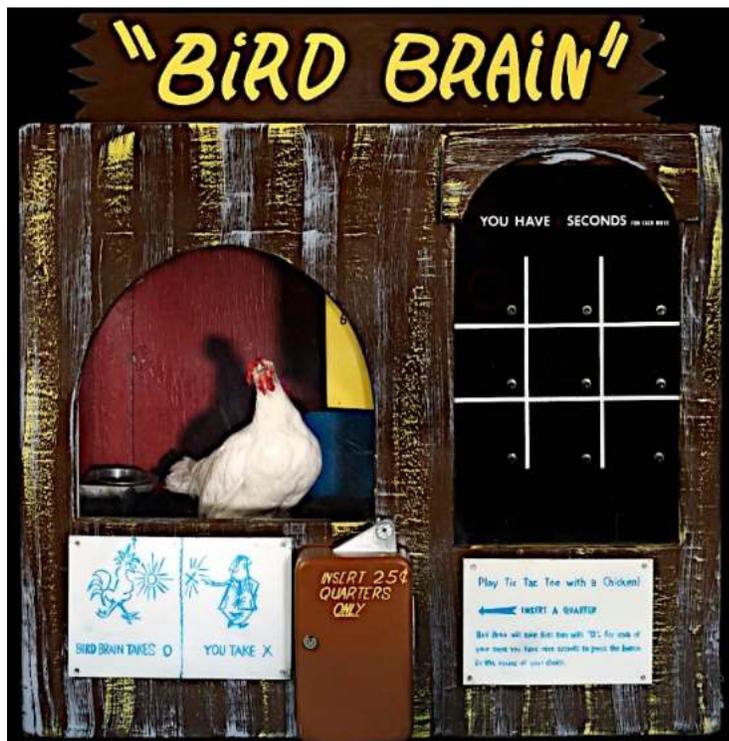
Chicken number two grasps a loop tied to a bread pan and with one continuous pull drags the pan two feet. Then, in a separate segment, it pecks a vertical one-centimeter black dot on cue and only on cue three times in 15 seconds. The cue is a red laser dot.

Scenes from a Saturday morning cartoon? A twisted scheme of some sort? Neither of the above. It's the assigned mission at the August 2000 Advanced Operant Conditioning Workshop (a.k.a. chicken training camp), taught by Bob Bailey and psychologist Marian Breland-Bailey. Nine animal trainers from the U.S. and Canada, including myself, are here to

meet the challenge. We have five days. Sounds like a joke, but it's serious business. We're here not just to train chickens. We're here to learn the intricacies of a universal mechanism of learning called operant conditioning.

Elucidated in the early 1900s by psychologist B. F. Skinner, this theory says that if you reinforce a behavior, it's more likely to occur again. If you don't reinforce it, it's less likely to occur again. Says Marian Breland-Bailey, "Animals are learning all the time, not just during training sessions. And they're learning with the same principles. Operant conditioning is the way that behavior changes in the real world." As experienced trainers, we know this. We hope that with a better grasp of the principles of operant conditioning, we can catapult ourselves to a new level of training.

Bob and Marian Bailey —They started Animal Behavior Enterprises (ABE), a company whose goal was to demonstrate a better, scientific way of training animals in a humane manner using positive reinforcement. A



"The Bird Brain is a coin-operated arcade game, in which a player contends with a trained chicken and a microcomputer in a game of tic-tac-toe." *Photo Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institute.*

birdbrain unit manufactured by ABE is on display at the Smithsonian Institute

During their 47 years, they made a number of important contributions to the animal training world. Says Marian, "One contribution was to give the science of behavior to animal trainers. To encourage the use of operant conditioning behavior analysis in many fields of animal work: in medical behaviors for animals, husbandry behaviors, show behaviors. Says Bob Bailey, "There's one area that I think has been overlooked for a long time and that is that it was the Brelands, even beyond Skinner and the other psychologists, who realized the significance and

widespread application of the bridging stimulus.

And they were right. The bridging stimulus, usually a whistle or a click from a toy clicker, is now used in virtually all marine mammal shows. We use clicker training with the chickens too. In the beginning, our chickens are trained that a click means food is coming. Now we use the sound to bridge the gap between the behavior we want and the food reinforcement. The bridging stimulus allows us to tell the chicken precisely when it's doing something right.

There are many reasons beyond novelty why we use chickens in this workshop. For one, chickens are so quick that our timing has to be right on. The timing required to train the average dog won't hack it with chickens. A fraction of a second off and you get a chicken who pecks the red cue dot instead of the black target, or who shakes the loop attached to the bread pan rather than pulling it, or who grasps the ping-pong ball rather than pecking it. Secondly, chickens are particularly skillful at telling us that we need to up the rate of reinforcement. Failure to do so and our fowl friend is running around on the floor in search of food instead of up on the training table learning her tasks.

And the benefits go on. Says Bob Bailey, "A chicken is the best teaching tool for training animals, offering more behaviors and more repetitions in the shortest amount of time." More repetitions means we can train more behaviors in a short amount of time, and we

have more chances to recover from our training blunders.

Yes, even though we're in the advanced class, we still make our share of mistakes. The difference is that now we know within several five-minute sessions when we've made a mistake. Every session we take notes. How many times did we reinforce the chicken for the correct behavior? What percentage of time did the bird offer the correct behavior? By keeping these records we can make better decisions on when to expect more from our bird and when we've messed up.

Now, where we would have attributed slow learning to the dim-witted chicken, we instead look for our errors in timing, rate of reinforcement, or consistency.

Are we always reinforcing the exact same behavior or do our

criteria change from trial to trial thus confusing the chicken? We also record the number of times we reinforce the wrong behavior. A few of these in a row and we're back to square one. It's an uphill battle for us, but we're determined to get the most out of it. And we do. On day five, after a total of 60 to 90 minutes of training per chicken per day, we've done it. It's a room full of poultry performing on cue like pros. Up the ladder, turn 180 degrees, across the bridge, peck the ping-pong ball, turn 180 degrees, down the ladder and then whap! whap! First the yellow bowling pin, then the blue. Click! Treat! Voilà! A flock of trained chickens and nine happy trainers.

(This article first appeared in the 'Bark' in 2000.)



Silver Leghorn, Reserve Champion Mediterranean at 2020 APA Annual Meet, February 5-7, Lodi, California. Exhibited by: Matthew Ciliska & Bridget Riddle *Photo by Jason Earl.*

Shipping Birds Through the USPS

By Ann Charles

Who read this last month at the United States Postal Service website?

“Service Alerts

Last update: Feb. 25, 2021, 1 p.m. ET

Acceptance of live animals

The Postal Service will resume acceptance of live animals on Feb. 26 for air transportation and movement on Feb. 27 following temporary disruptions due to severe winter storms.”

I am sure the hatcheries breathed a sigh of relief after this was posted. The temporary embargo on shipping lives had ended, at least temporarily. But, who knows what next week or next month, will bring?

I have been shipping birds and eggs for over 15 years and have watched the USPS service deteriorate over time. Many have shipped birds for much longer than me. More money, and less service seems to be the post office’s motto.

Following is the latest USPS regulations on shipping birds as of a couple weeks ago. It does not hurt to check frequently for any changes.

Link to bird shipping information:

https://pe.usps.com/text/pub52/pub52c5_008.htm#ep198129

526.4 Adult Birds

526.41 Genera

Disease-free adult birds may be mailed domestically when shipped under all applicable governmental laws and regulations, including the Lacey Act, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any state, municipal, or local ordinances. Mailers must comply with all applicable governmental laws and regulations, including the Lacey Act, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any state, municipal, or local ordinances. Mailings must also be com-

pliant with the requirements provided in USPS Publication 14, Prohibitions and Restrictions on Mailing Animals, Plants, and Related Matter, Chapter 5. In addition, each container or package must be marked as required by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under 50 CFR 14. Adult birds must be properly packaged and able to sustain shipment without food or water because liquids, moisture, and loose food-stuffs can cause damage to the shipping container, other mail, and Postal Service equipment during transport.

526.42 Mailability Requirements

Adult birds are mailable only when sent under the following conditions:

The shipment is mailed using Priority Mail Express service.

Each bird must weigh more than 6 ounces and no more than 25 pounds.

The number of birds per parcel must follow the container manufacturer limits.

The mailer must secure containers approved by the manager, Product Classification (see 214 for address).

A mailing container must be used that is constructed by a USPS-approved manufacturer listed on the PostalPro website at <http://postalpro.usps.com/>.

526.43 Claims for Adult Birds

Indemnity may be paid only for articles that are lost, damaged, or for missing contents, and not for death of the birds in transit if there is no visible damage to the mailing container.

Postage refunds may not be available if the Priority Mail Express shipment was delivered or delivery was attempted within three days of the date of mailing as shown in the “Date In” box on Label 11. See DMM 609.

Shipping birds through the post office is expensive and became even more so just last year. The high cost and the lack of any reasonable guarantees that your birds will arrive safely and timely, make us all wish for alternatives. I don’t know of any at this time. I wish I did.

Standard Revision Calls For Improved Standard

With the Standard Committee already at work and the time at hand for another revision of the Standard of Perfection, the poultry fraternity is confronted with a number of problems. Breeds newly admitted are to be described; several of the staple ones call for changes; and in several instances the model cuts of breeds need to be replaced. As a means of economy, or following the serious objection that pictures soon become obsolete, some advocate doing away with illustrations altogether. In several respects our Standard needs readjustment to meet modern conditions.

There is a growing sentiment favoring the giving out of free information about poultry, of broadcasting that which has been heretofore locked within the cover of a copyrighted work. This is a proposition which savors of good business principles, and calculated to make several fanciers grow where one grew before. But on the other hand, there is a need for revenue to be considered.

Standards Get Out of Date

I have long cherished the belief that a Standard that purports to remain authoritative for a term of years, considering the constant progress of the ideals of all live and growing breeds, is an out-grown proposition. . . . When the winners at our leading shows set the seal of approval each successive season, a Standard to run for a term of eight years becomes a joke. I believe that a year-book, to contain a digest of the season's happenings in poultry matters, to be embellished with views of noteworthy specimens, cost to be defrayed largely by advertising matter, would produce an annual income amply sufficient to meet the running expenses of the Association as well as to create a fund for extension work. The advantage of such an annual in keeping poultry matters down to date must be apparent, and

must ultimately be adopted. For the present I do not anticipate any departures from time honored custom. The above suggestion, as well as some others embodied in this article, will doubtless be thought radical and altogether too revolutionary to be considered seriously.

The Standard Is Built on the Score Card

We now come to a feature of long standing and one that long since passed from use. The score-card is now an obsolete method of attempting to size up Standard merit. It was based upon false theory and was abandoned for the reason that it proved unsatisfactory in practice. It was presumed to express in mathematical symbols what cannot be reckoned in numbers - matters of human sentiment. In practice the score-card was no better than theory, and the system was ultimately abandoned because the public came to realize it's delusive nature. I could devote a chapter to detailing the inconsistencies and abuses associated with the scorecard use, were it necessary. But the system is now long dead and buried, has no hope of resurrection and I only bring up the issue because the Standard continues to harbor the old delusion and by so doing gives the cue to some who, lacking experience and so inclined to follow such apparent authority, imagine that the Standard's scale of points possesses actual significance to fanciers of experience.

Expert judgement in all phases of art, whether pictures, oratory, music or animal life are the subjects of consideration and a matter of intuitive perception. It is not essential that each be brought individually and compared. But the influence of years of preparation for his work endows the competent judge with capacity to form an impression intuitively. The judge should know all that the expert breeders know, and then some. Have we many such? Scales of points, score cards and rules will not take the place of keen observation and study in making good judges.

(AMERICAN POULTRY JOURNAL - January 1922)



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