

2011 ACBA Hall of Fame



Peg Hailey



While Peg Hailey has only been a cavy judge for nine years, she has also been a registrar for four years before that. Peg was one of the oldest people to have ever gotten her cavy judging license, at the age of sixty-one years' young.

What many people do not realize is that Peg has been a good will ambassador for the ACBA for years, not only as a judge, competitor, and breeder, but in her business as well. She is founder and owner of Quiver Farm Projects for the last sixteen years. QFP is one of the largest farm educators in the Mid Atlantic area. One

of her favorite projects is the Cavy Pups Project. Through this project she has introduced thousands and thousands of children to cavies. She takes a pregnant sow to classrooms to have their pups with the children. Most of these pups are then adopted by the children. She supplies information on the ACBA in hopes that these children will wish to show their new pet.

There are a number of children in the ACBA because of Peg's Cavy Pup's Project. Even though their first pig was thought of as a mere pet, those animals were show quality and went on to win awards. Many pigs later, including exhibiting at national shows, these children are now true cavy lovers too, all thanks to Peg's thoughtfulness.

Peg originally became involved with rabbits and cavies as a tool to help her sixty-plus special needs foster children learn to adapt to love. And she was extremely successful with that combination of children plus cavies and rabbits.

She has been an active member of the ARBA for over twenty-five years and is also a well-known rabbit judge. Being a dual licensed judge, with a flair for working with children, has made her very sought after by show secretaries.

Peg has been and is the president of the Lehigh Valley Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association and is very involved with the Mid Atlantic Cavy Breeders Association. For years now, she has been the District 9 representative for the ACBA. One of her pledges has been to increase the number of cavy shows in her district, even if she has to judge them herself!

Peg is still a very active judge and breeder. In June of this year, she won her first Best in Show with one of her cream Americans. Yes, she shows too! She has been showing her cream and white Americans for years, as well as Teddy Satins. She has been successfully getting better and harsher Teddy Satins and has been showing them too. Many people, including myself, have seen her take her best animals out of their carrying cage at a show and sell them for next to nothing to 4-H'ers or a child who wants to show. Not many breeders in the ACBA are willing to do this, but Peg never fails to sell them her best. She has commented that it will give them a better start at showing. And it does!

Finally, the ACBA Hall of Fame is a fitting honor for this lady who gives and gives and will do anything she can to further the cavy fancy, especially among children. She is truly deserving of a spot in our hall of fame.



Peg's proudest accomplishment was piloting the third Columbia Space Shuttle mission for NASA, March 22, 1982.

