

Just for Kids

There are at least 12 different breeds in the American Standard Class. They are hidden in the word search puzzle below. Can you find them all?

J C E E H U C D Q I A E P M R
E W H N U X X O V Q B A O H E
R Y L A K Q I D N A L L O H R
S A W J N Z I E A F U D W V L
E N H Y E T T N Q S E X E X G
Y D Q Y N Q E D I I T Y J K D
G O D L R C C C S M E B O M C
I T F D Y J H L L K O I M X W
A T K A C Y A M C E C D D G A
N E J B L N Z U R B R G P A N
T V S Y D T B F A W S O M X O
N J E R E R A W A L E D C F M
L N E W H A M P S H I R E K A
Z D E B U K U X N S J A V A L
L A D N L D P Z X O J R Y G Y

Buckeye	Jersey Giant
Chantecler	Lamona
Delaware	New Hampshire
Dominique	Rhode Island Red
Holland	Rock
Java	Wyandotte

Exciting News!

At the November meeting there will be an important club document that all members should sign. Make sure you are present.

Fowl Pox Prevention

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As Fall approaches and the weather begins to cool at night, mosquitoes will begin looking for a warm place to reside. The timing of this often corresponds with the period when mosquito populations are at their maximum. Because a chicken house is often warmer than the surrounding air, they provide an excellent environment

for mosquitoes to find warmth. This is of particular concern for backyard birds because the mosquito is the major vector for transmitting fowl pox from one bird to another. A mosquito can transmit fowl pox by biting one bird infected with pox and then transmitting the disease to any subsequent bird it bites. For these reasons, once pox is introduced to a community it will often spread in a period of days or weeks to all unimmunized birds in the area. Mosquitoes carrying the disease can be moved several miles by severe storms, thus facilitating the possibility of pox suddenly appearing in new areas.

Fowl pox is a viral disease of domestic birds (chickens, turkeys, pigeons etc) characterized by eruptions and scab or wart-like lesions 1/16 to 1/4 inch in diameter. These lesions will appear on exposed, non-feathered areas of the skin such as around the eyes, comb, wattles, and legs with the number of lesions varying from a few per bird to several hundred. In severe cases pox will result in bacterial infection of the damaged tissue and may result in blindness when the lesions are concentrated around the eyes. Pox lesions may also be found in the mouth, esophagus and the upper parts of the trachea. Once a bird has open pox lesions other insects are capable of depositing the virus in the eye or in open wounds or lacerations.

Although there is no specific treatment which is effective against the pox virus once birds have broken, prevention can assist in its control in domestic birds. Fowl pox can be prevented by proper immunization of each bird in the flock with a fowl pox vaccine.

A pox vaccine kit includes a dehydrated cake of serum in one vial, an additional vial of sterile diluent and a pox vaccinator. The pox vaccinator is a special 'stick' with two grooved needles. Each kit contains enough vaccine to immunize 500-1000 birds. The pox vaccine can be bought as fowl pox, which is the stronger form, or a pigeon (Chick-N-Pox) pox, which is a milder form. Pigeon pox can be given at any age, whereas fowl pox, when given to birds that are laying, may cause reduced production for a few weeks.

The dehydrated cake serum is mixed with the diluent and after mixing, the vaccine should be used within four hours. The vaccinator needles must be dipped completely into the vaccine between each injection to insure proper vaccination of each bird. The needles are then inserted completely through the wing web of each bird as it is held with the wing outstretched. Care must be taken to avoid hitting the bones or muscle of the wing.

The vaccine is usually sold in boxes of 20 vials; 10 vials each of the dry cake serum and 10 vials of diluent with five vaccinators. The vaccine can be bought at most animal health suppliers in these units of 5,000 doses for \$25-\$30. Unfortunately, many retailers are unable to sell the vaccine in smaller allotments than the 5,000 doses. However, smaller quantities of the vaccine can generally be mail ordered in the smaller individual 500-1000 dose kits from veterinary supply companies.

Buy One or Sell One

It was decided that we will be omitting full color from our annual "Chicken Handbook" in order to extend the deadline another month. The current deadline for advertisers to place ads in our handbook is November 30. Payment must be submitted by that time, however, the advertisement artwork is not due until December 15.

Please sell as many ads as you can. If you are not able to sell any ads, please consider purchasing one for yourself or your business.

Remember, this handbook, if successful will generate much needed funds for our club to operate. The ad you buy or sell may just make all the difference.

The handbook will contain valuable chicken information. It will contain no more than 50% advertising and will be distributed at the South Florida Fair.

Ostriches For Sale

Lee and Tom Salmon are selling their ostriches. For information call 561-686-4774. Asking \$5,500 for pair.

Photography Contest

The premiums have changed this year for the photo contest. Prizes in each category are now \$10 for first place, and \$5 for second place. The third place prize has been eliminated. The photos are due at the Christmas party meeting on Friday, December 19, 1997. Please submit your photos to Arvis Okerson at that time. Winners will not be announced until the South Florida Fair where they will be displayed.

Pol Isena of Pol Isena Photography, 4337 Okeechobee Blvd., will be speaking to us about how to take better pictures of our chickens for our photography contest. Come to the next meeting and find out how the Pro's do it.

Photo Categories

1. Chicken in natural setting
2. Best dressed chicken
3. Best saying to accompany a poultry photo
4. Best Color - judged on composition, subject, and color
5. Overall most original
6. Best baby

Photography Contest Rules

1. ALL entries must have the photographers name and category written on the back of the photo.
2. A single photograph may be entered in all categories, however you must supply a separate print for each category.
3. All photos must be submitted on or before 12/19/97.

Club Poultry Show of '97

At the club poultry show we had a good turnout with lots of exceptional chickens. The contest was judged by Dr. Dale Porcher. After the judging was over, Dr. Porcher was kind enough to go through each bird individually and explain its positive and negative attributes. He offered some tips on improving your bird's chances of winning at the South Florida Fair competition. He pointed out that it was not the bird's fault but the owner's fault that some birds lost. He then went on to explain how to prevent this from happening again. If you missed this show, you are definitely at a disadvantage when it comes to the show at the South Florida Fair. The Wrights won Best Cockerel, Best Waterfowl, Best Pullet, and Best of Show. The VanHeusens won Best Exotic and Best Cock. Lee Salmon won Best Hen.

Dr. Porcher is a licensed veterinarian in Palm Beach County and is also a member of the APA (American Poultry Association). He is an APA sanctioned poultry judge and is highly qualified to handle poultry. This was obvious after observing Dr. Porcher's bird handling skills. Birds that were normally flighty just sat in his hands calmly while he looked them over. Another thing that amazed everybody was his powerful memory skills. Not only did Dr. Porcher remember the names of all the people present, but he also remembered the names of their chickens!

MaryAnn VanHeusen brought all the decorations and refreshments. There were sandwiches made from Texas Bread, cakes, pies, chips and all sorts of great stuff. Not only that, but there was so much candy corn that even the kids couldn't eat it all. She also had tons of really neat halloween decorations complete with a casket and a dead body. The dead guy looked surprisingly like one of our members who hasn't been to the last few meetings - now we know why. Well at least he made it to the club poultry show. So I ask you, if you didn't make it and the dead guy did, what is your excuse?

Fair Registration Due Now

by Lee Salmon

Members, now that the official premium book is out, please get your poultry registrations to me by the November meeting or as soon as possible. Thanks.

I.Q. Test

Approximately what percentage of people in a standard U.S. population have an I.Q. that is below average?

The answer will be in the next newsletter.

(Hint: If you have to think about it for very long then you may need to brush up on your math skills.)