

Meat Pen Breeder list

Rabbitry	Name	Phone	Location	Breed
3P Rabbitry	Jason Platt	512-434-9525	Bastrop, TX	Californians & New Zealands
Boling Bunny Farm	Kathy Hillery	979-793-5858	Boling, TX	Californians
BJM Rabbitry	Bree Justice Miller	361-332-8690	Aransas Pass, TX	Californians, Palominos, Am. Chin, New Zealands (White, Black, & broken)
2T Rabbitry	Amber Hearn	940-256-1329	Haskell, TX	Californians & New Zealands
Buster's Bunnies	Buster Klingemen	512-228-4292	Buda, TX	Californians
M & L Rabbitry	Margaret Lange	979-589-3085	College Station, TX	Californians
	Doug Mauer	979-337-1209	Brenham, TX	Californians
	Jimmie Mauer	979-836-8949 512-497-3308	Brenham, TX	Californians
M & M Rabbitry	Loyd Morgan	254-913-6650	Belton, TX	New Zealands
Outlaw Rabbit Ranch	Jon Outlaw	210-414-5049	Devine, TX	Californians & New Zealands
Parker Rabbits	Steven Parker	956-376-9677	Weslaco, TX	Californians & New Zealands
Rocking R Rabbits	David Roman	361-781-4451	Edna, TX	Californians & New Zealands
Richards Meat Pens	Jill Richards	936-788-3309	Montgomery, TX	Californians
Tribble/Dean Rabbitry	Lance Tribble	979-583-7799	Angleton, TX	Californians
Bar J Rabbitry	Wayne & Carolyn Wright	512-237-4164	Smithville, TX	Californians

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ORDERING YOUR RABBITS:

Find your breeder by using the internet or FaceBook and referrals.

When you find a breeder, ask certain questions:

1. How do your rabbits do at shows?
2. Have you ever had health problems?
3. How did you take care of health problems?

If you have a breeder that brags about what they've won then they probably are in it for themselves and not your kids. I brag on what my kids have won & not myself. Ask if this is their lively hood. Most of us do this for the love of helping kids and raising good rabbits and not to make a living. There are only a few that can and have the heart for this.

Always order early so a breeder can plan for when their does can be bred. Always have your show date and validation info. Always use a breeder that will help if you call and need help!!

FEEDING:

Always try and feed what your breeder uses. If you can't get it, see if they will supply you with some until you can change over. If you need to change them, mix it ½ & ½ until gone. Always feed as fresh a feed as you can. Check the mill date on bags. If over 2 months old, the rabbits will not get the vitamins utilized in it.

FEEDS THAT I LIKE ARE:

- Pretrus
- Bluebonnet
- Pen Pals
- Purina
- Show Rite
- Rowe

I use between 16% - 17% on protein, which is perfect on Meat Pens. 18% will make the flesh loose and soft. We want hard, firm flesh. Some use a conditioning feed that's a mix of the following:

- 4 parts CR Oats
- 2 parts CR Barly
- 1 part Black Oil Sunflower Seeds
- 1 part Show Bloom.

GENERAL CARE:

From the minute you pick up from your rabbit from the breeder, always transport in a wire floored cage with a pan. *Pet taxies are not ideal for these rabbits* - there isn't proper air flow and they end up standing in their own urine. Make sure you never transport in the bed of a truck; always inside a vehicle. So when you get home, they need as little contact as possible so to help ease the stress they have. When you get rabbits, they should be 5 - 5.5 weeks of age and in a very stressful way. *Give them hay and probiotics daily for the fist 7-10 days.* I use Rowe Nutrition Pro Defend Powder. This is the best I've found, and has the most active live good bacteria on the Market. They also make a pellet that's called Pro Defend that is good. A good handful of grass hay, not alfalfa, is very good to give as a roughage, that helps with stress as well.

WEIGHING:

Some people weigh rabbits way too much. *Leave them alone for the 1st two weeks.* The first weeks you have them is when you will see health issues. I don't like to weigh until the last 10 days before the show, then weigh them everyday to track where they are as far as keeping them close together.

SHOW PREP:

The object of prep is to have rabbits clean with no stains and are in condition. Proper condition begins with from day one. Animals that aren't in condition are weak in flesh, boney, have dull fur and unfinished fur. Working the fur with corn starch and water will give a good slick texture of coat. Water and the natural oils on your hands, to me, is the BEST. IF using corn starch, NEVER use the day of show. You may get disqualified for a false slickness.