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President's Message

A new year has begun. We hope it brings you joy in the cavy hobby. With the economy depressed, many people have had to downsize or even give up their cavies. But we have several new members and are happy to announce that our club is alive and well!

Please send any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail address to me so that we can keep you informed of events and activities. We are planning some fun events this year.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to send them in. My e-mail address is sandyrose18@hotmail.com. Our newsletter editor is always looking for information, articles, artwork, or other things like puzzles, games, mazes, jokes, etc. to include.

We hope to see you at the next show January 30. Keep those piggies warm!

From the Editor

"Oh Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" Being something of a self-made expert on literature, I happen to be one of the few people my age who understands this sentence – that Juliet is asking Romeo to change his name, not his whereabouts.

Names can become a problem for just about anyone who owns a substantial number of cavies, or even anyone who owns just one or two, especially if that owner wants a name that is original, unique, and/or fitting of the cavy it belongs to.

See "A Nifty Name Trick" on page 3.

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The UCBA is chartered by the American Rabbit Breeders Association and affiliated with the American Cavy Breeders Association; for membership information in those organizations, go to their respective websites.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 30 Show with judge Dana Kolstad at the West Jordan C-A-L Ranch (2700 West 7800 South). Pet show begins at 9:00, followed by a youth show and open show. Please note that shavings and hay are not allowed.

February 27 Double open, single youth shows sponsored by the Pioneer Cavy Fanciers in Boise, Idaho.

March 20 Double show with judges Cliff Dick and Rosalie Beard in Farmington, sponsored by the Utah State Rabbit Breeders.

April 30-May 2 ACBA Specialty Convention in Monterey, CA.

May 29-30 Colorado Friendship Show in Grand Junction, CO. Roy Colver will judge for UCBA.

June 26 WRBA/UCBA show in Woodland, judges to be announced.

September 25 Double show with Pioneer Cavy Fanciers in Rupert, ID. Judges to be announced.

Oct/Nov Show in conjunction with URBA to be announced.

Club News

Membership dues have changed:

Single Adult/youth	\$15 1yr/\$40 3yrs.
Couple	\$20 1yr/\$55 3yrs.
Family	\$25 1yr/\$70 3yrs.

Out of State Associate Memberships:

Single Adult/Youth	\$10 1yr
Couple	\$15 1yr
Family	\$20 1yr

Membership dues and forms go to Connie Gurney, 2037 W. Lindsey Drive Taylorsville, UT 84119. Make checks payable to UCBA.

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Youth ages 5-18 interested in Royalty competition or potential scholarships should contact Dana Kolstad about the Pioneer Cavy Fanciers' Royalty competition on February 27.

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Please check over the membership roster to ensure it is correct and current, particularly your e-mail. Since the newsletter will be distributed from now on, if your e-mail is incorrect, you may be missing out on valuable information.

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Do you know something newsworthy about a current UCBA member? Perhaps yourself? Let us know! Send your suggestions to drow-girl@hotmail.com.

How to Enter your Cavy

Send entries to Show Secretary Brittany Bellows via email to brigliadore@yahoo.com.

Include your name, address, phone number, and a description of each entry: breed, ear number, variety (color), sex, and weight class (juniors – 12 to 22 oz, intermediates – 22 to 32 oz, seniors over 32 oz). If this is your first show, don't worry, we're more than willing to help. We will have a scale and ear tags available at the show (ear tags cost \$.50 each). An entry fee of \$3.50 (\$4 for non-members) per animal must be paid before judging begins, and **pre-entries are due by January 27.**

A Nifty Name Trick

As a writer of fiction, one of my chief concerns is with the name of my characters. I want to use something unique, and something identifiable, so I spend a lot of time searching for one that is just right.

I use some of those same techniques when naming my own animals in an effort to avoid naming fifty animals Cuddleumpkins. Though there's no real reason to avoid names such as Muffin or Carrot-Top, I prefer coming up with names fitting for each individual guinea. For example, I might use the name "Jason," a hero from a popular Greek epic, for a cavy I plan to show.

I always wait to name my cavies until they make weaning weight – I've found naming them earlier is bad luck – and the names I choose usually follow a theme based on their father's line. One of my star breeders, Heiroglyph, or Heiro for short, has spawned a line of cavies with Egyptian names such as Sobek and Renca. My first boar, Jaxom, has since moved on, but many of his great-great-grandkids are still given names from the same series of fantasy books for which he was named. Other lines I follow include one with Greek names, and another for Japanese.

There are literally thousands of names to choose from when one uses literature in this way, but most, myself included, don't read nearly enough to keep up with the rate at which guineas are born. So where did I come up with so many strange names?

My friends, the internet is a wonderful thing.

One can find many interesting resources online, and among them is a tool aptly dubbed a "name generator."

Not all name generators are created equally, nor do they all work in the same way. Some pull from massive libraries of names, while others put names together based on a strict set of rules. Some just give you a name, while others may also tell you what the name means or from where it

came.

For example, a quick visit to my personal favorite gives me names such as Selene, Aminta, and Sefton. All seem like good ideas to me, but others may disagree.

Fortunately, this particular generator can create names based on over 80 optional presets, allowing a user to create a names ranging from traditional names such as Mattie and Anna, to exotics such as Whetu and Durga, and even the cute, cuddly type such as Goldfluff and Moonfrost.

This name generator can be found at www.behindthename.com/random. Try playing with different combinations of presets – you can get some interesting results. Other generators can be found via Google.

Caption Contest

The object of this contest is, obviously, to win a prize.

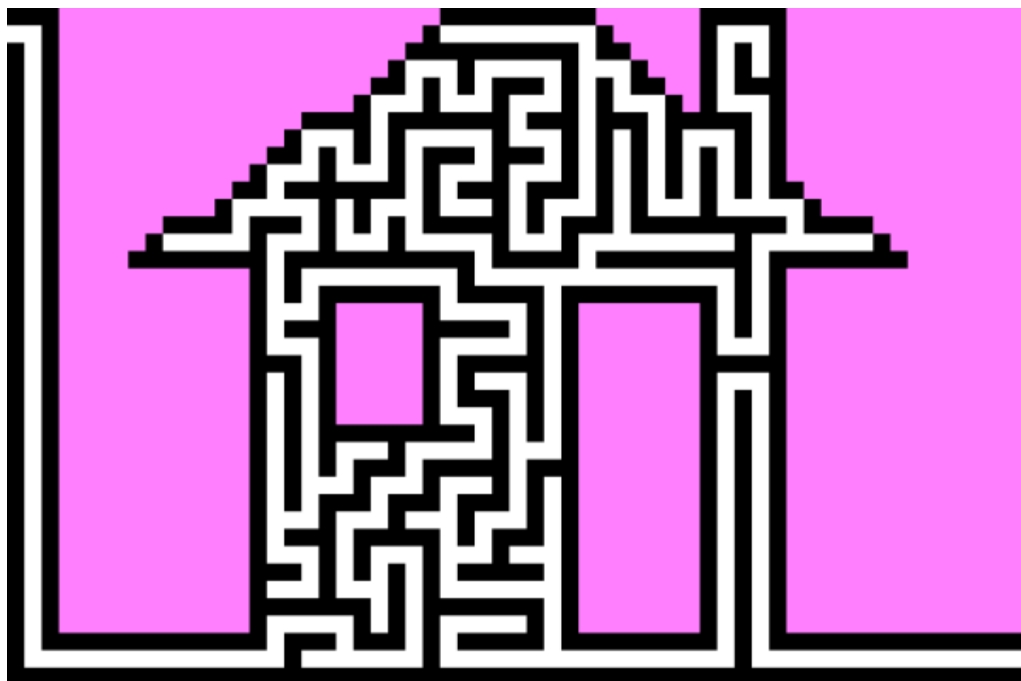
For those who like winning prizes which may be tasty, cuddly, colorful, and/or unique in nature, the rules are simple. Just send a humorous caption for the photo shown below to drow-girl@hotmail.com, or bring it to me at a show.

The winning caption will be printed in the next edition of the Utah Cavy Chronicle and a prize awarded to its author.

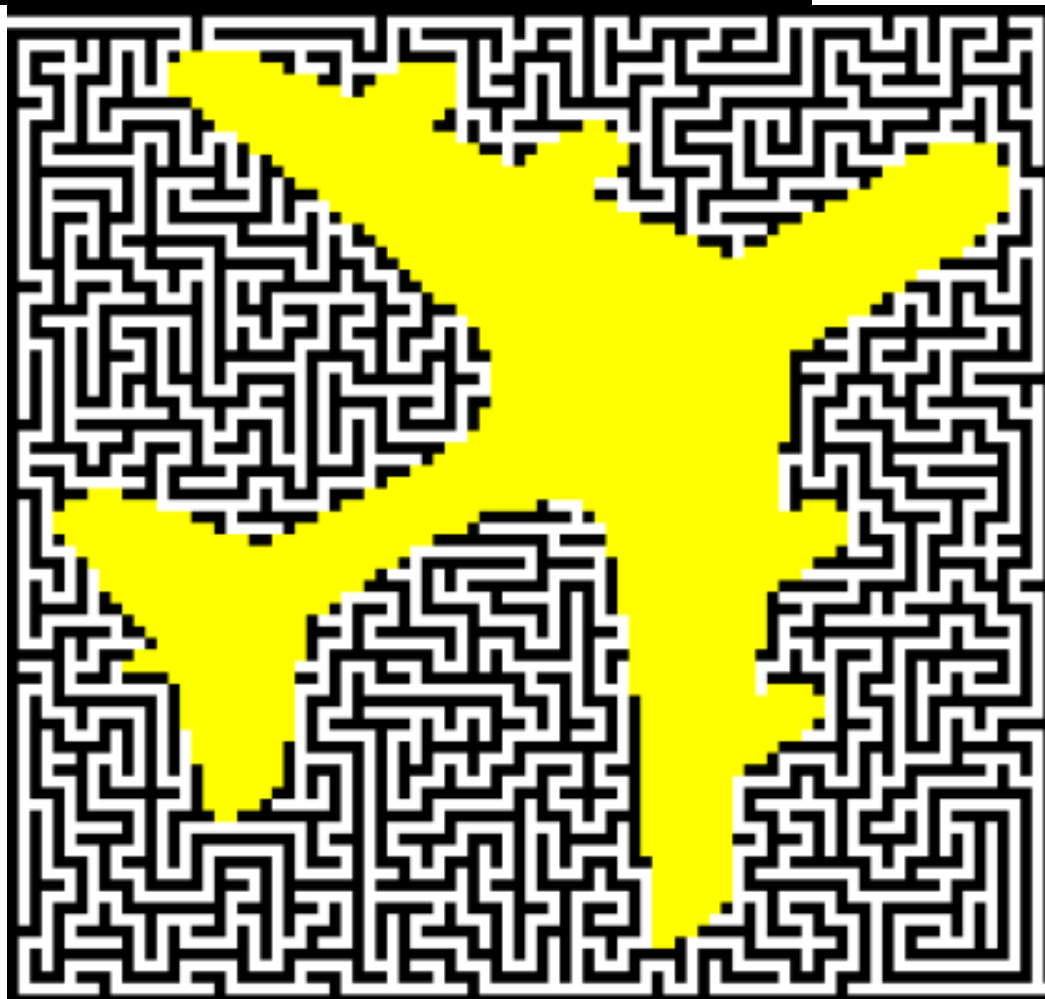
Should you have a photo you would like to see featured in the caption contest, you are welcome to e-mail your suggestions.



For Young Readers - or the Young at Heart



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