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Section I. Installing the Register Program

1. Visit <http://evsoft.us/version12.shtml> and click on the Setup12R.exe link at the bottom of the page.
2. Save the file to your Windows Desktop. Restart your computer and turn off any running programs, including anti-virus software.
3. Run Setup12R.exe.
4. You will get the message that the publisher cannot be verified. Depending upon your system, click either **Yes** or **Run** to continue.
5. The setup program will start. (If you previously had a copy of our software on your computer, you may get a Maintenance screen that asks you to choose between **Add/Remove Components, Repair, or Uninstall**. To ensure proper program function, you MUST chose **Uninstall**. After the uninstall is complete, then start the installation process again by repeating steps 3 and 4 of these instructions. Performing an uninstall will NOT remove any of your data.)
After accepting the license agreement, you will be asked if you want to change the name of the application directory, it is best to accept the default name.
6. Your computer may grind away on this for several minutes, but at the end of that time your program will be ready to run.

This software is specifically designed for Windows XP, Vista and 7. If have an earlier version of Windows you should NOT use this version. After installing under Vista or 7, Windows might give a warning that the program may have installed incorrectly. Please tell Windows that the program did install properly.

You are entitled to free downloads of all future changes to Version 12 from our web site, at <http://evsoft.us/version12.shtml>. You can check if your program is current by going to the Summary Screen, and clicking on **Help, Check for Updates...** You can also have the program automatically alert you to when new updates are available, by clicking on **Options, Automatic Update Notification...**

Section II. An Overview of the Program

The Register program is designed to allow you to enter and retrieve all of the vital information that you want to record for each of your rabbits. You may enter as much or as little data as you like for each rabbit. At a later date you can easily change or add to this information without retyping the data that you have already entered.

Data is entered separately for each breed of rabbit, so you only work with one breed at a time, but you may have as many breeds as you want, and you can quickly change the currently selected breed. The only exception to this is that a separate “breed” called Cross-Breed is provided for those of you who, for example, cross-breed Giant and German Angoras. Cross-breeders enter all animals under this “breed.”

For each type of data that you are entering or viewing, the program will provide a display that is unique to that type of data. Each of these displays is called a “Screen”. There is a thorough description of all of the commonly used screens in the Built-in Manual, which is described in Section IV below. Very briefly, the most commonly used screens are:

The **Summary Screen**. - This screen displays a list containing a brief description of each of your rabbits. From this screen you add rabbits and select rabbit(s) whose data you wish to view or change. People who are familiar with databases would consider this a “browse screen”, or a “table view”.

The **Detail Screen**. - This screen displays all of the standard data for a rabbit. Think of this screen as one card in a large Rolodex file. It is this screen that you use to view and correct data for individual rabbits. Clicking a button on this screen will also display the litter and winnings data for the selected rabbit.

The **Litter Screen**. - This screen displays all of the litter information for the selected rabbit, and provides a bar graph of litter yields. Litter data can be viewed for either bucks or does, but must be entered for the doe, not the buck. Litter data is entered, corrected, and printed from this screen.

The **Winnings Screen**. - This screen displays all of the winnings information for the selected rabbit. Winnings information is entered and corrected from this screen.

The **Pedigree Screen**. - This screen displays the pedigree of the selected rabbit. From this screen you can view the detailed information

of any rabbit in a pedigree, and you also can view the pedigree of any of the displayed rabbits. In this way you can scan back through as many generations of ancestry as you wish.

Section III. How to Run the Program.

After you have installed the program, start it as you would any Windows program. You can either double-click on the Rabbit Register icon on your desktop or select the program from the Program menu.

The first screen that appears is the Introductory Screen, which provides information on the software revision and the registered owner. It will disappear by itself in a second or two. The next screen that appears is the Summary Screen. This is the screen from which you will do most of your day-to-day work. Your next step is to enter some data, and how to do that is covered later in this manual. But before we get into that, it's important that you learn about the Built-in Manual and Help System.

Section IV. The Built-in Manual and Help System.

Built-in help is always available while you are running the Register Program, and this help is provided in several different ways. In some cases, such as when you are entering data on the Detail Screen, a red window at the bottom of the screen provides you with restrictions on, and information about, the data that you are currently entering. But, the most important help feature is that you can display help for every screen in the program, simply by pushing the **F1** key or by clicking on the HELP icon, which is a life preserver. The life preserver icon only appears on the more commonly used screens, but help is always available by using the **F1** key.

Depressing the **F1** key or clicking the HELP icon activates the Built-in Manual, which displays a help screen that is directly associated with the part of the Register program that you are currently using. (In “computerese” this is called context-sensitive help).

Each of these help screens contains text similar to this manual, however, that text goes into greater detail, has illustrative pictures and automatically cross-references other topics of interest. There are many more pages of help available in the Built-in Manual than are presented in this brief user’s guide.

Whenever you see words that appear in blue on the help screen, it means that additional information is available on that topic. When you click on words that are blue, the program will automatically display the information on that topic.

If you are unfamiliar with this kind of a help system, it would be a good idea for you to play with it for a bit before you really need it. The easiest way to do that is to start the Register Program, and then depress the **F1** key on any Register screen. Then click the tab labelled Contents. This will cause the Built-in Manual’s Table of Contents to appear. Now move the mouse until the pointer is on the blue word ‘Help!’, and then depress the left mouse button. This will produce a new screen that is very similar to the text that you are now reading, but which has greater detail and provides examples for you to try, so that you can learn how to use the Built-in Manual. You may want to take a few moments right now to experiment with the Built-in Manual.

A second important feature of the Built-in Manual is the Index feature.

To activate it, you depress **F1** as above, but then click the tab labelled **Index**. The first time you try this, Windows will pause to make an index table. After that, type the subject about which you want help, the program will offer selected pertinent topics. If you click on one of these topic names, the appropriate help screen will be displayed.

A third feature is the Search option. Type a few words and the program will create a list of topics that use those words, which you can then read to see if they answer your question.

When you are ready to leave the help screen and return to Register, click on the box in the top right corner that contains an "X".

If you encounter a problem or question for which you cannot readily find an answer, please feel free to call our telephone support line (see page 1), we encourage your questions, comments and suggestions for improvements.

Section V. Entering Data

The first time that you run the program, after the Introductory Screen disappears, you will be presented with a blank Summary Screen. Your first task is to select the breed for which you want to enter data. Click the button **Select My First Breed**. A list of all breeds that the program recognizes will appear. Click on the breed that you want to work with, and the program will now be ready for you to start entering data. Note that the button name will change from **Select My First Breed** to the name of the breed you have selected. Because the button is raised up, it means you can click on it to change the underlined text to another choice. So any time you want to pick another breed, just click on this button again to make that selection. You are now ready to enter data. This can be done in three different ways. From this screen, you may either “add a pedigree” or you may “add a rabbit”, or from the Litter Data screen you may “expand a litter”. Use the “Add Pedigree” feature when you are entering the entire lineage of an animal. Use the “Add Rabbit” feature when you are entering a single animal into your database. Use “Expand Litter” to quickly enter data for an entire litter whose parents are already in your database. When you first get the program, you will be using the “Add Pedigree” feature to enter all of your animals’ pedigrees, starting with the pedigrees of your oldest breeding stock. So let’s talk about that feature first.

Adding A Pedigree. To add a pedigree, click on the tool bar button labeled “Add Pedigree”. The icon looks like a hand filling out a pedigree form (well, sort of). This will bring up a blank pedigree screen, and a panel where you enter data. You will notice that one of the blank spaces on the pedigree form is highlighted in yellow. The program expects you to enter data for this animal. Fill in the information that you know about the highlighted animal. Start by entering the name, if the animal has one. Depress **Tab** to step forward to the next field. If you need to back up to correct an entry, hold down **Shift** and depress **Tab**. *Always use the Tab key to move from field to field.* Note that as you are entering data, the pink or red box at the bottom of the panel provides information on each data field. If this breed has more than one variety, a menu will be shown when you get to the variety field. Type the number of the variety, followed by a “B” if it’s a broken color and the program will automatically spell out the full variety name. If working with BEW’s, instead of a B, you can add an “M” for Vienna-marked, or a “C” for a Vienna Carrier. If you have a variety that is not on the list, you can just type in the full variety name. When you have finished entering data for the selected rabbit, click on

Next Rabbit, and the program will transfer what you have typed to the appropriate place on the pedigree, and highlight the next rabbit for which it wants you to enter data. When you have a lot of line breeding, you will discover that the program will automatically fill in ancestors that are already in your database.

You may leave any of the data fields blank except for sex, which you must fill in for the root animal. Based on its position on the pedigree, the program will calculate the sex for all of the other animals on the pedigree.

(As delivered, the program makes basic assumptions about the types of data you want to enter for each breed of rabbit. However, you have several choices of data format. See the section entitled Special Data Formats on page 11.)

Note that winnings and litter information can only be recorded for rabbits that have a tattoo. If you choose to enter a birth date for an animal, the program will automatically calculate the animal's age class based on today's date and the date of birth. If you enter the animal's weight, its age class will automatically "bump up" if allowed in that breed's standard. (You can also override this feature, if desired.)

Winnings information is entered by clicking on the "Add Winnings" button. Use of this screen is pretty intuitive, but, remember, if you need help on how to use any screen, just push the **F1** key while you are working on that screen.

If you "goof" while entering a pedigree, and discover the error while you are still entering data for the erroneous animal, just go back (by clicking on the entry or using **Shift + Tab**) and correct it before clicking on **Next Rabbit**. But if you discover the error after moving on, then click on **Edit a Prev. Entry**, which will enable you to correct previous entries, including the ability to "make space" if you left an animal out, or remove an animal if you inadvertently entered the same animal twice in a row.

As you enter data, the program is continually checking to see if the animal that you are entering is already in your database, and any time that it thinks that it has found a possible match, it will ask you to verify it. *It is very important that you answer these "Is it a match?" questions carefully, so that the computer can help keep you from entering unnecessary duplicate data, and so that it can differentiate between rabbits that are similar (for instance, two different rabbits with the same ear number).*

It is also important that you do not give many animals the exact same name. If you are accustomed to naming your animal solely with your last name or your rabbitry name, be sure to always append the ear number to that. For instance, don't call an animal "Evans'" or "Oak Hill Farm's", call it "Evans' BJ29" or "Oak Hill Farm's OHF99".

And while we're on the subject, if you do use your last name in your animal's names, you don't have to type it out every time. There is a "SpeedFill" feature. When typing a name, just depress the = key, then depress the s (s is for Surname) key. The program will respond to that keystroke combination by typing your last name, in its possessive form. Other SpeedFill choices include =**b** to enter the Breeder's full name, or =**r** to enter the Rabbitry name. You can also define your own SpeedFill. To do that, go to the Summary Screen and click on **Options, Update Personal Data, View/Edit SpeedFill....** And let's talk about capitalization. Normally the program capitalizes the rabbit's entire name. This often looks best on a pedigree. But some folks prefer to use mixed case. You can control how the program does capitalization — just go to the Summary Screen and click on **Options, Name Capitalization Rules.**

When you have completed a pedigree you can either click **Done**, which will return you to the Summary Screen, or click **Next Pedigree**, which will clear the screen so that you can start entering the next pedigree.

While you are entering a pedigree on this screen, you have full editing capabilities, but once you have completed a pedigree, if you wish to edit the pedigree, you must edit the data for the individual animals in the pedigree, using the technique described below in the paragraph entitled, "Viewing/Editing a Rabbit's Data", on page 11.

As you enter the pedigree data, the program creates a detailed record of each separate animal which it then carefully stores away. (You can access this information at any time from the Summary Screen, as described below). Register automatically sorts these records, placing the leftmost "root" animal in the list of active rabbits, those that you have in your rabbitry; and placing the other 14 animals in the list of archive rabbits, those that are kept for historical purposes. This feature is especially handy when you buy a new animal. However, when you are first entering all of your data into the program, it may place some animals in the wrong list, because several generations on a pedigree may be active in your rabbitry. This is easily corrected by editing that animal's Detail Screen (see below), to change the animal from active to

archive or vice versa. To minimize the need for these changes, we recommend that you enter the pedigrees of your oldest breeding stock first.

If you do not regularly enter registration numbers, grand champion numbers or legs, there are boxes, that, when checked, will cause these data entry fields to be skipped. This “skip” feature is used mostly by breeders of animals other than rabbits, but is provided here for consistency between our various software packages.

Adding a Rabbit. While on the Rabbit Summary Screen, click on the icon with the caption “Add Rabbit.” This will produce an empty Detailed Data Screen. You enter general data for a rabbit on this screen. Use this screen to enter data for a single animal. You may also use this screen to enter all of your pedigree data, if you wish. Just fill in one detail screen for each unique animal on a pedigree. The program will automatically “lace together” all of the animals to form a complete pedigree, but the “Add Pedigree” function is much quicker. (Similarly, you can use this function to enter all the animals from a new litter, but the “Expand Litter” function is much quicker and easier. To learn about this function, view some litter data on your screen, and press the **F1** key.)

You may enter as much or as little data as you like. Initially, the program places the cursor in the upper left corner, expecting you to enter a name. Note that as you are entering data, the red box at the bottom of the screen provides information on each data field and the keys to use to move around the screen. You may type in a name, and then depress **Tab** to move the next field, or you can depress **Tab** without making an entry. Use the **Tab** key to move forward, entry by entry, until you have filled in all of the data that you want to enter. If you want to back up, hold down the **Shift** key while depressing **Tab**.

You may leave any of the data fields blank except for sex. If you do not know the sex of the animal, enter either a U (for Unknown), or a ?. Note that winnings and litter information can only be recorded for rabbits that have a tattoo. If you leave the DOB field empty for an active rabbit, you will be warned that you have not entered a valid date, but you may continue without entering a date, if you wish. If you do choose to enter a birth date, the program will automatically calculate the animal’s age class based on today’s date and the date of birth. Age classes can be automatically or manually “bumped up” based on weight, if allowed by the breed standard. If you enter a date of death,

the animal's lifespan is calculated.

Winnings and litter information are entered from the Winnings Data and Litter Data Screens, which can be reached from the Detailed Data Screen or Summary Screen by clicking on the appropriate button and following the instructions for that screen.

To indicate to the program when you have finished entering data for a particular animal, click on the button labeled **Add Another**. Performing this operation signals the program that you have finished entering data for this rabbit. You will be asked to verify that you are done with this rabbit. If you respond Yes, the data will be saved, and a fresh, empty screen will be provided for you to enter data for the next rabbit. If this is the last animal for which you are currently entering data, just click on the icon with the green arrow to return to the Summary Screen, and the data will automatically be saved.

Viewing/Editing a Rabbit's Data. To view the information on an individual rabbit, just select the rabbit on the Summary Screen (by clicking on the desired animal on the summary list), and click on the View Data icon. This brings up the Detail Screen for the selected animal. All of the data for the chosen rabbit will be shown on the screen. The screen defaults to being "locked", so that you do not inadvertently alter any data. If you wish to modify any of the data, just click on the "Edit" icon in the lower right portion of the detail screen, which unlocks the screen so that you can change any of the entries. You can either use **Tab** to move to the entry to edit or you can just click on that entry with the mouse.

Special Data Formats. Certain breeds and breeders require the ability to store data other than our standard format. For instance, lop breeders may want to store ear size, and checkered giant breeders may want to track markings and breeders. The program comes with several special formats, and you can choose a different format for each breed. To view the choices that are available, from the Summary Screen, Select **Options, Custom Data Formats**. A screen will appear that allows you to pick from the available choices, and shows what these formats would look like on your printed pedigrees. If you would like a format that is not yet available, please call our help line. We may be able to create the format that you desire. Cost for this customization typically is \$20 to \$30, depending upon the complexity of your request.

Section VI. Printing, Viewing and Exporting Pedigrees

Printing Pedigrees. To print an animal's pedigree, first view that pedigree. From the pedigree screen, you can print several types of pedigree. If you click on the print icon with the B on it, the program prints a breeding certificate. If you click on the icon with the P on it, the program prints a full-sized pedigree. If you click on the icon with the MP on it (for Mini-Pedigree), the program prints a pedigree that is 4 inches by 6 inches. In order to print mini-pedigrees that are legible, you must have high-quality printer such as a laser printer or a photo printer, and should be using high quality paper.

When you receive the Register for Windows program, it is set up to print a standard, 3 generation (8 animals in the right column) pedigree. To customize the pedigree settings, select a rabbit and go to the pedigree screen, and click on the **Adjust Printout** icon, which looks like a wrench. This brings up the "Pedigree Printout Setup Screen." From here you can change the colors, fonts and other pedigree settings. Most of the settings are pretty intuitive, but if you have a question, remember, you only have to push the **F1** key to get extra help. If your rabbitry has more than one breeder, you may select the breeder whose name you wish to use for this pedigree. On the screen from which you adjust your pedigree printouts there is a button called **Select Breeder**, which will bring you to the Breeder Selection Screen, select the appropriate breeder and click the **Continue** button. The program will remember that breeder until the next time you change it. When the program first starts, it defaults to the first name on the list, but you can have the program default to any one of the breeders — while on the Breeder Selection Screen, just select the desired breeder and click the blue button at the bottom of the screen.

Viewing Pedigrees. To view an animal's pedigree, just go to the Summary Screen, click on the animal, and click on the View Pedigree icon. The Pedigree Screen presents a summary of the pedigree for the selected animal, and defaults to coloring this pedigree by sex. Males are shown on a blue background, females on a red background. Yellow indicates an animal that is not in the database, and therefore must be entered to obtain a full pedigree. To see the full information on any animal displayed on the screen, left-click on that animal. To

view the pedigree for any animal, right-click on it. You can also view pedigrees from the Search Screen, and any other screen on which the View Pedigree icon appears. While the standard display is a 3 generation printout, you may also select to view 4, 5, 6 or 7 generation pedigrees. These selections are made from the Summary Screen, by clicking on **Options, Pedigree Display**, and then selecting the appropriate choice. If some of the choices are greyed out, and therefore inaccessible, it is because you must increase your screen resolution in order for the program to provide that capability.

Exporting/Emailing Pedigrees. The sixth icon in the top left corner of the pedigree screen is a postage stamp. Clicking on this icon causes the currently displayed pedigree to be formatted as a web page that you can either email to someone, or put on a removable media such as a flash drive. This file will be similarly styled to your printed pedigrees. The recipient can view the file and also print it if they wish. You also have the option of selecting to allow the user to import the pedigree. This creates a separate file with the extension XPEDX. If the recipient has version 12 of the Rabbit Register, they can import the pedigree into Register for Windows without doing any typing. The export process allows you to suppress the comment fields, registration number and grand champion if you desire, in case you do not want to share that information with someone that has not yet bought the animal. To import a pedigree, just go to the Summary Screen, select **File, Import a Pedigree**, and the program will guide you through the few simple steps needed to get the data into your database. Note that while the software can read in data from any earlier version of the software, it may not be able to read data from later versions. So, as a purchaser of version 12 of our software, you can read a file given to you by, say, a version 10 user. But a version 10 user cannot read a file from your version 12 program. Please also note that some email provides corrupt the data files from versions of our program earlier than version 12. Gmail, Ymail and Yahoo are notorious for this. When either the sender or recipient use one of these services, both may have to have version 12 in order to transfer data via the export/import process.

If you use Outlook Express, Microsoft Mail or Thunderbird, you may be able to email these files directly from within the Rabbit Register. If using Yahoo, Gmail or other web-based mail programs, it will be necessary to manually create an email, and then attach the export file. The program defaults to saving all files in the My Exported Pedigrees folder inside your My Documents folder.

Section VII. Frequently Asked Questions

This section tries to briefly answer the most frequently asked questions. In most cases you will get additional information if you depress the **F1** key while viewing the screen that performs the function that you are trying to accomplish.

How do I enter a pedigree into the program? You must enter information on each unique rabbit that appears in the pedigree. This sounds like a lot of work, and, at first, it is. But you never enter the same rabbit into the program more than once, so that animals that appear in more than one pedigree, or more than one time in a single pedigree, are only entered once. After you have typed in all of this information, when a new litter comes along, the pedigree is complete as soon as you specify the parents. You can enter this data in either of two ways, by using the Add Rabbit function for each rabbit, or by using the Add Pedigree function. Both of these methods are reached by clicking on the appropriate icon on the Rabbit Summary Screen.

How do I insert a new rabbit litter? The quickest way to add a litter to your database is by going to the Litter Data Display Screen, and using the Expand Litter function, which is activated by clicking on the icon that shows an arrow pointing toward a file card. However, if you do not keep litter data, then you can also add a new litter by selecting the Add Rabbit icon from the Rabbit Summary Screen. This causes an empty Rabbit Detail Screen to appear, which you then fill in for each animal in the litter. See Adding a Rabbit on page 10, and the description of the Rabbit Detail Screen in the Built-in help for further information.

How does the program make a pedigree? Stored with each rabbit is the name and tattoo of its parents. This data was either directly entered by you when you filled in the Rabbit Detail Screen, or was calculated by the program if you entered the animal on the Pedigree Screen. In either case, when you ask for a pedigree for a particular rabbit, the program looks up the data for the selected rabbit, and finds out who the sire and dam are. Then it gets the data for the sire and dam, and in turn finds out who their sires and dams were. It repeats this process until it has all of the ancestry information, and it then displays it on the screen, ready to be printed out.

How do I delete a rabbit? Rabbits can be deleted either of two ways.

1) While on the Rabbit Summary Screen, select a rabbit, and then click on the **Move/Delete** icon, which looks like a trash can - you can select multiple animals to move or delete, in the same fashion as they are selected for printing, by clicking on them while holding down the 'Shift' key. 2) While on the Detail Screen, click on the "Edit" icon, and then click the **Recycle Bin** button. Whenever you try to delete a rabbit, the computer will always ask you to confirm your decision. This reduces the likelihood of accidentally deleting a rabbit that you want to save. Many times you will not want to delete a rabbit, just move it from the active area to an archive area. When you move an animal to the Recycle Bin it will remain there for some time, allowing you to retrieve animals that were deleted by mistake.

How do I move a rabbit from an Active Area to one of the Archive Areas? From the Summary Screen, use the move/delete feature as discussed in the previous paragraph, or go to the Detail Screen, click on the "edit" icon, then click on the desired Archive Button.

What are the Active and Archive Areas? See the glossary at the back of this manual.

How do I know how much data I have? Information on the amount of data you have entered is shown on the Statistics Screen. This screen is reached by selecting **Program Statistics** from the **Display** entry on the menu at the top of the Rabbit Summary Screen. If this screen shows a large number of deleted rabbits, you can speed up program execution slightly by doing the following: from the Summary Screen, change the view to Recycle Bin by clicking on **Active** and Selecting **Recycle Bin**, and then permanently deleting the animals by right-clicking on the list.

How do I back up my data? Place a USB flash drive in your computer. Then, from the menu at the top of the Rabbit Summary Screen, Select **File, Back Up Data & Photos**. We do NOT recommend trying to back up to a CD. When purchasing a flash drive, we suggest that you use the cheapest one you can find — in this particular application, the cheaper it is, the better it will work! A flash drive in the \$3 to \$4 range is perfect.

How do I restore my data? Select any breed, go to the Summary Screen for that breed, and select **File, Restore Data, Restore All Data from from a Backup**. Then pick the drive and path that contains your backup information, and click on **Accept**. All of your data will be reloaded. You will then have to restart the program for the restore to

take effect. If you lose the data for a single breed, you can attempt to recover that data by clicking on **File, Restore Data, Recover just breed from internal backups.**

How do I find a specific rabbit amongst all this data? From the Rabbit Summary Screen, click on the Search icon, which looks like a flashlight. The Search Screen will appear. Using this screen will provide you with a list of all rabbits in the database that have a given name, ear number, cage number or registration number. You can also search for a partial name or ear number.

How do I quit the program? From the Summary Screen, click on the Exit icon, which looks like a STOP sign, or depress **Alt F X**.

How do I print a pedigree? From the Pedigree Screen, click on the Print Pedigree icon, which looks like a line printer with a red letter “P” on it.

How Do I Import a Pedigree? From the Summary Screen, select **File, Import a Pedigree**. The program will then guide you through the simple steps necessary to read a pedigree from email, flash drive or other location on your computer.

How Do I modify the format for my cage labels? From the Print Screen, select **Cage Labels**, then click **Adjust Page Settings**, and click **Change Cage Label Format**. This will bring up the Cage Label Setup Screen, and from here you can select from one to eight lines of data to appear on your labels. As you change the number of lines to be printed, the program automatically scales the size of the letters so that all of the lines will fit. There is a preview function on the screen that permits you to see how your labels/cards will appear. Be careful to not try to squeeze too many lines onto small labels, the lettering will be very tiny and hard to read.

Can I create a mailing list? Sure. Actually you can have up to six separate mailing lists. Every time you sell a rabbit and tell the program who the buyer is, the buyer’s name gets put on the “Buyers of My Rabbits” list, but you can create 5 other lists as well. To work on mailing lists, go to the Summary Screen and click on **Display, View Buyer/Mail List**. This will bring up the Mail List Screen, that shows the entries currently in each of your lists, and gives you the control to add, edit and delete people from each list. Five categories are provided that you can name as you like, for suppliers, 4H, Christmas lists, whatever you choose. To give one or more of the categories the name of your choice, just click on the button **Define Category Names**.

How can I have the program remind me about medications for my animals? We offer a Medical History option for those of you that want a reminder of when to treat your animals on a repetitive basis. To activate this feature, go to the Summary Screen, and click on **Options, Medical History**, so that it becomes checked. This will enable the medical history recording/warning. Once the Medical History option is enabled and you have entered some data, you will notice that a “syringe” appears before each animal’s name. When on a red background, it means the animal is overdue for a medication. When on a yellow background, the animal is due for treatment “soon” — you specify how early a warning that you want. When no syringe is visible it means that no medications are pending. To view an animal’s history, click on the animal, then click on the **Med Rcrds** icon. This will produce a screen that shows the history for a given animal, and will also let you change the overall parameters for up to 6 medication schedules, by clicking the **Edit Choices** button. The program automatically sorts the entries by date, and will drop off the oldest entries if it runs out of space. The medical history is automatically disabled for archive animals, since these animals are either deceased or not owned by you.

How do I prepare a Show Entry? Preparing a show entry is really quite easy. This explanation is just going to make it seem difficult! You can select from one of two choices: Memorized Show Entry or Standard Show Entry. Lets look at the differences and purpose for each.

Memorized Show Entry Description: In a memorized show entry you can select all of the animals for a show, for more than one breed, then print them all out on a single sheet. And the next time that you want to print a show entry, the program will remember all of your previous selections. This method is handy if you frequently show the same animals, and/or if you show more than one breed.

Standard Show Entry Description: When you use this method, the program will only print one breed per show entry sheet, and will not remember your previous selections. Use this method if you frequently show different animals of just one breed.

General Instructions for Preparing a Show Entry

When you prepare a show entry, your name and address will be filled in, as will the ear number, breed & variety, and sex & class, for all of the rabbits that you wish to enter. In order to print the age of your animals as of the show date, the program will ask you to enter the date

of the show. It will then calculate each animal's age class based on its weight, date of birth and the date of the show. The age class will be blank for animals whose DOB is unknown. The program will generally print a completed entry form, including calculating the total entry fees. If you are manually appending animals to the form, be sure that the box labeled "Calculate Total Entry Fee" is not checked. You can then insert the additional show entries and calculate the total fee yourself.

You may also select whether your name or your rabbitry name appears as the "Exhibitor/Owner". If you select the rabbitry name, your name will appear to the right of that entry, in accordance with the ARBA requirements that names must also be shown.

The program defaults to printing two copies of each page. You can change this value by changing the value of the "# of copies" entry.

Specific Details for Preparing a Memorized Show Entry

- 1) Start with any breed.
- 2) On the control bar, Click on **Active** and select **Show List**. This will activate the memorizing function. The list of animals will change to a disgusting peach color, as a reminder that you are using this special function.
- 3a) Select the animals as you would for any printing function, by holding down the **Shift** key and clicking on the desired entry. As always, you can de-select an animal by clicking on it again while you are still holding down **Shift**.
- 3b) Alternatively, you can skip using the **Shift** key and just right-click on each animal, then select it for open, meat or fur, or deselect it.
- 4) Repeat step 3 for each breed.
- 5) After selecting all of the desired animals for each of your breeds, click on the Print icon, select the **Show Entry Sheet** option, and perform all the steps detailed on the right side of the screen.
- 6) Two features deserve special mention. One is that you will notice that you can print a double- or triple- show entry. When this is selected, the program prints the special form used in some parts of the country where more than one show is shown on a single sheet. The second is a caution that if you have selected animals for meatpen(s), you will have to click the preview button and verify the pen assignments.
- 7) After printing your pedigrees, you can exit this screen, return to the Summary Screen, and click on **Show List** and select **Actives**, to return to the normal view.

The next time that you go to prepare a show entry, all of the animals will still be selected. Just make any changes that you need to on the breed lists, and then proceed at step 5 of the instructions.

Specific Details for Preparing a Standard Show Entry

Preparing a standard show entry is very similar to the steps detailed above. The only difference is that you skip steps 2 & 7, and work directly from the Active list. You must print the show entry before changing breeds, and the next time that you start the program, your previous selections are not remembered.

Section VIII. Glossary of Terms

Active Rabbits

An active rabbit is a rabbit that is currently in your rabbitry. See also Archive Rabbits. Active rabbits are displayed separately from archive rabbits. The program provides up to 4 active areas per breed.

Archive Rabbits

An archive rabbit is a rabbit that is kept for historical purposes. Its data may be necessary for a pedigree, for litter and winning information, or for genotyping. Archive rabbits are displayed separately from Active Rabbits. The program provides up to 9 separate archive areas per breed, so that you may group your archived animals if you wish. By default, the program will always put archive animals in Archive #1, but you may move them if you wish, and you can instruct the program to, for example, always put sold animals into a particular archive. The program treats the animals in all areas identically, although the data in the archives may be abbreviated on the Summary Screen.

Click

Clicking on an object means to place the mouse pointer on that object, and then depress the mouse button once. It is customary to use the left mouse button unless told to do otherwise.

Landscape Orientation

When a printout is made so that you view it by holding the long edge of the paper horizontal, it is known as a landscape printout. This would be the way that most artists would create a landscape painting.

Portrait Orientation

When a printout is made so that you view it by holding the long edge of the paper vertical, it is known as a portrait printout. This would be the orientation that most artists would use to paint a portrait.

