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CONGRATULATIONS

50 / 50 JAR WINNER 2-6-00

**Sherry Hankinson of El Cajon
won \$ 29.14**

MYSTERY GUEST

On Feb. 6, at **PETsMART** a Desert Wood Rat was our guest for the day. Thank-you Vennie for bringing Woody in for sharing. Woody's main diet is seeds, and plants (no meat). He enjoys the gourmet guinea pig food the best. He has longer whiskers, large round ears and the coat is thicker, softer and longer than a normal rat. The tail is shorter than normal with fur covering it. He is an Agouti (brownish) color and he prefers a bowl to drink from.

"THANKS for visiting us Woody"

PET ADOPTION DAY

Artamus, the mouse, went home with Carolyn Constantine who has several others and just loved his friendliness.

NOTICES

NEWSLETTER ADS,
DRAWINGS, POEMS, STORIES ETC.
SEND TO : 1172 Naranca Ave, El
Cajon, CA 92021. THANK-YOU.

If you would like to become a volunteer or you have a special talent you would like to share with your ARMHS friends, let us know. We welcome any new ideas to improve our lives with our friends. Suggestions for programs, speakers etc. are always welcome.

Donations of pet care books, videos, etc. for the ARMHS library is greatly appreciated. Our list is small but growing! Call Vennie at (858) 748-5395

This year Rat Showmanship is offered to the Youth at the Del Mar Fair.

For more information:
Lori Wuebker (619) 444-9073

Kaytee Products Company has some finer chopped aspen bedding out on the market for a limited time only. They will continue to process the reg. size shredded aspen - C.J.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Sydney, Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Webster
45 Suburn Rd. Regis Park
South N.S.W., Australia 2143

They want rats from the US. They must be Quarantined. They belong to a club called "South Wilderness"

MEDICAL NEWS



Penicillin can be fatal to Hamsters

Penicillin is a bactericidal antibiotic and it is not recommended. Since it kills the bacteria, some may release a toxin when they die and therefore cause illness and death of the animal.

Max Hibi / Vet



By E. Morris 11-7-98

**RODENT OF THE
SEASON**

RATS



By E. Morris 11-7-98

The Black - Eyed White Rat

Its coat is pure "snow white" over the entire body with no hint of any other color. Eyes are solid black. (Note: BEW [Black-eyed Whites] are not albinos)

By Karla Barber

MICE



L. Wuebker 5-00

Cobbie - short eared mice

Cobbie Mice were first brought in from St. Louis, Missouri in 1994. To the best of my knowledge, these are the first ones in California. I traded a few small-eared mice (Cobbies), and Cobbie carriers for a red Mini Rex Rabbit. Some of the colors were cream / white, brindle / white, golden bridle, silver brindle, chocolate, silver and fawn. Cobbies, for the most part, are unique because of their tiny ears and their very outgoing personality.

By Lori Wuebker

SYRIAN HAMSTERS



By E. Morris 11-7-98

"Breeding for Odd Eyed Syrians"

We have found that the chances for odd eyes are better if Grandfathers on both Mother's and Father's side having dark eyes and both Grandmother's having red eyes or ruby cast eyes. Mother and Father should also be different colored, Father dark eyed and Mother red eyed or ruby cast eyed. Some odd eyes you can see as soon as they open their eyes. These will usually change and become the same color as they get older, but they will carry the odd eye gene. Others develop the odd eyes between 3-6 weeks of age and will stay odd eyed.

By Shery and Doug Hankinson