

Hello AMLRC Members!

Happy Birthday to the AMLRC! By the time you receive this Gazette, the AMLRC will be just a little over a year old! Over 1,400 sanctions have been issued thus far, and I'm quite pleased with the completion rate of getting show reports in a timely manner. Go Team!!

I want you all to know I'm available to answer any questions you may have, and you can email me for a points update at any time. While we LOVE our Gazette, it is outdated by the time you receive it! So if you're looking for up-to-the-minute information, just let me know.

My article today is focusing on "problems." IF you receive a show report and it's wrong, please contact the show secretary with a CC to me outlining the problem so I can be aware of it. The sooner the better. The volume of sanctioned shows has led to my having to "swap out" my spreadsheets for each Gazette deadline – so if there is a problem, it's best solved within that same timeframe. IF you have a BOB or BOS animal with the wrong ear # on your show report, it's going to be wrong on mine, also. All reports are processed on my end only exactly as they're sent to me – with the exception of mis-spelled names – I can usually figure those out & correct them! But I cannot 'correct' ear numbers because I have no way of really knowing they are wrong. So if you have any sort of error on your show report, it needs to be reported back to me or it will remain wrong. PARTNERSHIPS: If you show as part of a team, please be aware that all members of the team must be AMLRC members in good standing, or the points will not be counted and the entry is considered as being Non-Member. And I implore all of you to be CONSISTENT in how you enter. Don't be NM Schmitt one show, then Nicole Schmitt (Well, insert your name here! You don't really wanna be me! ☺) the next. Because again, reports are processed exactly as they are sent to me. So if you're NM Schmitt or N Schmitt and Nicole Schmitt, none of those entries will be combined into a single total. And, IF you purchase a rabbit and want the Top Lop points that animal has already earned, the sale of that animal must be reported to me in writing, or the points start over. I strongly encourage all of you to review the complete sweepstakes rules on the AMLRC website (www.amlrc.com) under the "Rules & Regulations" tab at the top. The rules pertaining to Top Lop / ownership are Article 2, Section 9. It's not as boring to read as it sounds!

With my life finally getting back to normal, reports are up to date 100%, and are being processed within the same month received (provided I have a current membership listing off of which to work). I continue to get to the bank at least 2-3 times per month (often treating us to Noodles while in the area!). Sanction requests are processed within 48 hours of receipt – most within 24 hours except those received on Friday or Saturday of Show Weekends!

This Gazette contains all reports received by me thru 8/4/12 for the bulletin deadline of 8/5/12.

The 2011/2012 Season points are "mostly" final. There are still a couple of outstanding reports (see Late Reports section elsewhere in this bulletin). Should those reports trickle in before the Awards for Sweeps have to be finalized, they will still be counted. We've been fairly lenient with things this first year – late reports, late sanctions, etc. But moving into the new season, the rules will be strictly in effect.

Hope your nest boxes are full of winners, and surviving this ridiculous weather!