

ARBA Convention Totals for Rex: 2010-2016

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Following is a spreadsheet summarizing the number of Rex shown at the ARBA Convention from 2010 through 2016.

There is a consistent trend, the varieties with low number are always the same. It seems all Chocolate based varieties are weak. If we could track Chocolate Otters, I would guess it would have a low total also. This would probably be easy to correct if breeders were willing to sacrifice their Castor color and bring in the Chocolate.

The second observation – all varieties not carrying the full color gene C or cc are weak. All of these varieties have shown on average, 13 or fewer animals per Convention. I think there are three problems here:

- 1 – The Chinchilla does not have many breeding options. Chin-to-Chin seems to be the best breeding scheme. However, this leads to a lack of genetic diversity. It would be helpful for the Chin breeders to have a Silver Martin option.
- 2 – Breeding the Chin to a Black and showing it as a Seal.
- 3 – A lack of understanding the genetic makeup of the Sable. Sable is the result of breeding a Seal to a Californian. If the 'Seal' is actually a self-Chin bred to a Cal, the result will not be a Sable. Education is needed here and judges need to DQ self-Chins when shown as a Seal.

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OPEN REX	MN	IN	KS	PA	TX	OR	CA	7 YR TOTAL	AVERAGE
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Total Shown	480	483	480	477	487	462	361	3230	461
Amber	8	11	3	16	4	0	4	46	7
Black	35	44	25	34	34	45	24	241	34
Blue	17	24	29	27	20	21	26	164	23
Broken	161	109	123	134	143	97	70	837	120
Californian	12	9	13	20	13	13	11	91	13
Castor	43	40	38	31	35	32	21	240	34
Chinchilla	15	11	7	12	5	13	22	85	12
Chocolate	19	15	10	14	4	9	6	77	11
Lilac	10	12	10	15	8	15	8	78	11
Lynx	7	15	8	9	12	12	5	68	10
Opal	24	13	35	25	34	21	9	161	23
Otter	57	69	69	54	54	54	58	415	59
Red	20	28	33	27	28	35	18	189	27
Sable	5	15	2	3	10	5	14	54	8
Seal	5	5	11	8	12	22	14	77	11
White	42	63	64	48	71	68	51	407	58

YOUTH REX	MN	IN	KS	PA	TX	OR	CA	7 YR TOTAL	AVERAGE
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Total Shown	85	91	157	129	198	48	46	754	108
Amber	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	4	1
Black	10	10	13	9	18	7	3	70	10
Blue	3	7	11	6	14	3	3	47	7
Broken	29	24	43	34	47	15	15	207	30
Californian	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	6	1
Castor	7	8	12	11	17	1	2	58	8
Chinchilla	1	5	9	7	4	4	1	31	4
Chocolate	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	8	1
Lilac	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	1
Lynx	3	0	2	1	1	3	0	10	1
Opal	4	1	4	6	7	0	1	23	3
Otter	12	18	31	30	40	7	4	142	20
Red	1	4	5	8	12	0	5	35	5
Sable	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	10	1
Seal	0	1	0	3	2	3	4	13	2
White	8	11	17	10	29	4	7	86	12