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**To:** Secretary NSFRC nsfrc.sec@gmail.com



Dear NSFRC Members,

As your Board of Directors (BOD), we wish to address recent concerns and clarify our position on several key matters:

#### Our Mission and Standards

We remain committed to our mission of promoting and improving the Silver Fox Rabbit according to ARBA's Standard of Perfection. This guides all our decisions and actions.

#### Breed Development and Transparency

We assure you that no misinformation is being spread about new Silver Fox varieties. The Certificate of Development (COD) for broken silver fox was properly filed with ARBA but denied due to technical issues. There are no plans to modify the ARBA Standard of Perfection for broken silver foxes.

The "bitter" chocolate project is an ongoing collaborative effort among breeders and judges. Currently, these genetics have not been released to the public. **It is crucial to emphasize that ARBA owns the Standard of Perfection, and the only consideration at ARBA Shows and Events is if the rabbit meets the chocolate variety description, as already published in the Standard of Perfection.**

#### ARBA Registry Distinctions

ARBA's registration system differs from most livestock associations. It requires only a three-generation pedigree to prove an animal's purity, allowing more flexibility in breeding practices. This system enables necessary outcrossing while maintaining breed integrity.

#### NSFRC Breeding Practices

While we don't endorse crossbreeding, we acknowledge its occasional necessity. We expect members who sell outcrossed animals to disclose this information and prioritize breeding animals that closely match the ARBA Standard of Perfection.

#### Member Engagement and Governance

We encourage your active participation in the club. Please review BOD meeting minutes on our website, attend our annual membership meeting at the ARBA Convention, and consider running for office if you wish to effect change.

#### Addressing Conflicts

We take a serious approach to maintaining harmony within the club. Disciplinary actions are carefully considered and often handled privately. We urge members to contact the BOD directly with questions rather than perpetuating rumors.

#### Looking Forward

Despite recent challenges, we remain dedicated to promoting and protecting this unique heritage breed. If you're interested in joining the BOD, please review the requirements in our Constitution & By-Laws. Elections will be held this summer, with new members taking office after the 2025 ARBA Convention.

Thank you for your continued support of the NSFRC. Together, we will ensure our breed remains "one of a kind since 1929!"

Sincerely,  
The NSFRC Board of Directors

