

Regulations for the European Cavy Standard

§ 1

Definition of the European Cavy Standard

- 1.1 The national standards of the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Austria and Switzerland form the basis of the European Cavy Standard called "main standard" hereafter.
- 1.2 The main standard and the list called "European Breeds and Colours" (appendix) together form the European Standard.
- 1.3 Only those breeds and colours that are standardised in at least three EE-affiliated countries will be included in the European standard.
- 1.4 Only those new or unstandardised breeds and colours that are standardised in at least three affiliated countries will be considered for standardisation in the European standard
- 1.5 The list "European Breeds and Colours" will be issued annually to all affiliated countries.
- 1.6 Every effort will be made to present the European Cavy Standard to all affiliated countries in all three official EE languages.

§ 2

Validity

- 2.1 The European Cavy Standard will be implemented at all EE shows.
- 2.2 Every effort will be made to persuade all affiliated countries to the EE to adopt the European Cavy standard in favour of their own national standard.

§ 3

Standardisation of Breeds and Colours proposed by the affiliated countries

- 3.1 The ultimate standardisation of new breeds and colours in the European Cavy Standard is decided by the delegates of the Cavy section meeting, after being proposed by the ESKC.
- 3.2 The breeds and colours to be standardised must have a full standard and be popular and well distributed in their respective countries of origin.
- 3.3 The ESKC must be notified of all breeds and colours that have recently been standardised and will then in turn decide on standardisation in the European Cavy Standard.
- 3.4 The following criteria must be borne in mind at all times:
 - Ethics
 - Animal Welfare
 - Protection of existing breeds and colours
 - Respecting the requirements of the country of origin
 - Promoting responsibility in breeding with respect to genetics etc.

§ 4

Judging System

- 4.1 The delegates of the cavy section meeting decide on the format of the judging card, as proposed by the ESKC.
- 4.2 Exhibits at EE-Shows will be awarded with a combination of marks and points.
- 4.3 If a minimum of 10% of points are deducted per position, this decision has to be clarified with written comments.
- 4.4 In the event of two or more exhibits scoring equal points, the exhibit that has obtained more points under position 1 has to be favoured. In the event of equal scores under position 1, then those with higher points under the 'breed specific' positions (4 + 5) take prevalence.

§ 5

Definition of Country of Origin

- 5.1 The country of origin of non-standardised breeds and colours is listed in the appendix of the European Cavy Standard.
- 5.2 The country of origin of a breed remains, even if new colours are standardised in other countries.
- 5.3 If a certain colour is rejected, an entry will be made in the main standard (list of non-standardised breeds and colours).

§ 6

Rare Breeds

- 6.1 Rare breeds should be promoted through additional measures across all affiliated countries.

These Regulations for the European Cavy Standard were completed on the 6th. day of May 2005 in Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg and came into effect immediately.

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