

Swiss

GROUPS: SELF—AGOUTI — SOLID—MARKED—TAN
PATTERN—CAL PATTERN



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| Type | 20 |
| Head..... | 10 |
| Ears..... | 5 |
| Coat..... | 45 |
| Density | 18 |
| Texture | 17 |
| Head Furnishings..... | 5 |
| Resiliency | 5 |
| Color..... | 10 |
| Condition | 10 |
| Total | 100 |

DESCRIPTION:

The Swiss are a medium-length coated breed with a dense but slightly coarse coat that grows erect in a forward direction.

Type—Points 20: Swiss are to have a medium-length body, with a well-developed shoulders and midsection and a well-rounded hindquarter. The body should be of equal width throughout.

Head—Points 10: Head should have good width when viewed from the front, a short, well-filled muzzle, and a smooth curve to the crown. Cheeks and lower jowls are to be full. The eyes are to be large, bold, and bright. Eyes are to match the respective variety description.

Faults—Narrow head, long nose, flat face, roman nose.

Ears—Points 5: The ears should be large, rose petal in shape, and drooping. They should be set parallel to the table. Ear color to match the respective variety description.

Coat—Points 45 (Density 18, Texture 17, Head Furnishings 5, Resiliency 5): The coat is to be as even as possible in density, length, and texture. Allow for a coat transition at the midsection.

Hair on the head should be dense and resilient, being short on the nose with a gradual increase in length. The belly hair is to be dense and may show a slight wave. The coat should be clean, and free of any matting or foreign matter.

Note: *Juniors and Intermediates will exhibit a more even coat than seniors. The focus should be on the quality of the coat; the length of the coat is not to be a consideration, as long as it meets the minimum coat length requirement.*

Disqualifications from Competition—Coat length under 1.5” on senior animals, when measured on the rump.

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Density–Points 18: The coat should be as dense as possible so that it does not lay flat or part over the back. No skin should be visible through the coat.

Texture–Points 17: The coat should be slightly coarse, but not harsh. Younger animals may carry softer coats, and age should be taken into consideration.

Fault–Coats with evidence of gaps, mats, chewed areas in the coat, or lose curls.

Disqualifications from Competition–Any evidence of rosettes, ringlets, or satin sheen.

Head Furnishings–Points 5: Swiss should have longer hair over the ears, known as Horns.

Fault–Lack of head furnishings on seniors.

Resiliency–Points 5: The coat should be resilient and spring back after handling.

Color–Points 10: Color is to match the respective variety description. In marked varieties, color points are to be divided equally; five points for color quality and five points for markings.

Condition–Points 10: Per ARBA definition.

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