Swiss

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



Type	**20**
Head	**10**
Ears	**5**
Coat	**45**
Density	**18**
Texture	**17**
Horns	**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. **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. **Handling:** Always lift from underneath to avoid flattening the coat. The coat on the Swiss should be stroked from rear to head to best show the coat. Pat the coat with the palm of the hand to determine density and resiliency.
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 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 variety description.
COAT–Points 45: (Density 18, Texture 17, Resiliency 5, Horns 5) The coat is to be as even as possible in density and texture. The focus should be on the quality of the coat. 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.

Fault–Coat transition at the midsection.

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

*Eligible to be entered in all ARBA sanctioned shows as exhibition animals. May **NOT** compete for Best in Show*

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.

Faults–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.
Resiliency–Points 5: The coat should be resilient and spring back after handling.
Horns–Points 5: Swiss should have longer hair over the ears, known as Horns.

Faults–Lack of horns on seniors.
COLOR–Points 10: Color is to match the variety description. In marked varieties color points are to be divided equally: ½ the points to color quality and ½ the points to pattern or markings.
Condition–Points 10: Per ARBA definition.