

## SHOW RULES: summary by Päivi Tiitinen

During the inspection, the animal can be rejected or completely denied entry to the exhibition area if it has parasites, is pregnant or lactating, acutely ill, really aggressive or otherwise unsuitable for the exhibition. Otherwise, unsuitable also means a highly stressed or painful animal. If the cavy has an abscess, cyst or tumor that does not secrete or is irritated and the cavy otherwise does not seem sick or stressed, it can participate in the show. Sale animals are inspected on a case-by-case basis. The exhibition fee for an animal rejected in the inspection must be paid, and the registration fee already paid will not be refunded. Showing neutered guinea pigs in the exterior category is allowed

The coat of the animal must not be treated with foreign substances that change its original quality or color. In the exterior category, the coat of the long-haired cavy must not be cut or significantly damaged. Trimming the coat is allowed in exterior categories only from cavies participating in the clipped categories. The genital areas of long-haired cavies may be cut/shaved also for the exterior category. The animal must not be under medication.

The animals are judged in the order according to the show list or the order announced by the judge. The exhibitor makes sure that the cavy is judged at the right time. If the animal does not come to be judged in its turn, the judge can leave the animal completely unjudged. In this case, the registration fee will not be refunded. Purebred categories are placed before all classes, if the cavy is going to several categories at the same time.

Presentation of satins in both the purebred and pet categories is prohibited.

### APPEALS

Exhibitor cannot complain about the judge's assessment and the prize place given by judge, unless the judge has acted in violation of the rules. Complaints about violations are made in writing within two weeks from the exhibition to the board of SMY.

### DISTURBANCE

The judge must not be disturbed during the judging. The judge must be given room and the judgment must not be influenced. Good manners and a fair spirit of competition must be observed at the exhibition site.

### PUREBRED CATEGORIES

The categories are intended for purebred, registered cavies, which are judged according to the breed standard. If the cavy deviates greatly from the ideal of the breed standard, the judge can, if he wishes, leave the cavy unjudged in whole or in part. In this case, EVA (EI VOIDA ARVOSTELLA -Can't be rated) is marked on the rating form. In purebred categories, cavies are divided into breeds, and short-haired breeds are also divided into colors, ticked, marked and marked pattern varieties

Competition categories:

Baby category: 2-3 months

Juvenile category: 4-5 months

Adult category: 6-35 months

Veteran category: 36 months –

Champion category – 6 months – for cavies with the champion title

Clipped category: 6 months –

Test standard category: 2 months –

Non-standard category: 2 months –

Breeder category

Breeding category

Champion category

After qualifying as the Finnish champion, the cavy moves to a competition category called the champion category. This competition category is intended only for cavies that have completed as Finnish Champion. A champion from another country competes in Finland in a champion category only after graduating as a Finnish champion. The champion category is judged after the last open class. The judge can also award certificates and honorary prizes to cavies in the champion category. After this, the judge chooses the best of breed (ROP -bob)

Clipped category

The clipped category is intended for long-haired cavies whose coat has been cut short. However, coat should reach the exhibition board. Cavies can participate in the clipped class after they turn 6 months old. In this category, animals are divided by breed, but not by age group. Cavies in clipped category can receive certificates and they can participate in Best in show- competition.

Test standard category

The test standard category is intended for cavies whose breeds are still on the waiting list to be accepted to the official standard. The cavy entered in the category must be registered and at least 2 months old. In the category, the animals are divided by breed. The coat of long-haired cavies must not be cut or significantly damaged.

Non-standard category

Intended for all those cavies whose breeds do not belong in the standard or test standard. If the exhibitor wants to enter a non-standard cavy for the show, which has not been previously shown in Finland, he must provide the standard committee with instructions on the cavy breed in Finnish or English, as well as any sources from which the breed can be learned, one month before the last day of registration. A cavy entered in a class does not have to be registered. The cavy must be at least 2 months old. In this category, animals are divided by breed, but not by age group. The coat of long-haired cavies must not be cut or significantly damaged.

Breeder category

The breeder category is intended for cavy breeders with stud name who present 2-4 cavy they have bred of the same breed, consisting of at least two litters, as a group. A breeder with a stud name may participate in the breeder category. All animals in the breeder category must have the same stud name. Animals participating in the breeder category must participate in appearance categories in the same event. The

breeder does not have to be at the exhibition site to present the group, but another exhibitor can present the group on behalf of the breeder. In this case, the breeder must notify and prepay the group by the last pre-registration date for the show in question. In the breeder category, the cavies do not have to be owned by the breeder. The cavy entered for the exhibition is to be brought to the breeder's category, if the breeder so requires. The breeder may present one group per breed at the show. You cannot participate in the breeder category with non-standard cavies.

#### Breeding category

The breeding category is intended for a breeding animal and its offspring born from two different litters. The cavy entered for the exhibition must be brought to the breeding category, if the breeder so requires. Breeders are allowed to show one group at the show.

Non-standard guinea pigs cannot participate in the breeding category.

### **Accepted breeds, colors or ticked, marked and marked pattern varieties**

#### Accepted breeds

Short-coated: English self, self varieties: ticked, marked and marked patterns, english crest self, english crest self, ticked, marked, marked pattern, american crest self, american crest ticked, marked, marked pattern

Rough coated: abessinian, rex, rex crested, teddy, skinny and baldwin

longhaired: sheltie, texel, peruvian, alpaca, coronet, merino, lunkaryaperuvian

#### Accepted colors

p.e. white, d.e. white, cream, buff, lemon, saffron p.e. golden, d.e. golden, red, beige, lilac, grey, chocolate, black.

#### Accepted ticked, marked and marked pattern varieties

Silver agouti, golden agouti, cinnamon agouti, lemon agouti, orange agouti, buff agouti, saffron agouti, cream agouti, also solid agouti varieties.

Silver argente, golden argente, cinnamon argente, lemon argente, orange argente, buff argente, saffron argente, cream argente, also solid argente varieties

grey silver argente, grey golden argente, grey lemon argente, myös solid agouti/argente varieties.

roan (approved agoutis, argentes, tortoiseshell, brindle and approved colours except white).

himalaya (black, chocolate, beige, lilac, cinnamon agouti, silver agouti, cinnamon argente, silver argente).

tortoiseshell

tortoiseshell & white.

tricolor (approved colors, three together, agouti, argente, except black/red/white).

bicolor (all other two approved colors, agouti, argente, except black/red).

dalmatialainen (approved agoutis, argentes, tortoisshell, brindle and colors except white).

dutch (approved agoutis, argentes, tortoisshell, brindleall colors regarding white).

tan (black, chocolate, lilac, grey and beige).

fox (black, chocolate, lilac, grey and beige).

otter (black, chocolate, lilac, grey and beige).

harlequin (black/cream, chocolate/cream).

magpie (black/white, chocolate/white).

brindle (black/red).

california

Accepted test standard breeds

ch-teddy, ch-teddy crest, lunkaryansheltie, lunkaryancoronet

All others are considered non-standard breeds.

THE PRIZES AWARDED IN THE EXTERIOR CATEGORIES:

Best of Breed ROP (BOB)

ROP placings will be awarded according to the number of entries of the breeds entered, as follows:

0-4 participants - ROP1 and ROP2

5-9 participants- ROP3

10-14 participants- ROP4

15-19 participants- ROP5

20-24 participants- ROP6

25-29 participants- ROP7

The judge can award an honorable mention and/or a certificate to the best of the breed

#### Certificate(SERTIFIKAATTI)

The judge can, if he wishes, award certificates to cavies of approved purebred breeds (babies, juvenile, adult, veteran and champion categories) if they deserve the value of champion. There is no limit to the number of certificates to be distributed.

#### Honorable Mention (KUMA)

The judge can give an honorable mention to the cavy deserving it.

#### Judge's Favorite

The judge can award the Judge's Favorite prize to the cavy he or she likes.

#### Best in Show (BIS)

The cavies of approved purebred breeds from babies, juveniles, adult, veteran and champion categories selected by the judge are invited to the Best In Show competition. The judge cannot place BOB2 before BOB1 in the BIS competition. A cavy entered in the Test and Non-standard class and the Clipped class is not entitled to participate in the Best In Show competition

#### Champions

Cavy graduates for the Finnish Junior Champion(FI JMVA) with three certificates, which must be from shows approved by SMY. The certificates must be from either the baby or juvenile category. Only certificates issued in Finland are valid for applying for the Finnish Junior Championship. The certificates must be from at least two different judges. After receiving one adult or veteran category certificate, the FI JMVA cavy owner can apply for the title of the Finnish Champion for his or hers cavy.

If the cavy has not received the FI JMVA title, the owner of a cavy registered in Finland can, after receiving 3 certificates from at least two different judges, at least one of which must be from the adult or veteran category, apply for the Finnish Champion title (FI MVA) for their cavy.

If the cavy is the champion of another Nordic country or Estonia, it can be qualified as the Finnish Champion on application after receiving one certificate in Finland.

Finnish Champion cavy completes the Finnish Mega Champion (FI MMVA) with three certificates from the competition class and three BIS rankings. If the fourth certificate and BIS ranking have been obtained in the same event as the certificates required for qualifying, they will be taken into account when applying for the title of Mega Champion.

BIS rankings are distributed according to the number of registrations of approved breeds as follows:

1-9 participants – BIS 1

10-19 participants – BIS 1-2

20-29 participants – BIS 1-3

30-39 participants – BIS 1-4

40-49 participants – BIS 1-5

50-59 participants – BIS 1-6

60-69 participants – BIS 1-7

70 or more – BIS 1-8

In the breeder category, prizes are awarded according to the number of entries as follows:

1-3 participants, 1 will be awarded

4-6 participants, 2 will be awarded

7-9 participants, 3 will be awarded

10-12 participants, 4s will be awarded

13 or more, 5 will be awarded

In the breeding category, prizes are awarded according to the number of entries as follows:

1-3 participants, 1 will be awarded

4-6 participants, 2 will be awarded

7-9 participants, 3 will be awarded

10-12 participants, 4 will be awarded

13 or more, 5 will be awarded

The judge can, if he wishes, award the Best Clipped and the second Best Clipped 2 awards.

The judge can, if he wishes, award the Best Test/No Standard and the second best the Best Test/No Standard 2 awards.

The Junior Best In Show competition takes place at least at the JUHLANÄYTTELY( Celebration Exhibition) and at the Grand Gala. If a Junior Best In Show competition is held at the show, it will include all Show categories except clipped categories. Junior Best In Show rules and scoring are the same as the regular Best In Show.