

Roan Breed Standard

		Points
Head, Eyes & Ears	Head to be short and broad, with a gently curving profile. Muzzle to be of good width and rounded at the nostrils. Eyes to be large, bright and bold and set with good width between. Ears to be large and drooping, and set with good width between.	15
Body Shape	To have short, cobby body with good width across shoulders and body. To be fit and of good substance, with plenty of firm flesh. To have good size appropriate to age.	10
Markings	To have solid head and feet but white hairs evenly intermixed throughout the body.	60
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Head Markings	To have solid colour with a clean demarcation line separating it from the body markings	20
Roaning	To have an even intermixing of white and coloured hairs all over the body, including belly, to create a level appearance with no areas of shading.	30
Feet Markings	To have solid colour covering the feet.	10
Colour	Colour to conform with ESCC, NACC or Argente Standards, as appropriate. Eye colour also to conform to these standards, except for the Black whose eyes may have a ruby tint.	10
Coat	To be soft, clean and groomed free of guard hairs.	5

Colours

Roans may be exhibited in any of the colours that are standardised for Selfs (with the obvious exception of White), Agoutis or Argentes.

Roans in Guide Standard Self or Ticked colours should also be regarded as having

Guide Standards, with colour features as for the relevant Guide Standard cavy.

Guidance notes

The Roan is basically a coloured cavy with white hairs mixed evenly throughout the body, other than the head and feet, which should be of solid colour, these contrasting sharply with the evenly roaned body.

The solid colour of the head should have a clean-cut demarcation following the line of the head behind the ears.

Within the roaned area an even mix of white and coloured hairs is desirable.

However, the evenness of roaning is of more importance than the exact ratio of white and coloured hairs.

Intermittent white hairs on the face or head do not constitute roaning or the vestige of a blaze but are still undesirable.

White whiskers are not a fault.

Whilst the eye colour should generally conform to the relevant breed standard of the base colour, dark eyes with a ruby tint should not be penalised.

Specific disqualifications

- Vestige of a blaze (solid groups of white hairs above the mouth)
- Nails and/or foot pads deviating from the appropriate Self, Agouti or Argente standards

Specific faults

The following faults are to be penalised according to extent:

- Uneven roaning
- Spinal Bar (a definite white line, lacking any form of roaning, and running the length of the spine from head to rump - usually found in more heavily marked exhibits)
- Dappled belly, having the appearance of spots intermingled with the roaning
- Head Drag (solid colour running on from the head through the demarcation line into the body)
- Solid patches anywhere on the body other than head and feet
- White hairs in otherwise solid coloured areas on head and feet