

SWISS (Guide Standard)

Coat Appearance	To stand erect from the body, being thick and even in length to give a round and plush overall ('puff-ball') appearance, with sufficient density that the skin is not visible without parting the coat. The length of the coat should be <u>at least</u> 5 cm and be even across the shoulders, size and back. Chops should be strong, even, dense and well-furnished, with no gaps. Ideally to have longer hairs, known as 'horns', over the ears. Belly to be well-covered but with coat shorter in length than on the rest of the body.
Coat Feel	The coat to be dense, plush and springy against the body, coarse enough to support the hair standing erect but soft enough to create the required 'puffball' appearance. It should be free from grease.
Presentation	To be presented clean and unmatted, with the hair standing erect all over the body to create a full and rounded appearance with no tendency either for the coat to lie forward or for a parting. There should be no tangles or matting.
Head, Eyes & Ears	Head to be short & broad, Muzzle of good width & 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.
Body Shape	To have short, cobby body; thick-set, with good width across shoulders. To be fit and of good substance, with plenty of firm flesh.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Swiss may be shown in any colour or combination of colours.

They must be shown on a board covered in natural-coloured hessian

GUIDANCE NOTES

The Swiss is a rexoid, semi-longhaired cavy whose coat stands erect from the body to give a rounded shape of even ('puff-ball') appearance.

The Swiss is inclined to moult at regular intervals, from the shoulder backwards. Accordingly, those in 'mid moult' have longer coats around the rump than on the rest of the body. They should not be shown during the moulting stages
Some Swiss possess a rosette on the forehead. This usually fills out and disappears by 5 months of age. However, Swiss should not be shown with any visible rosette.

SPECIFIC DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

SPECIFIC FAULTS: The presence of any visible rosette in the coat (usually found on the head) is a severe fault.
Having coat of inappropriate length, or of differing lengths and texture (particularly extra length on the rump), is a severe fault.

Coat faults, where the coat direction visibly goes against the general lie of the coat, such as swirls (usually found in the hip area) should be penalised according to the extent of the fault.