

Specific requirements

The Minipli may be shown in any colour or combination of colours.

The Minipli must be shown with no central parting on a board of appropriate size. This should be large enough to give an outline of the coat shape and be covered in natural-coloured hessian. The coat must not be cut.

Guidance notes

The Minipli is a semi-longhaired cavy broadly in the Peruvian model (having a forward-growing coat, chops and two rump rosettes), but with significant differences.

In particular, the coat should not continue to grow throughout the life of the cavy but rather reach an intermediary length whereby it just reaches the board. The top coat and undercoat on sides may extend onto the board by up to 25mm in adults.

A younger cavy's coat is generally very slow to develop, the coat will stand erect. A 5 month old cavy's coat will be approx. 2" to 3" in length.

On a young cavy, slight crimping will be visible at the ends of the coat but curl formation can be seen at the roots of the coat. The coat is very dense and can have a fuzzy appearance until the curls/crimping starts to develop. The curls will not necessarily have a ringlet formation until the cavy reaches the age of 5 months.

The slower the development of the curl, the shorter the coat is likely to be in an adult.

A dense coat is required to support the erect corkscrew curls desired in an adult Minipli. Therefore, those u/5 Minipli with the denser and fuzzier coats will likely have the better coats when adult.

The Minipli's coat is its most important feature. The coat is a mass of corkscrew curls moving from the rear to the head in the case of an adult. Younger cavies, will present with an erect coat, resembling a dome. The overall appearance, when viewed from above, should be of a rounded cavy that looks neat and tidy.

The coat texture should be soft and springy to handle, no stretching of the curls by the judge should be required to make the curls divide on each side or down the body.

The coat must not be combed or brushed in any way at the judging table, either by the exhibitor or the judge.

Specific disqualifications

- Crest.
- Missing rump rosettes.
- In adult cavies, coat length extending onto the board by more than 25mm. In u/5 month and 5-8 month cavies the coat must not touch the board.

Specific faults

- Straight coat on any part of the cavy.
- Coat length of fringe or chops touching the board, to be penalised according to severity.
- Additional rosettes causing a visible impact on the coat, to be penalised according to severity.
- Curls that are large and chunky, with little or no evidence of corkscrew effect.
- Uneven corkscrew curls on each side of the cavy.