

THE RIDGEBACK

The Ridgeback is a smooth-coated cavy other than for a pronounced **Ridge**, which should be pronounced, unbroken, erect and straight, running down the spine from between the ears to the hips. The ridge should be up to approximately 2.5 cm (one inch) in height and be most pronounced at the shoulder, tapering towards the rear end. The ridge should be firm and erect when brushed with the palm of the hand.

Other than the ridge the **Coat** should be soft, short, clean and free from grease. It should have no coat faults or rosettes, although a small circular pattern at the back of a foot is not a fault.

The **Head** should be large, bold and broad, with a gently curving profile and muzzle to be of good width and rounded at the nostrils. **Eyes** should be large, bright and bold and set with good width between. **Ears** should be large and drooping, with lower rim parallel to the ground and set with good width between.

The **Body** should be short and cobby, thick-set with good width across the shoulders. It must be fit and of good substance, with plenty of firm flesh covering the shoulders; and the pig should have good size appropriate to age.