

13 ACBA Recognized Cavy Breeds:

Abyssinian – Coat is short, harsh, and wiry in texture. The rough hair spreads out from a tiny center forming distinct rosettes. There should be one rosette on each shoulder, two on each side of the saddle, one on each hip, and one on each side of the rump, for a total of at least 10 rosettes. Other terms to describe this unique coat are: ruff/collar, rump ridge, mane, back ridge.

Abyssinian Satin – Has the same distinct coat of rosettes and ridges as the Abyssinian, but the coat should have a glowing satin sheen.

American – Coat is short, smooth and silky. Has a Roman nose with ears that are shapely and slightly drooping but not fallen.

American Stain – Similar to the American in appearance, however, the coat should be fine and dense, with a silky, soft texture with a high sheen.

Coronet – A long-haired breed with a normal coat. Coat grows evenly from the back and sides, with the coronet or rosette radiating evenly from a clearly defined pinpoint center of its head. The rear portion of the coronet blends into the mane with the front portion drooping over the eyes. Does not come in satin.

Peruvian – Coat grows from a part going down the cavy's back, with the hair growing over the head and down the back and even from a short distance, it is difficult to tell the front from the back of the animal.

Peruvian Satin – Has the same physical characteristics as the normal Peruvian, except there must be a lustrous sheen over the entire coat. The texture of the coat is also much silkier.

Silkie – Long-haired breed with a broad head and a short Roman nose. The side and rear sweeps grow the same as on the Peruvian, however, the mane grows back from the head and over the back and therefore should not be parted.

Silkie Satin – Has the same physical characteristics as the normal Silkie, except for a lustrous sheen over the entire coat with a much silkier texture.

Teddy – The coat is to be extremely dense and “kinky,” with an ideal length of 3/4”. There are two separate textures in the Teddy's coat, with one being plush and the other harsh.

Teddy Satin – Similar to the Teddy in appearance, however, the coat is to have a luxurious and resilient texture. The hair shafts should reflect light and impart a glowing sheen to the entire coat.

Texel – A long-haired breed, with a coat that grows corkscrews or curls (ringlets) 1/8”-3/4” in diameter. The coat should be soft, dense, and springy to the touch. The head resembles that of a Teddy and is the only breed with a compact, cobby body. Does not come in a satin.

White Crested – The standard is the same as the American Cavy except it must have a white crest. The crest is a rosette centered on a running line from the tip of the nose to the center of the ears, there is to be no white anywhere else on the body. Does not come in a satin.