

(US) Teddy – the american in Europe
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- ✓ Judging in the order of the standard, health/welfare, temperament,
- ✓ Ideal picture,
- ✓ Talk your way through judging,
- ✓ Can you justify your decisions?
- ✓ Judging will guide peoples breeding!

- ✓ 41 years with guinea pigs,
- ✓ Allround judge since 1992,
- ✓ Breeder in the order of health, temperament and standard,
- ✓ Breeder of multiple amount of breeds and colours,
- ✓ Ideal picture,
- ✓ Successful exhibitor for a few years,
- ✓ Still learning...



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Ideal picture - the mental guideline

My mental ideal picture (of any breed)

My guideline to judge

In line with the current breedstandard

The ideal picture can change over time



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Introduction to the breed in the EE-standard

A US-Teddy is a rough coated cavy with a dense, crimped, short, erect and springy coat.



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European Standard for Purebred Cavies

General description

The Standard

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1. Type and Shape

An exhibition cavy has to give off a strong and muscular impression. This is especially expressed by a well developed, broad head and a **deep, broad and well muscled shoulder**. A broad, well muscled chest and rib cage underlines the body shape which has to be short and cobby. **The shoulder gradually dips into the broad, short back, levelling briefly and dipping once more into the well-rounded hindquarters.** The body is carried by **short, straight and strong legs**. The front feet have four toes and the back feet three.

Faults

- **slightly long, short, pear-shaped or narrow body**
- slightly angular or flat hindquarters
- slightly protruding hip bones
- **under-developed shoulder height and width**
- crooked toes

Disqualifications

- Any anatomical deformations and abnormalities
- More or fewer toe(s)
- Missing 1 or both testicles (castrated)



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2. Head, Eyes and Ears

The powerful head has a **good width between the eyes and ears**, a **broad roman nose** with a good width of muzzle, rounded at the nostrils and well developed cheeks. The head should be in correct proportion to the body. The ears are of a firm fleshy texture, rose-petal shaped, **large and drooping**. The **eyes are large**, round and bold, brimming with vitality. The upper and lower jaws consist of two incisors and four molars on either side.

Faults

- pointed, narrow, short or unproportional head and/or muzzle
- drooping eyelids, sunken, **almond-shaped** and/or **small eyes**
 - small or damaged ears and/or **bad ear carriage**
 - one folded or hemmed ear

Disqualifications

- any anatomical skeletal head deformations
- deformations of the eyes (fatty eye or eye spots)
 - **deformations of the eyelids (entropion)**
 - two folded or hemmed ears
 - missing or broken incisors



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3. Colour and/or markings

Standardised in all recognised colours and markings of which the standard is described under “Smooth coated”. Colour and markings should ideally conform to these descriptions.



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4. Coat texture and direction

The texture of a US-Teddy is crimped. The crimped coat shows an erect and springy look. When mildly touched the coat should show resilience and return in to its original look. The whiskers are fairly straight. The belly in young US Teddies is usually fairly curly, but tends to become flatter with age. Each individual hair shows a slight kink at the tip and with exceptional texture is inclined to point in the direction of the head.



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5. Coat length

Coat length to be no more than **2 cm** long. As a general rule, US-Teddies invariably have a shorter and more plush coat than the Rex breed.



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6. Coat density

The coat should be very thick and dense all over the body. The coat has to be free of rosettes and ruffles and is not in moult.

Faults

- slightly **coarse-coated**, slightly lacking in springiness of coat
- slight flatness of coat, slightly **long-coated**
- coat slightly lacking in density, slightly thin-coated on belly
- other slight deviations under positions 3, 4, 5 and/or 6

Disqualifications

- **too soft-coated**, coat lacking springiness
- **too much** flatness of coat, **too long-coated**
- coat lacking density, thin on belly
- severe deviations under positions 3, 4, 5 and/or 6



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7. Condition and Presentation

The cavy should be of good size and carry plenty of firm flesh with a clean coat. The eyes should be bright and radiating vitality. The nails must be of correct length to be parallel to the ground, if necessary they should be trimmed. The coat, the pads, the nails as well as the inside and outside of the ears must be clean.

Faults

- gross(fat), flabby or thin
- dirty or stained (coat)
- crooked nails

Disqualifications

- obese or extremely thin
- cysts underneath the skin
- diseased, wounded or pregnant cavies
- severely dirty, greasy and stained overall
- artificially enhanced coat
- infestation of mites and/or running lice
- missing toenail(s)



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Things to consider when judging the teddy breed

- Overall appearance - balance
- Body shape and bone construction (back legs)
- The fact that the teddy is a coated breed
- Coat faults in according to the described direction of coat
- Shape, size and placement of the eyes and ears
- What builds a good teddy coat?



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Things to consider when judging the teddy coat

- Direction of coat – flatness, hat fault, swirls, "ridges", flat bums,
- Texture – too straight hair shafts, too soft, too coarse, unevenness, belly, hips,
- Density – too thin, too "dense", unevenness, belly, sparse patches
- Coat length – too short, too long, structure of coat, actual length,



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