

BLACK DUTCH

Glenys Blinco (Glen Ellen Stud)

The Dutch cavy is one of the most fascinating and interesting varieties I have in my stud. The blacks have very distinctive markings which must give a balanced appearance, the white blaze and black cheeks must be even, full and round but not under the chin or in the whiskers. The white blaze should be wedge shaped running to a point between the ears and neck which is white. Whatever the colour the ears must be the same colour as the body, white on the ear is called “flesh ear” and is a penalty and will lose you points.

Where the black colour of the body joins the white it should be a clean-cut circle around the body, closer to the shoulders is preferred over one that cuts back towards the hips, this is called “the saddle” and the underpart “the undercut”. The black colour should go down the hind legs to a point about 15mm from the toes, known as the stops which should be white and the same on each hind leg. Stops can be smaller, even if they are so short as to cover only the toes, as long as they are balanced and the toe nails are also white, if the white is over the hock or bend the guinea will be disqualified, it is also not good for breeding as it is a bad fault and will appear again. A well marked Dutch with only one stop is unsuitable for showing.

It is possible to pick out cavies worth keeping soon after birth, though mismarked Dutch cavies make lovely pets. The breeding and exhibiting of Dutch cavies can be a most interesting and absorbing hobby. The Dutch markings are difficult to achieve and one must be dedicated and prepared to take disappointments, but it can be very satisfying when a good guinea comes along – starting with some good stock from a breeder is important.

Dutches come in other colours, chocolate, silver agouti and golden agouti, and the ever popular red dutch. I have spent many years working with black and red Dutch and still get a thrill when a god baby Dutch arrives.



Glen Ellen Samson Black Dutch Boar

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