



Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture

European Association of Poultry, Pigeon, Cage Bird, Rabbit and Cavy Breeders

Regulations for Breed Specific European Shows - Cavy Section

Introduction

BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS can be organised according to article 12.11 of the Constitution of the European Association (EE) after permission has been obtained from the Cavy section. These shows offer a better comparison of the level of quality for certain breeds than the "general" European Show for all species that is held every three years. Breed specific shows will not endanger the status of the general European show held every three years and can be entitled as follows:

European Show of the „Breed Name“ (BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW)

Under the patronage of the Cavy section in the Entente Européenne d'Aviculture et de Cuniculture / European Association for Poultry, Rabbits, Cage Birds, Pigeons and Cavies.

In order to host these shows, certain procedures should be followed, these will be listed below and follow the Regulations for European Shows.

1. Offers

1.1. Any affiliated organisation can put in an application to host a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW for the cavy section. The offers have to be sent in writing to the president of the EE Cavy section by March 1st. of the year preceding the year in which the show is held, at the latest. All offers will be voted on by all delegates in the section meeting and must therefore be listed on the agenda of the section meeting.

1.2. The offer should include the following details and information:

- Name of the organiser (association, breed club, club, etc.);
- Contact point (address, telephone number, email address etc.);
- Place and date of the show;
- Breed/Breeds;
- Participating countries;
- Estimated entry.

1.3. It is possible to organise a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW in conjunction with another show (e.g. national / summer show).

1.4. A BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW is held according to the rules and regulations of the association of the country in which the show is being staged and has to be applied for as such. In the event of there being differences between the regulations of the affiliated country's association and the EE, the regulations of the EE will prevail. Official regulations of the country in which the show is taking place have to be observed.

1.5. Single tier penning is to be recommended for BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS.

2. Fixtures

2.1. BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS can only be held once a year for one or more breeds on European territory, with the exception of the year in which the general European Show takes place. Similar shows can then only be held as international shows under the proviso that the show does not take place within 2 weeks before or after the European Show (see art. 2.1 and 2.2 of the Regulations for European Shows of the EE).

3. Participation

3.1. All fanciers who are a member of a national association that is affiliated to the European Association for Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits and Cavies are eligible to enter.

4. Breeds

4.1. BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS can be organised for any breed or colour variant that is listed in the 2007 European cavy standard.

5. Entries

5.1. All exhibits entered must be of the breed for which the BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW is organised.

5.2. Exhibitors that take part with their cavies at a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW, can also enter other breeds in the host show (national / summer etc).

6. Judges

6.1. The judges' corps must consist of fully qualified judges from various different nations; they can include members of the EE Standards Committee for Cavies (ESKC) or judges from some of the participating countries in order to secure a fair and international judgment.

If possible, judges must be booked who have attended the EE judges' seminars or the follow-on seminars in their own country.

6.2. It is recommended to book judges who are absolute experts in their breeds, either because they keep and show the breed or are on the respective breedclub panel.

6.3. The judges' corps at a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW will be presided over by a head judge who will usually be booked from the host nation. Judges are booked after consultation with the President of the section. The judges will be booked in plenty of time so that their names can be printed in the schedules and advertising.

6.4. All travelling-, board and lodging expenses will be borne by the show organisers. Foreign judges will be accommodated in twin rooms for at least two nights' for one day's judging. Travelling expenses will be paid on the basis on second class rail fare or at €0,30 per kilometer by car.

Judge's fees will not be paid at BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS.

7. Judging

7.1. Cavies will be judged in three age classes, as follows:

- A-Class - from 9 months old
- B-Class - from 6 to 9 months old
- C-Class - from 3 to 6 months old

(E-Class - breeds / colours not yet recognised in the European Cavy Standard)

7.2. All judging is done to the European Cavy Standard (2007).

The following marks will be given:

- 98-100 points = excellent (V)
- 95-97,5 points = outstanding (HV)
- 92-94,5 points = very good (SG)
- 90-91,5 points = good (G)
- less than 90 points = not satisfactory (NB)

7.3. Points must be given for all seven positions on the judging card. All 7 positions must be pre-printed on the card including the breed characteristics (positions 4, 5 and 6). Example:

Agouties and Selfs:

- Position 1 – Type and Shape
- Position 2 – Head, Eyes and Ears
- Position 3 – Coat
- Position 4 – Topcolour;
- Position 5 – Bellycolour;
- Position 6 – Undercolour
- Position 7 – Condition & Presentation

Marked Breeds:

- Position 1 – Type and Shape
- Position 2 – Head, Eyes and Ears
- Position 3 – Coat
- Position 4 – Head markings
- Position 5 – Body markings
- Position 6 – Colour and colour distribution
- Position 7 – Condition & Presentation

At the end, all points are totalled up –so a total of the points given to all seven positions appears at the bottom of the card. Half points can be given in all seven positions.

7.4. To achieve a uniform judgment, judges should give their marks as follows:

- Giving full marks in a position = V = Excellent
- Deducting half a point in a position = HV = Outstanding
- Deducting one point in a position = SG = Very Good
- Deducting one and a half point in a position = FULL EXPLANATION IN WRITING
- Deducting anything in position 7 – Condition = FULL EXPLANATION IN WRITING

7.5. Any disqualification has to be explained in writing and a fellow judge or head judge has to be consulted before disqualification.

7.6. Confirmation from the head judge is required in the event that an exhibit reaches a total of between 98 and 100 points. The head judge will countersign the judging card.

7.7. Entries in the E-Class must be accompanied by a national standard (laid out the same way as the European cavy standard, if possible) in one of the three official EE languages.

8. Specials

8.1. The EE donates one medal for each breed.

8.2. Certificates and winner's medals are provided by the Cavy section– (see 9).

8.3. The distribution of specials is determined by the organisers in conjunction with the section's President. All specials have to be mentioned in the schedule.

9. European-Champions

The title „European-Champion“ is awarded in accordance with the Regulations for European Shows of the EE, article 10. 2., and requires the following prerequisites:

9.1. The title „European-Champion“ is awarded in every breed when a minimum of 20 exhibits have been entered from at least two countries. The Best of Breed (irrelative of its sex) will win the Gold medal. The exhibit placed second and third may be awarded a Silver or Bronze medal respectively.

9.2. In as far as individual colour varieties or colour categories comply with the rules (i.e. 20 exhibits from 2 countries), further „European-Champions“ titles can be awarded within a colour (category). Second and third placed exhibits may also be awarded a Silver or Bronze medal respectively.

9.3. Should there be 40 or more exhibits from 3 countries in one breed, the best male as well as the best female exhibit will be awarded the title within that colour (category). Second and third placed exhibits may be awarded a Silver or Bronze medals respectively.

9.4. In as far as individual colour varieties or colour categories comply with the rules (i.e. 40 exhibits from 3 countries), the best male as well as the best female exhibit will be awarded the title within that colour (category). Second and third placed exhibits may be awarded a Silver or Bronze medal respectively.

9.5. The minimum amount of points, needed to qualify for the title „European-Champion“, is 96 points or HV (Outstanding).

9.6. The EE Cavy section will present the winner of the „European Champion“ title with an appropriate certificate, which will include the following data:

⇒ Breed;

⇒ Colour and Sex;

- ⇒ Points;
- ⇒ Type of European show – precise description:
- ⇒ Place, Country and Date of the European show.
- ⇒ Name of the exhibitor
- ⇒ Signature of the section President and the judge
- ⇒ Possibly a photograph of the winning exhibit

9.7. Certificates can be ordered from the section President after the closing date for entries. If possible, the certificate should be made up during the show and presented to the exhibitor.

9.8. Collections cannot be entered at BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOWS, as European Championship titles can only be won at the “general” European Show that is held every three years.

10. Breed Specific European Shows for Juveniles

10.1. It is very important to encourage and support juvenile cavy exhibitors. It is therefore highly recommended that special ‘Juvenile Classes’ are to be incorporated into the schedule for a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW. Juvenile exhibitors up to the age of 18 can show in these classes.

10.2. The title „Juvenile European-Champion“ is awarded when a minimum of 10 exhibits from juvenile exhibitors have been entered from at least two countries in every breed. The Best of Breed (irrelative of its sex) will win the Gold medal. The exhibit placed second and third may be awarded a Silver or Bronze medal respectively.

10.3. Should there be 20 or more exhibits from from juvenile exhibitors from 3 countries in one breed, the best male as well as the best female exhibit will be awarded the title. Second and third placed exhibits may also be awarded Silver or Bronze medals respectively.

10.4. The minimum amount of points, needed to qualify for the title „Juvenile European-Champion“ is 94 points or SG (Very Good).

11. Processing Fees

11.1. The following fees may be charged:

- Certificate ‚EUROPEAN-CHAMPION‘: each € 2,00;
- Certificate ‚JUVENILE EUROPEAN-CHAMPION‘ each € 1,00 ;
- Medals (Gold – Silber – Bronze): each €15,00 ;
- Medals Juveniles (Gold – Silber – Bronze): each € 7,50;

11.2. It would be highly desirable if special posters could be manufactured, so that the BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW can be adequately advertised throughout the preceding show season in all affiliated countries.

11.3. All package and postage costs are met by the show organisers.

11.4. The show organisers will give the President and Secretary of the cavy section as well as all acting judges a catalogue free of charge.

12. Final Regulations

12.1. All descriptions with regard to persons or functions in these regulations are valid for both men and women, conforming to the principles of the Sex Discrimination Act.

12.2. At present, the Netherlands Cavy Club (NCC) has been granted permission to hold a BREED SPECIFIC EUROPEAN SHOW for smooth coated Agouties, Argentes, Sells and Marked Varieties at their venue in Twello (Apeldoorn) (NL) on 7th + 8th. June 2008, in accordance with these draft Regulations

13. Coming into Effect

13.1. These draft Regulations were discussed and established in Piestany / Slovakia on the 18th. day of May 2007 and passed by the delegates of the Cavy Section Meeting of the EE and came into effect immediately.

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