

Havana and French Havana

- Solid chocolate or maroon rabbit breed with brown eyes (red shine).
- Colour genecode: ABcDg

Havana History of the breed

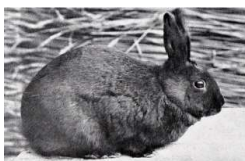


- In 1899 brown/white piebald rabbits with brown red-lighted eyes were exhibited for the first time in Ingen/Holland.
- „The ingenious fire eyes of De Honder“
- Animals were sold at a high price.
- The brown color were solidified by inbreeding.
- The "Dutch beat" weighed about 4kg.

French Havana History of the breed



- Mrs. Lemariè from Evrenx/Northern France also bred brown rabbits and sold animals to Germany and Switzerland.
- 1900 Havana was recognized in Switzerland.
- Showed in 1906 in Germany and Recognized in 1907.
- French Havana is about 3kg.



The Havana today



Havana

- The body is compact and massive
- Weight 3.25-4.0kg
- Ears 10 - 12cm
- Dark brown in colour
- Undercolour: Blue

French Havana

- The body is harmoniously rounded and elegant
- Weight 2.5 - 3.0kg
- Ears 8 - 10cm
- Chestnut brown in colour
- Undercolour: Blue with 6mm brown finish

Where are Havana rabbits bred?



Havana

- Germany
- Austria
- Eastern Europe

French Havana

- Belgium
- France
- Switzerland
- Scandinavia

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Difference Hav/French. Havana



Havana



French Havana



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Havana / French Havana European Standard Judging in Herning, European Show



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Havana Type, body and construction



- The body is compact, strong and massive.
- Wide chest with parallel sides and well rounded.
- Legs of medium length. Strong appearance.



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Havana

- Very good head and earcarriage.
- Strong frontlegs with good appearance.
- Uneven in colour.



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Havana

- Very nice head
- Lovely colour
- Frontlegs - bad appearance



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French Havana Type, body and construction

- The overall appearance is more elegant and less massive.
- Medium strong breed.



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French Havana

- Very nice overall shape
- Good fur
- Very nice and even colour (a bit dark)



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2. Weight



Havana

- Minimum 2.50kg
- Normal over 3.25 kg
- Maximum 4.00 kg

French Havana

- Minimum 2.00kg
- Normal over 2.50 kg
- Maximum 3.00 kg
- Nordic Standard adaptation for EE show
- **Maximum weight 3.25 kg**

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3. Fur



Havana

- Dense
- The guardhairs are regularly distributed on the coat
- Length of fur ca. 32mm

French Havana

- Relatively fine
- Dense
- The guardhairs are regularly distributed on the coat
- Length of fur ca. 30mm

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Havana minor faults



- Light crown at the base of the ears



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Fur - severe faults



Havana

- According to general description in the European standard.

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4. Head and ears



Havana

- Short head, wide
- Ears good texture
- Length 10 - 12cm

French Havana

- Short head, wide
- Ears good texture
- Length 8.0 - 10cm



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Head and ears – minor faults



Havana

- Deviation of the head
- Ears thin, wrinkled
- Deviation ear length and/or carriage

French Havana

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Head and ears – severe faults



Havana

- Strong deviation of the head shape
- Very bad ear carriage
- Length under 9.0 cm or over 13.0 cm

French Havana

- Strong deviation of the head shape
- Very bad ear carriage
- Length under 7.5 cm or over 11.0 cm

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5. Colour and uniformity



Havana

- Rich dark brown
- Good shine
- Stomach colour not so glossy
- Eyes, brown with reflections of ruby
- Claws are dark horn coloured

French Havana

- Chestnut brown with good shine
- Evenly coloured
- Stomach colour not so glossy
- Eyes, brown with reflections of ruby
- Claws are dark horn coloured

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Surface colour - minor faults



■ Light rusty approach

1. Hereditary
2. Due to moulting
3. Condition Pos. 7

- Dull colour
- Grayish reflection
- A bit of white hairs



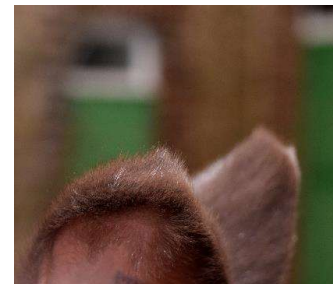
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Surface colour - minor faults



■ Little amount of white hairs at the edge of the ears



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Havana minor faults



- Ear carriage a bit too wide
- Chest not quite done moulting
- Spotty on the head



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Havana minor faults



- Unclear colour, lightened eye colour
- Stained surface colour



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Havana minor faults

- Bad posture/presentation
- Colour slightly stained



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Havana minor faults

- Light rust spots on the thigh
- Uneven surface color



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Surface colour – severe faults

- Heavily gray mottled
- Strong rusty approach
- Strongly mixed with white hairs
- White tufts
- Wrong eyecolour
- Different claw colour

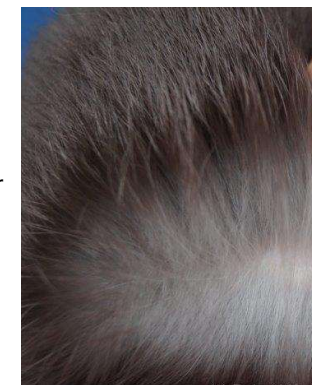


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6. Undercolour

Havana

- Blue to the roots of the hair
- The richer, the better



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6. Undercolour

French Havana

- Light blue to the roots of the hair.
- The Havana colour is expressed on the upper third.
- The richer, the better



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Undercolour minor faults

Havana

- Undercolour a little too light or lacking in purity.
- Trace of intermediate band colour.

French Havana

- Undercolour pale, a little light or mixed.

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Undercolour – severe faults

Havana

- Very impure
- Distinctive intermediate color
- White at the roots of the hair

French Havana

- Very impure
- Lack of undercolour
- White at the roots of the hair

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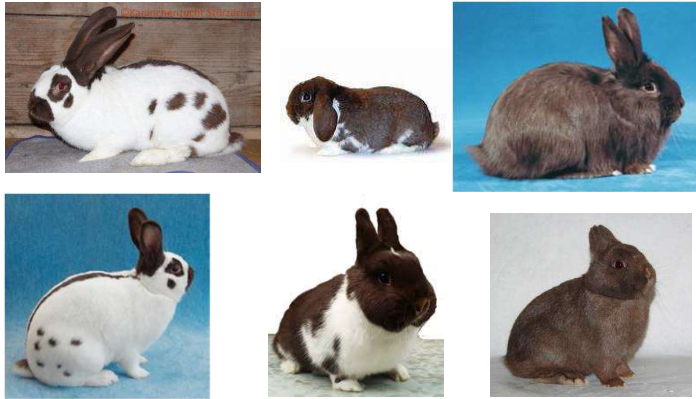
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Havana colour in other breeds



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Conclusion



- Beautiful breed with a warm colour. A splash of red wine should be seen in the colour.
- Not easy to judge - depending on the light available.
- Questions



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