



## PROVISIONAL STANDARDS – 2025

Variety	Standard												
<b>Bareback</b>	<p>The hood shall be unbroken, covering the head, throat, chest and shoulders, except in the case of light coloured bareback varieties where a pale coloured throat is permissible. The remainder of the body to be white. The edges of the hood shall be clear cut and devoid of brindling. The white area shall be pure and devoid of any yellowish tinge or staining.</p> <p><b>Points:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Symmetry of Markings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colour of Hood</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colour of white parts – no spots or shading</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hood</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tail</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Conformation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> </table>	Symmetry of Markings	15	Colour of Hood	10	Colour of white parts – no spots or shading	10	Hood	10	Tail	5	General Conformation	50
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<b>Chestnut</b>	<p>To be a strong burnt orange, with smoky grey ticking, not to be mistaken for topaz or cinnamon. Undercolour to be a dark blue/grey carried down to the skin. Belly fur to be creamy silver. Top colour to be even, carried well down the sides with clear differentiation between belly and top colour. To have a distinct smoky coloured nose blending into the main colour. Eyes black.</p>												
<b>Cinnamon Chinchilla</b>	<p>Top colour light brown, caused by the intermingling of brown guard hairs over a pearl white ground. The whole to give a pale speckled sandy appearance. Undercolour midgrey/brown, intermediate section pearl, tips brown. The entire underside to be white with a clear demarcation between top colour and belly. Head markings may be present or absent. Where present either a blaze or a headspot to be acceptable.</p> <p><b>Headspot:</b> Headspots to be centrally placed on the rat's forehead and no bigger than the rat's eye.</p> <p><b>Blaze:</b> This is to be a wedge shaped symmetrical blaze of white starting at the nose and extending up the face to the forehead. The blaze to cover the whisker bed and to taper to a fine point midway between the eyes and the ears. Not to extend to the cheeks or the eyes.</p> <p>Forelegs to be white to half their length, backfeet to the ankle (hock or tarsal bone). Tails to be pied. Eyes ruby to black.</p> <p><b>Faults:</b> Drags, skewed or misshapen blazes, uneven or over large headspots, top colour too yellow.</p> <p><b>Points:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Top colour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Demarcation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belly</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Undercolour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Head markings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General conformation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> </table>	Top colour	20	Demarcation	10	Belly	10	Undercolour	5	Head markings	5	General conformation	50
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<b>Copper</b>	<p>To be a light copper colour with a soft metallic sheen delicately ticked with lilac, base coat light grey, feet and belly creamy silver. Russian coat. Eyes dark ruby to black.</p> <p>Faults; brassy or grey tone, velvet coat.</p>												



<p><b>Dwarf</b></p>	<p>To be less than half the size of a standard fancy rat but easily distinguished from a small example of same. All varieties recognised for other rats to be accepted. Head to be shapely, similar to a standard rat but finer boned and pointed at the muzzle. Eyes big, round and bold with a good width between the ears. Ears to be large and well-shaped. Body to show good length but slightly more rounded over the loin. This may give the appearance of a chopped rump but the bones of the pelvis should not be prominent to the touch. The tail will not be as long or thick in comparison with a standard rat, but nor should it be square-shaped or excessively thin; the bones should not be visible. The tail will typically be held high during movement.</p>										
<p><b>Merle</b></p>	<p>Merle rats may be shown in pearl and cinnamon pearl. The unique feature is a pattern of dark splash-spots distributed evenly throughout the entire lighter background colour so as to resemble a merle dog. The markings should be numerous and distinct. Eye colour black.</p>										
<p><b>Pink eyed Ivory</b></p>	<p>Body colour to be very pale creamy white all over with no odd coloured hairs or patches. Ears and tail to be pink. Eyes pink.</p> <p><b>Points</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Coat colour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eyes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ears</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tail</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Conformation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> </table>	Coat colour	20	Eyes	20	Ears	5	Tail	5	General Conformation	50
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<p><b>Powder Blue</b></p>	<p>To be a pale dove blue colour, with pale silver base fur. Pale silver underbelly. Should be distinctively different to that of the slate colour of the blue rat. Colour to be as even as possible, devoid of dinginess, white hairs or patches. Foot colour to match top. Eyes Black or Ruby.</p> <p><b>Points:</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Top Colour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belly Colour</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feet (5 points per foot)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Conformation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> </table>	Top Colour	20	Belly Colour	10	Feet (5 points per foot)	20	General Conformation	50		
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<p><b>Tonkinese (self type)</b></p>	<p>Coat to be an even mid toned Brown contrasted with darker points on the nose/face, tail root, base of ears and feet <u>shading into the body colour</u>. Points to be dark seal. Base fur to match top. Colour down to the skin.</p> <p>Belly to be a paler tone of the top colour with even fading down the sides from the spine to the belly.</p> <p>Eyes to be a mid ruby red.</p> <p><b>Faults:</b> white toes, Rusting, heavy silvering, Black eyes.</p>										



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<b>Tonkinese Agouti</b>	<p>To be evenly ticked with a mid toned brown, on a pale cream background. Under coat to be light brown <u>next to the skin</u>. Pale belly with a light brown hue.</p> <p>Points to be mid sepia showing ticking <u>shading into the body colour</u>. Eye colour mid ruby.</p> <p>Rat to be evenly faded down the sides from the spine to the belly.</p> <p><b>Faults:</b> white toes, black eyes, rusting.</p>
<b>Variegated Downunder</b>	<p>The head and shoulders to be of a distinct colour with a white spot or blaze on the forehead. Where a spot is present this should be centrally placed on the forehead, round or oval in shape and no bigger than the rat's eye. Blazes are a wedge shaped symmetrical blaze of white, starting at the nose and taper to a fine point midway between the eyes and ears. Markings not to extend onto the cheeks or the eyes. The rest of the upper portion (back, sides and tail) of the rat's body to be white, evenly marked with patches and flecks of distinct colour, the colour to conform to a recognised colour variety. Underside should have a broken marked centre line down the belly. Side spots desirable.</p> <p>Faults: rusty patches, white toes, darker points on nose, tail root and feet.</p>