

FAULTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

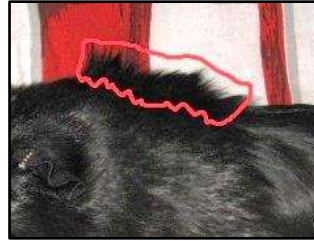
Note: there are many more faults and disqualifications for cavies than those illustrated here. Refer to the *Standard of Perfection* for complete lists of general and breed-specific faults and disqualifications.



Double Rosette
(Fault in Aby's)



Bitten, ragged Ear
A Fault



Ridge on Smooth Coat
A disqualification



Pea Eye – DQ
(Lump in lower lid)



White Crested
missing over 1/8
crest -- DQ



Foreign colored
(white) spot
A disqualification



TSW's must show a patch of all
3 colors at least the size of a
50-cent piece. These do not.



Undercolor fading
near the skin.
A fault.

Broken Color cavies may be 2 or 3 colors, but must show a patch at least the size of a 50 cent piece of each color. A pattern resembling a checkerboard is ideal. The photo on the left shows intermingling of two colors on a broken or which is a fault. The photo on the right shows excellent "clean", clear-cut patching, but poor distribution of color on this side—the amount of white on the cavy is unbalanced.



EAR TAGGING GUINEA PIGS



Cavies may be tattooed like rabbits, but are more commonly tagged for show. A cavy must have a tag or tattoo in its left ear to enter ARBA shows. A tag is placed in the right ear when the cavy is registered.

The photo left-hand photo shows the correct placement of the ear tag. The right-hand photo shows the tag placed too low where it may be easily scratched or torn out.