

AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

Proposal

I move that the Breed Standard be changed as follows:

Remove the sentence 'All body colors are acceptable.'

Change the Agouti Color Pattern to read:

Agouti Body Colors: Black/Grey Agouti - Black and white hairs intermingled, producing an appearance ranging from highly grizzled to nearly solid. Brown Agouti - Brown and white hairs intermingled, producing an appearance ranging from highly grizzled to nearly solid. Required Markings: (a) muzzle, crown, eyes, and ears accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as the body; (b) hoofs, face, and forehead distinctly darker than, but of the same color as, the main body color; (c) All agoutis have solid stockings (black on the Grey/Black agouti, brown on the Brown Agouti). Stockings are defined as, from the knee down on the front legs and from the top of the hocks down on the rear legs . Optional Markings: (a) white patches or bellybands anywhere on the barrel between the point of elbow and stifle joint; (b) dorsal stripe darker than, but of the same color as, the main body color; (c) varying degrees of grizzling on areas of the body (such as the chest, shoulders, mane, and tail).

Reasons

Making these changes to the Breed Standard will eliminate any misinterpretation of the original intent of the founders of NPGA and the Breed Standard Committee. 'All body colors are acceptable.' was a reference to all colors that were seen and accepted during the founding of NPGA. 'Tri-colored' agouti color patterns were never intended nor accepted throughout the years.

Advantages

See REASONS for the primary advantage.

Will eliminate future attempts to add tri- or multi colored agouti color patterns.

Disadvantages

Not making this change to the Breed Standard allows breeders to create and request acceptance of tri- or multi colored agouti color patterns.

Financial Implications

The cost would be dependent upon the number of corrections/changes to be made to pre-existing registration papers.

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