

BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Breed Standard Committee

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** THE BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED AND
HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THIS REPORT **

1. On 12/12/09 I received the resignation from Nicollett Bowler, from region 2. Inga Gonzales, also from region 2, has accepted a position as member of the Breed Standard Committee.
2. The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed and unanimously supports the following agenda item, with the following minor upgrades, for clarity and uniformity.

New Business, item G: Amend Breed Standard to remove "All body colors are acceptable" and amend definitions of agouti body colors and markings.

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 Agouti and 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 **distinctly** 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 **Black Agouti and Grey 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).

3. The Breed Standard Committee has completed the updated Color Choices for Registration that now reduces the colors to only Caramel, Grey Agouti, Brown Agouti, Black Agouti, Grey/Brown Agouti, Black and Solid Black. (see below)
4. The Breed Standard Committee is currently working on an all new color chart. The new color chart WILL be ready for review by the June 2010 Board Meeting. I apologize for the delay.

As the Chair of the Breed Standard Committee, I have concerns about the fact that ALL members of this committee will roll off at the same time (except now for Inga Gonzales) and I would like to work on a proposal to create a staggered roll off. This proposal may shorten some member's terms and extend other's. With the Board's approved, I would like to prepare the proposal to be presented to the Board at the June '10 Board meeting, for review.

Respectfully submitted,
David Wortham, Chair
NPGA Breed Standard Committee

UPDATED

Color Choices for Registration

Caramel Pattern

All have light vertical stripes on front side of darker stockings, which may be either black or brown. Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body.

- **CARAMEL**: The caramel color pattern can range **FROM** white or caramel hairs, intermingled with white in the undercoat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream **TO** white hairs intermingled with darker caramel/buff hairs in the undercoat making the top coat appear to be a dark tan.

Agouti Pattern

All agoutis have solid stockings darker than main body color (**black stockings on grey agouti, black agouti, and grey/brown agouti, brown stockings on brown agouti**). Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body.

- **GREY AGOUTI**: The grey agouti color pattern can range **FROM** black and white hairs intermingled with slightly more white hairs to give a light grey color, making the topcoat appear to be silver/pewter in shade **TO** a darker grey appearance with fewer white hairs, but still a salt and pepper appearance that is pronounced.
- **BROWN AGOUTI**: The brown agouti color pattern can range **FROM** brown and white hairs intermingled, with slightly more white hairs to give a lighter grizzled brown color **TO** mainly brown hairs with only occasional intermingled white hairs.
- **BLACK AGOUTI**: Black mainly with only occasional intermingled white hairs.
- **GREY/BROWN AGOUTI**: Black and white hairs intermingled and with tan-brown tips to main body hairs, producing an appearance **FROM** highly grizzled grey **TO** nearly solid tan-brown.

Black Pattern

All blacks have solid black stockings.

- **BLACK:** Solid black except for muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white. The tail may be accented in white.
- **SOLID BLACK:** All black with **NO** lighter accented tones on the muzzle, crown, eyes, ears, or tail.