

Proposed Standard Changes for Satins and Mini Satins

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Original Text for Broken Variety:

Disqualification from Competition: Absence of color on the nose, around eyes, on ears, or on body. Eye color other than called for.

Excessive scattered white hairs in colored section. No

Disqualification for a white spot in the colored section.

Proposed change for Broken Satin and Mini Satin

Disqualification from Competition: Absence of color on the nose, around eyes, on ears, or for a rabbit so heavy in pattern as to resemble a booted Broken, or so light in pattern as to resemble a "Charlie".

Eye color other than called for. Excessive scattered white hairs in colored section. No Disqualification for a white spot in the colored section.

*The ARBA Standards Committee will add the following to the Glossary definition of "Booted" — An animal being marked with color on the entire body except for white which appears below the elbow on the front feet and/or below the ankle on the rear feet.

Justification: This change is keeping our breeds in line with the ARBA Standards Committees recommendation.

Original Text for Otter Satin:

Black, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Compete together. The surface color of the head, outside of the ears, front of fore feet, outside of the hind leg, and the top and the sides of the body are to be the surface and under color described in the respective self varieties. In Lilacs, the surface color is to be dove gray with a pinkish tint, extending well down the hair shaft to a pale dove undercolor. The black and chocolate animals will have orange markings and ticking color, while the blue and lilac animals will have fawn marking and ticking color. The belly, nostrils, eye circles, jowls, underside of the tail, under side of the ears, back of the fore feet and inside of the hind feet and legs are to be creamy white, highlighted by an orange or fawn marking as it meets the self color of the body. The undercolor of the belly should match the varieties undercolor description. The triangle and collar are to be orange or fawn. Prominent orange or fawn ticking is to be evenly distributed around the chest, sides, and lower hindquarters. Eyes-brown in the blacks and chocolates, blue-grey in the blues and lilacs.

Faults-Fault animals with mealiness on the ears, head, or body; faded or indistinct markings; lack or uniform belly color.

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Proposal #1 for both Otter Satin and Mini Satin

Add Self Descriptions to the beginning of the Satin Otter Description to be consistent with both breeds. Add toenail description to lilac.

As follows:

Otter: Black, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Compete together.

Black- Color is to be uniform Jet black, with unusual brilliancy. Color should run deep towards the skin, with a slate blue undercolor. Toenails are to be dark. Eyes are to be brown.

Blue- Color is to be a deep dark blue, shading to a lighter blue undercolor. Toenails are to be dark, eyes are to be blue-gray.

Chocolate- Color is to be a deep dark chocolate brown. Color should run deep towards the skin, with a dove undercolor. Toenails are to be dark, eyes are to be brown with a ruby cast.

Lilac- Color is to be a dove grey with a pinkish tint. Color should run deep towards the skin, with a pale dove undercolor. Eyes are to be blue-gray. Toenails to be colored.

The surface color of the head, outside of the ears, front of fore feet, outside of the hind leg, and the top and the sides of the body are to be the surface and under color described above. The black and chocolate animals will have orange markings and ticking, while the blue and lilac animals will have fawn markings and ticking. The belly, nostrils, eye circles, jowls, underside of the tail, inside of the ears, back of the fore feet and inside of the hind feet and legs are to be creamy white, highlighted by an orange or fawn marking. The undercolor of the belly should match the varieties undercolor description. The triangle and collar are to be orange or fawn. Prominent orange or fawn ticking is to be evenly distributed around the chest, sides, and lower hindquarters.

Faults- Mealiness on the ears, head, or body, faded or indistinct markings, lack or uniform belly color.

Justification:

To make the two breed standards more uniform.

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Proposal #2 for both Satin and Mini Satin

Color Fault section—the current belly color fault reads “lack of uniform belly color”.

Eliminate the above fault and instead: Fault white or Creamy undercolor devoid of blue or gray.

Justification:

A) Perhaps we should eliminate that fault, as changing the surface description as described above may allow or even call for a lack of uniformity, color other than called for is a general DQ, and poor shades of what is called for is a general fault.

B) Change or add a fault for lack of proper belly under-color, especially white or cream under-color, devoid of blue or gray. There is no fault or specific DQ now. Technically there is a general DQ for white/cream belly under-color that shows no blue or gray because that is other than what is specifically called for, but when have you seen it used and do we really want it used? It seems like we would not want to jump from where we are now to a DQ, but rather establish a fault first to send a message that those animals are not what is expected and then, perhaps, a DQ in a subsequent standard. I would hate to see us give the DQ focused judges ammunition to ruin the variety the way we did it to the Coppers years ago — over the same issue. In that situation we had judges interpreting any section of the underside of the animal without slate blue under-color as being a DQ.

These would just specifically allow for what is commonly occurring. And the creamy orange/fawn bellied animals are very attractive.

Otter Justifications Originated from Roger Hassenpflug