

Argente Brun- Dominion Standard

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The Argente Brun

This Silvered Chocolate variety of the Argente group has been rarely seen in North America. Mr. H. Dowle is credited with recreating and improving the breed in Great Britain around 1940, probably using stock imported from Europe where the breed had been well established for many years. Part of the Argente group of breeds, the Brun is a medium sized animal having an ideal senior weight similar to the Crème but somewhat lighter than the Champagne version. Although



somewhat rare, there are still a few exhibited regularly in England and some European countries. The body type follows all the other Argente varieties having excellent utility meat producing qualities, covered with a most attractive fur. The name of Argente Brun has been retained in the interest of worldwide consistency.

Overall Type- A medium size rabbit with a moderate length of body with well developed deep shoulders and hindquarters. The back should be well arched with the highest point over the body centre. Depth and width of the body to balance with hindquarters slightly wider than the shoulders. Head should be broad and bold and set into the shoulders on a short neck. Ears of medium length, well furred and carried close together and erect. Eyes to be clear, bright and dark brown in colour. Legs to be of medium bone and straight. Tail to be medium size, straight and well carried. The entire body must carry firm and solid flesh throughout especially over the hips, with no suggestion of softness.

Colour- dark brown.

An even silvered or frosted chocolate brown all over. While evenness is stressed, slightly darker muzzle butterfly, ears and feet are desirable. Longer, dark brown guard hairs are to be evenly interspersed over the whole pelt. The undercolour, a rich chocolate ideally carried right to the skin. Allowance to be made for some overall fading due to age. Toenails to be dark.

Fur- Medium length, flyback type having very good texture and density.

Faults- Bony angular frame, large paunch, excessive dewlap especially in bucks, flat, pinched or undercut hips. Cut for long or flat shoulders and animals that are excessively under or over weight. Uneven colour or fading around cheeks or eyes, extremely dark ears or muzzle. Excessive moult, poor condition and hutch stains.

Disqualifications- General disqualifications, any suggestion of a slate surface cast or any other off colour spots or patches, white toenails, lack of chocolate guard hairs, eyes other than brown.

Classes and Weights

Pre-Juniors- under 3 months- not over 5 pounds.

Juniors- Under 6 months- not over 8 pounds.

Intermediates- 6 to 8 months- not over 9 pounds

Seniors- over 8 months- Not over 10 ½ pounds. Ideal weights, Bucks- 9 pounds, Does- 10 pounds.