

# Cavy Senior Information

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Resources used in creating these questions:

- Prior 4-H Cavy bowl questions
- ARBA book of standards 2016-2020
- The Guinea Pig Handbook by Sharon L. Vanderlip, D.V.M
- Guinea Pigs by Karen Bawoll
- 4-H Cavy Handling/Knowledge Worksheet
- Cavy Registrar Study Guide by Jim Hupp

\*\*\*\* Senior members are also responsible for the knowledge in units 1, 2 as well as unit 3\*\*\*\*\*

## 4H questions all 4H'ers should know:

**1. Q: What are the 4H's in 4H?**

A: Head, Heart, Hand, Health

**2. Q: What are the 4H Colors?**

A: Green & White

**3. Q: What do these colors stand for?**

A: White stands for purity. Green stands for life, springtime, and youth.

**4. Q: What is the 4H symbol?**

A: The 4H symbol is a 4 leaf clover with a white H on each leaf.

**5. Q: What is the 4H Pledge?**

A: I Pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to greater service, and my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, & my world.

**6. Q: What is the 4H motto?**

A: To make the best better!

## Cavy Senior Questions:

**1. Q: What are the 4 varieties or color groups according to the ACBA?**

A: 1) Self 2) Solid 3) Agouti 4) Marked 5) Tan Pattern

**2. Q: Name the colors of the SELF variety**

A: Black, Red, Red-eyed Orange, Cream, White, Chocolate, Beige, Lilac, Gold

**3. Q: Name the colors of the SOLID variety**

A: Brindle, Dilute Solid, Golden Solid, Silver Solid, Roan

**4. Q: Name the colors of the AGOUTI variety**

A: Dilute Agouti, Golden Agouti, Silver Agouti

**5. Q: What are the 4 tip colors possibly found on Agoutis?**

A: Cream, Orange, Red, White

**6. Q: What are the 4 base colors possibly found on Agoutis?**

A: Beige, Chocolate, Lilac and black

**7. Q: What is the main difference between a golden solid and a golden agouti?**

A: The golden solid has ticking over the entire body including the belly

**8. Q: What is the main difference between a silver solid and a silver agouti?**

A: The silver solid has ticking over the entire body including the belly.

**9. Q: Name the colors of the MARKED variety**

A: Broken, Dalmatian, Dutch, Himalayan, Tortoise Shell, Tortoise Shell and White

**10. Q: What colors are on a Tortoise Shell and White?**

A: Red, Black, and White

**11. Q: Even distribution of white hair with any other colored hair is called what?**

A: Roan

**12. Q: Intermingling of red and black hair is called what?**

A: Brindle

**13. Q: 2 or more distinct patches of color distributed over the body and head describes which group?**

A: Broken

**14. Q: What are 3 things you can do to insure a long coat on a Peruvian or a Silkie?**

A: \*Make sure when wrapping hair that the wrappers are comfortable

\*Keep covies in their own cages (individually)

\*Be sure they have plenty of hay to chew on (so they won't chew their coat)

**15. Q: How often does a sow go into heat/season/estrus?**

A: Every 15-17 days

**16. Q: How many teats or mammary glands do covies have?**

A: 2

**17. Q: Can you breed and show a Peruvian sow at the same time? Why/ Why not?**

A: No, because she will chew her coat.

**18. Q: Name 10 characteristics a judge looks for when judging a cavy**

- A: 1) Correct body type                      6) Eliminations or Faults  
2) Correct Color                            7) Right Sex & Class  
3) Good Ears                                 8) Correct Ear numbers  
4) Good Eyes                                 9) Specialty for that breed  
5) No Disqualifications                 10) Good condition, texture, and density of coat

**19. Q: What is a Disqualification?**

A: A temporary or permanent defect, deformity, or blemish that makes the cavy unfit to take part in a show

**20. Q: Name a disqualification for cavies at a show**

A: Malocclusion; extra or missing toes or toenails, feet, toenails, fur or eyes of the wrong color for breed

**21. Q: What is a Fault?**

A: A failure of a cavy not serious enough to warrant a disqualification from competition yet detract from the overall perfection of the cavy

**22. Q: Name a fault for cavies at a show**

A: Color placement, eye circles on an agouti, muddy belly on an agouti, split stops on a Dutch,

**23. Q: What the difference between class and classification?**

A: The CLASS is determined by age and weight in which you show the animal. CLASSIFICATION is the group or variety the animal is entered as.

**24. Q: What is Pea Eye?**

A: An abnormal growth or swelling under the eyelid ( a DQ from competition)

**25. Q: What are angel wings?**

A: Ridges of hair standing out sideways along the back or sides of a cavy (a DQ for the American, American Satin, Coronet, Silkie, Silkie Satin, Teddy, Teddy Satin, Texel, and White Crested breeds.)

**Bonus/Senior Eye Color Questions**

What color eyes should a:

1. Q: White Cavy have? A: Pink, or Dark with or without a Ruby Cast
2. Q: Black Cavy have? A: Dark
3. Q: Red Cavy have? A: Dark with or without ruby cast
4. Q: Lilac Cavy have? A: Pink
5. Q: Red-eyed orange Cavy have? A: Pink
6. Q: Cream Cavy have? A: Pink, or Dark with or without a Ruby Cast
7. Q: Beige Cavy have? A: Pink
8. Q: Chocolate Cavy have? A: Dark with or without a Ruby Cast