

Posing & Handling



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Handling

- Handle rabbits with confidence & respect
- A light hand is best with a minimal amount of restraint



Handling



- Lift from underneath – do not drag
- Do not lift rabbits by the skin on the neck or sides

Posing

- Defined as: placing the animal's body on the table to best determine confirmation and bone structure.
- Proper feet placement is the key when posing a rabbit.
- Under posed = longer and flatter
- Over Posed = depth but narrow in the hindquarters

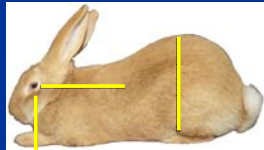
Semi Arched



- Longer in body
- Well defined rise starting at or near the back of the shoulders
- High point of the rise should occur at the top of the hips

Animals are to be posed with front feet directly under the eyes and the toes of the rear feet aligned with the front of the hips.

Semi Arched



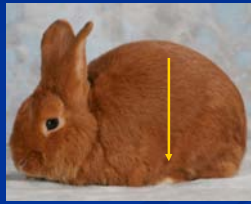
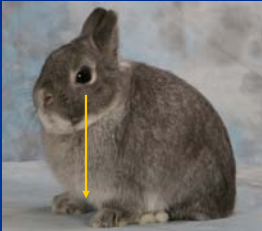
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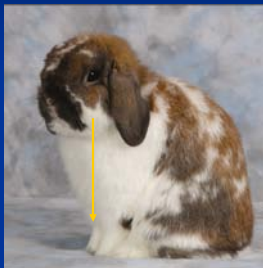
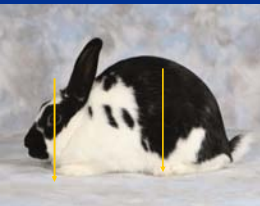
- Lighter in weight
- Shorter in body
- Some breeds have only a slight rise in the top line
- Side profile may be tapered or equal width from hips to shoulders

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Compact



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Commercial

- Medium length
- Depth of body = width of body throughout
- High point of the top line should be over the hips



Animals are to be posed with front feet directly under the eyes and the toes of the rear feet aligned with the front of the hips.

Commercial



Cylindrical



- Animals are to show a straight top line
- No arch or rise
- Side profile is to show no taper

Animals are to be posed with front feet even with the eyes and the body stretched out with the forelegs and hocks flat on the table

Cylindrical



Full Arched



- Arch starts at the nape of the neck and continuing in a smooth line over the shoulders, lion & hips
- Most breeds show more depth than width
- Taper from hindquarters through the shoulders

All breeds should be allowed to move naturally to evaluate type ~ Exception is the Britannia Petite which is posed.

Full Arched

