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### Breed Standards, Conformation & Type - Version 2.1 Sept 2005

## The IDEAL – NUWBY

To be classified as a Nuwby at the Purebred standard the animal must stand 50.8cm or less and conform to the ideal breed standard without faults, and have two registered minimum Grade A Nuwby parents.

## NUWBY GENERAL TYPE DESCRIPTION

The Nuwby is a small sized, well-muscled, stylish and balanced animal.

It should be longer in the body in comparison to its height. The maximum height is 63.5cm (25") for both males and females, measured at the wither. The ideal size range is 48.25cm – 50.8cm (19-20") with preference given to the smaller size.

The Nuwby goat is usually created by crossing Anglo Nubian, Kalahari and/or Boer goats with miniature goats (usually ferals). Any ratio of miniature to Anglo Nubian / Boer / Kalahari is acceptable as long as the goat looks like a Nuwby and has ears and facial profile as described in the breed conformation specifics.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE (style & quality):** genetically small and compact, the ideal is an exotic animal with a high, proud head-carriage, majestic bearing and upright stance. The Nuwby is hardy, alert and animated, good-natured and gregarious. The females should be feminine, the male should be powerful, majestic and should move smoothly. The Nuwby ideal size is 48.25cm – 50.8cm (19-20") with preference give to the smaller size.

**HEAD (skull, eyes, ears, mouth, nostrils):** The head is the distinctive breed characteristic, with the facial profile between the eyes and the muzzle being strongly convex. The ears are long, wide and pendulous equal to or longer than the muzzle. They lie close to the head at the temple and flare slightly out and well forward at the rounded tip. Eyes should be almond shaped and set wide apart.

**COAT:** The coat is short, fine and glossy or cashmere. Nuwbys are accepted in any and all colours.

**DIFFERING FROM THE IDEAL (found and recognised):** Nose with slight dish. Uneven tassels, horned, wry tail. EARS: Shorter than the tip of the muzzle, narrow, folded. HEIGHT: Exceeding 50.8cm but not exceeding 63.5cm.

**FAULTS:** Cow hocks, steeply sloping rump, dropped pasterns. Visible teeth. Roach back or sway back. Uneven gait, poor feet, splayed feet. Weak or narrow chest, shallow body. Fleshy udder. Pocket in udder. Teats: small; thin; ill defined or unbalanced, double teats, supernumerary teats, double orifices. Lack of masculinity in bucks. Unduly pendulous, divided or uneven scrotum.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Parrot mouth or obviously undershot jaw. Wry face. Intersex. Short and/or upright ears. Undescended testicle/s in bucks. Long non-shedding coat. Height exceeding 63.5cm.



## The GRADE – Nuwby

To be classified as a Nuwby at the Grade standard (D, C, B, A) the animal must conform to the minimum breed type and conformation specifics and should strive to meet the ideal breed standards particularly with a view to eradicating all faults and disqualifying traits.

**HEIGHT:** Not exceeding 63.5cm (Grade D).

## **The IDEAL – MINIKIN**

To be classified as a Minikin at the Purebred standard the animal must stand 50.8cm or less and conform to the ideal breed standard without faults, and have two registered minimum Grade A Minikin parents.

### **MINIKIN GENERAL TYPE DESCRIPTION**

The Minikin is a small sized, well-muscled, stylish and balanced animal.

It should be slightly longer in the body in comparison to its height.

The Minikin can be of any standard breed type, or combination of such, in miniature as long as the goat looks like a Minikin and has ears and facial profile as described in the breed conformation specifics.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE (style & quality):** genetically small and compact, a robust type of animal, active and vigorous, showing breed character and vitality, well proportioned. The Minikin is hardy, alert and animated, good-natured and gregarious. Any tendency to raciness or legginess is undesirable and the animal should be slightly longer in the body than in height. The female should be graceful and well balanced with athletic movements, the male should be powerful, majestic and should move smoothly. The Minikin ideal size is 43cm – 50.8cm (17-20") with preference given to the smaller size.

**HEAD (skull, eyes, ears, mouth, nostrils):** Head long with strong square muzzle, facial line dished or straight, not roman, polled or neatly disbudded. Eyes set well apart, full and bright. Ears of any type but not longer than the muzzle. Mouth: well developed muzzle, broad lips, open nostrils.

**COAT:** The coat is short, fine and glossy or cashmere. Minikin are accepted in any and all colours.

**DIFFERING FROM IDEAL (found and recognised):** Nose with slightly raised bridge. Uneven tassels, horned, wry tail. EARS overly pendulous, pinched, excessively narrow. HEIGHT: Exceeding 50.8cm but not exceeding 63.5cm.

**FAULTS:** Cow hocks, steeply sloping rump, dropped pasterns. Visible teeth. Roach back or sway back. Uneven gait. Poor feet, splayed feet. Weak or narrow chest. Shallow body. Fleshy pendulous or unduly divided udders. Pockets in udder. Teats: small; thin; large bulbous; ill defined or unbalanced, double teats, supernumerary teats, double orifices. Lack of masculinity in bucks. Divided, uneven or unduly pendulous scrotum.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Parrot mouth or obviously undershot jaw. Wry face. Intersex. Long non shedding coat. Undescended testicle/s in bucks. Height exceeding 63.5cm



## **The GRADE – Minikin**

To be classified as a Minikin at the Grade standard (D, C, B, A) the animal must conform to the minimum breed type and conformation specifics and should strive to meet the ideal breed standards particularly with a view to eradicating all faults and disqualifying traits. The traits below are acceptable only at the grade standard.

**HEIGHT:** Not exceeding 63.5cm [Grade D].

## **The IDEAL – SHELTYE**

To be classified as a Sheltie at the Purebred standard the animal must stand 50.8cm or less and conform to the ideal breed standard without faults, and have two registered minimum Grade A Sheltie parents.

### **Sheltie General Type Description**

The Sheltie should be the same length from the wither to the base of the tail and the wither to the ground. The underlying skeletal structure should be apparent, well angulated and clearly defined.

The Sheltie goat is generally created by crossing an Angora goat with a miniature goat.

Any ratio of miniature to Angora is acceptable as long as the goat looks like a Sheltie and has fleece as described in the breed conformation specifics.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE (style & quality):** The Sheltie is a small sized fleece producing goat. The animal is well muscled and the over-all look should be stylish and balanced. Any tendency to raciness or legginess is undesirable and the animal should be as long as it is tall. The Sheltie is hardy, alert and animated, good-natured and gregarious. The underlying skeletal structure should be apparent, well angulated and clearly defined. The female should be graceful and well balanced with athletic movements, the male should be powerful, majestic and should move smoothly. The Sheltie ideal size is 43cm – 50.8cm (17-20”) with preference given to the smaller size.

**HEAD (skull, eyes, ears, mouth, nostrils):** Medium size with a dished profile preferred, polled or neatly disbudded. The eyes should be set apart, the irises pigmented any color and not protruding. The ears can be of any shape or type. The nose should be wide and flat. The bite should be even. The side view of the jaw is almost straight and slightly rounded.

**COAT:** The Sheltie coat should be at least 15cm long and is non shedding. In ringlet type coats, the mohair is carried in tight ringlets throughout almost its entire length. In straight coats the hair sits flat and should be evenly distributed throughout. All colours and combinations are acceptable.

**DIFFERING FROM IDEAL (found and recognised):** Nose with slightly raised bridge. Uneven tassels, horned, wry tail. Cashmere undercoat. COAT: overly short, less than 15cm in length but more than 10cm, not evenly distributed, not of an even length. EARS overly pendulous, pinched, excessively narrow. HEIGHT: Exceeding 50.8cm but not exceeding 63.5cm.

**FAULTS:** Cow hocks. Steeply sloping rump. Dropped pasterns. Roach back or sway back. Uneven gait. Poor feet. Splayed feet. Fleece too short or shedding. Erect or unduly pendulous ears. Weak or narrow chest. Shallow body. Fleshy pendulous or unduly divided udders. Pockets in udder. Teats: small; thin; large bulbous; ill defined or unbalanced, double teats, supernumerary teats, double orifices. Lack of masculinity in bucks. Divided, uneven or unduly pendulous scrotum.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Parrot mouth or obviously undershot jaw. Wry face. Intersex. Short coat or shedding coat. Undescended testicle/s in bucks. Height exceeding 63.5cm



## **The GRADE – Sheltie**

To be classified as a Sheltie at the Grade standard (D, C, B, A) the animal must conform to the minimum breed type and conformation specifics and should strive to meet the ideal breed standards particularly with a view to eradicating all faults and disqualifying traits.

**HEIGHT:** Not exceeding 63.5cm (Grade D).