

BREED POINTS

SAANEN BREED STANDARD

- **GENERAL APPEARANCE** (style & quality): Attractive dairy type, revealing vigour, femininity in does or masculinity in bucks, with harmonious blending and correlation of parts, showing no tendency to coarseness.
- **HEAD** (skull, eyes, ears, mouth, nostrils): Head slender, medium length, well balanced on neck, facial line dished or straight, skull broad between eyes, **polled or neatly disbudded**. Eyes large and bright amber colour. Pricked ears, medium size carried well above horizontal. Mouth: well developed muzzle, broad lips, open nostrils. Side profile should show no tendency to undershot or overshot jaw.
- **NECK**: Blending smoothly into shoulders, with or without tassels. Does long and slender. Bucks fine and strong, not coarse.
- **BACKLINE**: Strong, straight and horizontal from withers to hips.
- **FOREQUARTERS**: Lean, high withers, set well into shoulders, which should blend firmly into body. Chest wide and deep in bucks, showing medium width and depth in does.
- **BODY** (barrel): Long barrel wedge shaped, well sprung ribs, deep frame extending directly to udder.
- **HINDQUARTERS**: Gradual fall from hips to tail, good width between hips and between thurls. Rump broad and strong, pin bones wide and prominent.
- **LEGS** (hooves): Straight and strong. Forelegs showing proportionate width to chest, hindlegs hocks well apart. Pasterns short and strong, hooves sound and well shaped.
- **UDDER**: Broad attachment high at rear and well forward in front and no pocket, not pendulous or unduly divided. Level sole, soft textured and showing good capacity. Skin tan.
- **TESTICLES**: Scrotum well attached, relatively even and not divided or unduly pendulous, carrying two testes.
- **TEATS**: Of adequate size for ease of milking, well attached and distinct from udder. Set well apart, pointing slightly forward and down, not outward.
- **RUDIMENTARY TEATS**: Two, set wide apart slightly to the fore and side of the scrotum, of good size but not overdeveloped, unless the buck is milking.
- **SIZE**: Does 32 inches (81cm) Bucks 37 inches (94cm).
- **COAT**: Short and smooth. Bucks may have a longer coat.
- **COLOUR**: Even white or cream, tan skin. Black spots may appear on ears, nose, eyelids and udder.
- **DIFFERING FROM IDEAL** (found and recognised): **Horned**. Raised bridge to nose. Longer hair along back and down the quarters. Uneven tassels.
- **FAULTS**: Cow hocks. Dropped pasterns. Roach back or sway back. Size differing substantially from ideal. Lack of dairy quality. Uneven gait. Lack of masculinity in bucks. Pink skin. Poor feet. Splayed feet. Low set ears. Weak or narrow chest. Shallow body. Steeply sloping rump. Even biscuit tinge as distinct from cream. Fleshly, pendulous or unduly divided udders. Pocket in udder. Teats: small; thin; large; bulbous; ill defined; unbalanced. Lack of milking capacity. Divided, uneven or unduly pendulous scrotum.