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Dear Sue,

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me the other night about the wording issue in the proposed Dutch Chinchilla Standard. For the record, I shared the following with you:

1. That it was brought to the attention of the ARBA Standards Committee that there was a line that needed to be inserted into the proposed Chinchilla Standard to bring it into line with color requirements.
2. That I would contact the presenter and make that person aware of the omission.
3. That it is only the working standard, and is subject to change throughout the process.
4. That the Dutch club should be made aware that they should be voting on whether or not to accept the variety at this point, and to further make them aware that a change/changes will be made to the working document.
5. That the current proposed standard for the Dutch Chinchilla reads:

CHINCHILLA--The surface color on top and sides of the body is to be pearl white ticked with jet black. The intermediary band is to be a well defined pearl white over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The chest is to be a pearl white over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The undercolor of the belly is to be slate blue. The top of the tail is to be black, sparsely ticked with white, over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The nape of the neck is to be white with the ears laced in black. Eyes--Brown.

Faults--Fault animals that are too light or too dark in surface color. Brown patches or brownish intermediary bands are undesirable.

Disqualifications from Competition--Disqualify animals with extreme dark or light color, brown patches of color, or extreme brownish tinge in ring color. Animals without black lacing on ears are to be disqualified.

6. That the ARBA SC has recommended that the following line highlighted and underlined in green will to be added at this point:

CHINCHILLA--The surface color on top and sides of the body is to be pearl white ticked with jet black. There is a black band at the top of the intermediary band. The intermediary band is to be a well defined pearl white over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The chest is to be a pearl white over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The undercolor of the belly is to be slate blue. The top of the tail is to be black, sparsely ticked with white, over a dark slate-blue undercolor. The nape of the neck is to be white with the ears laced in black. Eyes--Brown.

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7. That the President and ED will be duly informed of the actions taking place.

In addition, I have spoken with the exhibitor, and the exhibitor is aware of the omission and is in agreement that the line should be added, with the understanding that it can also continue to evolve as a working document.

I would ask that you share this information and letter with your Standards Committee and your directors. You may also want to post it on your web to allay any confusion that may have occurred. Again, thanks for your input and help in correcting this matter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

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