



2024 BREED COUNCIL POLL

HAVANA BROWN

HAVANA BROWN BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY BALLOT

For the Term May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2027

Please vote for only one candidate.

- ☐ LeAnn Rupy (Spring Grove, IL)
- ☐ Abstain

1. PROPOSED: Remove the words RED and MAHOGANY from the coat color description:

COLOR: ~~a rich and~~ any even shade of rich, warm brown (chocolate-bb); throughout, the same
sound shade should be observed throughout the hair shaft. color tends toward red-brown
(mahogany) rather than black-brown. Preference should not be given to lighter or darker shades.

RATIONALE: the word RED was not in the breed standard for 30+ years and it does not belong in the description. If a Havana Brown has red, or is 'hot chocolate' it is either due to excessive sun exposure or they are carrying cinnamon, which is not allowed in our breed.

The word MAHOGANY is an antiquated term that was used frequently when the standard was established, everyone knew what it was because mahogany furniture was very commonplace in that time. Now, people are confused about what color mahogany is – brownish purple or red brown or orange undertones? We can't articulate a description of mahogany so it should not be used as a descriptor in a standard.

Without cinnamon or dilute, coat colors often appear darker but, in natural light, still show the rich undertones expected from our breed. In the blue light often found in show halls, the warmth appears stripped from the coat, however you will always be able to visualize it under a warmer lighting or in sunlight.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

2. PROPOSED: Clarify the coat description:

COAT: short to medium in length, smooth ~~and lustrous~~; and lustrous; should not appear open or have an undercoat.

RATIONALE: Using the domestic outcross has produced a variety of coat types. Most frequently we are seeing more open coats or thick coats that appear to have an undercoat. Neither is appropriate for the Havana Brown.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

3. PROPOSED: Clarify the HEAD description by adding the wording ‘forehead should be visibly evident without protruding’:

HEAD: when viewed from above, the head is longer than it is wide, narrowing to a rounded muzzle with a pronounced break on both sides behind the whisker pads. The somewhat narrow muzzle and the whisker break are distinctive characteristics of the breed and must be evident in the typical specimen. When viewed in profile, there is a distinct stop at the eyes; the end of the muzzle appears almost square; this illusion is heightened by a well-developed chin, the profile outline of which is more square than round. Ideally, the tip of the nose and the chin form an almost perpendicular line. The forehead should be visibly evident without protruding. Allowance to be made for somewhat broader heads and stud jowls in the adult male. Allow for sparse hair on chin, directly below lower lip.

RATIONALE: Using the Siamese for outcross, we are at risk of losing the typical forehead the for which the Havana Brown is known.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

4. PROPOSED: Allow Central Office to recommend minor changes in capitalization, punctuation, grammar and formatting, with BC Secretary approval:

RATIONALE: As we move toward more consistency in the format of our standards, sometimes very minor changes in punctuation, capitalization, etc. need to be made. This would allow Central Office staff and the Breed Council Secretary to work together to make changes that do not impact the meaning of the standards without putting each and every one on a ballot.

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Ballots must be completed online, or received in CO, by Thursday, December 12, 2024.

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