Breeds: Tips and Tricks

Beef Cattle

Angus

Black

Very well muscled

Polled

Smooth rectangular body

Red color does exist



Belted Galloway

Has a distinct white belt!

Thick curly hair
No horns



Brahman

Has a large hump over the
top of shoulder

Their ears are usually long and
Pendulous

They have an excess amount skin
In throat and dewlap

Grey
Slanted rump
From USA



Charolais

- Long bodied
- White to straw colored
- Pink nose



Hereford

White faced with colored body

Polled or horned

Gentle breed



Limousin

More compact than the Shorthorn

Shorter bodied

Red with tan under/legs



Maine-Anjou

Large breed in France
Weighing 2200-3100 lbs

Coloring is very dark with white markings on head, belly, rear legs and tail



Texas Longhorn

Look at the horns!

Breed was developed in North America (fun fact)

High shoulders

Spotting



Shorthorn

Full red body

Can be Red, white, or roan

Very well muscled

More pronounced over the neck compared to the Limousin



Simmental

White markings on head and feet

Lighter in red color compared to the Hereford

Ears set low
Hanging dewlap
Large breed



Scottish Highland

The small fuzzy breed of the bunch

Long lashes and forelocks (mop top)

Reddish in color



Dairy Breeds

Ayrshire

Red and White
More “dairy” compared to Holstein especially through neck and legs
Small jagged spots
~1200 lb mature weight



Brown Swiss

Brown in color but much larger then Jersey

~1450 lb mature weight

Slow growth, docile



Guernsey

- Fawn and white color
- Milk is a golden yellow color
- Fast grower
- ~1100 lb mature weight



Holstein

- Black and White give away
- Large
  - ~1500 lb mature weight
- Huge udders
- Wedge shaped body built for milking



Jersey

- Smallest dairy breed
  - ~1000 lb mature weight
- Can have black markings over head and legs



Milking shorthorn

- Roan colored (red and white flecks)
- Straight face
- More beef qualities since dual purpose



Cat Breeds

Abyssinian

- Large ears
- Ruddy ticked coat



American Shorthair

- Typical house cat
- Short fur
- Can be any color this one is white and grey



Bengal

- Rosette spots like a leopard
- Wide nose
- Thick tail
- Plush coat



Burmese

- Large eyes either yellow or golden
- Satiny fur
- Compact body with rounded head



Maine Coon

- Large breed cat
- Smooth shaggy fur
- Large, well-tufted ears are wide at the base, tapering to a point
- large, expressive eyes are green, gold, greenish-gold or copper.



Manx

- Tailless!



Persian

- a large, round head; large, round eyes; a short nose
- full cheeks; and small ears with rounded tips



Ragdoll

-Plush, fluffy semi-long hair coat

-various colors but characteristic “pointed” pattern

-true purebred will always have blue eyes



Scottish Fold

- Named for the folded ears



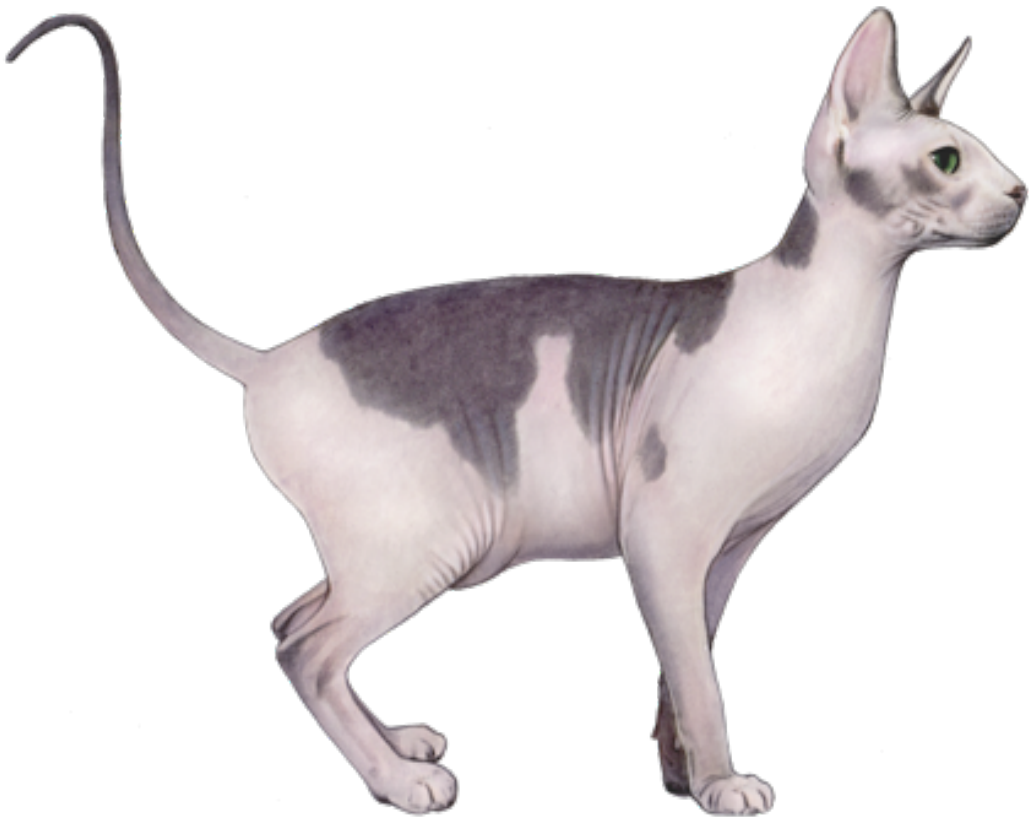
Siamese

- a large, round head; large, round eyes; a short nose; full cheeks
- Unusually large ear bases that round at the tips.
- Blue eyes
- Tubular body



Sphynx

Hairless (mostly)



Dog Breeds

Australian Shephard

-well muscled and athletic appearance

-distinguished tri-color coat

-bobbed tail



Bassett Hound

Very short-legged

Long pendulous ears

Similar markings to the beagle but watch the leg length!



Beagle

Brown and Black with white markings

Tail flags when hunting



Bichon Frise

-Small, white,

-small tight curly hair

-Differentiate from the poodle



Border Collie

- Long-haired
- Curious and inquisitive face and ears



Boston Terrier

-short, flat face

-black and white markings

-compact, square body



Boxer

- Short muzzle and box-like head
- Deep and wide chested
- Short tail and very pointed ears



Bull Terrier

-broad large head

-muscular, big-boned physique



Bulldog

- Big jowls and facial folds
- Short ears
- Wide muscular chest



Chihuahua

- “Taco Bell” dog
- Very small body
- Short nose and big ears for its head



Chinese Shar-Pei

- Lots of rolls over face and body
- Can hardly see ears



Cocker Spaniel

Lots of hair “feathers”
Long ears
Short tail



Collie

Long narrow muzzle
Very fluffy long fur



Dacshund

- Short legged
- Long back
- Narrow long tail



Doberman Pinscher

- Mostly black with brown markings
- Very short docked tail
- Tall pointed ears if cropped



English Setter

- White with liver spots
- Long fur on underbelly, chest and tail



German Shepard Dog

Long sloped back with hips closer to ground

Tall pointed ears

Long fluffy tail



German Shorthaired Pointer

- Very short-haired
- White with liver spots and markings
- Short docked tail



Golden Retriever

Golden color

Feathers on legs

Fluffy tail



Great Dane

- Tall!
- Tail hard to see, usually tucked up under them
- Fawn, black, blue, and Harlequin colored



Great Pyrenees

- Giant white fluff ball!



Greyhound

- Very petite and lean
- Tail tucked



Labrador Retriever

- Solid color
- Muscled dog



Maltese

- Long fur covers legs (when groomed)
- Small petite face
- Mostly white with some dark accents



Miniature Schnauzer

- Has a beard
- Grey and white
- Long square shaped muzzle
- Short pointed ears
- Short tail.



Pembroke Welsh Corgi

- Another short dog
- Longer hair coat than Bassett and bigger than Dachshund
- Looks like a short Shepard
- Short/no tail, fluffy gluteals!



Pomeranian

- Small bear appearance
- Very fluffy “mane”
- Curled over back tail
- Tan in color



Poodle

- Tall breed dog
- When groomed will have the poodle puff tail and fluffy legs
- Fluffy ears which is mostly fur



Pug

- Smushed face with facial folds
- Curled tail over back
- Typically tan body with black face and ears (but other colors)



Rottweiler

- Large breed well-muscled and big chest
- Black body with brown facial and leg markings
- Big block head



Saint Bernard

- “Beethoven”
- Giant breed
- Typically white with brown and black markings
- Large jowls
- Drooped facial expression



Scottish Terrier

Shorter than Schnauzer

Pronounced eyebrows

prominent beard



Shih Tzu

- The other breed that shows with long flowy fur that covers legs
- Compared to Maltese has a smaller muzzle and more smush face appearance



Siberian Husky

- Wolf-appearance
- Has the grey and white double fur coat
- Thicker ear base
- Long muzzle



Yorkshire Terrier

- Typically brown and black
- Unlike Maltese and Shih Tzu tail is straight and generally smaller
- Usually beard even when not show-ready



Horse Breeds

Appaloosa



- Spots and dots are a breed characteristic!
- Body type is usually well muscled
- Thin tail and mane
- Striped feet

Arabian

- Dished face
- Arched neck
- High tail carriage
- Short, straight back
- Lean body and legs
- High spirited



Belgian

- Draft breed
- Chestnut with flaxen mane and tail
- Heavy, large frame
- Short back and legs



Clydesdale



- Heavy ‘feathers’ (long hair near hooves)
- Dark body with white face and feet
- Draft breed
- The “Budweiser” horse

Haflinger

- Palomino coloring
  - Yellow body with white mane/tail
- Tough and sure footed
- Mountain pack pony



Miniature Horse

- The American Mini is under 34” and can be any color or pattern
  - Not a pony, but it is to look like a horse in minature



Morgan

- Compact, powerful
- Bay, brown, black or chestnut
- Short head, strong shoulders
- Fluffy mane and tail
- Feet set far back in sh stance



Donkey

- White nose
- Black cross across shoulders
- Long upright ears
- Shorter than a horse



Paint



- White splashes on another color
- Usually well muscled

Percheron

- Black or grey
- Draft breed
- High, arched neck
- Pretty head
- Little feather on legs



Quarter Horse

- Well muscled stock horse type
  - Big hindquarters
  - Short coupled body
  - Fine legs
- Short distance racing
- Sturdy



Tennessee Walker



- Solid colors
- Common head
- Tall crested neck
- Sloping shoulder
- Tail carried high (via fake means)
- Fancy gaits
- Big feet
- Posed with legs parked out behind it

Thoroughbred

- Bred for racing
- Tall and rangy
- Long leg, neck, and
- Fast and sensitive



Goat Breeds

Alpine



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- Any color
- Horned or polled
- Dairy goat build
- No dewlap
- From France

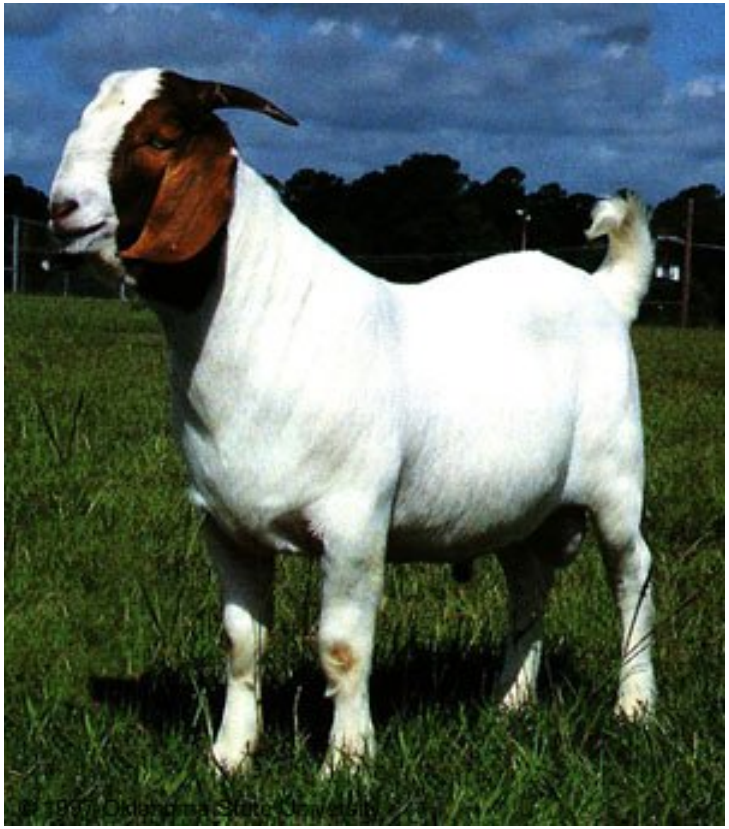
Angora

- Used for wool/hair
  - Avg 6-7# wool/year
- White wool (AKA fleece)
- White face/feet
- Horned or polled
- Long droopy ears
- From Turkey



Boer

- White body with red head and face
- Horned
- Meat goat
- From South Africa
- Prolific breeder – 3 sets of lambs every 2 years



LaMancha

- Any color
- Dairy goat
- From USA
- TINY ears!
  - Gopher ear <1”
  - Elf ear <2”



Nubian

- Any color
- Dairy goat
- Roman nose
- Droopy ears
- No beard on does
- From Africa



Oberhasli



- Medium sized dairy breed
  - Look at that udder!
- Solid red or black colors

Pygmy

- Any color
- Horned
- Meat and milk goat
- Small head and legs
- Bucks have long beards
- From Cameroon



Saanen

- Always white
- Dairy goat
- Larger breed
- Very gentle breed



Toggenburg

- Fawn/brown with 2 white stripes on face
- Horned or polled
- Dairy goat build
- From Switzerland
- Medium hair



Specialty Breeds/Pets

Bearded Dragon

- Has a browish/ yellow color
- Long limbs and obvious toes with nails
- Smaller flat head compared to Iguana



Chinchilla

- Large ears relative to head
- Long tail to balance
- Short forelimbs
- Large flat hindfeet
- Thick greyish black fur



Cockatiel

- Has the distinct orange cheeks
- Long head plume feathers
- More grey base color with accents of yellow, blue, etc.



Ferret

- Long bodied rodents
- Pointed nose
- Small flatter ears



Gecko

- Typically 7-10 inches in length
- Can have bright colors or be multi-colored
- Toes are suction cup like and circular



Gerbil

Small bodied with relatively large ears

Long furless tails

Larger hindfeet



Guinea Pig

Round tube like body with very short legs

Small ear flaps

Fur covered body



Hamster

- No tail (very short)
  - Biggest difference! If you can't see tail it's a hamster
- Small bodied



Hedgehog

Small rounded body

Thick modified hairs all along back

Small pointed nose



Iguana

- Green with accented greenish-blue on face
- Long toes with nails
- Had flap of skin under chin
- Has spiky appearance along back
- Grows several feet long



Macaw

- Large social parrot
- Large thick beak for cracking hard nuts compared to the other seed-eaters seen.



Parakeet

- Green base color with black markings along back and yellow head (other colors exist)
- Has blue over bridge of beak



Potbellied Pig

- Smaller and more compact than commercial pigs
- Shorter snout and face



Rabbit Breeds

Californian



- Upright ears
- Commercial type
- Looks like Siamese cat
  - White body, black ears/ nose/feet
  - Larger, 9#
  - Pink eyes

Dutch

- White band around chest and face blaze
  - Back half is always colored
- Black, blue, chocolate, grey, steel color
- 4.5 #
  - Compact but not a dwarf breed
- Erect ears



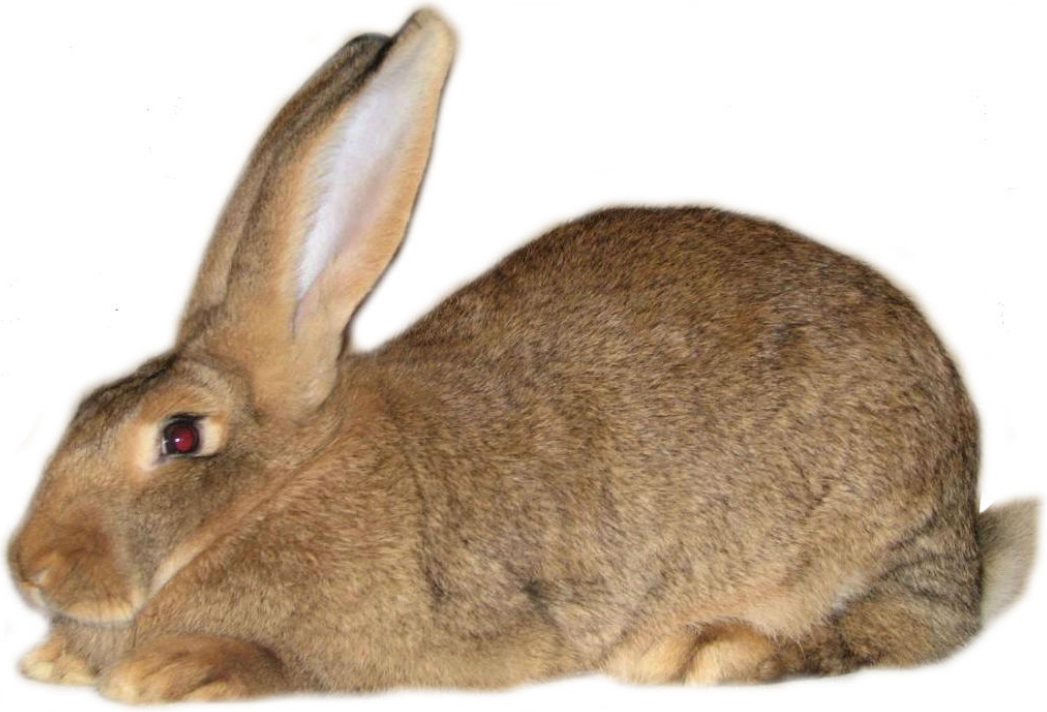
Angora

- 6#
- Ears carried in a “v” shape
- White and many colored
- Round ball of fluff
  - Wool!
- Silky wool needs grooming



Flemish Giant

- Largest breed! 14# and 20” long
- More laid-back than smaller breeds
- Erect ears with heavy ear base



Jersey Wooly

- 3# dwarf breed
- Popular pet
  - Wool coat
  - Many colors
  - Erect ears
  - Compact body



Mini Lop

- Solid or broken (white and colored) patterns
  - Almost any color
- Looks like a French lop but smaller at 6#
- Lopped ears!
- Chunky body
- Often pets



Mini Rex

- Many colors in solid and broken patterns
- 4#
- Dense and upright fur feels plush to the touch
- Erect ears
- Sits half a basketball
  - Very rounded
- Lack extra protective fur on bottom of foot



Netherland Dwarf

- Baby-like features
- Smallest breed, <2#
- Small erect ears and big eyes
  - Ears under 2” long
- Round head
- Many colors



Satin

- Soft shiny coat with sheen
  - Translucent hair shaft with small diameter
- 10#
- Many varieties
- Erect ears
- Satin coat



New Zealand

- Black, red, or white colored
- Erect ear with heavy ear base
- 10#
- Popular lab, meat, pet rabbit
- Thick hindquarters



Tan

- Black, blue, chocolate, lilac colored
  - Top is colored and underside is always orangey-tan
    - Like a Doberman pinscher
- Arched body
- 5#



Swine Breeds

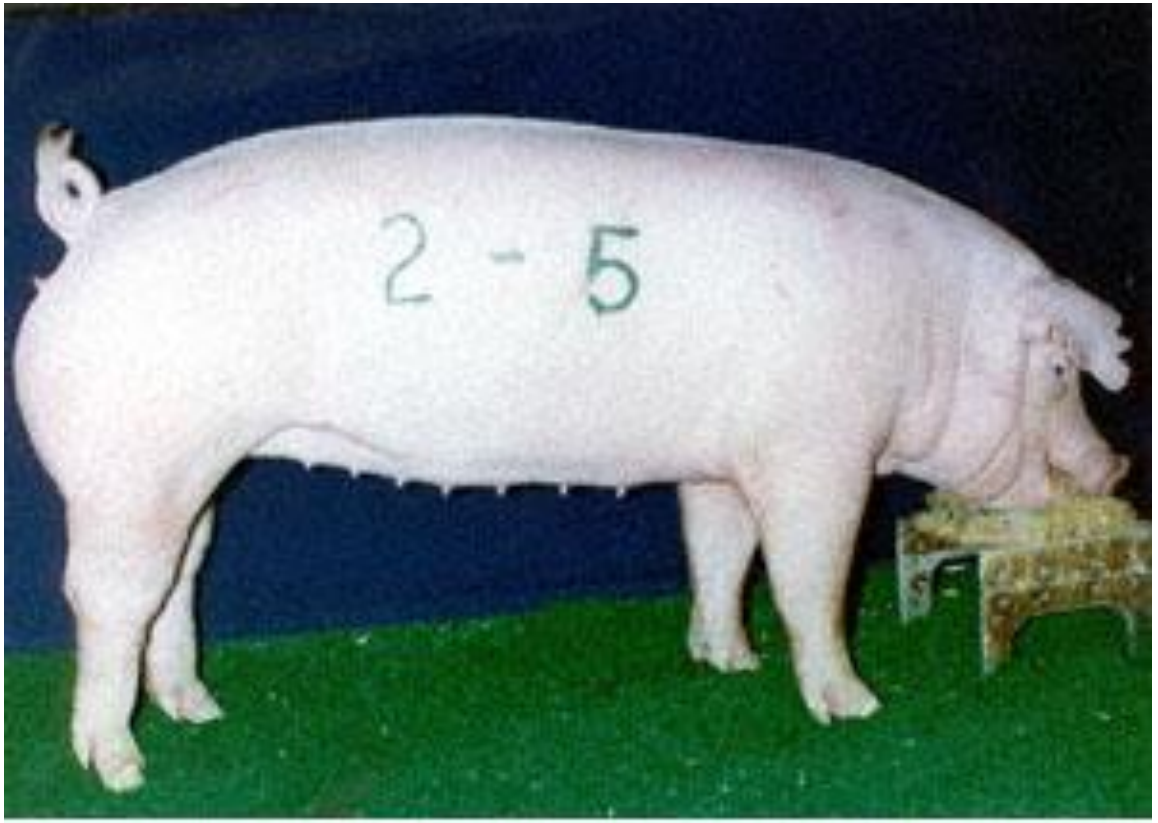
Berkshire

- Black with white on legs, snout, and tail
- Erect ears



Chester White

- White
- Drooped ears



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Duroc

- Red to reddish brown color
- Drooping ears
- Terminal breed
- Meat known for good flavor
- From the USA



Hampshire

- Black body with white belt at shoulders
- Erect ears
- Heavily muscled
- Terminal breed



Hereford

-red-brown and white coloration

-similar to Hereford cattle

-more white than the Duroc



Landrace

- White color
- Large floppy ears
- Little arch to back



Poland China

- Black with white on legs, snout, and tail
- Drooped ears compared to Berkshire
- Longer body



Spotted

- Black and white spots
- Drooped ears



Yorkshire

- White color
- Erect ears
- Maternal breed



Sheep Breeds

Cheviot

- White
  - Black nostrils and hooves
- Medium wool
  - No wool on head or legs
- Small breed
- Polled
- From England



Columbia

- One of larger breeds
- Medium wool length



Dorset

- White face/feet
- White wool
- From England
- Horned or polled
- Medium wool
- Medium size



Hampshire

- Black face/feet
- White wool
- Dark skin underneath
- Wool on top of head
- Medium wool
- Popular breed
- Polled
- From England



Jacob

- piebald—dark-colored with areas of white wool
- it is often polycerate or multi-horned.
  - Has very impressive horns!



Merino

- White
- Bucks have horns, does are polled
- Plush, fine wool
- From Spain



Montadale

- White wool
- White face/feet
- Medium wool
  - No wool on head or legs
- Polled
- From USA



Rambouillet

- White face/feet
- White wool
- Blocky body/trim
- Fine wool
- Horned or polled
- From France



Southdown

- White
- Very light brown face/feet
- Polled
- Medium wool
- From England



Suffolk

- White wool
- Black face/feet
- No wool on top of head
- From England
- Medium wool

