





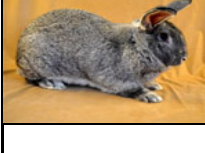



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Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Rabbits**

Photo	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Purpose	Adult Weight M/F	Color	Litter Size	Temper-ament	Mothering	Experience	Notes
	American	United States	Threatened	Meat & fur	9-11/10-12	Blue, white	8-10	Docile	Good	Novice	Select for good mandolin body shape; the blue variety is the deepest blue color of all rabbits
	American Chinchilla	United States	Critical	Meat & fur	9-11/10-12	Silvery, white and black tipped	8-10	Docile	Good	Novice	Rapid growth; good meat-to-bone ratio
	Belgian Hare	Belgium	Threatened	Exhibition	6-9.5/6-9.5	Brown with black ticking	4-8	Active, intelligent	Variable	Intermediate/advanced	Created to resemble a wild hare, but is a true rabbit; can be a challenge to breed
	Beveren	Belgium	Watch	Meat & fur	8-11/9-12	Black, blue, or white	8-12	Docile	Good	Novice	Select for mandolin body shape; good cold tolerance; quick growth rate
	Blanc de Hotot	France	Threatened	Meat & fur	8-11/9-11	Frosty white with thin black eye bands	6-8	Docile to active	Good to Variable	Novice/intermediate	Meat lighter in color than other breeds
	Crème d'Argent	France	Recovering	Meat & fur	8-10.5/8.5-11	Creamy white with orange cast; bright orange undercoat	5-8	Docile	Good	Novice	Relaxed personality; ears should be well-rounded at the end
	Giant Chinchilla	United States	Watch	Meat & fur	12-15/13-16	Silvery, white and black tipped (Chinchilla)	7-8	Docile	Good	Novice	Requires platform in cage to prevent sore hocks; quick growth rate; large size requires bigger cages
	Harlequin	France	Study	Exhibition & meat	6.5-9/7-9.5	Black, blue, chocolate, or lilac	3-5	Docile	Good; will foster kits as well	Novice/intermediate	Kept mostly for exhibition, but size produces a decent carcass for meat; playful and intelligent; color patterns hard to perfect

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	Lilac	England	Watch	Meat & fur	5.5-7.5/6-8	Dove gray with pink tint	4-6	Docile	Variable	Novice	Does better in cooler climates; slow to mature, but hardy
	Rhinelander	Germany	Watch	Exhibition	6.5-9.5/7-10	Black & orange or blue & fawn	10	Active but docile; intelligent	Good to variable	Intermediate	Color pattern a challenge to perfect; owners train rabbits to run and pose for the show table
	Silver	Portugal; possibly early Thai breed before that	Threatened	Exhibition	4-7/4-7	Black, brown, or fawn with silver ticking	3-6	Docile but active	Variable	Novice/intermediate	Small size makes them easy to handle; seasonal breeders, giving birth in Spring and Fall
	Silver Fox	United States	Threatened	Meat & fur	9-11/10-12	Black or blue with silver ticking	7-8	Docile	Good	Novice	Rapid growth; fur stands upright if pushed that way and does not fall back like other rabbit coats