

The Livestock Conservancy
Quick Reference Guide to Heritage Rabbits

Photo	Breed	Origin	CPL Status	Purpose	Adult Weight M/F	Color	Litter Size	Temperament	Mothering	Owner Experience Level	Notes
	American	United States	Watch	Meat & fur	M: 9-11 F: 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	Watch	Meat & fur	M: 9-11 F: 10-12	Silvery, white and black tipped	8-10	Docile	Good	Novice	Rapid growth; good meat-to-bone ratio
	Argent Brun	France	Watch	Meat & fur	9	Silver frosted brown	7-9	Docile	Excellent	Novice	
	Belgian Hare	Belgium	Recovering	Exhibition	M: 6-9.5 F: 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	M: 8-11 F: 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	Watch	Meat & fur	M: 8-11 F: 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

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	Checked Giant	Germany	Watch	Exhibition	11-12	White with black spots or white with grey spots		Active		Novice - Intermediate	
	Crème d'Argent	France	Watch	Meat & fur	M: 8-10.5 F: 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	Threatened	Meat & fur	M: 12-15 F: 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
	Lilac	England	Watch	Meat & fur	M: 5.5-7.5 F: 6-8	Dove gray with pink tint	4-6	Docile	Variable	Novice	Does better in cooler climates; slow to mature, but hardy
	Palomino	United States	Recovering	Meat & fur	8-11	Golden or Lynx		Docile		Novice	Fast maturing, hardy rabbit
	Rhineland	Germany	Recovering	Exhibition	M: 6.5-9.5 F: 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

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	Silver	Portugal; possibly early Thai breed before that	Watch	Exhibition	M: 4-7 F: 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 Marten	United States	Recovering	Exhibition	9.5	Black, blue, chocolate, sable		Docile		Novice - Intermediate	
	Standard Chinchilla	France	Threatened	Meat & fur	7.5	Silvery, white and black tipped (Chinchilla)	6-8	Docile		Novice	Smallest of the three chinchilla breeds

