

The Whole Picture

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Our Standard has not changed in schedule of points from the first Standard to the one in which we have today. We have made changes in weights, ear length, and eye band disqualifications. We lowered the Sr. weight and ear length by a 1/4 and changed the Jr. weights to a minimum of 1 1/4 and maximum of 2 1/2. We also took out the maximum width of 3/16th for the eyebands. These minor changes helped the Dwarf Hotot progress into what we see on the show tables today.

The Body type has not changed in description but certainly has changed over time to more closely represent what is described in our Standard. A short, compact, well rounded animal. Top line that slightly rises from base of neck to center of hip and rounds to the table. A sideline that is uniform from shoulder to hip (not showing taper).

A bold head set closely on the shoulder with a rounded muzzle. Ears that are of good substance, well furred, rounded and balance with the head and body.

A soft, dense roll back coat and Eyebands that are dark, well defined and clean or free of feathering.

When evaluating your Dwarf Hotots you should pose them in a correct pose for a compact rabbit. Hind feet placed so that the hind toes line up with the stifle (or knee), the front toes should be parallel with the eye and the head should be allowed to pose natural. You should not hold it up (as to resemble a Netherland Dwarf or Holland Lop) pose nor should you push it down as to rest on the table.

Most Dwarf Hotots will pose in a natural correct pose all by themselves. They do not require much pushing or tucking.

When evaluating your stock keep in mind our Standard and run your hands over the body, it should feel firm and well filled not bony or soft.

Keep the animals that most closely represent the Standard and feel firm and well filled. Raising good Dwarf Hotots is truly a challenge but one well worth the time spent!