

## Evergreen Avian & Exotic Animal Hospital

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### Guinea Pig Breeds and Colors

#### **Breeds:**

English, American: short, smooth, straight hair

Peruvian: long, fine hair grows towards face

Abyssinian: short, coarse hair in whorls or rosettes.

Silkies (“Shelties” in the UK): long hair, doesn’t cover the face or part down the back

Teddy: coarse, short, thick hair, kinked hair shafts: no ridges or rosettes

American crested: short-hair, single whorl of contrasting color on forehead

Satin: has hollow shafted hair making it reflective and very shiny, very soft. It is a recessive gene

Sheltie: long hair, hair grows away from face

Texcel: hair with curls (produced by mating Sheltie X Rex)

Rex: short curly hair

#### **Colors and Markings:**

Agouti: short, silky hair, interspersed with a second color throughout coat

Dalmation: white body interspersed with black spotting

Dutch: self or agouti coloring on most of their bodies, white “saddle” across the back and a white “blaze” running from forehead down to the nose

Himalayan: white, silky coat, black or chocolate ears, nose, feet

Roan: similar to agouti, but body is black, interspersed white hairs, solid black on head and feet

Selfs: smooth-coated: coats all one color

Silver: dark-colored coat interspersed with silver hairs

Tortoiseshell: bicolored or tricolored. Markings similar to tortoiseshell cat