



# Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association

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## Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Revised Standard

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**General Description:** Miniature Silky Fainters are a small-sized breed of goat that are colorful and have long flowing coats and often have an abundance of facial hair such as bangs, beards and in some cases even muffs on the cheeks, giving them a somewhat Silky Terrier-like appearance. They should appear physically balanced and proportionate; an animal with a disproportionately large head, or one with a relatively large body on short legs, is not acceptable. There is no minimum size for either sex, however, does ideally, should be 22.5 inches or under at the withers and must not exceed 23.5 inches. Bucks ideally should be 23.5 inches or under at the withers and must not exceed 25 inches. Any color or combination of colors is acceptable.

**Breed Characteristics:**

**Head:** Short to medium in length and has a slight to moderate dished profile. Nose should be medium in length, wide and flat. Muzzle broad and slightly rounded not snippy. Jaws should be full and well formed with an even bite. The ears are erect or maybe held horizontally from the side of the head, but should not be pendulous or folded. Disbudded, horned and naturally polled animals are acceptable.

**Coat:** Ideally, the coat should be long and flowing nearly to the ground, with a silky, high lustrous appearance and an abundance of chest, neck and facial hair. Ideally, they will have long bangs and cheek muffs that cover the eyes giving them an almost Silky Terrier-like appearance.

**Body Conformation:**

**Neck:** Should be moderate in length tapering smoothly into the withers and shoulders.

**Front Legs and Chest:** Chest showing good width, with smooth attachment of forelegs. Legs - strong, straight, set with good width apart.

**Topline:** Level with a level to slightly sloping rump.

**Rump:** Medium in width and length. Thurls are high and wide apart.

**Hind Legs:** Hind legs should be well angulated, not posty. When viewed from behind they should be set well apart. They may have a slight tendency toward cow hocks.

**Pasterns:** Should be straight and strong.

**Feet:** Feet should be strong, well-shaped and even. Hooves should be symmetrical with good heel depth.

**Note:** Breeders should take care not to perpetuate defects such as: Double teats, fused teats, extra teats, non-functional udder halves, undescended testicles or scrotal defects.