

SANTA GERTRUDIS STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

Individual animals may be rejected when presented for classification due to an absence of "Desirable" characteristics and shall be rejected for manifestations of "Undesirable" characteristics considered to be extreme or for hereditary or non-hereditary deformities and/or abnormalities and/or objectionable characteristics, examples of which (not intended to be exclusive) are set out in the "Disqualification" column below.

ITEM	DESIRABLE	UNDESIRABLE	DISQUALIFICATION
A. BREED CHARACTER	Showing true Santa Gertrudis type	Lacking Santa Gertrudis type.	
B. FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY			
1. Fertility	Longevity Cows - feminine, regular calving Bulls - masculine, virile, high libido	Irregular calving Cows: lacking femininity Bulls: lacking masculinity	Hernia, malformed genitalia. Abnormal reproductive organs
2. Sheath & Navel	Retracted prepuce, small orifice, flat medium sized navel flap. Less than 45 degree angle from the horizontal.	Loose, parietal prepuce. Large navel flap. Open Orifice	Bulls with sheaths extending below the H to K line (the imaginary line between the break in the rear (lower) hock and the break in the knee). Non-retractable prepuce. Abnormal or excessive sheath and/or navel structure.
3. Testicles	Adequate size. Good conformation and tone.	Too small or too large. Pendulous. Tied. Permanently retracted. Unsatisfactory conformation and/or tone.	
4. Udder & Teats	Well attached, balanced. Fine teats of moderate length.	Meaty and/or loosely attached udder. Large teats. Large supernumerary teats.	Very large or bottle teats. Excessive udder.
5. Disposition	Alert, easily managed.	Nervous	Extremely nervous and/or aggressive.
6. Size	Well grown for age, fast gaining	Lacking growth or weight for age	
7. Hair (dependent on environment)	Short, straight, slick coat	Excessive curly or coarse hair	
8. Hide	Loose, vascular, moveable	Tight. Thick. Excessive skin folds	
9. Legs	Squarely set, sound joints		Bow legged. Post legged. Calf kneed. Straight hind pasterns that don't flex. Straight and/or Sickie hocked. Cow hocked. Low pasterns
10. Feet and Hoofs	Even claws, solid dark pigment.	Turned out. Pigeon toed. Uneven claws. Light or multi-coloured pigmentation. Low heels.	
C. CONFORMATION			
1. General Form or Type	Symmetrical, balanced, thick, long and deep bodied, well sprung ribs, muscular. Good bone, strong legs with free movement; males thicker and well muscled; females refined in forequarter	Flat sided; coarse and rough. Light boned; lack of free movement.	
2. Head	Showing masculinity or femininity according to sex; broad, slightly convex forehead, straight profile.	Long and narrow. Dish face. Short.	Wry.
a. Horns	Horned or Polled		
b. Ears	Medium to large size, slightly drooping, open forward	Small upward pointing.	Vestigial ears
c. Eyes	Clear, moderately hooded, strongly pigmented	Recessed, prominent. Fat polyps. Excessively hooded.	Entropion.
d. Muzzle	Broad and large	Narrow. Smutty nose.	Wry nose. Black. Overshot or undershot jaw.
3. Neck	Smooth attachment. Good extension.	U neck, very short.	
4. Shoulder	Free moving, smooth and well-muscled. Bulls - thick, well defined, heavy muscling. Cows - smooth, with moderate muscling.	Open or prominent. Straight. High	
5. Brisket	Moderately broad	Excessive fat, downward sloping. Narrow	
6. Heart Girth	Deep, broad, full	Pinched.	
7. Back	Broad, strong	Sway back	Roach back. Fish back.
8. Loin	Broad, full	Narrow, weak	
9. Ribs	Well sprung	Flat sided	
10. Hips	Broad, somewhat rounded on top	Prominent	
11. Rump	Long, broad, moderate slope - hip to pin	Square. High sacral bone. Recessed tail insertion.	Short, narrow, droopy
12. Tail	Smooth insertion, good switch, thick and long.	Short. Thin.	Tail deformities e.g. wry.
13. Hind Quarters	Broad, muscular, wide between pins. Bulls - thick and well muscled Cows - deep with moderate muscling.	Narrow, high twist	Double muscling
D. COLOUR			
1. Coat	Solid Santa Gertrudis Red (Light or dark)	Occasional white hairs falling short of roan condition. Dilution, light or dark spots in other areas. Very light red. Blackish red. Birth marks.	White spots out of underline. White underline exceeding 25%. Fawn or cream colour. Brindling or roan condition. Black hair.
2. Skin	Red pigmentation.	Some black	Solid black