



# Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association

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## Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Revised Standard

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**General Description:** Miniature Silky Fainting Goats are a small-sized breed of goat that are colorful and have long flowing coats and an abundance of facial hair such as bangs, beards and muffs on the cheeks, giving them a Silky Terrier-like appearance. They should be physically balanced and proportionate, with a sleek, elegant appearance. 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.

**Head:** Short to medium in length with a slight to moderate dished profile. Nose should be medium in length. Muzzle should be slightly broad and rounded. Jaws should be full and well formed. Preferably, the ears are erect and give the goat an alert expression, although, permissibly, may be held horizontally from the side of the head, but should not be pendulous or folded. Disbudded, horned and naturally polled animals are acceptable. Note: Horns left on a Mini Silky will detract from the overall Silky Terrier-like appearance.

**Coat:** Ideally, the coat is a single coat that should be consistently long, straight and flowing, draping over the entire body, reaching nearly to the ground. A slight wave to the coat is acceptable. The coat should have a silky, high luster appearance and, when touched, it should feel smooth and silky, not dry or brittle. Angora-type or Cashmere-type fiber is not desirable. The coat should include an abundance of chest, neck and facial hair. Ideally, they will have long bangs and cheek muffs that cover the eyes giving them a Silky Terrier-like appearance.

**Body Conformation:** The body should be balanced and proportionate, with a sleek, elegant appearance.

**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.

**Color:** Any color or combination of colors is acceptable.