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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A side-view capybara is drawn with total body length 20 cm on paper. The head is marked as 5 cm, the chest oval spans 5 cm, the mid-body oval spans 5 cm, and the rump oval spans 5 cm. The chest oval is 6 cm tall, the mid-body oval is 5 cm tall, and the rump oval is 7 cm tall. The back line is level. Describe how to check the proportion and where to place heavy fur density.

Answer: Head length is 5 cm, which is one quarter of 20 cm, so the four-part division is correct. The rump is the tallest mass at 7 cm, the chest is 6 cm, and the mid-body is 5 cm, giving a heavy barrel silhouette with a high rump. Heavy fur density should go under the belly, behind the front leg, and at the lower rump where form turns away from the light. The back line and top of the head stay light to medium.