



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

### RUMPLESS GAME



**ORIGIN:** Great Britain

**CLASSIFICATION:** Light Breed: Hard feather

**EGG COLOUR:** White, sometimes tinted

**MASSES:**

**LARGE FOWL**

Male: 2.3 – 2.7 kg

Female: 1.8 – 2.3 kg

**BANTAMS**

Male: 620 – 740 g

Female: 510 – 620 g

As is common with any rumpless breed, the parson's nose or 'Caudal Appendage' (uropygium) is missing. Foreign breeds like the Barbu d'Anvers has a rumpless version called Barbu du Grubbe. The Barbu d'Uccle has the Barbu d'Everberg as its rumpless version and, even in Japan, there is a Rumpless Yokohama, funny though it may sound, with its long saddle hackle making it feasible. A genetic accident with Old English Game many years ago probably created our own Rumpless Game. The breed, though not popular in the bantam form, is often seen in large fowl.

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### MALE

**Carriage:** Bold and upright.

**Type:** Body: short and small. Back: steeply sloping. Breast: full and prominent. Wings: large and long. Tail: completely absent, the whole of the lower back being covered with the saddle feather.

**Head:** Small and tapering. Beak: rather large. Eyes: large and bold. Comb: single, small and thin, upright. Ear-lobes and wattles: fine, small and thin.

**Neck:** Long and upright; hackle: close and wiry.

**Legs and Feet:** Legs: strong and of medium length. Thighs: short, round and muscular. Toes: four, long, straight and tapering.

**Plumage:** Hard and close.

### **FEMALE**

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

### **COLOUR**

Plumage colour is of secondary importance in this breed, and almost any recognized 'Game' colour is acceptable. Face, comb wattles and ear-lobes should be bright red.

### **BANTAM**

Rumpless Game Bantams should follow exactly the large fowl standard.

<b>SCALE OF POINTS</b>	
Carriage and type	40
Head	20
Feather / condition	20
Legs and feet	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>