



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

PERSIAN RUMPLESS



ORIGIN: Persia
CLASSIFICATION: True Bantam: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR: White, sometimes tinted
MASSES:

Male: 620 to 740g
Female: 510 to 620g

This breed of bantam was known to Aldrovandus over three and a half centuries ago and he called it the Persian fowl. They were bred in many colour patterns, mostly clean legged and single combed. The cocks should have true saddle feathers, the hen true cushion feathers. In both sexes being curled over backwards, giving a rather peculiar appearance. There must be a complete absence of the caudal projection (pygostyle bone), irreverently named as the Parson's nose, from which the tail grows, in both cock and hen. They may be shown in various shaped combs; however, the single comb is the most popular and which is hereinafter described. The Persian Rumpless is sometimes still called Persian fowls. Feather-legged varieties of Rumpless have been shown under the name Barbu d'Grubbe and Ruhlaer Rumpless.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Appearance: Sprightly, alert, active.

Body and stern: Body, medium length, broad, deep, keel extending well to front and rear of legs. Stern, fluff, rather full and of moderate length.

Back: Medium length, broad its entire length, carried at an angle of twenty degrees below the horizontal.

Saddle: Abundant, long, covering wing ends and stern.

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| Wings: | Large, closely folded and carried above thighs. Shoulders and fronts: well concealed by hackle feathers. Bows: nicely rounded. Coverts: two rows of broad feathers across wings. Primaries: medium width and length, completely concealed by secondaries. Secondaries: medium length, broad, tapering convexly to stern. Part of wing bay concealed by saddle feathers. |
| Breast: | Full, broad, well rounded. |
| Head: | Rather large, broad. |
| Comb: | Single, medium size, straight and upright, evenly serrated with six distinct points, blade not following too closely the shape of the head. Beak: medium in length, strong, regularly curved. Face: smooth, fine in texture, free from wrinkles, folds or bristles. Eyes: large, round, prominent. Wattles: medium size, well-rounded at lower edges, fine in texture, free from wrinkles or folds. Ear-lobes: smooth, medium size, about one-third the length of wattles. |
| Neck: | Medium length, moderately arched. Hackle, abundant, full feathered, flowing well over shoulders and back. |
| Legs and feet: | Legs: medium length, set well apart, straight when viewed from the front. Lower thighs: medium length, well feathered, stout at the top and tapering neatly to hocks. Shanks: medium length, scales neatly overlapping. Spurs: medium length, stout, set low. Four toes, medium length, straight, well and evenly spread. |

THE FEMALE

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

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any approach to a tail. Coarse and/or crow headed. Back too short and squat. Low wing carriage. Pinched and/or high stern. Flat and cut-away breast. Shallow and narrow bodied. Colour of ear-lobes to be red or white as stipulated under the General Disqualifications (All Breeds of Fowl)

COLOURS

These birds are found in several different colours, namely, Barred, Birchen, Black, Black Breasted Red, Blue, Blue red, Brown Red, Buff, Columbian, Golden Duckwing, Red, Silver Duckwing, White, etc. Plumage colour, however, is of secondary importance in this breed, and almost **any recognized Game colour is acceptable**. The colour of the ear-lobes could either be the colour of the face and wattles or pure white.

THE BARRED, BUFF, COLUMBIAN, WHITE

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| Comb, face and wattles: | Bright red. |
| Ear-lobes: | Bright red or white. |
| Beak: | Yellow. |
| Eyes: | Reddish bay. |
| Shanks and toes: | Yellow. |

Refer to colour description elsewhere in other breeds.

THE BIRCHEN, BLACK, BROWN RED

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| Comb, face and wattles: | Dark red, approaching mulberry. |
| Ear-lobes: | Dark red, approaching mulberry or white. |
| Beak: | Black. |
| Eyes: | Brown. |
| Shanks and toes: | Black. |

Refer to colour description elsewhere in other breeds.

THE BLACK BREASTED RED, BLUE RED, GOLD AND SILVER DUCKWINGS

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| Comb, face and wattles: | Bright red. |
| Ear-lobes: | Bright red or white. |
| Beak: | Light horn or yellow. |
| Eyes: | Reddish bay. |
| Shanks and toes: | White or yellow. |

Refer to colour descriptions elsewhere in other breeds.

THE BLUE

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| Comb, face and wattles: | Dark red. |
| Ear-lobes: | Dark red or white. |
| Beak: | Swarthy horn. |
| Eyes: | Reddish bay. |
| Shanks and toes: | Dark slaty blue. |

Refer to colour description elsewhere in other breeds.

THE RED

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| Comb, face and wattles: | Bright red. |
| Ear-lobes: | Bright red or white. |
| Beak: | Reddish horn |
| Eyes: | Reddish bay. |
| Shanks and toes: | Yellow tinged with red. |

Refer to colour description elsewhere in other breeds.

| SCALE OF POINTS | |
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| Type | 25 |
| Carriage and bearing | 20 |
| Head | 15 |
| Colour | 15 |
| Legs and feet | 5 |
| Size | 15 |
| condition | 5 |
| TOTAL | 100 |