



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

WELSH HARLEQUIN



ORIGIN:	Wales
CLASSIFICATION:	Light
MASSES:	
Drake:	2.3 to 2.5kg
Duck:	2.0 to 2.3kg

The Welsh Harlequin is a breed of domestic duck originating in Wales. In 1949, in Criccieth, Group Captain Leslie Bonnet discovered a color mutation among his flock of Khaki Campbells and began breeding selectively for the trait. The breed is a utility duck and is very attractive. They are prolific layers.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

DRAKE AND DUCK

Carriage:	Alert, slightly upright, head held high. Back: sloping gently from shoulder to saddle.
Type:	Body: compact, with width well maintained from shoulders to stern. Tail: short and small. Drake having the usual curled tail feathers.
Head:	Refined and held high.
Neck:	Almost erect, medium in length.

COLOUR

HARLEQUIN

DRAKE

Bill:	Gunmetal colour.
Legs:	Orange.

Plumage: Head and neck bronze green to within about 2.5 cm of the shoulders, where a ring, 1.25 cm wide, completely encircles the neck. In all other respects, except size, the drake is coloured like the Mallard.

DUCK

Bill: Dark slate, tinged with green.

Legs: Dark brown.

Plumage: Head and neck: fawn. Body: cream, with tortoise shell effect in red-brown and blue on back and wings. Speculum: bronze.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Body	15
Size	10
Head, bill and neck	15
Carriage	10
Colour	35
Legs and feet	5
Condition	10
TOTAL	100