



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

POMERANIAN / SADDLEBACK POMERANIAN



ORIGIN:	Germany
CLASSIFICATION:	Medium
MASSES:	
Adult gander:	8.2 – 10.9kg
Adult goose:	7.3 – 9.1kg

The Pomeranian gets its name from the former Province of Pomerania, which lay on the southern coast of the Baltic Sea between the estuaries of the Oder and Vistula rivers. Experts suspect they descended from the Eastern Greylag. The Pomeranian goose is unique among domestic geese for its single lobed paunch and striking colour pattern. It is similar in size and stance to the American Buff. In Europe they are also found in the solid white and grey colour varieties. The Saddleback Pomeranian was first standardized in 1977.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

GANDER AND GOOSE

Carriage:	Nearly horizontal.
Type:	Body: moderately long, plump, deep and meaty with no evidence of a keel. Back: slightly convex and approximately 60% longer than broad. Paunch: moderately broad, deep and single lobed. Wings: rather long with tips crossing over the tail coverts. Carried high and smoothly folded. Tail: somewhat short, closely folded and carried nearly level.
Head:	Fairly broad and somewhat refined with a nearly flat crown. Bill: medium in length, nearly straight, stout. Eyes: large, rather prominent.
Neck:	Medium length, moderately stout, carried rather upright with little, or no indication of an arch.
Legs and Feet:	Thighs: medium length, plump, nearly covered by ample thigh coverts. Shanks: moderately long.

COLOURS

GREY SADDLEBACK

Bill: Pink or deep flesh colour.

Eyes: Blue.

Legs and Webs: Reddish pink.

Plumage in both sexes:

Head: dark grey. Neck: dark grey on the upper part and white on lower. Back: dark grey, each feather edged with near white from the point above. The scapulars are the same colour. The general appearance of this grey area suggests a heart shape. Breast, body, wings and tail: white, except for a broad band of blue grey edged with near white, beginning under the secondaries, just over the shanks and extending under the abdomen to the opposite wing. The remainder of the plumage is white, except for thigh coverts which are grey, edged with white.

BUFF SADDLEBACK

Plumage in both sexes:

The colour is the same as the Grey Saddleback variety except for buff on the corresponding coloured head and neck areas, and buff edged with pale buff to white on corresponding body areas.

Important Notes:

- 1.) Buff Back and Grey Back Geese are similar in type and markings to the Saddleback Pomeranian, except that they have dual lobed paunches and usually orange bills, legs and webs.
- 2.) Dewlaps and the indication of knobs at the base of the bill are viewed negatively and are considered indicative of crossbreeding.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Size	10
Colour and markings	40
Condition	10
Head and throat 5, neck 5, legs and feet 5	15
Breast	10
General carriage	10
Tail and paunch	5
TOTAL	100