



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

ROMAN / TUFTED ROMAN



ORIGIN:	Europe
CLASSIFICATION:	Light
MASSES:	
Gander:	5.5 to 6.5kg
Goose:	4.5 to 5.5kg

One of the smaller types of geese that was probably developed in the Danube River Valley. It was not known in the area of Rome before 600 BC. The breed was introduced into England from Italy in 1903. Later importations had grey on the back but this was eliminated by selective breeding. It was added to the British Breed Standards in 1982. The Roman also occurs in a crested form.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Carriage:** Active, alert, graceful, docile, rather than defiant, and with horizontal outline.
- Type:** Compact, plump, deep, broad, reasonably long, well balanced. Back: wide, flat, with gentle slope that is more pronounced in gander than goose. Breast: full, well rounded, somewhat low and with no prominent keel. Wings: large, long, strong, high up and well tucked up to tail line. Stern: well rounded, paunch not too pronounced. Tail: close, long, and carried well out.
- Head:** Neat and well rounded, symmetrical and refined. Face deep. Bill: short and not coarse. Eyes: bold.
- Note:** Roman Geese can be tufted. The head having a rather cylindrical tuft on the crown, beginning just over the eyes and inclined somewhat backwards.

Neck: Upright, medium length, refined and without gullet.
Legs and Feet: Legs: short, light boned, well apart. Toes: straight and connected by web.
Plumage: Tight, short, sleek and glossy.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Plumage other than white. Excessive weight and oversize. Coarseness.

COLOUR

WHITE

In Both sexes:
Plumage: Glossy white throughout.
Bill: Orange pink.
Eyes: Light blue.
Legs and feet: Orange-pink.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	15
Table qualities	25
Head and neck	20
Colour	10
Ideal size	15
Condition	10
Legs and feet	5
TOTAL	100