



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

SEBASTOPOL



ORIGIN:	Eastern Europe
CLASSIFICATION:	Light
MASSES:	
Gander:	5.4 – 7.3kg
Goose:	4.5 – 6.3kg

This breed takes its name from the Black Sea port of Sevastopol, Ukraine. These geese occur widely in these areas and around the Danube and its tributaries and were originally bred for their curly feathers to use in pillows and quilts. It is one of the most unusual types of geese. The long frizzled or spiraled feathers on the breast and back are unique to the Sebastopol. They were introduced into England in 1860. They were also referred to as Danubian geese; a name first used for the breed in Ireland in 1863. Grey and buff crosses have appeared but they have poor feather curl, and the white is the only true variety at present. This is primarily an exhibitor's breed. It is of medium weight, a moderate egg layer, a fast grower and has merit as a utility goose. They are quiet and friendly and a good breed for the small-scale breeder. They were standardised in the UK in 1982.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

GANDER AND GOOSE

Carriage:	Horizontal.
Type:	Body appears round because of full feathering. Back: medium length but appears short because of the long feathers giving the body a round ball-like appearance. Breast: full and deep with no keel. Wing feathers: long, well curled and flexible, they should be so soft as to make the bird incapable of flight and are also entirely devoid of stiff shafts. Tail: composed of long, well curled feathers.
Head:	Appears large in proportion to body. Bill: medium length. Eyes: large and prominent.

- Neck:** Medium length, carried upright.
- Legs and Feet:** Lower thighs: short and stout, covered with curled feathers. Shanks: short and stout.
- Plumage:** Only feathers of head and upper neck smooth. Feathers on lower neck, breast and remainder of body profusely curled. The feathers on wings and back should be long, the longer the better, well curled and free from stiff shafts. Good specimens should display back and wing feathers that almost touch the ground.

COLOUR

WHITE

- Plumage in both sexes:** Pure white throughout. Traces of grey in young birds allowed and will not be penalised
- Bill:** Orange.
- Webs:** Deeper orange.
- Eyes:** Bright blue

SCALE OF POINTS	
Carriage	10
Head and Neck	10
Body	10
Legs and Feet	20
Feathering and condition	30
Size	10
Colour	10
TOTAL	100