



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

CATALANA



ORIGIN:	Spain
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White
MASSES:	
LARGE FOWL	
Cock:	3.6 kg
Cockerel:	3.0 kg
Hen:	2.7 kg
Pullet:	2.3 kg
BANTAMS	
Cock:	910 g
Cockerel:	790 g
Hen:	790 g
Pullet:	680 g

The Catalana Del Prat first came into being as a natural breed among the farmers in the district of Prat, near Barcelona, Catalana, Spain. The Catalana was first exhibited at the World Fair, Madrid in 1902, where it was favorably received. This breed is popular in the Latin American Countries and has attracted a limited following in the U.S. and Canada. Admitted to the USA Standard in 1949.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Body: Broad, deep, moderately long, carried slightly higher in front than rear. Fluff: moderate. Breast: broad, deep, well rounded and prominent. Back: straight, broad its entire length, moderately long and sloping slightly downward to tail. Saddle feathers: long and abundant. Tail: medium size, well furnished, carried at an angle of forty-five degrees above horizontal. Main tail: broad and overlapping. Sickles: long and well curved. Coverts: abundant. Wings: quite large, well folded and held tight to the body. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.

Head: Large, long, wide, deep. Comb: single, large, straight and erect, firmly set with six well-formed points, those at the front and rear shorter than those in centre, and with blade extending well to rear of head with tendency to follow curve of neck, without being too close to shape of neck. Surface smooth and without folds or wrinkles. Beak: medium length, strong, well curved. Face: smooth. Eyes: large, round, prominent, bright and alert. Wattles: large, long, fine, smooth texture without folds or wrinkles. Ear-lobes: oval, large, smooth, well set to head.

Neck: Moderately long, erect, slightly arched. Hackle: abundant, flowing well over shoulders.

Legs & feet: Legs is strong, set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs: medium length, muscular. Shanks: medium length, straight. Toes: four on each foot, straight, well-spread.

FEMALE

Body: Broad, deep, moderately long, carried slightly higher in front than rear. Moderately fluff. Breast: broad, deep, well rounded and prominent. Back: straight, broad its entire length, moderately long and slightly sloping downward to tail. Tail: medium size, well spread, carried at an angle of forty degrees above horizontal. Main tail feathers: broad and overlapping in natural order. Wings: quite large, well folded and held tightly to body. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.

Head: Large, long, wide, deep. Comb: single, large, with six well formed points. The front portion of the comb and first point to stand erect with the rest of comb gradually drooping to one side, smooth and free from folds or wrinkles. Beak: medium length, strong, well curved. Face: smooth. Eyes: large, round, prominent, alert. Wattles: large, without folds or wrinkles, smooth in texture. Ear-lobes: oval, large, fitting closely to head.

Neck: Moderately long, erect, slightly arched.

Legs & Feet: Legs: strong, set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs: medium length and thickness. Shanks: medium length, straight. Toes: four on each foot, straight and well spread.

COLOURS

THE BUFF

THE MALE

Plumage: Comb, face and wattles: bright red. Beak: light horn. Eyes: reddish bay. Ear-lobes: enamel white. Head: plumage, dark shade of buff. Neck: hackle, reddish buff shading at base of hackle to golden buff. Saddle: golden buff, lower saddle matching lower hackle. Tail: main tail, black. Sickles: lustrous, greenish black. Coverts: black, laced with buff. Wings:

fronts, buff. Bows: reddish buff. Coverts: buff. Primary coverts, black, edged with buff. Secondaries: lower web, buff, this colour extending around feather sufficient to obtain a buff wing-bay and lacing the upper portion of the upper webs, remainder of upper web, black. When wing is folded in natural position, only the buff colour shows. Breast: buff. Body and fluff: buff similar to that of breast. Legs and feet: lower thighs, buff. Shanks and feet: bluish slate. Under-colour of sections: buff.

THE FEMALE

Plumage:

Comb, face and wattles: bright red. Beak: light horn. Eyes: reddish bay. Ear-lobes: enamel white. Head: buff. Neck: golden buff. Front of Neck, similar to breast. Back: buff. Tail: main tail, black, shaft, buff, two top feathers may be edged with buff. Coverts: buff. Primaries: upper web, buff, lower web, black with buff edging. Secondaries: lower web, buff, the colour extending around feather to secure a buff wing-bay, remainder of each secondary, black. Primary coverts: black edged with buff. When wing is folded in natural position only the buff colour shows. Breast: buff. Body and fluff: buff. Legs and feet: lower thighs, buff. Shanks and toes: bluish slate. Under-colour: buff.

BANTAMS

Bantams should be exact miniatures of their large counterparts and the same standard, colour and scale of points apply.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	25
Head	15
Colour	25
Legs and feet	15
Condition	20
TOTAL	100