



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

SPANISH WHITE-FACED BLACK



ORIGIN: Mediterranean
CLASSIFICATION: Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR: White (Non-Sitters)
MASSES:

LARGE FOWL:

Male: 3.2 kg
Female: 2.7 kg

BANTAMS:

Male: 750 g to 960 g
Female: 650 g to 860 g

The white-faced black Spanish is one of our oldest breeds, and was widely kept and admired long before the advent of poultry shows in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Of striking appearance, with its extensive white face, surrounding eyes and ears and extending lower than the wattles. The Spanish was also a good layer of large white eggs. The emergence of the red-faced Minorca pushed the Spanish into the background, but they still appear occasionally at shows.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage: Upright, with proud action.

Body: Rather long, fairly broad in front, and tapering to the rear. Breast: full at the neck and gradually decreasing towards the thighs. Back: slanting downwards to the tail, short wings carried closely. Full tail, not carried too high, and with the sickles large and well curved.

- Head:** Skull: long, broad and deep. Beak: long and stout. Eyes: full and wide open. Comb: single, somewhat small, erect and straight, firm at the base, rather thin at the edge, fitting closely on the neck at the back, of very smooth texture, and free from wrinkles, rising well over the eyes but not so as to interfere with the sight, and joining the ear-lobes and wattles. Ear-lobes: deep and broad, well rounded at the bottom, extending well below the wattles, meeting in front and going well back on each side of the neck, of fine texture and free from folds or creases. Wattles: very long, thin and pendulous. Face: white, as described in the introduction.
- Neck:** Long and fine, with abundant hackle flowing well over the shoulders.
- Legs and Feet:** Rather long and slim. Shanks: free of feathers. Toes: four, slender and straight.
- Plumage:** Short and close.

THE FEMALE

With the exception of the comb (which falls gracefully over either side of the face) the general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

SERIOUS DEFECTS /DISQUALIFICATIONS

Blue, pink or red in face or lobes. Coarse 'cauliflower' face or lobes. Male's comb not erect, side sprigs on comb. Lobes pointed at the bottom. Other than black or dark legs and feet. Any deformity.

COLOUR

THE BLACK

MALE AND FEMALE

Plumage: Black with a beetle-green sheen and free of purple bars.

In both sexes:

Comb and wattles: Red

Eyes: Brown or black

Face and ear-lobes: White

Beak: Dark horn or black

Legs and toes: Dark slate or black.

BANTAMS

There are only a few bantams left in the world. The bantams should be miniatures of their large fowl counterparts and therefore the same Standard is applicable.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Face and lobes	35
Comb and wattles	15
Type	15
Size	15
Colour	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100