



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

SULTAN



ORIGIN: Turkey
CLASSIFICATION: Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR: White to cream (Sitters)
MASSES:

LARGE:
Male: 2.7 kg
Female: 2.0 kg

BANTAM:
Male: 680g – 790g
Female: 510g – 680g

Sultan fowls were imported to Great Britain in January 1854 from Constantinople by Miss Elizabeth Watts of Hampstead in England. Though they never became widespread, Sultans have remained in existence and are occasionally seen at shows. In crest, beard and plumage they are similar to White Polish. However they differ in some important respects; vulture hocks, five toes, and short back. The Sultan is a breed of considerable character, tame, yet sprightly.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage: Deep, but neat and compact, and very sprightly.

Body: Rather long and very deep. Breast: deep and prominent. Back: short and straight. Wings: large, long, and carried low. Tail: long, broad, and carried open. Sickles: very long and fine. Hangers: numerous, long and fine. Coverts: abundant and lengthy.

- Head:** Head: medium size. Beak: short and curved. Eyes: bright. Comb: very small, consisting of two spikes only, almost hidden by crest. Face: covered with thick muffling. Nostrils: horny and large, rising above the curved line of the beak. Crest: large, globular, and compact. Ear-lobes: small and round. Beard: very full, joining with the whiskers. Wattles: very small, to be hardly perceptible.
- Neck:** Moderately short, slightly arched and carried well back.
- Legs & feet:** Thighs: short, furnished with heavy vulture hocks to cover the joints. Shanks: short, and well covered inside and out with feathers. Toes: five in number and of moderate length, completely covered with feather.
- Plumage:** Long, very abundant and fairly soft.

THE FEMALE

With the exception of the comb, which is smaller and barely visible, the general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any deformity, coloured plumage, toes less than five in number.

COLOUR

WHITE

MALE AND FEMALE

- Plumage:** Snow white throughout.
- In both sexes:**
- Comb and face:** Red
- Eyes:** Red
- Wattles and ear-lobes:** Bright red.
- Beak:** Pale blue or white.
- Shanks and toes:** Pale blue or white.

BANTAMS

Sultan bantams should follow the large fowl standard in every respect.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Head and crest	15
Beard and muffling	15
Comb	5
Type and symmetry	12
Colour	15
Leg and foot feathering	15
Size	8
Condition	15
TOTAL	100