
CORNISH GAME

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ORIGIN: England/American
CLASSIFICATION: Heavy breed: Hard feather
EGG COLOUR: Brown (Sitters)

MASSSES:
LARGE

Cock:	3.5 to 5.0 kg
Cockerel:	3.0 to 4.0 kg
Hen:	3.0 to 4.0 kg
Pullet:	2.5 to 3.5 kg

BANTAMS

Male:	1.8kg maximum
Female:	1.4kg maximum

The Cornish fowl originated in Cornwall, U.K. The breed is a composite of several different blood lines – Aseel (Asil), black red Old English Game and Malay Game.

A distinguishing characteristic of the Cornish is that the bodies of both male and female are of the same conformation. The texture of the feathers is another strong characteristic in the breed. The body plumage should be close fitting and the feathers short, hard and quite narrow, with the well-knitted webs giving brilliancy to the colour pigments.

White Cornish were produced in the USA from White Malay/Dark Indian crosses in 1890 and were admitted to the American Standard in 1898. White Cornish Game is often used in cross-breeding for excellent fast growing broiler chicks in South Africa and abroad. It is a very valuable breed for production purposes.

Note: In many countries the Cornish Game and the Indian Game are seen as one breed.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Carriage: Powerful and upright; the back sloping downwards to the tail.

Body:	Body is compact, well-rounded at sides and deep, carried higher in front than at rear, the greatest depth of body near front of breast bone, not lower than level with vent; keel, long, slightly rockered, well embedded in flesh. Fluff is short, well-tucked up. Back: medium in length, top line sloping downward in slightly convex line from base of neck to tail. Broad and well filled in at base of neck; very broad across shoulders, carrying width well back to line with thighs. Hip bones very wide apart; back, then narrowing to tail. Back feathers: short, close. Saddle feathers in male: short, fitting closely. Breast: very broad and deep, prominent well-rounded at sides, projecting beyond wing-fronts. Males often showing bare keel line. Tail: short and closely folded, carried slightly below the horizontal. Sickles and coverts: short, fitting closely, nearly covering main tail. Wings: short and muscular, closely folded; fronts rounding out prominently from body and shoulders; points, slightly curved at extreme ends when folded; the surface of wing when folded to have a convex appearance, closely tucked at points, not to extend beyond body, nor to be carried on back. Primaries and secondaries: overlapping in natural order.
Head:	Moderately large, short, deep and broad, indicating great vigour. Skull: flat, broader at front than rear, projecting over eyes; general features of head and eyes giving a bold expression. Comb: pea, firmly and closely set upon head. Male: moderately small. Female: small. Beak: short, very stout, well-curved. Face: round and full. Eyes: large, round and prominent. Wattles: small, even and smooth in texture. Earlobes: small and smooth in texture. Note: Dubbing of comb and wattles was not allowed.
Neck:	Medium in length, carried erect, arched. Hackle feathers: short, just covering base of neck; throat full, dotted with small feathers.
Legs & Feet:	Legs set very widely apart, straight when viewed from front. Upper thighs: medium in length, well-fleshed and muscular. Shanks: round, moderately short, stout. Toes: four on each foot, long, strong, straight, well-spread, scales smooth.
Plumage:	Short, narrow, fitting closely in all sections. Note: Tendency in some females to irregular shaped comb with poorly defined outer ridges shall be deemed a defect and not to be encouraged, but not classified as a single comb for purpose of disqualification.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Clear crooked keel or breast bone. Defective feet or legs materially affecting the natural movement of the specimen. White Indian Game exhibited as Cornish Game.

COLOUR

THE WHITE

MALE AND FEMALE

Comb, face, wattles and ear-lobes: Bright red.

Beak: Yellow.

Eyes: Pearl.
Shanks and toes: Rich yellow.
Plumage: Web, fluff and shafts of all feathers in all sections, purely white.
Skin: Yellow.

THE BUFF **MALE AND FEMALE**

Comb, face, wattles and ear-lobes: Bright red.
Beak: Yellow.
Eyes: Pearl.
Shanks and toes: Rich yellow.
Plumage: Surface throughout: an even shade of rich golden buff. Male: head, neck, hackle, back, wing bows and saddle showing greater lustre. Female: hackle, some lustre. Under-colour matching surface as near as possible.
Skin: Yellow

THE BLACK **MALE AND FEMALE**

Comb, face, wattles and ear-lobes: Bright red.
Beak: Yellow.
Eyes: Pearl.
Shanks and toes: Rich yellow preferred, horn shading permissible.
Plumage: Web, fluff and shafts of all feathers in all sections, pure black.
Skin: Yellow.

THE CUCKOO **MALE AND FEMALE**

Comb, face, wattles and ear-lobes: Bright red.
Beak: Yellow.
Eyes: Pearl.
Shanks and toes: Rich yellow.
Plumage: Light French grey, each feather evenly and distinctly barred across several times with dark slate, the markings fine and regular. The plumage free from any white or straw tinge.
Skin: Yellow.

BANTAMS

Cornish Game Bantams are to be exact miniatures of their large fowl counterparts and so standard, colour and scale of points apply.

SCALE OF POINTS					
		WHITE		BUFF	
	TOTAL	Shape	Colour	Shape	Colour

Symmetry	4	4		4	
Weight or size	4	4		4	
Condition and vigour	10	10		10	
Comb	5	5		5	
Beak	3	2	1	2	1
Skull and face	4	3	1	3	1
Eyes	4	2	2	2	2
Wattles	2	2		2	
Ear-lobes	4	2	2	2	2
Neck	6	3	3	1	5
Back	12	8	4	6	6
Tail	8	5	3	4	4
Wings	8	5	3	3	5
Breast	10	7	3	5	5
Body and fluff	8	6	2	5	3
Legs and toes	8	5	3	5	3
TOTAL	100	73	27	63	37

