

DEUTSCHE ZWERGHUHN (GERMAN BANTAM)

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ORIGIN:	Germany
CLASSIFICATION:	Bantam: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White (Sitters)
MASSSES:	
Male:	700 g
Female:	600 g

The Deutsche Zwerghuhn (plural: Zwerghühner), also known as the Deutsche Zwerg, was bred from ancient breeds of bantams, probably with, strong Gallus Bankiva characteristics. Deutsche Zwerghühner are one of the youngest bantamised breeds and were the creation of one breeder, W. Muller of Magdeburg. In order to create the German Bantam, Muller used Bankiva, bantamised Phoenix, Rosecomb and Old English Game bantams. Muller's aim was to breed an ordinary, lively and 'all weather' fowl suitable for wide-open ranges. In 1917 he introduced his German Bantams for the first time and they proved very popular. These bantams are most valuable commercial breeds as the hens are known to lay up to 100 white eggs per annum. Unfortunately breeders crossed these bantams with bantamised Phoenix, which led to the deterioration of both breeds.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Active, upright, lively and alert.
Type/Body:	Cylindrical. The breast should be well rounded. A flat breast is very objectionable. The body should be long and almost level. A short body carried upright is most objectionable. Wings should fit tightly to the body and drooping wings are objectionable. The tail should be carried rather low with harmonic rounded overlap towards the back. The tail should be full and furnished with large hackles and saddle hackles and saddle hackles should also be well developed. A squirrel tail or hanging tail is most objectionable.
Head:	Small, short and arch -like. A flat, long, big head is most objectionable. Beak short and horn coloured. A yellow beak is most objectionable. Eyes should be bright red to brown. Light eyes are most objectionable. Comb of medium size carried upright and straight. Serrations must be rather small and even. Ear lobes white and heart shaped and should be of medium size. Red or round ear lobes in the cock are most objectionable.

Neck: Medium length and full of hackle.
Legs and feet: Finely structured, grey blue in colour, medium length legs. Shanks should be fine and free of feathers. Four well spread toes.

THE FEMALE

The hen should show a distinct cylindrical form with a full and well developed breast and rump. The tail should be slightly lifted and should be carried loosely. An over developed and narrow tail is most objectionable.

SERIOUS DEFECTS AND SHOW DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any deformity. Weak or too short body. Red ear lobes. Incorrect tail carriage. Distinct hanging wings. Major variations from colour description.

COLOURS

There are 13 colour varieties in the German Bantam, but the most popular colour still remains the Silver Duckwing. For colour description and colour varieties see under O.E.G.

SCALE OF POINTS BASED ON THE GERMAN STANDARDS	
Type and condition	30
Quality of neck, tail and saddle hackles	30
Head points	15
Colour	15
Legs	5
Size	5
TOTAL	100