
DOMINIQUE

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AREA OF ORIGIN: America
CLASSIFICATION: Light breed, soft feather
EGG COLOUR: Brown

MASSES:
LARGE

Cock	3.2 kg
Hen	2.3 kg
Cockerel	2.7 kg
Pullet	1.8 kg

BANTAMS

Cock	950 g
Hen	850 g

No reliable data of the origin of the American Dominique is to be found. This is perhaps the oldest of the distinctive American Breeds, being mentioned in the earliest poultry books as an indigenous and valued variety, as an excellent layer, very hardy and good for the table. They were seen at shows in Britain as early as 1870.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Body:

Broad, full, compact. Fluff: moderately full. Breast: broad, round and carried well up. Wings: rather large, well folded and carried without drooping. Wing bows and points, well covered by breast and saddle feathers. Broad primaries and secondaries and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded. Back: medium length, moderately broad, rising with concave sweep to tail. Tail: long full, slightly expanded, carried at an angle of forty-five degrees above horizontal. Main tail: broad and overlapping. Sickles: long, well curved.

Head: Of medium size, carried well up. Comb: rose, not so large as to overhang the eyes or beak, firm and straight on head, square in front, uniform on sides, free from hollow centre, terminating in a spike at rear, the point of which turns slightly upward, top covered with small points. Beak: short, stout, well-curved. Face: surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture. Eyes: large, full, and prominent. Wattles: broad, medium in length, well-rounded, smooth, fine in texture, free from folds or wrinkles. Ear-lobes: oblong, of medium size.

Neck: Medium length, well-arched, tapering, abundant hackle.

Legs and Feet: Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Lower thighs: medium length, well-feathered, smooth. Shanks: medium in length, fine in bone. Toes: four on each foot, of medium length, straight, wellspread.

THE FEMALE

Body: Broad, full, compact, moderately full fluff. Breast: round and full. Back: medium length, moderately broad, slightly concave. Tail: full, rather long, slightly expanded, carried at angle of forty-five degrees above horizontal, broad and overlapping main tail. Wings: rather large, wellfolded, carried without drooping. Primaries and secondaries: broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.

Head: The head is small, with a rose comb, similar to that of male, but smaller. Beak: short, stout, well-curved. Face: surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture. Eyes: large, full, prominent. Wattles: rather small, wellrounded, smooth, fine in texture, free from folds and wrinkles. Ear-lobes: of medium size, oblong.

Neck: Medium in length, slightly arched, tapering.

Legs and Feet: Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from the front. Lower thighs: medium length, well feathered, smooth. Shanks: Medium in length, fine in bone. Toes: Four on each foot, of medium length, straight, well spread.

COLOURS

THE BARRED

MALE AND FEMALE

Comb, Face, Wattles and Ear-lobes

Bright red

Beak:

Yellow.

Eyes:

Reddish bay.

Shanks and toes:

Yellow.

Plumage:

Slate, feathers in all sections of fowl crossed throughout their entire length by irregular dark and light bars that stop short of positive black and white; tip of each feather, dark; free from shafting, brownish tinge or metallic sheen; excellence to be determined by distinct contrasts. The male may be one or two shades lighter than the female.

BANTAMS

The same standard as for the large fowl is applicable.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type	20
Colour	20
Markings	15
Head	15
Legs and feet	10
Tail	5
Size	5
Condition	10
TOTAL	100

