
ORLOFF

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ORIGIN:	Russia.
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	Tinted or brown. (Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE FOWL:	
Cock:	3.6 kg
Cockerel:	3.2 kg
Hen:	2.7 kg
Pullet:	2.3 kg
BANTAMS:	
Male:	1.5 kg max
Female:	1.3 kg max

The Orloff had been bred for a long period in Russia before it became known in other countries. In the work of an unknown author, published in 1774, a description of the Orloff appeared but it was named "Chlianskaia ". At the St. Petersburg Exhibition in 1899 several excellent specimens of Orloffs were first seen. The most general supposition is that specimens of this breed were imported into England by the celebrated horse-breeder Count Orloff-Techesmensky. The Malay, Pawlowa-Barthuhner and some bearded Continental breeds were used to create the Orloff.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Upright with slightly sloping back.
Type:	Body broad and fairly long, slightly sloping back. Their gloomy, vindictive expression and thick necks make them distinctive from any other breeds.
Head:	Medium in size, but very wide in the forehead. Beak: short, stout and curved at the base. Eyes: bright and deeply set with prominent eyebrows, giving a gloomy, vindictive expression. Face: muffles, beard and whiskers well developed. Ear-lobes: very small and hidden under the muffles. Wattles: small.
Comb:	It is like a raspberry cut lengthwise. It is covered with small points mingled with small bristle-like feathers. Its peculiarity is particularly noticeably in the female. The comb is carried close to the head.

Neck:	Rather long, carried proudly, heavily covered with hackle, the feathers very full at the top, but narrowing at the base of the neck, and forming a distinct angle with the back.
Breast:	Full and prominent.
Wings:	Closely carried, of moderate length.
Tail:	Medium size with fairly narrow sickles.
Legs and feet:	Legs: moderately long and very stout. Thighs: muscular and well apart. Shanks: round and finely scaled. Four toes well spread.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences with the following variations. The muffling is more developed. Tail is comparatively long. No wattles shown, wattles show only on the male. Small bristle like feathers on comb particularly noticeable on the female.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Absence of beard and muffling. Legs other than yellow. Comb of any form other than as described. Weak, deformed or diseased specimen. Absence of puffed hackle.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The main characteristics of the Orloff are its peculiarities of shape, comb, head, and carriage and judges are earnestly requested to bear this in mind when awarding prizes. In this breed, colour is of secondary importance and is a deciding point only in close competition. Slight feathering or down between the toes does not constitute a disqualification.

COLOUR

THE BLACK

Plumage in both sexes: Solid black to the skin throughout, with a beetle-green sheen.

THE MAHOGANY

MALE

Plumage: The entire body, with the exception of the black tail, is dark brilliant mahogany. Beard and whiskers: a mixture of black, mahogany and grey. Neck hackle showing very slight black stripes at the base only. Saddle: rich mahogany shading to deep orange.

FEMALE

Plumage: Muffling as in the male. Hackle: mahogany, the lower feathers showing black striping. Tail: mainly black. Remainder rich dark mahogany uniformly peppered with black, the entire absence of black or heavy and irregular black splashes is undesirable.

THE SPANGLE

MALE

Plumage: The ground colour is dark brilliant mahogany. Hackles must have white tips to as many feathers as possible. Beard and muffles are light to white and the breast and thighs are black or greyish black interspersed with white. Blotchiness or washiness is undesirable. Back: rich mahogany. Wings: rich mahogany, with black bar showing green or purple sheen, and white flights. Tail: green black. The markings correspond with the usual colour pattern.

FEMALE

Plumage: Light mahogany with white tips, the spangling to be as uniform as possible. The ground colour of the hen is reddish-brown.

THE SPLASH

Plumage in both sexes: Lustrous white on which there are several blots or splashes of one or more of the following colours: Mahogany, Black or Red.

THE WHITE

Plumage in both sexes: Lustrous white throughout.

In both sexes and all colours:

Beak: Yellow, with a thin rose-tinted skin at base of beak and nostrils.

Eyes: Red or amber.

Comb, face, ear-lobes and wattles: Red.

Legs: Rich yellow.

BANTAMS

Orloff bantams should be miniatures of their large fowl counterparts and the same Standard, colours, scale of points, and defects are applicable.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	25
Colour and condition	20
Comb, muffling and other head points	35
Legs	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100