
EMBDEN

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ORIGIN: North Europe

CLASSIFICATION: Heavy

MASSES:

Gander: 12.7 – 15.4kg

Goose: 10.9 – 11.7kg

The origins of this breed are thought to be from the North Sea region in the Netherlands and Germany, from the town of Emden (used to be spelt with a 'b') in Lower Saxony, where they crossed the Italian White with their local stock. Edward Brown, in his 1906 *Races of Domestic Poultry*, believed that the breed was created by crossing the German White with the English White and then, by a process of careful selections, creating the goose as it is today. Others suggest that the English Emden's great weight and size was produced by selective breeding with the Toulouse breed, which was then bred out leaving the large size of this breed. In any case, the continental stock used in breeding the modern birds is most likely descended from the great white landrace of Frisia, which has been attested as early as the 13th century. The Emden breed was originally known as the Bremen. In German the breed is known as *Emder Gans* or *Emdener Gans*.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

GANDER AND GOOSE

Carriage: Upright and defiant.

Type: Body: broad, thick and well rounded. Round breast with very little, if any, indication of a keel. Shoulders and stern: broad. Long straight back. Deep paunch, which is dual-lobbed. Wings: large and strong. Close tail, carried well out.

Head: Long and straight. Bill: fairly short, stout at base. Eyes: bold.

Neck: Long and swan-like, the throat uniform with the under mandible and neck, i.e. without a gullet.

Legs and Feet: Medium length. Large and strong shanks. Toes: straight.

Plumage: Hard and tight.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Plumage other than white.

COLOUR

WHITE

Bill: Orange.

Eyes: Light blue.

Legs and webs: Bright orange.

Plumage: Pure glossy white.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type: breast 20, head 12, general carriage 12, neck 10	54
Size	20
Colour	10
Condition	10
Legs and feet	6
TOTAL	100