
FRIZZLE

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AREA OF ORIGIN:	Asia
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy breed, soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White or tinted (Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE	
Cock	3.6 kg
Hen	2.7 kg
Cockerel	3.2 kg
Pullet	2.3 kg
BANTAM	
Cock	790 g max
Hen	680 g max

The Frizzle is of Asiatic origin, found in fair numbers in Southern Asia, the Eastern Archipelago and, at the turn of the century, in Mauritius. The Frizzle is a purely exhibition breed and is notable for its quaint feather formation, each feather curling towards the head of the bird. It is more popular in bantams than in large fowls.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Strutting and erect.
Body:	Body broad and short. Breast: full and rounded. Wings: long. Tail: rather large, erect, full but loose, with full sickles and plenty of side hangers. Lyre tails in males desirable but not obligatory.
Head:	Fine. Beak: short and strong. Eyes: full and bright. Comb: single, medium sized and upright. Face: smooth. Ear-lobes and wattles: moderate size.
Neck:	Of medium length, abundantly frizzled.
Legs and Feet:	Legs of medium length. Shanks: free from feathers. Toes: four, rather thin and well spread.
Plumage:	Moderately long, broad and crisp, each feather curled towards the bird's head, and the frizzling as close and abundant as possible.

THE FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences, except that the comb is much smaller and the neck is not so abundantly frizzled.

SERIOUS DEFECTS / DISQUALIFICATIONS

Narrow feather. Want of curl. Long tail. Drooping comb. Other than single comb. White lobes.
Deformity of any kind.

ALL COLOURS **MALE AND FEMALE**

- Plumage:** Any colour of plumage is acceptable and all birds are entered as 'Coloured' at shows. Birds are bred for their unique feathering and not colour.
- Beak:** Yellow in the Buff, Columbian, Pile, Red and White varieties. White in the Spangle, Black-Red and Cuckoo. Dark willow, black or blue in other varieties.
- Eyes:** Red.
- Comb, face, wattles and ear-lobes:** Bright red.
- Legs and feet:** To correspond with the beak. There are variations in leg colour, and yellow legs are frequently demanded in blacks, though not so standardized.

BANTAMS

The same standard as for the large fowl applies except for differences in weights and in the scale of points.

SCALE OF POINTS-LARGE FOWL	
Type	25
Colour	25
Curl of feather	30
Condition	10
Weight	10
TOTAL	100

SCALE OF POINTS-BANTAMS	
Head and comb	5
Legs and feet	5
Plumage colour	15
Size	10
Curl	25
Feather quality	20
Type and symmetry	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100