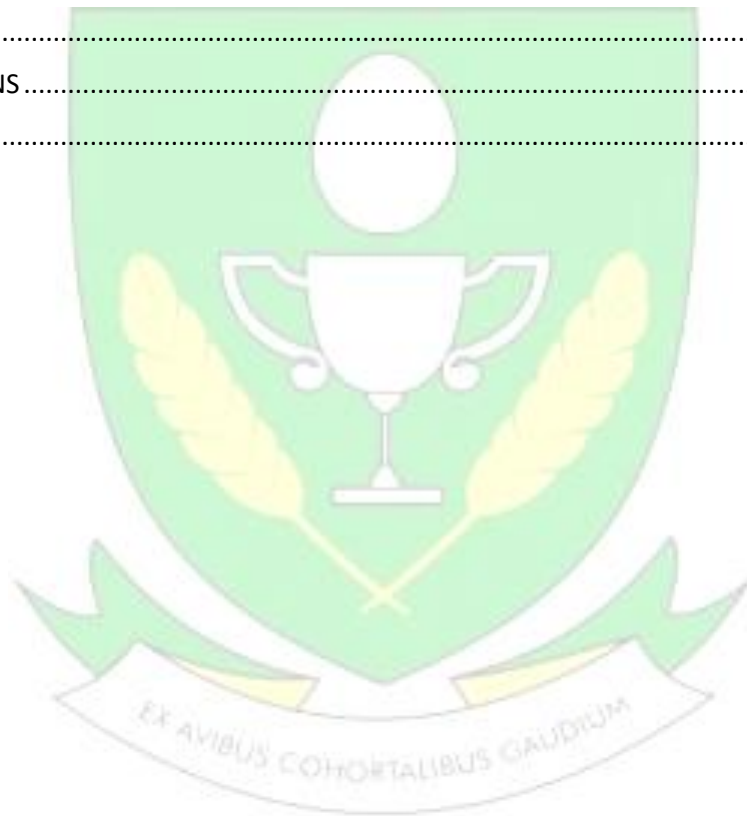
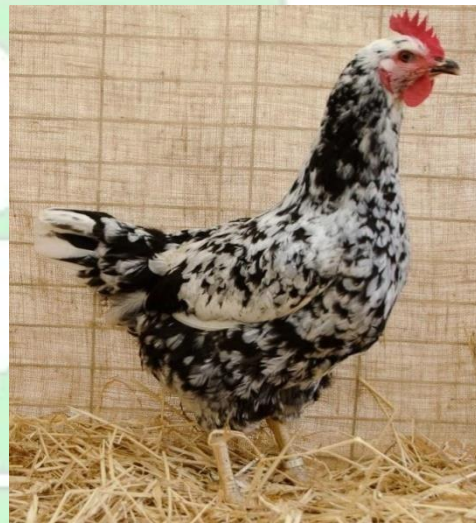

PITA PINTA ASTURIANA

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CLASSIFICATION:

ORIGIN: Asturias, Northern Spain.
CLASSIFICATION: Heavy breed, Soft feather
EGG COLOUR: Light brown, smooth, 60 to 65g.

MASSES:

LARGE FOWL:

Cock: 4.0 to 4.5 kg
Hen: 2.5 to 3.0 kg
Cockerel: 3.5 kg
Pullet: 2.0 kg

The Pita Pinta Asturiana belong in the group of breeds called the Atlantic, which are original Asian breeds that eventually settled and evolved in the center and the north of Europe.

The Pita Pinta Asturiana was discovered in 1980 in various places in the region of the Asturias, Spain by the biologist and veterinarian, dr Rafael Eguiño Marcos and was described by him in 1991. The breed was near extinction, but with the help of dr Fernando Orozco Piñan it was re-introduced into the region and in 1995 dr Rafael Marcos published the breed's Standard of Perfection. The breed was near extinction, but with the help of the veterinarians, the numbers increased and the first Pita Pinta was exhibited in 1997.

In the year 2004, the breed was included in the official catalogue of breeds of Spain, as an autochthonous Asturian race in danger of extinction. (Autochthonous breed: a breed that has originated in a specific area, i.e. Asturias.)

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Comb: Single, bright red.
Wattles, Ear-lobes: Always bright red.
Nails: Always white.

THE MALE

Body: Moderately long, broad.
Breast: Broad, with good pectoral muscles and well rounded.
Abdomen: Wide and well developed.
Back: Wide, almost horizontal with a small inclination towards the tail, saddle hackles should not be covering more than 50% of the back.
Tail: Medium size, with wide main tail feathers, tail sickles slightly long and well curved, erect without being vertical.
Wings: Rather longer than wider, well folded and carried close to the body.
Head: Medium, broad and round.
Comb: Medium size, set firmly on head, perfectly straight and upright, with between 5 and 7 well-defined points, blade extending well beyond the head
Wattles: Medium size, rounded.
Ear-lobes: Medium in size, oblong, free of coarseness, fitting close to head.
Beak: Medium, strong, regularly curved, yellow with black specks
Face: Surface smooth, free of coarseness.

Eyes:	Orange/red, round, well-proportioned to the face, eyelids with a continuous or broken black border.
Neck:	Medium length, strong with abundant neck hackle.
Legs and feet:	Legs yellow with black specks, set well apart, straight when viewed from front. Toes: four on each foot, yellow with black specks, medium length, straight, well spread.
Carriage:	Bold, alert and well balanced.

FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

Back:	Almost flat.
Tail:	Medium size, less erected than the tail of the male at a 40°/45° angle in respect to the horizontal
Comb:	Single, rather small and the end elevated.
Wattles:	Small and rounded.
Ears-lobes:	Smaller than the cock's lobes and rounded.
Beak, Legs & feet:	• Black/Black Mottled: • Beak colour very dark grey with light point, but not yellow • Legs yellow with black specks, or dark grey at the front and yellow with black specks at the rear • Red Mottled • Legs yellow with brownish specks • Beak yellow • White • Legs yellow • Beak yellow

DEFECTS

The presence of "spurs" on the side of the comb, is considered a minor defect as it tends to disappear.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1.) White wattles.
- 2.) Feathers in legs, feet and toes, more than 4 toes.
- 3.) Presence of beard and/or crest.
- 4.) Less than 75% of white feathers in primaries, secondaries and main tail in the Red Mottled and Black Mottled.
- 5.) Any comb other than single.
- 6.) Presence of red/orange/yellowish feathers, other than in the Red Mottled.

7.) Any nail colour other than white.

8.) Eggs with white shell and/or rough to the touch.

COLOURS

There are four varieties:

White, Black, Black Mottled and Red Mottled (“roxa” or orange/yellowish).

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	20
Head	10
Eyes, comb, wattles	15
Colour	15
Legs and feet	30
Condition	10
TOTAL	100

