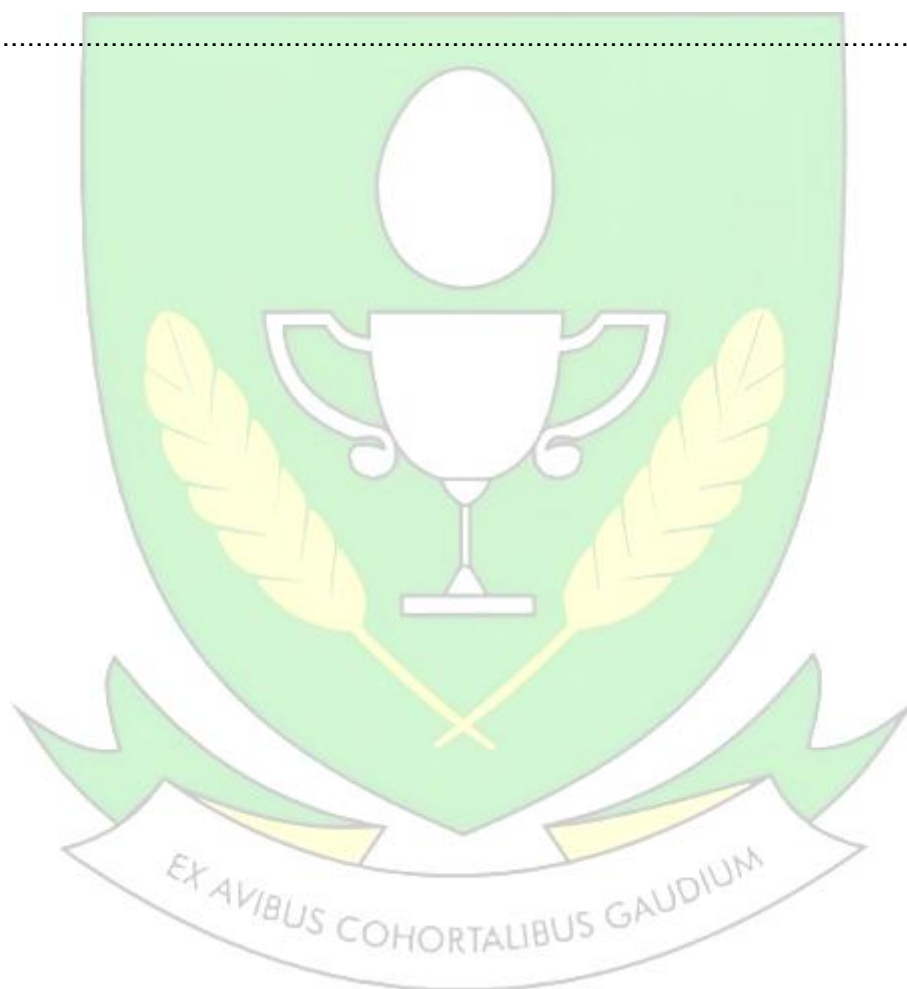

TOULOUSE

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ORIGIN: France

CLASSIFICATION: Heavy

MASSES:

Gander: 11.8 – 13.6kg

Goose: 9.1 – 10.9kg

The Toulouse is a breed of domesticated goose originating near Toulouse, France and developed especially for table purposes. The original grey coloured breed is a very old one and the name has been recorded back as far as 1555. The breed was first brought to the United Kingdom by Lord Derby in 1840. English breeders crossed the birds with English Greys and developed the breed for body weight and quantity of flesh as well as standard characteristics of plumage, colour, markings and type.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

GANDER AND GOOSE

Carriage: Nearly horizontal, not as upright in front as the Embden and thickset.

Type: Body long, broad and deep. Prominent breast, deep and full. Keel: straight from stem to paunch increasing in width to the stern and forming a straight underline. Broad shoulders. Back: slightly curved from the neck to the tail. Wings: large and strong. Tail: somewhat short, carried high and well spread. Paunch and stern: heavy and wide, with full rising sweep to the tail.

Head: Strong and massive.

Bill: Strong, fairly short.

Eyes: Full.

Neck: Long and thick, the throat well gulleled.

Legs and Feet: Short. Shanks: stout and strong boned. Straight toes.

Plumage: Full, somewhat soft.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Patches of black or white among the grey plumage. Slipped or cut wings.

COLOUR

GREY

Bill, legs and feet: Orange.
Eyes: Dark brown or hazel.
Plumage in both sexes: Neck: dark grey. Breast and keel: rather light grey, shading dark to thighs. Back, wings and thighs: dark steel-grey each feather laced with an almost white edging, the flights without white. Stern, paunch and tail: white, the tail with broad band of grey across the centre.

BUFF

Bill: Orange.
Eyes: Dark hazel. Shanks and feet: orange.
Plumage in both sexes: Neck: soft dull buff shading lighter in front as it approaches the breast. Back: dark buff. Tail: buff and white, the feathers edged with very pale buff. Wings, bows and coverts: soft dull buff with narrow edging of very light greyish buff. Primaries: dull buff. Secondaries: darker buff with slight edging of lighter buff. Breast: very light buff. Body and fluff: light buff growing lighter until almost white on abdomen, continuing back to the tail. Sides: lighter buff, growing darker over thighs dull light buff.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type, head and throat 15, breast and keel 10, tail, stern and paunch 10, neck 5, general carriage 15	55
Size	20
Colour and markings	10
Condition	10
Legs and feet	5
TOTAL	100