

PIGEONS AND PETS.



STANDARD ADOPTED BY AMERICAN FANTAIL CLUB.

Head—Small, fine and snakey. Beak thin and of medium length, the upper mandible slightly curved at the tip like that of a dove. Color of beak, whites, saddlebacks, reds and yellows, flesh-color; blues, silvers and blacks, black. Beak-wattle, small and fine in texture. Eyes, whites and saddlebacks, dark hazel or bull; blues, silvers, blacks, reds and yellow, pearl, gravel or orange; the former preferred. Eye cere very fine. Neck thin and swanlike, tapering well off as it approaches the head. Length of neck corresponding with length of back, so as to enable the head to rest closely on the cushion. Ten points.

Body—Shape, small and round; back slightly hollowed in centre; length of back corresponding with length of neck, so as to enable the head to rest closely on the cushion; rump, small, but of sufficient size and strength to balance the tail evenly, chest, broad, round and free from hollowness, except a slight part in the centre; breast, round and full. Twenty points.

Wings—Set on fairly low and very closely tucked in at chest; flights of medium length and well closed; five points.

Cushion—Full and massive; feathers at back closely overlapping each other and spreading well over the tail, feathers; six.

Tail—Slightly concave and circular, filled with long broad, evenly-set feathers, closely overlapping each other and as thick as possible in the centre; fifteen.

Legs—Of moderate length, not stilty, set well apart and free from feathers below the hocks; feet small, fine and neat, color legs and feet, bright red. Four points.

Plumage—Feathers hard and tight-fitting. Ten points.

Carriage—The bird should stand on tip-toes and walk in a jaunty manner; head thrown back in a graceful manner, resting closely on cushion; chest upright so as to carry the breast almost in a straight line with legs; flights just clearing lowest tail feathers and almost meeting at tips; tail carried well up, not being allowed to drop or incline forward. Twenty points.

Motion—Convulsive jerking or twitching of neck and apparent upheaving of chest; ten.

General Appearance—Closely built. Total points, 100.

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Black Carrier Cock—G. J. Dunn, 1st and 2nd. Hen, Dunn 1st and 2nd. White Cock—Dunn 1st. Hen, Dunn 1st. Dun Cock—Dunn 1st. Hen, Dunn 1st. Pied Cock—Dunn 1st. Hen, Dunn 1st. Black Barb Cock—N. D. McPhie 1st. Hen, McPhie 1st. Pied Poulter Cock—Rev. T. Geoghegan 1st and 2nd. Hen, Rev. T. Geoghegan 1st and 2nd. Black Tumbler Cock—N. S. Jones 1st, Hen, Jones 1st. Blue Show Homer Cock—Dunn 1st. Rev. T. Geoghegan 2nd, Hen, Dunn 1st, Jones 2nd. Rev. T. Geoghegan 3rd. Red Checkered Show Cock—N. S. Jones 1st and 2nd. Hen, N. S. Jones 1st and 2nd. Silver Show Cock—Dunn 1st. Rev. T. Geoghegan 2nd. Hen, Dunn 1st. Yellow Show Hen—Jones 1st. Blue Flying Homer Cock—Jones 1st. Hen, McPhie 1st. Jones 2nd. Black Checkered Flying Homer Cock—McPhie 1st and 2nd. Hen, McPhie 1st and 2nd. Red Checkered Flying Homer Cock—McPhie 1st and 2nd. Hen, McPhie 1st and 2nd. Red Jacobin Cock—Rev. T. Geoghegan 1st. White Fantail Cock—Dunn 1st and 2nd. Hen, Dunn 1st and 2nd. English Silver Owl Cock—Jones 1st, H. Gottleff 2nd, McPhie 3rd. Hen, Jones 1st and 2nd. Black African Owl Cock—Dunn 1st. White African Owl Cock—Jones 1st. Hen Jones 1st. Black Swallow Cock—Dunn 1st and 2nd. Hen, Dunn 1st. Dun Swallow Cock—Dunn 1st. Yellow Swallow Cock—Dunn 1st. Yellow Turbit Cock—Jones 1st, Gottleff 2nd. Hen, Gottleff 1st, Jones 2nd. Blue Turbit Cock—Gottleff 1st. Lop-eared Rabbit, Buck—John Sutton 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Doe, Sutton 1st, 2nd and 3rd. White Angora Buck—McPhie 1st. Doe, McPhie 1st. Dutch Rabbit, Buck—Thos. Manewell 1st and 2nd. Doe, Manewell 1st. Smooth Coated Guinea Pig, Boar McPhie 1st Sow, McPhie 1st. Long-eared Guinea Pigs, Boar—Sutton 1st. Sow, Sutton 1st.

PREPARING PIGEONS FOR EXHIBITION.

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Editor Review:

A HINT or two on preparing pigeons for exhibition may be of some use to your readers at this season of the year. The Fantail and the Pouter should be trained in a small coop some weeks before being shown. These birds can be easily tamed by kind treatment, coax them with a little hemp seed occasionally, visit them often