# **ISPENÇ**

Origin: Türkiye.

**History:** A fairly very ancient breed, dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century.

**General Impression:** A small, five-toed dwarf breed with a strong upright posture, a full three-part beard, full foot feathering; breed-specific rose comb and breed-specific extra finger structure on wing (as an advantage).

## **Rooster Breed Characteristics**

Rump/Hull: broad and well-rounded with strongly upright posture.

**Neck:** medium length and slightly arched/ curved; with full, flowing hangers feathers over shoulders.

**Back:** almost completely covered with the neck hangers feathers.

**Shoulders:** broad and well rounded.

**Wings:** long, well-fitting and carried lowered. An extra finger structure can be observed at the tip of the wing, this is not a disqualification factor.

**Saddle:** broad, with well-developed feather-hangers.

**Tail:** well developed; broad; carried very high to almost vertical. Main sickles long and sabre-shaped; secondary sickles well curved and covering well the lower half of the control feathers.

**Chest:** broad, well rounded and carried rather high.

Abdomen: wide and full.

Head: medium size, broad and well rounded.

**Face:** red, partly covered by whisker/cheek feathers.

**Comb:** relatively large protruding medium-high rose comb shape. The comb base is wide and has a well-rounded appearance at the comb end. The comb barb at the back side of the comb should be no more than 3 pieces and at least 1 piece. The length of the thorn(papillae) at the end of the comb should not exceed 2 times the length of the thorns (papillae) located on the front side of the comb. The Thorn/-s lie straight to slightly tapering upwards. The comb papillae should be uniform evenly distributed over the base of the comb. The comb is not flattened and does not appear to extend towards the back of the skull.

**Earlobes:** small, under the Chin or cheek beard feathers and not very prominent. The earlobe color is irrelevant.

Wattles: none or bare developed and covered by the beard

**Eyes:** orange red

**Beak:** short; strong; slightly curved; color following the feet color.

**Thighs:** short and strong; with long cuffs at the heel joint.

**Legs:** of medium length, the outside covered with dense feathers.

**Toes:** five-toed; 4<sup>th</sup> And 5<sup>th</sup> toe are well separated from each other. The outer and middle toe are well feathered on the outer side. The skin color of the toes should be in harmony with the color of the beak. Color of the toes according to the color standard description (In dark-colored animals, the sole color of the foot can be considered yellow.);

Feathers: dense and full.

### **Breed characteristics hen:**

Apart from the characters affected by gender, it has the same characteristics as the rooster in terms of body structure. Chin or cheek beard and beard feathers are more

prominent compared to the rooster. The neck feathers are shorter than the rooster, and therefore the back is more prominent. The sloping back line is slightly longer than the rooster. The tail, which is carried high, of medium width, long up to eye level, is quite well rounded. The saddle feathers are shorter than the rooster, but still have the appearance of covering the tail roots well.

#### **Serious Flaws:**

- Narrow, long and pointed rib cage, narrow and flat chest
- Very large body type, too long and flat back plane,
- Missing tail sword feathers
- Missing leg feathers
- Missing feathers on the toes
- other then five toed
- Conjoint of the 4th and 5th toes and the absence of toe separation
- Too thick and spread tail
- Chin or cheek beard and beard are not developed
- Large and very prominent wattles
- Large and very prominent earlobes
- The face is completely covered with soft epithelium without

## Serious flaws for the comb:

Flattened, conjoined, long-extending comb to the back of the skull [Comb should remain within the skull area, not exceed the boundaries of the skull tip (occipital bone)], a flat crest with no obvious papillae is indicated as a serious defect.

### **Color Variations:**

17 color categories are accepted:

Black, White, Buff, Blue, Gold, Splash, Brown, Red, Buff Mottled, Black Mottled, Brown Mottled, Blue Mottled, Gold Mottled, Partridge, Gold Porcelain (Mille-Fleur), Isabel, Cuckoo

Live weight of the rooster (age 25 hf): 700 g. Live weight of the hen (age 25 hf): 550 g. Minimum of hatching egg weight: 24 g

Egg Weight: 30 grams
Egg Color: cream color
Rooster ring size: 15mm
Hen ring size: 14mm

Table 1. Acceptable Color Combinations

Feather Color	Beak Color	Foot Color
Buff, Buff Mottled Brown, Brown Mottled, Red, White, Gold, Gold Mottled, Isabel, Patridge, gold porcelain (Mille-Fleur)	Yellow	Yellow
Black, Black Mottled, Blue, Blue Mottled, Splash,	Black/Dar k Grey	Black/Dar k Grey