

## BORDER FANCY CANARIES

The North American Border Club Standard of Excellence

The grand essentials of the Border Fancy Canary are type and quality. Without these all other aspects are useless. The general appearance is that of a clean cut, lightly made compact, proportional, close-feathered Canary showing no tendency to heaviness, roughness, or dullness, but giving the impression of fine quality and symmetry throughout.

**HEAD & NECK** 10 points. Head well rounded and neat when viewed from any angle, beak fine, eyes clear and positioned to rest on an imaginary line as an extension to the line between the upper and lower mandible of the beak, very slightly forward of the central point of the head.

Neck rather fine, in keeping with the head and flowing smoothly into the bodylines and of a sufficient length to give a free, jaunty look to the head carriage.

**BODY** 15 points. Well filled and nicely rounded running in a smooth downward curve from the gently, smooth rise of the shoulders to the point of the tail. The chest is also nicely rounded, but not heavy. The line of the curve to the root of the tail always being downward. Viewed from above and behind the body outline should be symmetrically pear shaped.

**WINGS** 10 points. Compact and carried close to the body, covering the back with primary and secondary flight feathers meeting at the tips. Out flight tips to meet at the root of the tail. Primaries and secondaries to be pointed.

**LEGS & FEET** 5 points. Legs of medium length and showing a little thigh.

The legs should be fine yet in harmony with the size of the bird and allowing it to adopt a gay, jaunty stance. Feet in keeping with the legs, both to be clean and without blemish.

**PLUMAGE** 10 points. Close, firm and fine quality, presenting a smooth, silken, glossy appearance, free from browiness, frill or roughness.

**TAIL** 5 points. Close packed and narrow, being nicely rounded and well filled in at the root.

**POSITION & CARRIAGE** 15 points. Semi-erect standing at an angle of about 60 degrees. Gay and jaunty with a full poise of the head.

**COLOR** 15 points. Rich, soft and pure, as level in tint as possible throughout but extreme depth and hardness such as color feeding gives, are debarred. Any exhibit being color fed will be disqualified.

**SIZE** 5 points. The ideal length from the top of the head to the tip of the tail is approximately five and three quarters (5-3/4) inches, length should be in proportion and balance with other features of the bird.

**HEALTH** 10 points. Condition and cleanliness shall have due weight.

