

Standard Description of the Harlequin Portuguese Canary

Body (Shape)/ Chest/ Wings: Long, thin and harmonious body. Slightly and uniformly rounded chest. Straight back, in the same line of the tail. Long wings, carried closed to the body without crossing, meeting just at the root of the tail.....20 pts

Crest/Head/Neck:

Head:(Crested Harlequin) Three-horn shaped crest (2 angles at the back and 1 virtual at the front) coming from the top of the head and then falling symmetrically without covering the eyes and the beak.

Head: (Plainhead Harlequin) Long and thin head, straightening the skull towards the beak.

Beak: Strong and proportionate.

Eyes: Bright and well visible

Neck: Well molded, pointing out very clearly the head and body.....15 pts

Size: 16 cm. (6.2 in).....15 pts

Color: Variegated, multicolored with presence of the red factor.

Balanced presence of melanin and lipochrome. Artificial coloring is obligatory.....10 pts

Plumage: Compact, smooth, silky, glossy and adherent to the body.....10 pts

Position/Movement: Erect standing (55 deg angle) and haughty.

Elevated body. Alert and jaunty, moving confidently.....10 pts

Legs: Strong, long, slightly bent and preferably variegated.

Well visible thighs.....10 pts

Tail: Long, thin, slightly bifurcated at the tips, and preferably variegated....5 pts

General Condition: Clean and healthy. Liveliness and good

adaption to the show cage.....5pts

TOTAL = 100 points

SHOW CAGE: Colour Canaries type show cage with 2 round perches 12 mm in diameter, 12cm apart.

