

CANADIAN SHOW ROLLER

Origin: Southern region of Ontario Province, Canada. The Canadian Show Roller was legitimized in 1963 with a standard of perfection and a national Canadian club. For 40 years, the Canadian Show Roller has evolved as one of the most popular breeds in Canada.

Appearance: The Canadian Show Roller is medium size in length and has nicely rounded shoulders of a medium width. Their body is long with a shallow keel and graceful proportions that taper to the tail. This breed should have a well-muscled firm body and tight fitting feathers. The head shape appears as a gracefully curved oval that should be in proportion to the body. The back skull should be properly developed and smoothly flow into the neck. The eye and cere color should blend with the appearance of the bird. The beak size should be in proportion with the size of the head, and the wattles are to be fine in texture. Their necks are to be of medium length, fairly stout at the shoulders, and gradually taper to the head. Both clean legged and grouse legged (with only the toes showing) birds are acceptable. Long or "spiked" muffs are considered to be a grave fault. The Canadian Show Roller should appear to be alert and full of life and has the appearance of being erect and bold.

Color and Markings: They are bred in almost any color and pattern. Ideally, in "marked birds," ten white primary flights on each wing are preferred, but lacking them is not a fault.

General: In breeding, the Canadian Show Roller birds having odd or cracked eyes, split tails, drooped wings, stained beaks, foul flights, or body and head feather creases should be avoided as these features are considered to be faults. These hardy and alert birds are prolific breeders and are available in almost any color and pattern.