## Saint Pigeons Standard

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Origin: - United States. at Saint Louis, Missouri. 1958. The variety is named after the city of Its origin.

**General characteristics**: - Of medium size with an upright. alert stance- appears larger because of feathering. Prominent characteristic is the arching feather structure of the neck, which is firm at the back of the neck, yet loose and fluffy on the sides.

**Breed Characteristics:** - Head. rounded with prominent forehead; a medium face is desired. Eyes. pearl colored, surrounded by well developed red ceres. Beak, flesh colored, medium length. Neck, medium length.

**Shell Crest:** - Long and thickly feathered, upright without curling. The crest follows the curve of the top of the head, highly placed and blending into the long feathers on sides of neck. The front feathers on the neck sides are thick and long and fall loosely away from eves so there Is no obstruction of side vision. These neck feathers reach forward and outward, going down the sides of the entire neck \* The feathers on the back of the neck are thick and long with no breaks, onina outward to blend in thickly with the crest.

Breast: Full and nicely rounded '

Wings: Medium length, carried tightly above tall; tip not crossed.

Tail: - Average length and carried nicely closed.

**Legs:** - Medium length. Stockinged or grouse muffed. One Inch feathers cover legs and toes completely.

**Feathering:** - Abundantly well developed, especially the neck. It is wished that the body be not too long so as to give a cobby. Tumbler-type appearance.

**Sub-Varieties:** - The Saint Is also bred with a beak crest and slightly curled feathers on the wing shields (frilled). One or the other, or both ornaments, on an individual bird. The beak crest may be any of several forms, the most common being the upward swirl similar to the beak crested pigeons of China.

Colors: White Selfs, Splashes or Tigered.

**Faults:** Dark eyes, split color eyes, too large muffs, dark stained beak. lack of tightness and thickness and length in neck feathering. Too much length in body

**Judging Guidance**: - Due to the newness of this variety, tolerance must be given on eye color, face length. muff size and body feather length. The above Standard brings forth the goal of future Saints.

In conclusion, the Saint is a breed that offers all the excitement of creativeness in breeding future masterpieces. The Saint; an exquisite pigeon!