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<u>Origin:</u> United States in St. Louis, MO in 1958. The variety is named after the city of its origin.

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

Hood, Crest, Chain, Mane (40 pts.): 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 the eyes so there is no obstruction of side vision. These neck feathers reach forward and outward, going down the sides of the entire neck in an open arrangement. The feathers on the back of the neck are thick and long with no breaks, going outward and upward to blend in thickly with the crest. Crest: 15 pts. Front sides: 15 pts. Rear sides: 10 pts.

Muffs or Foot Feathering (10 pts.): Two types of muffs acceptable. Grouse legged boots under 2" and large muffs over 2". Small boots should be judged for toe coverage, shape and eveness. Large muffs should be judged for length and evenness.

Head (15 pts.): Eyes any color, providing both eyes are the same bright color. Eyes: 5 pts. Head shape rounded with prominent forehead; a medium face is desired. Head shape: 5 pts. Beak medium length, color to match body coloring. In the case of color patterns, the beak should match the face. Beak: 5 pts.

Stance (30 pts.): Neck, medium length: 5 pts. Breast full and nicely rounded: 5 pts. Wings medium length carried tightly above tail, tips not crossed: 5 pts. Tail average length and carried nicely closed: 5 pts. Feathering abundantly well developed, especially the neck. It is preferred that the body feathers be not too long so as to give a cobby, tumbler type appearance: 5 pts.

Color (5 pts.): May be bred in any color or symmetrical color pattern that enhances the breed. Colors should be clear and bright. Intense colors should have as much sheen as possible. Color classes, minimum 4 birds per class, with 2 breeders per class.

<u>Sub-Varieties:</u> The Saint is also bred with a beak crest and slightly curled feathers on the wing shields (frilled). Either or both may be present on an individual bird. The beak crest may be of several forms but must be symmetrical.

<u>Faults:</u> Lack of thickness and length in neck feathering, lopsided hood, bare toes, unmatched eyes.

<u>**Disqualifications:**</u> Muffs absent. Poor condition. Excessive trimming.