

Old German Owl (Altdeutsche Mövchen)

History,

the Original German 'Owl' and Ancestor of the Shield Owls, known as the Silbermöwe, recognised as the " Altdeutsche Mövchen" in 1956.

Overall impression,

medium size, well rounded figure, a 'workmanlike' Pigeon with Typical 'Owl' Characteristics, barely medium length Beak, well rounded Head, neat 'Cap' Crest and Jabot (Frill) are all typical of this breed.

Head,

desired round and broad, a good 'Vaulted' Forehead, a full but tightly fitting 'Cap' Crest with well closed, medium size Rosettes.

Eye,

large, lively, dark, Eye-Cere small, fine and pale in colour.

Beak,

barely medium length, strong and light in colour, set at an Angle to the Forehead, Beak-Cere small and blending into the Head Profile.

Neck,

short, strong, held with a slightly 'backward' Curve, Throat with a small but definite 'Dewlap', well formed 'Jabot' (Chest Frill).

Breast,

broad and carried 'foreward', well rounded. the Under body almost Horizontal carriage.

Back,

broad across the shoulders, tapering to the tail and sloping.

Wings,

strong, held close to the Body, the Back well covered, held on the Tail but not reaching the Tail Tip.

Tail,
well closed and desired short.

Legs,
short, the lower Thigh barely visible (covered by feathers), the Leg and Toes,
unfeathered.

Feather,
richly feathered, but tight and smooth.

Colours,
Shield-Mark in, Blue with Black or White Bar.
Light Blue with White Bar.
Blue Cheq'.
Black. Red. Yellow Shield.
Mealy Cheq'. Cream Cheq'.
Red Laced.
Mealy, Cream, Dilute Brown, Dilute Blue, all with or without Bars.
Aschefahl (Ash-Red).
Self White.
Tail-Marked in Black. Blue. Red and Yellow.

Colour and markings,
Black, Red and Yellow desired with deep rich colours.
Blue and pale colours with Clear/Clean and even Wing Shield colour.
White Bar Light Blue without a Black Bar edging (a fine 'Greyish' edge allowed) and
pale Primaries (not White) Bar to be Fine and across the Closed Wing.
the Chequer with even markings, with a Broad edging to each Wing Shield feather.
also with light and even Wingshield colour.
With Shield Marked Birds the Ground colour is White, with 7 to 11 White
Primaries, full coloured Wing Butts and Secondaries desired. (the Odd coloured
Feather in the Thigh is tolerated).
The Tail-Marked is White with a Coloured Tail and upper and lower tail-Coverts
(some white Feathers in Undertail Coverts permissible).

Faults,
too long in Body, small underdeveloped Breast,

flat or weak Forehead. long or 'angled' Head (not round).

Beak angle incorrect (Downfaced).

too high standing,

Crest too large, loose or deep-set, Rosettes missing or too low-set or too large or 'Open'.

Beak too long, too short or thin.

Beak-Cere too large and protruding.

Eye-Cere too large or Red colour.

Neck Feathering too loose and 'Open'. missing or badly formed Jabot(Frill). Wings not held on the Tail.

bad colour and markings, poor Lacing,

uneven Chequering. White Feathers in the Shield or Colour in the White, less than 7 White Primaries, or more than 11, a difference in number of more than 2 White Primaries either side. flecking in the Secondaries, more than 4 white Feathers in the Wing-Butt('Thumb' feathers),

Tail-Marked Birds, White or Missing Tail Feathers, many white Feathers in the Undertail Coverts, colour feathers anywhere on the Head or Body.

Order of importance,

Breed type, Body Form. Head and Beak. Crest and Jabot.

Markings and Colour.

Ring size: 7

*Note, when German Standard states 'Angle',

they always mean a 'Right-Angle' formed by a Line Through the Closed Beak-Line with the Forehead.

Translation from the German of the new OGO Standard (checked by a German Judge as well!)