

American Poultry Association

Excerpt from bylaws regarding Admission of New Breeds and Varieties

SECTION 2. Admission of Breeds and Varieties

- a. A petition for recognition of any breed or variety of any domestic or foreign breed must be sent to the Secretary at least one year prior to the first qualifying meet giving the history of its origin, breeding background, and with facts of educational nature, all of which shall be preserved in the records of the Association. Included shall be the proposed name of the breed or variety with a standard for shape, color and weight, written in the same style and format as the Standard of Perfection and included with the petition, with copyright assigned to the American Poultry Association, Inc. The proposed breed must manifest at least three (3) differences from existing standard breeds, this to be determined by the Standard Committee.
- b. Affidavits shall be included from not less than five breeders, of 18 years of age or older, stating they have bred the breed or variety for not less than five years and that it produces not less than 50% of all specimens reasonably true to type, color, size and comb. One of the five breeders will act as the spokesperson for the group and all correspondence will be between him or her and the Standard Committee. All five (5) breeders must be APA members for a minimum of five (5) years before the first qualifying meet can take place.
- c. Certificates showing four (4) or more specimens have been exhibited in each class of cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets in each of the preceding two years at a show officiated by a licensed A.P.A. judge. The Standard Committee shall contact the judge for his or her confidential opinion of the quality and uniformity.
- d. A deposit of the sum sufficient to defray the actual cost of placing the text in the Standard shall be received with the petition, which amount shall be returned in full in case of rejection.
- e. The petition will then be referred to the Committee on Standards who shall name the two (2) qualifying meets, the first at a regional show and the second at the Annual Convention. The meets are to be at least one (1) year apart and are to be judged by licensed A.P.A. judges that will be approved by the Standard Committee. Such qualifying meets shall consist of not less than twenty-five (25) specimens for a new variety and fifty (50) specimens for a new breed exhibited by at least five exhibitors in equal numbers of cock, hen, cockerel and pullet. All exhibitors participating at the qualifying meet must be members of the Association at the time of judging.

- f. When satisfied of the breed or variety, the committee may recommend its acceptance, subject to final approval by the Board of Directors, upon which it becomes a recognized breed or variety.
- g. No petition for subdivision of any Standard variety shall be entertained by the Committee on Standards except in Turkeys.
- h. The Association recommends that the applicant for a new breed or variety of bantam apply for a joint meet for recognition with the American Bantam Association
- i. If the breed or variety fails to meet the qualifying standards another qualifying meet will not be scheduled for a minimum of six (6) months. An additional fee will be required to offset the costs of the added meet

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Application for Admission of New Breeds and Varieties Checklist

Petition for Admission of Breed or Variety, including the following pieces:

- ✓ **History of the breed or variety origin, breeding background, and other general information**, portions of which may be used to compose any introductions to a Standard description as needed.
- ✓ **Proposed breed or variety name, draft Standard description (written in the format matching the current Standard language)** and including information on shape, color and Standard weights.
- ✓ **An executed statement assigning the copyright for the breed or variety description to the American Poultry Association, Inc.**
- ✓ **Signed breeder affidavits** from at least five breeders stating they have bred the breed or variety for not less than five years and that it produces not less than 50% of all specimens reasonably true to type, color, size and comb.
- ✓ **Show certificate (at least two, one for each of the preceding two years)** documenting that four(4) or more specimens have been exhibited in each class of cocks, hens, cockerels and pullets in each of the preceding two years at a show officiated by a licensed A.P.A. judge. The APA Standard Committee shall contact the judge for his or her confidential opinion of the quality and uniformity. Shouldn't this be changed to the Standard Committee?
- ✓ **A deposit of the sum sufficient to defray the actual cost of placing the text in the Standard** shall be received with the petition, which amount shall be returned in full in case of rejection. This is currently \$300 per variety, or \$600 for a new breed, as of January 1, 2015.

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Qualifying Meet Requirements Checklist

Once the Standard Committee accepts the application for admission of a new breed or variety, the committee will set a qualifying meet and assign a judge to place the birds at that meet.

- ✓ The qualifying meet judge will use the draft proposed standard descriptions as the guide for evaluating the birds entered.
- ✓ The qualifying meet must consist of the following: at least 50 specimens shown for each variety being considered, shown by a minimum of 5 valid and distinct exhibitors, with birds shown in each of the four classes (cocks, hens, cockerels, pullets).
- ✓ The qualifying meet judge will be required to complete the APA qualifying meet form outlining his or her assessment of the breed or variety and recommendations regarding whether they demonstrate sufficient quality to be admitted. The Standard Committee will then review that form and report to the APA Board of Directors on the qualifying meet, including the Standard Committee's recommendation regarding the admission of the new breed or variety.
- ✓ The APA Board of Directors then votes on the recognition of the new breed or variety.

Show Certificate

Confirmation of Poultry Show Exhibition of the <insert Breed/Variety here>

This certificate, duly signed, confirms that a minimum of 4 cocks, 4 hens, 4 cockerels and 4 pullets in the above breed and variety were exhibited and judged at the show indicated.

Show Name: _____

Show Date(s): _____

Breed: _____ Variety: _____

Number of this breed and variety exhibited:

Cocks/Old Drake/Old Gander _____

Hens/Old Duck/Old Goose _____

Cockerels/Young Drake/Young Gander _____

Pullets/Young Duck/Young Goose _____

Name of officiating APA licensed judge who placed the above breed and variety:

Signed _____
Show Secretary

Date _____

Please return form in the envelope provided to:

Insert breed club name here
Insert breed club address here

Or

The American Poultry Association

Breeder's Affidavit

I, <print name>
am providing this affidavit to indicate that I have raised the **<insert breed and/or variety, including large fowl or bantam if appropriate>** for no less than five years, and that this variety has bred at least 50% reasonably true to type, color, size and comb. I am providing this affidavit in support of the **<insert breed club or other applying organization, entity, or person>**, which is seeking admission of the **<insert breed and/or variety, including large fowl or bantam if appropriate>** as a recognized variety in the American Standard of Perfection.

Note: Breeders may include any additional information they wish to add concerning this breed or variety, the original development or source of stock, their experience in raising or breeding them, etc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____