

## BENGALESE STANDARD

### 1. TYPE:

- Head: Round from the top of the bill to the nape of the neck following the line of the topside of the upper mandible. The dorsal line should flow smoothly from the head to the back without a nipped neck. Eyes should be in the centre of the head.
- Body: Slightly rounded having a smooth flowing profile but balanced and evenly proportioned. It is to stand proudly and clear of the perch. Chest: Full and rounded with the line continuing to the vent, tapering towards the tail.
- Wings: Compact and carried close to the body, with tips just meeting above the rump.
- Tail: Should be a continuation of the bodyline, slightly concave to the back but itself straight. Wedge shaped, with the central feathers being the longest.

### 2. MARKINGS:

Clear and well defined. Variegated (white) markings to be as symmetrical as possible. Scalloping on under parts to be distinct, fine and uniform.

### 3. COLOUR:

Pure rich & uniform in shade, as defined under the colour standards.  
Beak, legs & feet are to match the predominant feather colour. Mostly-dark birds to have solid dark coloured beak, legs & feet to match the base colour (chocolate, chestnut or fawn) of the bird. Mostly-white birds to have either solid pink or solid dark colour beak, legs & feet. White birds to have solid pink legs and feet.

### 4. CONDITION:

The bird should give the appearance of vitality, and radiant good health. It should not be overfat or slim. The feathers should be fully grown, smooth, close, tight and have a good sheen. No scars, imperfections or sign of injury should be apparent.

### SCALE OF POINTS

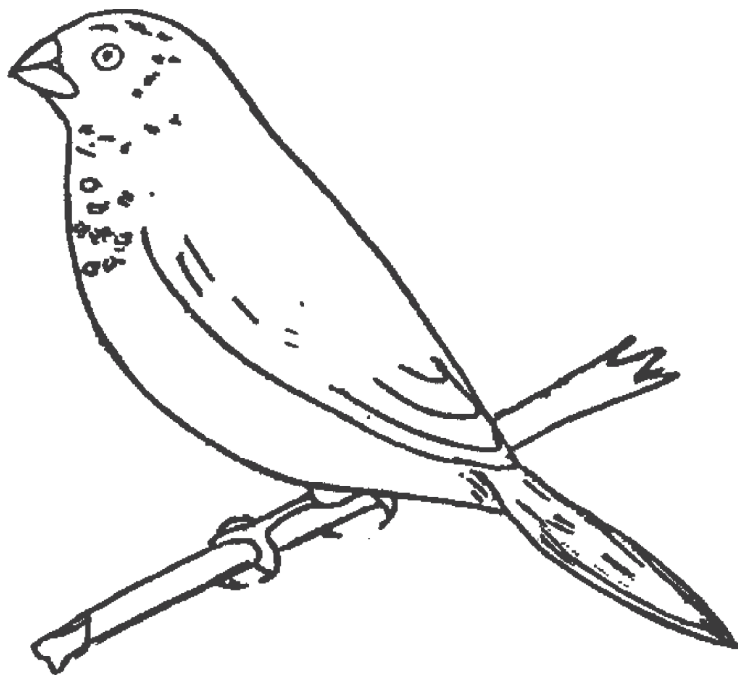
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## COLOUR AND CLASSIFICATION FOR BENGALESE FINCHES

- (a) Chocolate Series: Colour to be distinct and bright.
- (b) Fawn Series: As above.
- (c) Crested: Covers all colours. Crests must be clearly defined of unbroken round shape and lie well. Double, split and crest feathers that stand upright are show faults.
- (d) Selfs: Self explanatory. Birds must not exhibit any secondary colours
- (e) Dilutes: Found in all series of colour. The shade of dilution should be even all over the bird and the self colour of bird is virtually a pastel shading of the chocolate or fawn.

## N.Z. BENGALESE BREEDERS SOCIETY STANDARD SHOW CAGE

- Timber: 6.4mm.
- Size: Overall measurements -  
Length 280mm.  
Height 229mm.  
Depth 120mm.
- Top: Length 280mm, Width 95mm with 25mm finger hole in centre, 38mm from back edge to centre of hole.
- Bottom: Length 280mm, Width 117mm.
- Ends: Height 216mm, Width 117mm, with top front corner rounded to 19mm diameter curve.



- Door: 89mm diameter in centre of right-hand end, hinged at the top and with suitable exterior metal fastener or metal clip.
- Back: 3mm hardboard or plywood nailed outside.
- \*Bottom rail: 267mm x 38mm measured from inside cage bottom.
- False roof: 267mm x 102mm. Fix from inside of cage bottom to inside of false roof 172mm (as measured inside cage).
- Wire Front: Bow front  $1/2\text{in} = 12.7\text{mm}$  punch bar with 20 wires of 16 gauge with a drinker hole on the centre bottom, the size of a five cent piece (19mm). There is to be a punch bar rail 89mm from the cage bottom and two punch bars at the top 6mm apart to take the 19mm curve.
- Note: Owing to the unavailability of  $1/2\text{in} = 12.7\text{mm}$  punch bar, Conference gave approval for 9-16 punch bar to be used, this would mean 2 less wires on the wire front but would not be noticeable.
- Perches: 82mm overall, 10mm in diameter. Boss at back of perch 19mm diameter x 13mm wide. Perches not painted.
- Fixing Perches: With screws and small washers. Position screwhole in cage back 95mm from outside edge of each end and the centres of the perch are level with the punch bar 89mm from the cage bottom.
- Drinkers: To be black and to be attached on outside front at drinker hole.
- Colour: Inside and wire front to be finished with "Aqua" (Dulux paint). Outside finished in black enamel.
- \* Cages with the longer front rail that is mortised into cage ends or bottom are also acceptable.