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SCALE OF POINTS

Head:	Round and neat when viewed from any angle. Eyes near centre, dark and bright	15
	Beak fine	5
Neck:	Moulded smoothly into body, showing curve at nape	5
Body:	Back well filled and nicely rounded. Chest also nicely rounded but not heavy, the line gradually tapering to the vent	25
Wings:	Compact, carried close to body, just meetings at the tips	
Tail:	Close packed and narrow, nicely filled in at root	10
Legs:	Medium length showing little thigh. Feet proportionate	
Colour:	Rich, soft and pure, as level in tint as possible throughout	25
Plumage:	Close, firm and fine, presenting a smooth glossy, silky appearance and free from fill or roughness-	
Position:	Semi-erect standing at about 60° angle	15
Carriage:	Alert and jaunty	
Condition:	Clean and in perfect health	5
TOTAL		100
Note:	1. Colour feeding is prohibited. 2. Size not to exceed 140mm in length, measured in the official way.	

The grand essentials of a Border Canary are type and quality. The general appearance is of a clean-cut, compact, proportionate, sprightly, close-feathered canary, showing no tendency to heaviness or roughness, but giving the impression of fine quality and symmetry throughout.

THE BORDER CANARY SHOW CAGE

- Wooden Frame:** Made of 6mm wood 312mm long x 108mm wide x 44mm high joined by corner post 6mm square and 76mm high rounded above the frame (top 32mm) surrounded by approved wood turnings 35mm high x 10mm wide. The base is a 4.5mm plywood, extending 3mm beyond the frame on all sides. All wood edges to be rounded including top of base and seed drawer cover. The fitting of a seed drawer is now optional.
- Wire Frame:** Front & back have a single wire 14 gauge wire straight up from corner post through wood turning until 241 mm from base of cage, then curving until 292mm from base of cage at centre, then dropping on the same angle to the other corner post. Between the ends are 22 evenly spaced upright wires. A shaped wire passes across the front and back between the corner posts. This wire curves gently until at the sixth upright it reaches a height of 63mm from the top of the wood base, then passes straight across the cage until the sixth upright wire from the other end when it again curves down to the top of the corner post.
- Ends:** Seven evenly spaced wires shaped to match the front and back wires join the two ends and are held in place by seven short wires running across. Two of these cross wires join the ends immediately above the wood turnings, and two join the top corners, one joins across the top in the centre and the other two halfway between the centre and the two ends. All cross wires to be laced with fine wire. All ends to be turned outwards and soldered at all joints.
- Door:** On end above seed drawer and to be of rise and fall type sliding on the first upright end wire.
- Drinker:** A 22mm square drinker hole situated in the front between the sixth and eighth wires, the bottom being the front shaped wire with a wire holder for a plastic drinker of approved shape and size.
- Carrying Loop:** Approximately half of a 50mm circle fitted to top centre spacing wire.
- Perches:** To be 16mm with a bevel cut on each end at an angle of 45 degrees. Bevel to face floor. Perches to be on ninth wire from end.
- Summary:** The overall size will be a wood base 317mm x 120mm x 44mm. All edges rounded and a wire frame 241 mm from cage bottom at ends and 292mm at centre. All wire 16 gauge, except front and back which is 14 gauge. Whole cage to be painted glossy back.