

SHOW ROLLER

Origin: The Show Roller is a descendant

of the flying performing roller. This variety was developed in the United States.

Description: The Show Roller is a medium sized bird that is somewhat larger and heavier than its flying ancestors. (Standing approximately 7 1/2 to 8 inches tall and weighing between 12 and 17 ounces, depending on age and sex.) They have wedge shaped bodies, broad shoulders, and deep chests. From the wattle, the head curves backwards to the top of the skull and then smoothly joins with the neck. The beak and eyes can be any color, however the eye colors should always match. The legs are sturdy and short. The wings are folded tightly against the body and appear to be an integral part of it. The tail is tightly packed and extends 5/8 of an inch past the wing tips. Feather condition is very important and the entire bird should have a coat of feathers displaying a sheen indicating health and maturity. The overall appearance of the bird should be that of a well-proportioned and balanced pigeon. Additionally, good show specimens should feel hard in the hand and have a very muscular body.

Color and Markings: Show Rollers are bred in many colors and marking patterns. The addition of "rare" or "unusual" colors is a continuing process.

General: Through selective breeding, this variety has evolved into a captivating pigeon with natural station and showing ability. Its expression in the show pen is very noticeable. The Show Roller is calm in the show pen and responds well to the judge