

Dutch booted bantam society

Society for preservation and cultivation of the
Dutch booted bantam

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The Dutch booted bantam

Purebred poultry of long-standing reputation

The Dutch booted bantam is one of the oldest breeds of poultry. Proof of its long history can be found on a work by sixteenth century Dutch painter Adriaan van Utrecht, depicting these bantams.

Booted bantams show a characteristic abundance of feathers on legs and feet.

This dense mass of feathers is like a pedestal to the bantams. The long wings slant downwards and rest on the long stiff leg feathers that resemble with sabres the Dutch name for this breed is sabre leg bantam.

There are 21 recognized color varieties of the Dutch booted bantam. The oldest and best known variety is mille fleur, a beautiful combination of three colors – yellow ochre, black and white – on each feather. In the Netherlands a further distinction is made between normal and bearded booted bantams, a fully recognized variety

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