# A Comparison of Three Irish Fancy Standards

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This is for informational use only and is provided to show how the standard varies from one place to another.

For showing purposes, the United Irish Fancy Canary Society uses the first standard (which is the same as the Standard in Ireland) for judging

The second standard is the Official C.O.M Standard

THE THIRD STANDARD IS FROM A
BRAZILIAN BOOK CALLED
"Canários de Porte
Manual de Julgamento e Standards"

## IRISH FANCY CANARY

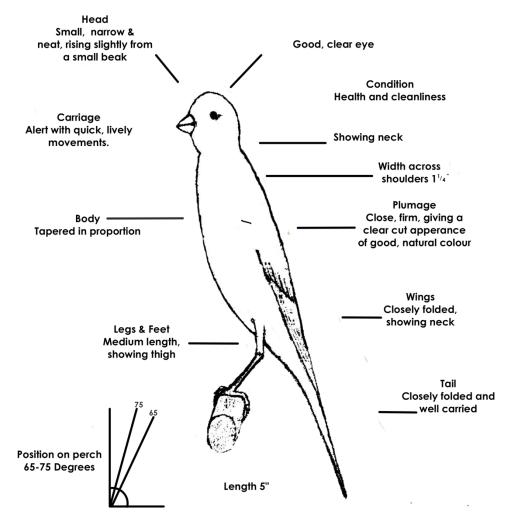
HISTORY: The Irish Fancy Canary Society was founded in 1975 when a number of devoted canary fanciers came together. The main aim was to promote the Irish Fancy Canary as a show bird of "type" and the show cage is now almost fully accepted throughout Ireland. The formation of the IFCS introduced and adopted a standard of excellence. The first AGM was held in Athlone, Co. Westmeath where the Athlone Urban District Council extended a "Charter of Welcome" to the society. The original reply from the society.



It was difficult at the beginning since cages of all shapes and sizes were used. The introduction of the standard show cage met with a lot of opposition. Old fanciers were slow to conform to the new specifications laid down. A two-year transition period was allowed for the changeover and it was eventually accepted universally. The influx of new member to the society is still increasing yearly.

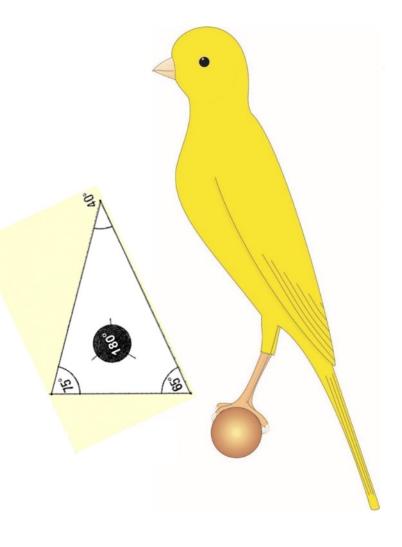
At the inaugural AGM held in 1976 Mrs. C Bolger was appointed secretary. The amount and work and dedication given by Mrs. Bolger and her late husband Matt to the promotion of the society was immense. The prospect of this delightful bird taking its place in the world of aviculture is most encouraging. In recent years over 7000 rings have been issued annually to Irish Fancy Canary Society members. The strength of the society can be seen in this figure and the fact that approximately 1000 exhibits are staged at the annual show.

## Irish Fancy Canary Standard



| Head           | Small, narrow and neat, rising slightly from a small beak and with a good clear eye.               | 25 points  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Body           | Width across shoulders 1 ¼ inches. Body tapered in proportion. Wings closely folded, showing neck. | 15 points  |
| Tail           | Closely folded and well carried.                                                                   | 10 points  |
| Plumage        | Close, firm, giving the clear-cut appearance of good natural colour.                               | 15 points  |
| Carriage       | Alert with quick, lively movements. Position on perch 65-75 degrees.                               | 15 points  |
| Legs & Feet    | Medium length, showing thigh.                                                                      | 5 points   |
| Condition      | Health and cleanliness.                                                                            | 15 points  |
| Total points   |                                                                                                    | 100 points |
| Length of Bird | 5 inches                                                                                           |            |

## Irish Fancy



|                           | Standard                                                                                                             | Excellent | Good | Sufficient | Insufficient |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------|------------|--------------|
|                           | Approved Cervia 2018                                                                                                 |           |      | •••        |              |
| Head<br>20                | As seen from the front a small heak                                                                                  |           | 18   | 17         | 16≥          |
| Body<br>20                | Shoulder width: 1.29 inches. Spindle shaped body, fine proportionate. Wings well-adherent to the body. Visible neck. | 19        | 18   | 17         | 16≥          |
| Plumage<br><b>15</b>      | Λ goo natural color                                                                                                  |           | 13   | 12         | 11≥          |
| Movement and position 15  | Alert with rapid movements and energetic.                                                                            |           | 13   | 12         | 11≥          |
| Size<br>10                | Size 192 to 511 inches maximum                                                                                       |           | 9    | 8          | <b>7</b> ≥   |
| Tail<br><b>10</b>         | Closed and well carried                                                                                              | 9         | 9    | 8          | <b>7</b> ≥   |
| Legs and<br>feet<br>5     | feet Average length.                                                                                                 |           | 5    | 4          | 3≥           |
| General<br>condition<br>5 | condition All colors are allowed, except red.                                                                        |           | 5    | 4          | 3≥           |

### JUDGMENT SHEET



Exhibitor



| Breeders Number | Ring(s) | County |  |  |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--|--|
|                 |         |        |  |  |

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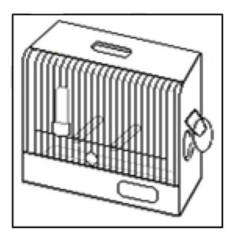
| Description           |                          |  |  |      |       |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|------|-------|
| Cage Number           |                          |  |  | Е    | Class |
| Head                  | 20                       |  |  |      |       |
| Body                  | 20                       |  |  |      |       |
| Plumage               | 15                       |  |  |      |       |
| Movement and position | 15                       |  |  |      |       |
| Size                  | 10                       |  |  |      |       |
| Tail                  | 10                       |  |  |      |       |
| Legs and feet         | 5                        |  |  |      |       |
| General condition     | 5                        |  |  |      |       |
| TOTAL                 | 100                      |  |  |      |       |
| All colors are        | Total for the stamm      |  |  |      |       |
|                       | Harmony                  |  |  |      |       |
| allowed except red    | Total for the collection |  |  |      |       |
| Date:                 | Location:                |  |  |      |       |
| Judges:               |                          |  |  | RANK | ING   |

### **Observation**

## **Show Cage:**

Type B ≪ Color Canary≫ with 2 round perches spaced 4.72 inches apart

Diameter 0.472 of an inch



All colors are allowed except red

## Modifications / update

| Modified           |           | Last modification    |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| On the proposal of |           |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| OMJ Country        |           |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard           |           | Judgment<br>sheet    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accepted           |           | Refused              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Observation:       |           |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Observation:       |           |                      |  |  |  |  |  |







#### From the Brazilian Book – Canários de Porte – Manual de Julgamento e Standards

ORIGIN: BRITAIN, IRELAND

HISTORY: This breed, only a few years ago, was years has been spread to Europe and the world, despite having existed for a long time. Around the 1970s, along the east coast of Ireland, particularly in County Wexford.

In Wexford, the Irish were breeding and show a type of canary in the UK, which for many years for many years, they called the Irish Roller. Over time and years of selective breeding a standard was breeding a standard was established and, the name ~ became "IRISH FANCY". As the breed progressed its popularity spread throughout spread throughout Ireland and, in 1978 to promote the study to promote the study, development, breeding and breeding and exposition of this beautiful little canary, the Irish Fancy was

founded the Irish Fancy Canary Club of Ulster - IFCC. IFCC.

From the early years, the club grew and held its first show in the town hall of Coleraine in November 1988 and every year since then until today. In 2008 the World Ornithological Confederation - C.O.M.. recognized the Irish Fancy as a new breed of posture canary and official publishing the Standard in News #003.

#### IRISH FANCY IDEAL

The head is small and narrow with the forehead rising to a high rounded top, with well centered eyes. Perfect and proportional beak. The head is connected to the body by reverse curves that perfectly detach it from the body.

Spindle-shaped body. The back and chest should have slight convexity, and at the level of the shoulders, the back should have a maximum width of 1.3 inches.

The ideal size is 5 inches.

The wings should be perfectly adherend to the back, without any crossing.

The tail is closed and proportional.

The legs should be of medium length, and thighs should be visible.

The plumage should be compact, short with good natural color, leaving the contours visible. No dyes are allowed.

The bird must be in an alert position, with quick and energetic movement. The position should be between 65 and 75 degrees (in relation to the perch).







| ITEM                 | Max Points | # Penalty | PENALITIES |      |            |              |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------|------------|--------------|
| II E/VI              | Max Poiris | Points    | Excellent  | Good | Sufficient | Insufficient |
| HEAD                 | 25         |           | 2          | 3    | 4-5        | 6 or more    |
| BODY                 | 15         |           | 1          | 2    | 3          | 4 or more    |
| PLUMAGE              | 15         |           | 1          | 2    | 3          | 4 or more    |
| POSITION & MOVEMENTS | 15         |           | 1          | 2    | 3          | 4 or more    |
| GENERAL<br>CONDITION | 15         |           | 1          | 2    | 3          | 4 or more    |
| TAIL                 | 10         |           | 1          | 2    | 3          | 3 or more    |
| LEG & FEET           | 5          |           | 0          | 0-1  | 1-2        | 2 or more    |
|                      | 100        |           |            |      |            |              |

#### COMMENTS ON THE TABLE'S ITEMS

#### 1. HEAD - 25 POINTS

Item of greatest importance and, according to experienced breeders, the most difficult in the breed standard. Large heads should be strictly penalized, as well as the flat top that leads to the positioning placement of the eyes too close to the top of the head. The absence of the reverse curves of the chest and back, should be penalized according to the degree of imperfection in relation to the ideal, in the item body. Eyes badly positioned, beak not proportionate, should be penalized, as well as the presence of eyebrows. The ideal being a narrow head, the presence of pronounced cheeks should be penalized, because they give more width to the face of the bird.

#### 2. BODY - 15 POINTS

Flat or concave back should be strictly penalized, as well as a back elevated beyond the ideal limit, should also be penalized: the defect causes similarity to the back of an inferior quality Steak. Wide backs and lack of definition of the reverse curves that define the neck should also be strictly penalized. Intense birds that slightly exceed the maximum size should be strictly penalized. Buff birds under the minimum size will hardly ever appear, but those that exceed 5.4 inches, should be penalized with extreme severity. Long wings whose tips extend beyond the beginning of the tail, should be penalized. Wings that are lowered, crossed, or with apparent abutments should be penalized severely. Very short wings, even of perfect positioning, should be penalized.3. PLUMAGE - 15 POINTS

The plumage must be tight and loose feathers that change the contour of the bird are not allowed. Protruding feathers should be penalized. Loose feathers on the neck, back and belly should also be penalized. Faded or faded birds must be penalized. Artificial coloring is not allowed.

#### 4. POSITION AND MOVEMENTS - 15 POINTS

Birds with very low position (45-50°) should be penalized severely. Birds that are lethargic, should be penalized.

#### 5. GENERAL CONDITION - 15 POINTS

Dirty birds, both in the plumage and non-feathered areas should be penalized. Scales on the feet are penalized under this item.

#### 6. TAIL - 10 POINTS

Open, wide or very large tails, should be penalized severely.

Tails lacking 1 or 2 feathers or lacking the shape of a cigarette holder should be penalized. Tails lowered or too high should be penalized.

#### 7. LEGS AND FEET - 5 POINTS

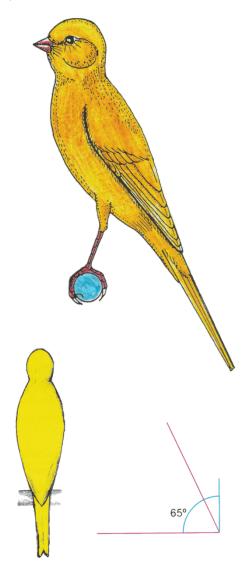
Shins that are too short or too long should be penalized.

Thighs that are totally invisible should be penalized severely. Imperfections in the toes and nails, should be penalized according to the degree of imperfection.

#### Breed Technical Summary: IRISH FANCY

- Head 25 points
  Small, narrow, round and well defined,
  with a small beak and perfectly visible eyes.
- Body 15 points
  Spindle-shaped, well-proportioned, with:
  Length: 5 inches.
  Width at shoulder level: 1.3 inches.
  Wings: well attached.
  Neck: well defined
- Plumage 15 points
  Close and compact, giving a perfect outline, with good natural color.
- Position and Movement 15 points
  Attentive, with quick, energetic movements.
  Position on perch: 65 to 75 degrees.
- General Condition 15 points
  Good health and cleanliness.
  All natural colors are admitted
  Pigmented or carotenoid, not allowed.
- Tail 10 points
  Closed, in line with the body, and well proportioned.
- Legs and Feet 5 points

  Medium length, with visible thighs



Perches: Type color canary with 2 round perches with ½ inch diameter aligned and 4.7 inches apart between them.

#### **DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS:**

- Birds that are larger than 5.3 inches in size.
- Birds that have a shape different from the standard.
- Birds that do not have neck indentations.
- Pigmented, carotenized birds.