

The small budgie on the exhibition in Belgium

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This year show season the two greatest Belgium bird clubs **A.O.B** and **K.B.O.F** related with **COM** decided to give permission to show the small budgies on their shows.

They will be put in separate sections separated from the standard budgies we all know. Question is of the budgie breeders are ready to this change. What is the point of view of the specialized budgie clubs and W.B.O. ?

I know that other countries have already organize this shows and created in that way the interest in budgies for young people. It would be nice to have an article with their point of view.

Second question is the standard of those birds.

K.B.O.F. have already a standard, A.O.B. is working on it.



As an example some lines out of the K.B.O.F standard

The little budgie is approved as small grass parrot with indication of the color work.

TYPE:

The bird must show a beautiful slim figure. The backline shall be substantially straight, but still slightly inwards (a small nod). The widest point of the bird is at the wing bends, they continues to be a narrow type. No bump and / or backpack prevention.

Headline

The head is small and narrow focus should be without forehead curvature. That both in the front and side view. The back of the head should show no rear fill but gradually to move in a little nod, and then in the backline. From the cere the line of the head is going backwards to the backline.

Neck

The wing bends; there is a small incursion to the somewhat pointed head form. The neck is somewhat long to mention.

Beak:

The upper beak is completely visible. The beak is rather higher than longer, to the sides and the top rounded. The upper beak is almost perpendicular bent down. It must not disappear into the feathers.

Eyes

Should be clear, frank and well-placed from the front, behind skull and top of the head. The eyes must be clearly visible not only in the front and the side view. They stabbing, as it were from the head. The color of the eyes will differ according to the mutation.

Wings:

These should be worn tight, without crossing, to just above the encounters. The wing length should be proportionate to the body and in 45:100 ratios. The wing length is measured from the wing bend to the tip of the longest primary feathers. Seven primary wing pins to be wholly matured visible.

Tail:

The tail is straight and compact and consists of 12 fully mature tail pins. This long tail, the middle feathers far beyond the other out, is stepped so that the outer pair is only one third part of the extended length of the middle pins. The length of the extended tail pins is about 10cm and should be proportionate to the body. In a tightly closed tail, only the two long tail pins visible.

Legs:

The legs are thin, slim and relatively high and with long toes and nails. Compared with the whole bird, the toes rather long.

Size:

The small grass parakeet has a length of up to 18 cm, measured from the crown of the head to the tip of the tail.

Condition:

Is a prerequisite if the bird is not in shape it can never high rating given. The perfect condition may be defined as a bird is fully feathered. The feather, the glossy display, which evidence of good health and show preparation. All body parts intact and are of normal form.

Gender:

Like in standard budgies depending the mutation

Mask:

The mask is intended to be brief from the front view at the bottom of round shape with 6 regularly distributed spots, not too large and in proportion with the small mask. 4 spots visible, 2 are hidden under the cheek patches. They have to be round and max. 2mm.

So far some lines out of that standard.

My concern is the length of the bird. Knowing that the wild budgerigar is 12,5 cm I think that 18 cm as a maximum is too high. Perhaps better would be a maximum of 15 cm, I prefer 13 cm.

Time will tell if this statement will be a plus for the fancy or a no.