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Netherlands' national bird on show in Canberra

Over a thousand birds make their way to the Royal Canberra National Poultry Show this year, which starts on Saturday 12 June 2010 at Exhibition Park in Canberra, in the Fitzroy Pavilion.

For the first time the Poultry Show introduces egg classes. Eggs are judged on colour and uniformity of shape and size. Colours are not only just brown or white but also could be green or blue.

The feature breed Barnevelder is one of the rarer breeds originating from the Netherlands. The strikingly handsome dual purpose bird has been bred for its dark brown eggs and for its meat qualities.

One breed of fowl, the Spanish, who have not exhibited for sometime, have returned for the 2010 Show with their striking facial features of white against black.

Six judges will judge 75 different breeds in accordance with the Australian Poultry Standards, which assesses the birds on colour, condition and carriage.

A variety of backyard birds and ducks will be on sale at the Show.

Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory Jon Stanhope will open the Show on Saturday 12 June at 11am.

Mr Geoff Cannock, CEO of the RNCAS and Mr Bruce Patterson, Section Head of the Royal Canberra National Poultry Show will be available for interview.

The Show will be open to the public from 9am to 5pm Saturday and 9am to 2pm Sunday.

The 2010 Royal Canberra National Poultry Show is sponsored by ActewAGL and Professional Home Improvements.

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