2017 Breed Catalog



Ravenwood Acres

 $Heritage\ Poultry\cdot Tamworth\ Swine\cdot Dexter\ Cattle$

in the coop

We have a variety of poultry breeds for you to choose from at Ravenwood Acres. We can provide these breeds to you as hatching eggs or as chicks depending on your locale.



OUR BREEDS AT A GLANCE:

STANDARD:

Buff Brahma | Chocolate/Black English Orpington | Cream Legbar | Golden/Silver Campine | Malines | Marraduna Basque (Euskal Oiloa) | Rainbow Eggers | Salmon Faverolles | Spangled Russian Orloff | Welsummer | White Chantecler

BANTAM:

Barred Plymouth Rock | Chocolate Mottled Cochin (project) | Partridge Silkie/Showgirls

BUFF BRAHMA: Brahmas, in general, are gentle giants with well-feathered legs and feet and profuse, fluffy feathering. The brahma breed was originally designed for meat production, though the hens do lay relatively well and are great setters and mothers. The Buff was the last variety added to the Brahma breed and as such, it still requires

some work on size and plumage, often being bred back to other Brahma varieties to increase size and correctness of type. That said, they still possess the wonderful quiet calm demeanor and friendly nature that all Brahma possess, and they are



cold tolerant and a good candidate for our Canadian winters. This fancy breed of chicken makes a great pet too – a natural choice for children or 4-H projects.

Chicks available on wait list only.

EGGS: -- | CHICKS: \$12 each (unsexed)

CHOCOLATE ENGLISH ORPINGTONS: The Orpington was bred to be an excellent layer with good meat quality. Their large size and soft appearance together with their rich color and gentle contours

make them very attractive, and as such its popularity has grown as a show bird rather than a utility breed. Not only is the Orpington a striking exhibition bird, but the breed is prized for its docile nature. They are exceptionally hardy during the winter months and continually lay eggs in cold weather. Orpingtons will mature slowly, and begin to lay medium to



large brown eggs at around 24 weeks. They handle confinement relatively well or can be free-ranged. They go broody very often, and make great mothers. Being rather heavy, they are only able to fly small distances but rarely do, so they work well as backyard birds. The Chocolate variety was only recently imported to Canada, and we are extremely proud to have a lovely flock of them! This pen will produce black/blue split to chocolate cockerels, and chocolate/mauve sexable pullets.

EGGS: \$8/egg | CHICKS: pullets \$20/ea, cockerels \$10

CREAM LEGBAR: The Cream Legbar (or Crested Cream Legbar) is one of the most popular autosexing breeds seen today, in part due to their beautiful blue eggs. Cream Legbar chicks can be sexed by their

down colour at hatch, thereby making it one of the most desirable backyard chickens as most bylaws restrict the possession of cock birds in urban areas. We have a combination of Greenfire and Reese lines in our flock, as do most CL flocks here in Canada. Many of the original imports of this breed did not necessarily possess the proper 'cream' genetic component and thus the British Reese line's popularity as stellar show stock and 'proper' colouration became the standard to have. We feel diversity is important and have continued to use our original lineage even though this



doesn't always produce proper colouration. I have found them to have a much larger egg and this seems to produce a more robust bird, which we feel is a necessity in Canada. We like our extra cockerels to be useful too (most are butchered) so we prefer a bird on the larger end of the spectrum. In addition to their lovely blue eggs and fanciful crests, we love the look of the hen's soft ruddy chest and mousy plumage. They are friendly birds and the cocks are very showy with their barred feathers and showpiece combs. We have also found them to be very consistent layers and highly recommend these to our customers for variety and fun! Our flock will produce crested, and non-crested.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: pullets \$20/ea, cockerels \$10/ea

GOLDEN CAMPINE: The Campine was originally developed in Belgium for its laying ability, and though they are mainly bred for ornamental purposes nowadays, they still lay a fair number of mediumlarge white shelled eggs. Campines are close feathered with beautiful bright gold colouration and pronounced black barring on the body. They have a large red single comb that often flops to one side and big beautiful dark eyes. The legs of a Campine are dark slate. Males of are considered to be "hen-feathered," which means they do not develop the characteristic feathers that are typically prominent in roosters: sickle feathers, pointed neck feathers, and saddle hackle feathers.



The breed is less cold hardy than some birds and their large showy combs can be prone to frostbite, but with a little winter protection they are well worth the effort! The birds are very alert and inquisitive, love to forage, and though they tend toward flightiness, they are friendly. We breed primarily the Golden variety but have brought in the Silver in order to provide our customers with sexable chicks this year.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: pullets \$20/ea, cockerels \$10/ea

MALINES: Also known as Coucou de Malines, Belgian Malines or Mechels, these birds are a heavy-bodied, fast-growing meaty breed that provides a viable heritage alternative to commercial broilers. Though nothing can compare to the custom made commercial broiler for speed of finish and food conversion, the Malines grows rapidly

enough to produce a decent carcass between 12-16 weeks, while free ranging, and without the health compromises that broilers often experience during their short lives. Malines should mature with cock birds obtaining weights of 10-13 lbs and hens at 8-10 lbs live weight. The breed has striking black and white barred plumage, feathered legs, and snow white skin. They lay a plethora of light brown eggs that are large to Jumbo in size! They are a rather 'gangly' breed, especially during adolescence, as a



result of their rapid growth, but they mature into large friendly birds which possess a docile and amusing demeanor, not particularly smart, and rather animated with their huge feathered feet. Beyond their utility, they do make a standout addition to the flock because of their size and appearance. They also seem to be quite hardy in our winters. This breed can be sexed at hatch as males tend to be grey versus black. We are offering them as sexed this year.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: pullets \$20/ea, cockerels \$10/ea

MARRADUNA BASQUE (EUSKAL OILOA): These birds are relatively unknown in North America, but make a big impression on anyone introduced to them. The 'Marraduna Basque Hen', or Euskal Oiloa (oo-skal oy-oh-ah) as they are also known, is definitely a contender for the title of "ultimate homesteader's chicken" as they have high fertility rates, low chick mortality, mature quickly, lay



approximately 220 eggs per year and since 2008 have been included on the "Ark of Taste" list by Slow Food International for their flavorful meat. What other bird can accomplish such feats and look this fantastic doing it? These amazingly friendly and comical birds have charm, personality, and beautiful coloration. The Marraduna rooster is distinguished by its beautiful golden barred plumage, upright carriage and large bright red comb and wattles. The hens are buff colored with minimal markings and they lay large, shiny, light brown eggs. One of my

all-time favourite breeds and I will never be without them.

Sadly, we lost our handsome cock bird and unable to produce these until further notice.

EGGS: -- | CHICKS: --

RAINBOW EGGERS: Our

Rainbow Eggers are comprised of a variety of hens (pure and f1/f2 Easter & Olive Eggers) covered by 2 lovely Splash Ameraucana and a Black Copper Marans!







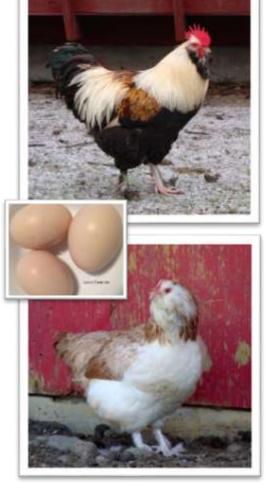
You never know what you will end up with in this mix, but the resulting hens will produce a rainbow of egg colours for you, from brown to green to pink and blue! A fun and frivolous mix for the layer house!

EGGS: \$3/egg | CHICKS: \$10 each, unsexed

SALMON FAVEROLLES: Faverolles are one of our favorite chicken breeds. They're wonderfully odd-looking, with muffs, a beard, feathered feet and

five toes. Hens are beautiful, with snowy breasts and fluffy white faces, while their backs are a lovely muted salmon colour, sometimes with white lacing. Roosters are huge and magnificent, parading around with a virtual rainbow of colors. The roosters are noted for being particularly calm and dignified, and make great additions to the home flock since they are not as aggressive as some other breeds.

The hens lay medium-sized light brown or creamy eggs in prolific numbers, and they are good winter layers, too. They are quiet, friendly, gentle birds that can actually become very affectionate towards their keepers and are an ideal breed for children. They are alert and active, and the hens make very good broodies and mothers. They are not particularly athletic, so are easy to keep in a safely fenced area. Despite the 'backyard favourite' status of this fantastic



breed, it is still listed as Threatened with the American Livestock Conservancy. Salmon Faverolles can be sexed by plumage at the age of 2-3 weeks. We offer these as straight run (1-4 day olds), or as sexed, but because we need to brood them, taking up space, time and feed, for 2-3 weeks before we can accurately sex them, this is reflected their price. We highly recommend this breed.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$12 each, unsexed OR pullets \$28/ea, cockerels \$12/ea

SPANGLED RUSSIAN ORLOFF:

The RUSSIAN ORLOFF chicken is tall and upright, with a very thickly feathered neck, yellow legs, minuscule wattles and a cushion/raspberry comb. The chief distinction of the Russian Orloff chicken, besides its gamey looks, is the extreme hardiness of the breed. This is a breed that will tolerate cold and foul weather and survive when other breeds cannot. Russian Orloffs are indifferent layers of light brown eggs. They are classified as non-broody and are noted to be calm in temperament. They were primarily favored for meat production, though they are noted for being hard fleshed. A rare breed in the western part of the world, the Orloff is considered critically endangered by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. We are working with and handful of other dedicated Orloff breeders to achieve APA recognition of the breed.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$12 each, unsexed





WELSUMMER: The Welsummer originated in the village of Welsum Holland and is known for its large, dark, terracotta coloured eggs, often spattered with dark speckling. These beautiful birds are also well known from their role in American advertising! The Kellogg's Corn Flake Rooster, "Cornelius" is a Welsummer. They have a wonderful disposition and are one of the friendliest breeds on the farm. Though



considered a 'light' breed, we like ours to have a bit of body so that extra cockerels can be better used for utility.

Welsummers can be sexed at hatch and we offer these as sexed or straight run. This trait makes them a good breed for those who don't have space for cock birds. The female has a dark and very well defined line extending beyond her eye towards her ear as well as a dark triangle on top of

her head. On the male, this line and triangle is lighter and not well defined.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$12 each, unsexed OR pullets \$20, cockerels \$10

WHITE CHANTECLER: The CHANTECLER is the only breed of chicken that originated in Canada! The breed is noted for having very small wattles and a small cushion comb, the comb appearing much like a small round button sitting low on the head. An excellent layer of light brown eggs and a good winter layer, the breed is also noted for being



calm, gentle, and personable. This unique and very attractive dual purpose chicken breed, was declared a "heritage" breed in Quebec by parliament, and is relatively unknown by the rest of Canada. Sadly, the breed is currently noted as

having critical status by the American Livestock Conservancy and by the Society for the Preservation of Poultry Antiquities, and endangered by Rare Breeds Canada. As a result, this is one of our pet projects here at Ravenwood Acres, as we strive, alongside other Chantecler breeders, to increase awareness and numbers of this national treasure while keeping true to the Standard of Perfection.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$12 each, unsexed

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK: The Bantam Barred Rock chicken, as they are commonly known, is the bantam sized version of the standard Barred Rock breed. This charming breed makes a great backyard chicken and a great show bird with its docile disposition and nature, not to mention the striking black/white barred plumage!



Available for order in May

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$10 each, unsexed

CHOCOLATE MOTTLED COCHIN: Cochins are known the world over for being big friendly balls of fluff and feathers and the bantam

variety is no exception! While the standards reportedly say they don't lay very well, we haven't had that issue with our bantams. The Bantam Cochin is very popular because of their sweet personality and fantastic mothering qualities. They are very gentle, friendly, excellent broodies, require little space, and with their many colour varieties are absolutely beautiful to look at. We have the striking black Mottled variety which we are using in a project pen to create Chocolate Mottled and possibly Mauve Mottled. This pen is currently

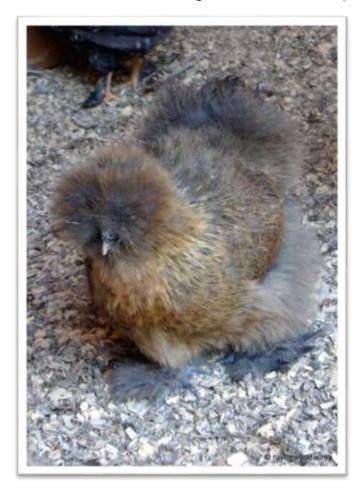


producing black/blue split to chocolate & mottled cockerels, chocolate/mauve/chocolate & mauve mottled sexable hens. We also have a Black/Blue/Splash Bantam Cochin pen which will be available in May 2017.

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: Chocolate Pen: pullets \$15/ea, cockerels \$10/ea | Blue pen: \$10/each, unsexed

SILKIES & SHOWGIRLS: The Silkie is a bantam sized chicken known for their nearly black skin, turquoise ear lobes, hair like feathering and fifth toe. They

are not only unique to look at, but also extremely kid friendly, excellent broodies and mothers, and one of the most popular breeds at poultry shows. Hens are often used to raise chicks of other breeds and because of their docile nature. They take to confinement well, and make excellent pets and backyard chickens. Calm, friendly, trusting, and rather lively birds, they are unable to fly and do not see well as a result of their profuse head plumage, so be sure to have adequate protection from predators for them. Despite their appearance, they are robust little chickens and can withstand the cold quite well, keeping in mind that their feathers do not trap heat as well as a regularly feathered bird. The breed is also renowned



for their meat carcass as they are good solid little birds for their size. As always we like to promote utility in our breeds, but we are also focused on breeding to APA standards to produce show quality stock. We are working primarily with the Partridge variety and have several Showgirls in the pens as well. Showgirls are Silkies that possess the 'naked neck' gene so you will get the odd naked neck in your hatches! Some people think they are funny looking, but trust me, you will fall in love with them!

EGGS: \$5/egg | CHICKS: \$10/ea, unsexed

Other Poultry

BELTSVILLE SMALL WHITE

TURKEY: Considered a fine bird for family use, young Beltsville turkey hens weigh 10 pounds and young toms weigh 17 pounds. The Beltsville Small White is quite rare and primarily bred by few exhibition breeders; however, in recent years there has been a revival of interest in this variety. Efforts are underway to locate and conserve any remnant flocks in the United States and Canada.





COTURNIX QUAIL: Coturnix quail in their native lands are migratory birds. They were captured, and kept for their singing ability (which is funny since they don't sing really, but the male will do a "koo-tur-nix!" call during breeding season- hence their name), they were then bred for their egg and meat production.

We are building our breeding stock but may have cots available in summer 2017

on the pond

We got our first ducks in 2013, followed by our geese in 2014, and it didn't take long for us to realize how much we enjoyed them! They are incredibly hardy, in comparison to chickens, very entertaining to watch, and while they don't lay as frequently, we are very impressed with how many eggs we do get from them, plus they make excellent table birds. The geese make fantastic 'watch' birds and are excellent at warning us of anything unusual going on at the farm, not to mention their excellent fertilizing abilities.

Our breeds are listed on the following pages, though some are not yet available for sales.



ANCONA DUCK: Considered a 'middle-weight' duck, the Ancona most likely originated from Runner duck and is considered in critical status by the Livestock Conservancy. The Ancona is a hardy, adaptable, all-purpose duck. It is an excellent layer, typically laying 210-280 white, cream, or blue eggs yearly. The Ancona also grows

relatively quickly, and produces high quality meat that is more flavorful and less fatty than that of most Pekin ducks.
Anconas are well suited for situations where they can forage for some of their food. They make excellent pond or yard ducks since



they tend to stay close to home, do not fly under normal conditions and are large enough so that they are less likely to be preyed upon by winged predators. Typically they have moderately calm temperaments and make fine pets, not to mention their unusual markings! This year we have set up our pen so we can produce sex-linked chocolate females and black split males. No more guessing until those drake feathers grow in!

EGGS: \$5 | DUCKLINGS: Females \$20, Males \$12

CALL DUCK: The bantams of the duck world, Call Ducks were developed as live decoys, to "call" in the wild ducks for hunting. These little darlings are very popular for today's hobbyist or breeder of exhibition poultry. They are small and thus are more easily cared for,



requiring much less space and feed. Calls feature short, deep bodies and heads which are high crowned, wide in skull, and a bill which is very short and very wide. One common characteristic of the Call needs to be taken into consideration if noise would be a problem: the females have a very loud quack or call. Even though they have not been selected for their calling ability for many generations, they retain a tendency to be

noisy when excited. They come in a variety of colours. We breed the White and Gray (mallard) varieties. Young Calls will only be available in fall as we sift through our breeding stock. Watch our site for sales lists. Only available as overstock in fall

MANDARIN: Few other birds don such a dramatic and colorful costume for breeding as the male Mandarin Duck! The drake mandarin's stunning plumage has long made it an artist's favourite, and it is widely depicted in oriental art. Mandarins favour small wooded ponds and avoid lakes or large bodies of open water. They are extremely manoeuvrable fliers, able to fly through trees with remarkable agility, so they require a fully enclosed pen or they will escape. They



frequently perch in trees, while the female invariably chooses a hole or cavity in a tree trunk in which to lay her eggs. After hatching, the ducklings jump to the ground: their fluffy down and lightweight ensures that injuries are unusual. In their native China mandarins have long been regarded as symbols of fidelity and pairs were given to brides on their wedding day. In fact mandarins, like most ducks, only pair for the season, and new pairs will form again in the autumn.

Only available as overstock in fall

MUSCOVY DUCK: Muscovy are the only domestic ducks that are not derived from Mallard stock. Also known in culinary circles as the Barbary Duck, the Muscovy is a large, hardy perching duck that is native to South America. Despite the breed's tropical origins, it adapts well to cooler climates. Some people consider them ugly because of the large red warty caruncles above the beak and around the eyes. They are, however, very

personable and interesting birds, and quite intelligent. Unlike most domestic waterfowl, Muscovy will often fly up and roost and they can literally climb fences. Despite

> their ability to fly, they tend to fly around rather than flying away! The other interesting thing about Muscovy is that

they don't quack, but they do huff and make other funny sounds. The meat of the Muscovy is unlike that of the other domestic ducks. It is not greasy and is much more like veal than like poultry. They are very prolific, but tend to lay eggs in spurts, and they make excellent mothers if allowed to go broody and hatch their own clutch. In addition to all these other positives, they are fantastic foragers and love to eat flies! These traits make them ideal to keep in your pastures to help control insect populations around your livestock. On the down side, they do poop ... a lot! Our pen will produce chocolate, black, blue, blue fawn, possibly lavender and buff.

EGGS: \$5 | DUCKLINGS: \$12 (unsexed)

WELSH HARLEQUIN DUCK: A

descendant of the Khaki Campbell, the Welsh Harlequin has become a very popular breed due to their multipurpose characteristics. They have excellent egg production abilities, laying approximately 250+ eggs per year, yet retain the instinct to sit and hatch a nest full of ducklings. They lay beautiful white to light blue tinted eggs. They are calm, inquisitive and excellent foragers. They can also make an outstanding dressed bird as their down feathers are almost exclusively white making their carcass as pretty as a pure white bird. They are an attractive bird, especially the feather patterns and colors on the adult females. Like most ducks, they tend to be a bit noisy when roused, but their antics are a

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pleasure to watch! There are two variations of Welsh Harlequins: Silver and Gold. Ours are the more common Silver variety.

EGGS: \$5 | DUCKLINGS: \$12 (unsexed)

SEBASTOPOL GOOSE: Sebastopol are probably the most unique in appearance – they are medium-sized birds which are known for their long curling feathers. A good specimen has feathers that are curly all over the body. It is hard to keep their feathers in pristine condition, but it is possible if you provide a mud free environment with lots of water for washing. Sebastopol geese aren't quite as cold hardy as other goose breeds because their feathers do not lay flat, and do not insulate them as well. Wind easily fluffs their feathers and any heat held by the feather is quickly lost. So in very cold weather they will spend more time inside than other breeds and should be given adequate housing to accommodate this need. Fertility also seems to be a problem with some lines of Sebastopols, along with lower than normal egg production. We are working with white, grey, blue and lavenders.

Geese are only available as overstock in fall



in the barn

TAMWORTH SWINE: The beautiful red Tamworth pig is known traditionally as a 'bacon pig' because its meat is less fatty than 'lard pig' varieties. They are particularly known for great-tasting, lean meat with good texture. The breed has a history as a British forest pig that grazes, and this foraging ability gives the fresh Tamworth meat a



distinctive
flavourful
taste. It takes a
bit longer to
grow a
Tamworth to
market weight,
but the flavour
of the meat
alone makes this
heritage breed
worth the effort.
Tamworth are
hardy, with

good farrowing and mothering capabilities, and they perform very well outdoors, especially when grazing on pasture. We will have Tamworth and Tamworth X weaners available several times per year and we are very excited to be able to provide registered seed stock in 2017 for other breeders who wish to aid in keeping this fantastic breed going! We are currently the only breeder in BC listed in the Canadian Swine Association membership with registered Tamworth stock.

Please contact us for availability.

DEXTER CATTLE: Dexter cattle are the smallest of the European cattle breeds, being about half the size of a traditional Hereford and about one third the size of a Friesian (Holstein) milking cow. They were considered a rare breed of cattle, until recently, but are now considered a recovering breed by the Livestock Conservancy. The Dexter breed originated in Ireland. Dexters are classified as a small, friendly, dual-purpose breed; used for milk and beef. Beef animals are expected to mature in 18 months and result in small cuts of high quality lean meat, with little waste. The expectable average dress out is 50 to 70 percent. The beef produced by Dexters is well marbled and tends to be darker. Dexters also produce a rich milk, relatively high in butterfat (4%) and the quality of the milk overall is similar to that of the Jersey.

Dexters have been enjoying a resurgence in many countries, especially with small hold farmers. The popularity of Dexters has been fueled by a desire for organic food, health concerns over factory farming, and



soaring food prices. The cows are exceptionally good mothers, known for easy calving. All our Dexters are registered with the Dexter Cattle Association.

Please contact us if you wish to be on the list for one of our Dexters.

This order form is for hatching eggs (shipped) or hatchlings (local pick up only). For breed/pen details, visit our website. Please ask questions PRIOR to ordering. Packages are shipped every Monday beginning mid-March, pending sufficient laying and fertility. We accept deposits/payments by cash or via EMT or PayPal to ravnwood@telus.net. All orders require a non-refundable deposit of \$20. Payment must be made in full prior to shipping or at the time of pick up. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the buyer.

First Name:	Last Name:
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BREED SELECTION

Please enter the number of eggs or hatchlings you wish to order. Hatchlings are priced as 1-4 day olds, unless otherwise noted, and must be picked up within 48 hrs. MAXIMUM 1 DOZEN EGGS/PER BREED PER ORDER; MAXIMUM 6 PULLETS PER BREED PER ORDER.

CHICKENS – SEXED	# EGGS	# CKRL	#PLT
Chocolate Mottled Cochin Project (Bantam)	X \$5	X \$10	X \$15
Chocolate (Eng)/Black & Splash Orpington	X \$8	X \$10	X \$20
Cream Legbar	X \$5	X \$10 X \$20	
Golden/Silver Campine	X \$5	X \$10	X \$20
Salmon Faverolles (require 2-3 weeks to sex)	X \$5	X \$12	X \$25
Malines	X \$5	X \$10	X \$20
SEXED CHICKS ARE AVAILABLE BY WAIT LIST ONLY. YOU WILL BE	NOTIFIED WHEN YO	OUR CHICK	S HAVE
CHICKENS – STRAIGHT RUN	# EGGS	# CHICKS	
Barred Plymouth Rock (Bantam) – available May 2017	X \$5		X \$10
Breeders Choice – will only contain a selection of pure breeds	X \$5	n/a	
Buff Brahma – available by wait list only, please specify # chicks	n/a	X \$12	
Partridge Silkie/Showgirl	X \$5		X \$10
Rainbow Egger Mix	X \$3		n/a
Spangled Russian Orloff – limited – Max 6 eggs per order	X \$5		X \$12
White Chantecler	X \$5	X \$12	
Welsummer	X \$5		X \$12
WATERFOWL	# EGGS	# DUCKLINGS	
Ancona (Black/Chocolate)	X \$5	X \$12	X \$20
Muscovy (Chocolate/Blue)	X \$5		X \$12
Welsh Harlequin	X \$5	X \$12	
Packaging	\$5		
Total	\$		\$
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