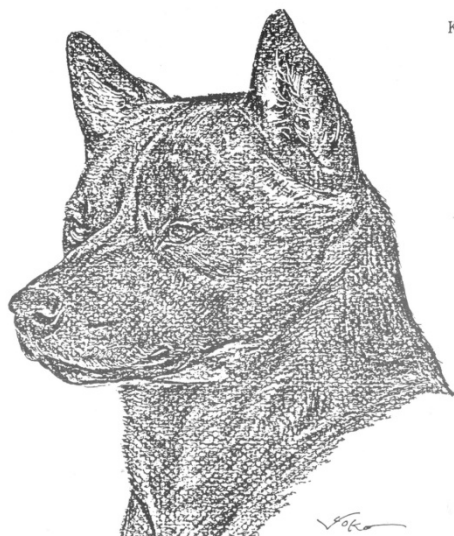


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**ORIGIN:** Japan

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE ORIGINAL VALID STANDARD:** 20.12.1994.

**UTILIZATION:** Hunting dog, companion.

**CLASSIFICATION FCI:**

Group 5 – Spitz and primitive type.

Section 5 – Asian Spitz and related breeds.

Without working trial.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** This breed originated from medium-sized dogs that existed in Japan in the ancient times. It became established as a breed in the Kai district (Yamanashi Prefecture), which is surrounded by mountains. Another name for this breed is « Kai tora-ken ». A distinguishing feature in this dog is its brindled coat. These dogs are used mainly for hunting wild boar and deer. Their strong inclination to form a pack is thought to contribute towards maintaining the purity of the breed. The breed was designated as a « natural monument » in 1934.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Medium-sized dog, well balanced, sturdily built, muscles well developed. The dog has the characteristics of a dog living in mountainous districts of Japan. Limbs strong and hocks remarkably developed.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTION:** The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 10 : 11.

**BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT:** The temperament is keen and very alert.

## **HEAD**

### **CRANIAL REGION:**

Skull: Forehead broad.

Stop: Abrupt with slight furrow.

### **FACIAL REGION:**

Nose: Black, nasal bridge straight.

Muzzle: Pointed, not very long, but moderately thick.

Lips: Tight.

Jaws/Teeth: Strong with a scissor bite.

Cheeks: Well developed.

Eyes: Relatively small, nearly triangular and dark brown in colour.

Ears: Slightly larger than those of other medium-sized Japanese dogs, triangular, slightly inclining forward and firmly pricked.

**NECK**: Thick, powerful and muscular.

### **BODY:**

Withers: High.

Back: Straight and short.

Loins: Broad and muscular.

Chest: Deep, ribs moderately sprung.

Belly: Well tucked up.

**TAIL**: Set on high, thick, vigorously curled or carried curved like a sickle over the back. Tip nearly reaching the hocks when let down.

## **LIMBS**

### **FOREQUARTERS:**

Shoulders: Moderately sloping with developed muscles.

Elbows: Close to the body.

Forearm: Straight, heavy and muscular.

Pasterns: Slightly inclining.

**HINDQUARTERS:**

Upper thighs: Long.

Lower thighs: Short.

Hocks: Tough and elastic.

FEET: Toes well arched and tightly knit; pads thick and elastic; nails hard and preferably dark in colour.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT:** Light and resilient.

**COAT**

HAIR: Outer coat harsh and straight; undercoat soft and dense. The hair on the tail is fairly long and off-standing.

COLOUR: Black brindle, red brindle and brindle. As a feature of this breed, solid colour in puppyhood may turn brindle as the dog grows.

**SIZE:**

<u>Height at withers:</u>	Dogs	53 cm (approx. 20-21 inches)
	Bitches	48 cm (approx. 18-19 inches)

There is a tolerance of  $\pm$  3 cm.

**FAULTS:** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

- Bitchy dogs/doggy bitches.
- Light-coloured nose.
- Slightly overshot or undershot mouth.
- Light-coloured eyes.
- Long or short hair.
- Shyness.

**ELIMINATING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Extremely overshot or undershot mouth.
- Ears not pricked.
- Hanging tail, short tail.
- Faded colour.
- Coat with many white spots.
- Extreme shyness.

Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioral abnormalities shall be disqualified.

**N.B.**: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.