

Northern Japanese Spitz Club

Breed Standard



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The Standard: Fit for Function - Fit for Life

The Kennel Club has pioneered a new standard which focuses on ensuring that Breeders, Judges and Puppy Buyers are aware of the opportunities to work with the KC on health related issues and reminds them that a dog's health should be the most important consideration in any decisions they make.

This includes halting the trend towards exaggeration in certain breeds, encouraging participation in and funding of research into health testing, the education of Judges and developing even further the Assured Breeder Scheme.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Profuse, Pure White, Stand Off Coat. Pointed Muzzle, Triangular shaped ears standing erect. Well plumed tail carried high over back. Overall quality of body firm and strong. Ratio of height to length 10:11.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Affectionate, Companionable. Slightly Chary at first meeting with strangers.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, Intelligent, Bold and Lively.

HEAD AND SKULL:

Head medium size, without coarseness. Wedge shaped when viewed from above. Moderately broad slightly rounded skull, broadest at occiput. Well defined stop, forehead not protruding. Muzzle in proportion to head, tapering to a small black, round nose. Lips black, firm and tight.

EYES:

Dark, Moderate Size, Oval Shape, Set rather obliquely and not too wide apart, Black eye rims.

EARS:

Small, Triangular, Standing Erect, Set High, Facing Forward, Not too wide apart.

MOUTH:

Jaws Strong with Perfect, Regular and Complete Scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK:

Strong, Arched and of Moderate Length.



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FOREQUARTERS:

Moderately sloping shoulder, upper arm of sufficient length to ensure that elbow is vertically below the point of withers. Forelegs straight. Elbows firm and tight, pasterns slightly sloping.

BODY:

Slightly Longer than High when measured from point of shoulder to buttock and from floor to withers. Chest broad and deep. Ribs well sprung, belly firm with moderate tuck up. Back straight and short full of flexibility. Loins broad and firm with slight rise over croup.

HINDQUARTERS:

Well-proportioned and balanced. Muscular, moderately angulated. Hind legs parallel to each other when viewed from rear.

FEET:

Small, round, cat-like and well cushioned. Pads black, nails preferably dark.

TAIL:

Moderate length, well plumed, high set, carried curved over the back.

GAIT:

Light, nimble, active, energetic and very smooth.

COAT:

Outer coat straight and stand-off. Profuse, short, dense undercoat, soft in texture. Shorter on face, ears, fore- and hind legs and below hocks. Remainder of body covered with long coat. Mane on neck and shoulders reaching down to brisket. Tail profusely covered with long hair.

COLOUR:

Pure White.

SIZE:

Height at shoulders: Dogs: 34-37 cms (13.5-14.5 inches). Bitches: 30-34 cms (12-13.5 inches).

FAULT:

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 and its effect on the health and welfare of the dog.

NOTE: Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.