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KISHU



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This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.

ORIGIN : Japan.

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UTILIZATION : Hunting dog, companion.

FCI-CLASSIFICATION : 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 ancient times. It became established as a breed in the mountainous districts in Kishu (Wakayama and Mie Prefecture). Initially, these dogs' coats were often marked with conspicuous colours such as red, sesame or brindle. From 1934, however, only solid colours were accepted for this breed; conspicuously marked coats had disappeared by 1945, never to reappear. Currently, white coats may be found in this breed. These dogs are used for hunting, now mainly wild boar, but at one time also deer. The breed took on the name of the region where it was bred. It was designated as a « natural monument » in 1934.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Medium-sized dog, well balanced and muscles well developed. The dog has pricked ears and a curled or sickle tail. The conformation is strong, well boned and compact.

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

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Dog of noteworthy endurance, showing nobility, dignity and naive feeling. The temperament is faithful, docile and very alert.

HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :

Skull : Forehead broad.

Stop : Rather abrupt, with a slight furrow.

FACIAL REGION :

Nose : Black, flesh colour permitted with a white coat. Nasal bridge straight.

Muzzle : Fairly thick, wedge-shaped and tapering.

Lips : Tight.

Jaws/Teeth : Strong, with a scissor bite.

Cheeks : Relatively well developed.

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

Ears : Small, triangular, slightly inclining forward and firmly pricked.

NECK : Thick 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, carried vigorously curled or curved like a sickle over the back, the tip nearly reaching to the hocks when let down.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS :

Shoulders : Moderately sloping with well developed muscles. Shoulder joints moderately angulated.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS :

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Extremely overshot or undershot mouth.
- Ears not pricked.
- Hanging tail, short tail.
- Shyness.

N.B.:

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES

