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JAPANESE TERRIER
(Nihon Teria)

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

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UTILIZATION : Toy dog.

FCI CLASSIFICATION : Group 3 Terriers
                     Section 2 Small sized Terriers
                     Without working trial.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY : This breed was created by mating smooth-haired Fox Terriers, exported to Nagasaki from the Netherlands in the 17th century, to small-sized pointers or small-sized native dogs. Japanese Terriers were kept mainly as lap-dogs in ports such as Kobe and Yokohama.

The Japanese Terrier has a lively and cheerful character. Its planned breeding started around 1920, and it was not until about 1930 that its type became fixed.

GENERAL APPEARANCE : Small-sized dog of smart appearance with a clear-cut and compact outline. The coat is very short, being about 2 mm in length.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS : The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 1 : 1. The nasal bridge and the skull are equal in length.

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT : The Japanese Terrier is swift and lively in temperament.
HEAD

CRANIAL REGION :
Skull : Flat and moderately narrow.
Stop  : Not too defined.

FACIAL REGION :
Nose  : Black with a straight nasal bridge.
Lips  : Thin and tight.
Teeth : Strong and white, with a scissor bite.
Cheeks : Lean and free from fullness.
Eyes  : Moderately sized, oval in shape and dark in colour.
Ears  : Set on high, moderately small, thin, V-shaped and dropping forward. But carried folded and standing out from sides of the skull permitted.

NECK : Moderately long, strong, gradually thicker towards the shoulders and free from throatiness.

BODY :
Withers : High.
Back : Short and firm.
Loins and croup : Slightly arched and powerful.
Chest : Deep, but forechest no too broad. Ribs well sprung.
Belly : Well tucked up.

TAIL : Moderately thin; docked at the third or fourth joint.

LIMBS

FOREQUARTERS :
Shoulders : Sloping gently.
Forearms : Straight, bones not too heavy.
HINDQUARTERS:
Thighs: Long.
Stifle joint: Moderately angulated.
Hock joint: Moderately angulated.
Hock: Vertical.

FEET: Tightly closed, pads elastic; nails hard and preferably dark in colour.

GAIT / MOVEMENT: Light and agile.

COAT
Hair: Short, smooth, dense and glossy.
Colour: Tricolour with black, tan and white head; white with black spots, black markings or tan markings on body.

SIZE: Height for both dogs and bitches: approximately 30 - 33 cm.

FAULTS:
Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered as a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.
- Slightly overshot or undershot bite.
- Bicolour.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:
- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Long hair.
- Extremely overshot or undershot bite.
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

Skull
Ear
Nape
Crest
Neck
Shoulder
Withers/top of shoulder
Back
Loin
Croup
Set of tail
Point of buttock
Thigh
Tail
Hock joint
Rear pastern
Hind foot

Forehead
Stop
Foreface
Nose bridge
Nose – point of nose
Muzzle
Upper jaw
Chin
Lower jaw
Corner of the mouth
Cheek
Throat
Point of shoulder
Prosternum/point of chest
Upper arm
Bristlet
Forearm
Wrist
Pastern
Forefoot

Elbow
Underline
Line of belly
Chest/Rib cage
Flank
Stifle joint (Knee)
Lower thigh