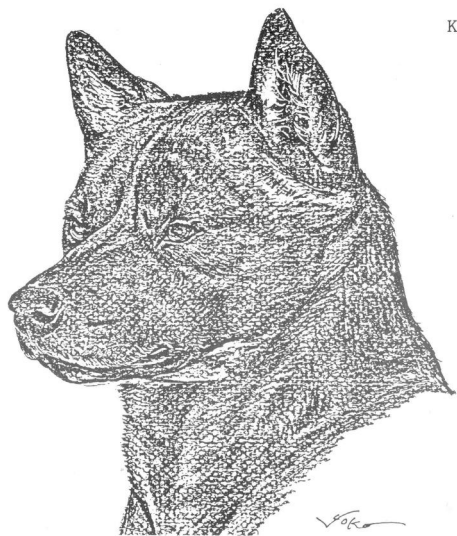


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ORIGIN : Japan.

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UTILIZATION : Hunting dog, companion.

CLASSIFICATION F.C.I. : 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.
	Bitches	48 cm.

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

- 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 behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.

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