



FCI Standard No. 317

Kai Ken

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CLASSIFICATION F.C.I.:

Group 5.....Spitz and primitive type.

Section 5.....Asian Spitz and related breeds.

Without working trial.

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UTILIZATION: Hunting dog, companion.

ORIGIN: Japan.

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 brindle 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 color.

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 color.

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.

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

SIZE:

Height at withers: Dogs 53 cm. Bitches 48 cm.

There is a tolerance of + 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-colored nose.

Slightly overshot or undershot mouth.

Light-colored eyes.

Long or short hair.

Shyness.

ELIMINATING FAULTS:

Extremely overshot or undershot mouth.

Ears not pricked.

Hanging tail, short tail.

Faded color.

Coat with many white spots.

Extreme shyness.

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