

Japanese Spitz

General Appearance and Characteristics

Covered with profuse clear white long hair, with pointed muzzle, triangular pricked ears feathering tail over back. The conformation tough and flexible, and both forequarters and hindquarters well proportioned. An overall appearance noble and in harmony with balance and beauty. The ideal ratio of height at withers to length of body is 10:11. The temperament is intelligent, cheerful and courageous. Keen in sense and very alert.

Size

Height: Dogs 12 inches (30 cm). There is a tolerance of 1 inch (3 cm) shorter or taller. Bitches slightly smaller than dogs.

Head

Moderately sized in harmony with body and without coarseness. The **skull** moderately broad and round, and rear part broadest. The stop defined, cheeks rounded, but forehead not too raised. The **muzzle** pointed, not thick, not too long, and well balanced with skull. The lips tight and preferably black. The **nose**, small, round and black. The **teeth** white and strong with scissors bite. **Eyes** moderately large, almond-shaped, set slightly oblique, and not too apart, dark in colour. Black eye rims desirable. **Ears** set on high, small, triangular, pricked, facing forward, and distance between ears moderately narrow. **Neck** moderately long; muscular.

Body

The withers high, back straight and short. The loins broad, and croup slightly arched. The chest wide and deep, ribs well sprung. The belly moderately drawn up.

Tail

Set on high, moderately long, carried over back.

Forequarters and Hindquarters

The shoulders well sloping, and forearms straight. The elbows set close to the body, and pasterns slightly inclining. The hindlegs are muscular, and joints of stifle and hock moderately bent. The rear pasterns vertical, and hind legs parallel when viewed from behind.

Feet

Small, round tightly closed and cat feet. The pads thick and dark in colour. The nails hard and black or dark colour desirable.

Gait

Light and active. The smooth movement desirable.

Coat

The outer straight and standoff. Undercoat short, soft and dense. On face, ears, front of forearms and from hind feet to hocks are short haired, and body covered with abundant long hair. Neck, shoulders, forechest covered with mane and frill. The tail has profuse feathering.

Colour

White

Faults**Major**

Monorchid, cryptorchid. Not pricked ears, not curled tail. Extreme overshot or undershot.

Minor

Too short coat.

Note

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