

Shiba Inu

Shiba Inu Standard March 31, 1997
Oral Exam: Front & Sides

General Appearance

Alert, agile with keen senses
Excellent watchdog & companion
Frame compact, well-developed muscles
Males/females distinctly different
Males masculine without coarseness
Females feminine w/o weakness structure



Proportion

- Males height to length ratio 10 to 11
- Females slightly longer

Substance

- Bone is moderate

Temperament

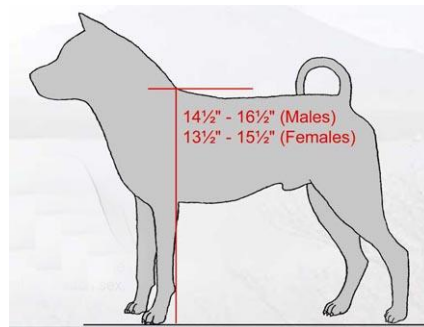
Spirited boldness, good natured
Unaffected forthrightness
Independent, reserved toward strangers
loyal and affectionate, aggressive to other dogs
Aggression to handler/judge or overt shyness to be severely penalized.

Size

Males 14½-16½ in; 23 Lbs
Females 13½-15½; 17 Lbs.

Disqualification:

Males over 16½ in / under 14½ in
Females over 15½ in / under 13½ in



Head

Good natured with a strong and confident gaze



Eyes

- triangular in shape, deep set
- Upward slanting to base of the ear
- Iris is dark brown
- Eye rims are black

Ears

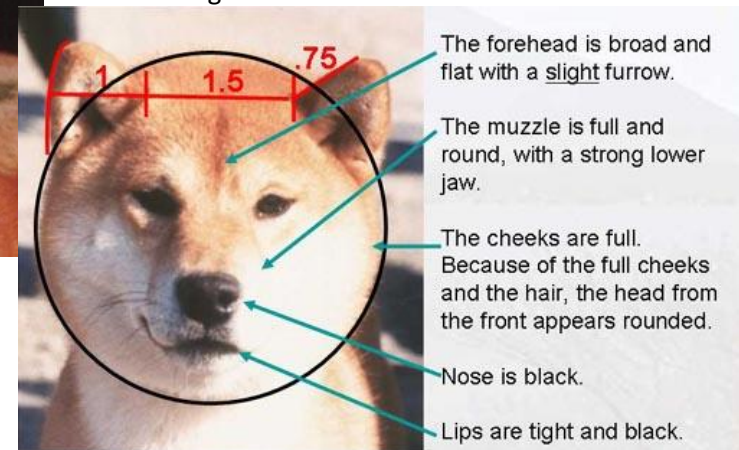
Triangular, pricked, small, in proportion
Set well apart
Tilt forward, slant following arch of neck



Skull moderate, in proportion
Stop is moderate

Muzzle

Bridge is straight
Tapers slightly stop to nose
Length 40 % total head



The forehead is broad and flat with a slight furrow.

The muzzle is full and round, with a strong lower jaw.

The cheeks are full. Because of the full cheeks and the hair, the head from the front appears rounded.

Nose is black.

Lips are tight and black.

Teeth:

Scissors, full complement of teeth

Serious Fault: Five or more missing

Disqualification: Overshot or undershot bite

Black with tan points and urajiro

Black hairs have a brownish cast, not blue

Undercoat is buff or gray

Borderline between black and tan clearly defined

Tan points located: Two oval spots over eyes: on sides of muzzle between black bridge of muzzle & white cheeks

On outside of forelegs from carpus to toes; on the outside of hind legs down front of stifle broadening from hock joint to toes, but not completely eliminating black from rear of pasterns

Black penciling on toes permitted

Tan hairs may be found on the inside of ear and on underside of tail



Sesame (black-tipped hairs on a rich red background) with urajiro.

Tipping light & even on the body, head, no concentration of black in any area

Sesame areas appear at least one-half red

Sesame may end in a widow's peak, bridge and sides of the muzzle red

Eye spots and lower legs are also red



Bright orange-**red** with urajiro lending a foxlike appearance

Clear red preferred, slight black tipping permitted on back and tail

Neck, Topline, Body



Chest depth withers to lower sternum ½ withers to ground
Ribs moderately sprung
Abdomen firm, well tucked-up
Back firm, Loins strong

Tail

Thick, powerful, carried over back
Sickle or curled
Loose single curl or sickle pointing to neck, parallel to back preferred
Double curl, sickle tail pointing upward ok
Reaches hock, Set high



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Neck Thick, sturdy, moderate length
Topline straight, level

Body is dry, well muscled
Not sluggishness or coarse
Forechest well developed

Forequarters

- Moderately angulated
- Elbows close to body
- Forelegs, feet straight, parallel
- Pasterns slightly inclined
- Front dewclaws optional

Hindquarters

- Angulation moderate
- Hind legs strong, wide stance
- Hock joint strong
- Upper thighs long, second thighs short, well developed.
- No dewclaws

Urajiro (Underneath White) required:

Sides of the muzzle
On the cheeks
Inside the ears
On the underjaw and upper throat
Inside of legs
On the abdomen
Around the vent
Ventral side of the tail

Feet

Catlike, well-arched toes fitting tightly together



Coat, Color

- Double coated, Short on face, ears, and legs
- Guard hairs 1½ - 2 in at withers
- Tail hair slightly longer
- **Serious Fault: Long or woolly coat.**

Red



Sesame



Black with Tan



Color clear and intense
Undercoat is cream, buff or gray
White spots above the eyes permitted
White permitted on tip of tail, socks to elbow / knee
Blaze permitted on throat, forechest, or chest
Serious fault: Cream, white pinto, or any other color or marking not specified

Gait

Nimble, light, elastic. At the trot, the legs angle in towards a center line while the
Topline level & firm
Moderate, efficient reach & extension

