



**Official Breed Standard
of the
Kennel Union of South Africa**



JAPANESE SPITZ

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The origin of the Japanese Spitz is said to be the large-sized white German Spitz brought to Japan around 1920 via the continent of Siberia and northeast part of China. Around the year 1921 the breed was first exhibited at a dog show in Tokyo. Subsequently, in 1925, two pairs of white Spitz were imported from Canada, and until around 1936 imports came from Canada, the U.S., Australia and China. Eventually their offspring were cross bred to produce a better breed. After the Second World War the unified breed standard was established by the Japan Kennel Club in 1948 to be valid to the present.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Covered with profuse pure white coat, with pointed muzzle, triangular pricked ears, and feathering tail over back. The constitution tough and the whole well balanced, and its harmonious beauty causing spirit and dignity peculiar to this breed and expressing elegance.

IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS

The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 10 : 11.

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT

Intelligent, cheerful, keen in sense. Noisy not permitted.

HEAD

Size in harmony with body and moderately broad and rounded.

Cranial Region

Skull

Rear part of skull broadest.

Stop

Defined.

Facial Region

The forehead moderately developed.

Nose

Small, round and black.

Muzzle

Pointed, the tip slightly round and well balanced. Lips tight and preferably black.

Teeth

White and strong with scissors bite.

Eyes

Moderately large, almond-shaped, set slightly oblique, dark in colour. Black eye rims.

Ears

Set on high, small, triangular, pricked, facing forward and not too far apart.

NECK

Moderately long, muscles well developed.

BODY

Withers

High.

Back

Straight and short.

Loins

Broad.

Chest

Wide and deep, ribs well sprung.

Belly

Well drawn up.

Tail

Set on high, moderately long, carried over back.

LIMBS

Forequarters

Shoulders well sloping, forearms straight, elbows tight.

Hindquarters

Muscular, stifle and hock moderately bent.

FEET

Cat feet. Pads thick and desirably black as well as the nails.

GAIT

Quick and active.

COAT**Hair**

Outer coat straight and stand-off. Undercoat short, soft and dense. The foreface, ears, front of forearms and parts below hocks are short

haired, and the rest covered with abundant long hair, especially from neck to shoulders and forechest covered with beautiful frill. The tail also has long, profuse feathering.

Colour

Pure white.

SIZE

Height at withers :	Dogs :	30 - 38 cm
	Bitches :	slightly smaller than Dogs.

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. Overshot or undershot mouth; strongly curled tail; shyness; noisiness.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

Drop ears; tail not carried on back.

NOTE

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

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