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**FCI-Standard N° 317**

**KAI**



**ORIGIN:** Japan.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL VALID STANDARD:** 30.10.2016.

**UTILIZATION:** Hunting dog, companion.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION:** 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 PROPORTIONS:** The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 10 : 11, **but the body can be slightly longer in bitches.**

**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: Nearly triangular and dark brown in colour. **The outer corners of the eyes are slightly upturned.**

Ears: Triangular, slightly inclining forward and firmly pricked.

**NECK:** Thick, powerful and muscular.

**BODY:**

Withers: High.

Back: Straight and short.

Loin: Broad and muscular.

Chest: Deep, ribs moderately sprung.

Belly: **Slightly** 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.

**Upper arm: Forming a moderate angle with shoulder blade.**

Elbows: Close to the body.

Forearm: Straight, heavy and muscular.

Metacarpus (Pastern): Slightly **oblique.**

Forefeet: Toes well arched and tightly knit; pads thick and elastic; nails hard and preferably dark in colour.

**HINDQUARTERS:**

General appearance: **Well developed, strong and moderately angulated.**

Hocks: Tough and elastic.

Hind 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:**

Height at withers: Males **50 cm.**  
Females **45 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.

- **Lack of sexual dimorphism.**
- Light-coloured nose.
- Slightly overshot or undershot mouth.
- Light-coloured eyes.
- Long or short hair.
- Shyness.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Extremely overshot or undershot mouth.
- Ears not pricked.
- Hanging tail, short tail.
- Faded colour.
- Coat with many white spots.
- **Pinto colour.**

**N.B.:**

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation, should be used for breeding.

**The latest amendments are in bold characters.**

# ANATOMICAL FEATURES

