



**FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE (AISBL)**

SECRETARIAT GENERAL: 13, Place Albert 1<sup>er</sup> B – 6530 Thuin (Belgique)

---

**16.06.1999/EN**

**FCI-Standard N° 262**

## **JAPANESE SPITZ**

(Nihon Supittsu)



This illustration does not necessarily show the ideal example of the breed.

**ORIGIN** : Japan.

**DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL VALID STANDARD** : 1987.

**UTILIZATION** : Companion dog.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION** : Group 5 Spitz and primitive type.  
Section 5 Asian Spitz and related breeds.  
Without working trial.

**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 crossbred to produce a better breed. After the 2nd 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, its harmonious beauty causing spirit and dignity peculiar to this breed, and expressing elegance.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTION** : 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 balance to body, moderately broad and rounded.

**CRANIAL REGION** :

**Skull** : Forehead moderately developed. Rear part of skull broadest.

**Stop** : Defined.

**FACIAL REGION** :

**Nose** : Small, round and black.

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

**Jaws/Teeth** : Teeth white and strong with scissor bite.

**Eyes** : Moderately large, almond-shaped, set slightly oblique, dark in colour. Black eyerims.

**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 tucked up.

**TAIL** : Set on high, moderately long, carried over back.

**LIMBS**

**FOREQUARTERS** :

**General appearance** : Shoulders well sloping, forearms straight, elbows tight.

**HINDQUARTERS** :

**General appearance** : Muscular, stifle and hock moderately bent.

**FEET** : Cat-feet. Pads thick, and desirably black as well as the nails.



**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.

# ANATOMICAL FEATURES

