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**FCI-Standard N° 259**

## **NIHON TERIA**

(Japanese Terrier)



**TRANSLATION:** Revised by Renée Sporre-Willes.

**ORIGIN:** Japan.

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**UTILIZATION:** Toy Dog.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION:** Group 3 Terriers  
Section 2 Small sized Terriers  
Without working trial.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** This breed was created by mating smooth-haired Fox Terriers, exported to Nagasaki from the Netherlands in the 17th century, to small-sized pointers or small-sized native dogs. Japanese Terriers were kept mainly as lapdogs in ports such as Kobe and Yokohama. The Japanese Terrier has a lively and cheerful character. Its planned breeding started around 1920, and it was not until about 1930 that its type became fixed.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Small-sized dog of smart appearance with a clear-cut and compact outline. The coat is very short, being about 2 mm in length.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:** The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 1 : 1. The nasal bridge and the skull are equal in length.

**BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT:** The Japanese Terrier is swift and lively in temperament.

## **HEAD**

### **CRANIAL REGION:**

**Skull:** Flat and moderately narrow.

**Stop:** Not too defined.

### **FACIAL REGION:**

**Nose:** Black with a straight nasal bridge.

**Lips:** Thin and tight.

**Jaws/Teeth:** Strong and white, with a scissor bite.

**Cheeks:** Lean and free from fullness.

**Eyes:** Moderately sized, oval in shape and dark in colour.

**Ears:** Set on high, moderately small, thin, V-shaped and dropping forward. But carried folded and standing out from sides of the skull permitted.

**NECK:** Moderately long, strong, gradually thicker towards the shoulders and free from throatiness.

## **BODY:**

**Withers:** High.

**Back:** Short and firm.

**Loin:** Slightly arched.

**Croup:** Powerful.

**Chest:** Deep, but forechest not too broad. Ribs well sprung.

**Underline and belly:** Belly well tucked up.

**TAIL:** Moderately thin; **traditionally docked in country of origin.**

**In countries where tail docking is prohibited the natural tail is slightly curved and tapering towards the tip. In action it is carried moderately high.**

## **LIMBS**

### **FOREQUARTERS:**

**Shoulder:** Sloping gently.

**Forearm:** Straight, bone not heavy.

Forefeet: Tightly closed, pads elastic; nails hard and preferably dark in colour.

**HINDQUARTERS:**

Thigh: Long.

Stifle (Knee): Moderately angulated.

Hock joint: Moderately angulated.

Metatarsus (Rear pastern): Vertical.

Hind feet: Tightly closed, pads elastic; nails hard and preferably dark in colour.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT**: Light and agile.

**COAT:**

Hair: Short, smooth, dense and glossy.

Colour: Tricolour with black, tan and white head; white with black spots, black markings or tan markings on body.

**SIZE AND WEIGHT:**

Height at the withers: for both males and females: approximately 30 – 33 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.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Long Hair.
- Extremely overshot or undershot bite.

**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

