

Utility

Japanese Shiba Inu

The name Shiba Inu translates as 'small dog' and the breed was developed to hunt small game birds. The Shiba Inu does bear some resemblance to the Akita in a smaller frame. So popular was the breed that three separate regions of Japan developed their own types. However, after the First World War the population was dangerously low and in 1928 a survival programme was developed using dogs from all three types. In 1937 the Shiba was declared a National Monument of Japan. This is another spitz and is characterised by its urajiro markings (see page 000) and its quick, light movement.

Breed Group	Utility
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Short
How much grooming?	Once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Japanese Shiba Inu?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC/ISDS Gonioscopy

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.

Japanese Shiba Inu Clubs

Name	Telephone
Association of Japanese Shiba Inu	07490771470
Japanese Shiba Inu Club Of Great Britain	01942 715282




Japanese Shiba Inu Rescue Organisations










Name	Telephone
Japanese Shiba Inu Rescue UK	01952 613500



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss J Young Kilmarnock, Ayrshire	31/05/2007	07578 687768	  
Messrs T & K O'Shea-Poon Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire	16/01/2017	07598 246402	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mrs S Mason Mold, Clwyd	30/09/2010	01352 771862	 
Mr M J & Mrs A Fitzakerly Blackburn, Lancashire	31/08/2010	01254 246981	  
Miss K A Jones Wigan, Lancashire	31/01/2008	01942 715282	  
Mrs I & Miss S Ritchie Boston, Lincolnshire	05/11/2011	01507 568535	 
Mr T C & Mrs B P V Oakley Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	31/01/2009	07809 762708	  
Mrs E Dunhill Worksop, Nottinghamshire	30/04/2018	01909 486628	 
Mr G & Mrs I Ritchie Boston, Lincolnshire	05/11/2011	01507 568535	 
Ms R H Reynolds Boston, Lincolnshire	18/01/2012	01205 461272	 



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club