



## Sanshu

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**GROUP:** Spitz/Primitive

**ORIGIN:** Japan

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Breeders developed the Sanshu Dog about 1912 on Honshu, Japan's main island where all of the major cities and population centers are located. They started by crossing indigenous middle-sized Japanese dogs with the Chow Chow from China. The robust Sanshu looks very much like a small Akita (or a large Shiba), but his tail tends to curl more loosely over the back. He comes in a wide range of attractive colors. Both varieties are popular as companion dogs throughout Japan. Despite this, he has never achieved any official recognition. The Sanshu originated with the Japanese by crossing different Shika Inus with smooth-coated Phu Quoc Dog which is now extinct. The Sanshu is now used as guard and companion dog. He is a dedicated family dog.

**TEMPERAMENT:** Fearless, loyal, and willing to please.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Head:** Large, and wedge shaped, with pronounced cheeks.

**Eyes:** Almond shaped, dark in color and deep set.

**Ears:** Small, erect, triangular, leaning forward slightly.

**Muzzle:** Medium and tapering to a point.

**Nose:** Black and self-colored according to coat.

**Bite:** Scissor or level.

**NECK:** Thick, strong, and slightly arched.

**BODY:**

**Topline:** Level.

**Chest:** Deep and broad, with well sprung ribs.

**Body:** Sturdy and compact, muscular and powerful.

**LIMBS:**

**Legs:** Forelegs straight.

**Hind legs:** well muscled.

**Feet:** Small, round, and cat-like.

**TAIL:** Curls over back. Movement: Quick, yet well balanced movements.

**SIZE:**

**HEIGHT:** **Small size:** 16-18 inches. **Large size:** 20-22 inches

**WEIGHT:** **Small size:** 30-40 lbs. **Large size:** 44-60 lbs

**COAT:** Short and harsh, stand-off, abundant

**COLOR:** Fawn. Red, black and tan, tan, salt and pepper, or pied

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS** –Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.