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STANDARD : NIHON TERRIER

(Supplement : Nihon Fox  
Terrier smooth)

## JAPANESE BREED

Translation : Japan Dog Federation

Place of Origin.- Japan

Bred For.- Household Pet

Brief History.- Smooth fox terrier brought into this country from Europe had been crossed with smaller-sized Pointers and bull terriers at random and gradually developed into a toy dog well-matched for the climate and natural environment of Japan. This is what is called " Nihon Terrier ". There had been no set plans for breeding in this process and it is said that the breeding was carried out mostly in the district of Kobe and Yokohama.

### Standard of Perfection

#### 1. General Appearance

This is the small-sized dog of a firm, streamlined appearance with a distinctively clean-cut outline. Its coat should be very short, just about one millimeter, soft in texture and very dense, having the color of white in body and black in face, also brown-marked above both eyes and on cheeks. Height at shoulder should be the same as length from end of shoulder to root of tail, forming a square shape as viewed from the side.

#### 2. Character

Having a Keen and nimble disposition, the overall character should be crisp and active.

### 3. Body Conformation

#### A. Head

Skull should be flat and moderately narrow, the length of which should be equal to the bridge of the nose, with the stop not too distinct. Ears should be moderately small, set high, V-Shaped and dropping forward.

Eyes should be of proper size oblong and of blackish brown color. Cheeks should be thin and neither fleshy nor prominent. Lips should be thin, firm and tightly closed; the bridge of the nose straight and the nose proper black. Teeth should be hard and white, a correct bite.

Neck should be moderately long and powerful, gradually thicker toward the shoulder and with no dewlap on the throat.

#### B. Back and Loins

Withers should be high and the back short and never loose. Loins and croup should be slightly arched, showing full of strength. Tail should be moderately thin and docked so as to be raised vertically.

#### C. Chest and Abdomen

Shoulders should be slanting in a gentle slope, with chest sufficiently deep but brisket not too wide. Ribs should be well-sprung and abdomen should be firm, showing a good underline. It is essential that the genital organ should be sound and perfect.

#### D. Legs

Forelegs should be straight with bones not too thick. Toes should be firm, compact and close; pads sufficiently elastic and nails hard, with darker color preferable. Thighs of hindlegs should be long, with hocks slightly bent and metatarsuses straight. Toes, pads and nails of the hind feet are the same as those of the fore feet.

### 4. Coat

Coat should be shorthaired, soft in texture, dense and glossy. Color of the coat should be of tricolor (black, brown and white) in head, either with all white body or with white body having black or brown patches.

5. Gait

Light and nimble, agile and lively.

6. Size

Height at shoulder should be approximately between 30 cm (12 inches) and 37.5 cm (15 inches) for both sexes.

7. Scale of Points

General Appearance.....	20
Character.....	5
Body Conformation.....	50
Head.....	20
Back and Loins.....	10
Chest and Abdomen.....	10
Legs and Toes.....	10
Coat.....	20
Gait.....	5

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Total.....100

8. Faults

A. Disqualifying faults

- (1) Cryptorchidism.
- (2) Longhaired coat.

B. Serious faults

- (1) Monorchidism.
- (2) Extremely incorrect bite.

C. Minor faults

- (1) Slightly incorrect bite.
- (2) Patches occupying more than half of the whole area of coat.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISION

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As for the NIHON FOX TERRIER, SMOOTH, the body conformation is approximately the same as that of the Nihon Terrier described above, with the exception that the coat is hard in texture and so extremely shorthaired that the skin is apparent.

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