

Finnish Spitz – Breed Standard Assessment

General Appearance

1) What is a distinctive feature of the Finnish Spitz that reflects its fox-like appearance?

- A. Drooping ears
- B. Curled tail
- C. Short coat
- D. Round eyes

2) What is the ideal body structure of the Finnish Spitz?

- A. Long and slender
- B. Square and well-balanced
- C. Short-legged and compact
- D. Heavy-boned and muscular

3) According to the breed standard, what are the distinguishing characteristics of the Finnish Spitz' appearance that judges should prioritize?

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Size, Proportion, Substance

4) What is the ideal height range for male Finnish Spitz dogs?

- A. 15 ½ to 18 inches
- B. 17 ½ to 20 inches
- C. 18 ½ to 21 inches
- D. 20 ½ to 23 inches

5) What is the ideal height range at the withers of a bitch? _____

6) How do the physical characteristics and size specifications described in the text contribute to the Finnish Spitz's suitability as a hunting dog and its performance in the show ring?

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7) Although the guard coat can impact appearance slightly how could you describe the ideal proportions?

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Head

8) The head should be longer from occiput to tip of nose than broad at the widest part of the skull – in what ratio? _____

9) True or False: Eyes should be almond-shaped with black or brown rims.

10) Fill in the blank: Outer corners of the eyes should be tilted _____.

11) Describe the ear position based on the line running from the middle of the nose. Include the relation to the eye and ear as well.

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12) Which of the following best describes the ideal ear characteristics of the Finnish Spitz?

- A) Rounded and large with minimal visibility of the inner ear
- B) Triangular and sharply pointed with minimal rounding of the tip, proportionate to the head
- C) Drop or button ears with a moderate amount of inner ear hair
- D) Hooded ears with a high degree of mobility and a tendency to flop

13) In judging the Finnish Spitz, which of the following should not result in penalization?

- A) Having ears that are excessively long
- B) Ears that are covered in long, excessive hair
- C) Independently mobile ears that change direction frequently to monitor the environment
- D) Ears that are not constantly in use

14) What is the skull to muzzle ratio: _____

15) Which characteristic is correct for the skull of the Finnish Spitz?

A) The skull is rounded and prominent between the ears with a pronounced curve ahead of the ear set

- B) The skull is flat between the ears with minimal rounding ahead of the ear set and a slightly arched forehead
- C) The skull is deeply arched between the ears with a sharply pointed forehead
- D) The skull is narrow and elongated with a distinct narrowing towards the muzzle

16) Which of the following features is incorrect for the Finnish Spitz muzzle?

- A) The muzzle should have a straight and slightly tapering nasal bridge.
- B) The muzzle should be clearly visible from the side with a narrow and equal width and depth.
- C) A weak underjaw, coarse or snippy muzzle, or arched nasal bridge is considered correct.
- D) The circumference of the muzzle at the nose should be 80% of the circumference at its origin.

Neck, Topline, Body

17) Explain why the square build of a Finnish Spitz is ideal to the breed.

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18) At what age is a Finnish Spitz typically mature? _____

19) True or False: The legs should be slightly longer than depth of body. _____

20) What are the key characteristics of the tail in the Finnish Spitz, and how should it be assessed for proper conformation?

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Forequarters

21) Fill in the blank: The layback of the shoulders is _____degrees to the vertical.

22) When assessing the conformation of the Finnish Spitz's front legs, which of the following descriptions is correct?

- A) The front legs should be widely spaced with elbows turned outward, and the bone structure should be bold.
- B) The front legs should be moderately spaced, parallel, and straight with elbows close to the body. The bone should be strong and in proportion to the dog.
- C) The front legs should be closely spaced with elbows turned inward, and

the bone structure should be fine.

D) The front legs should be moderately spaced but with the bone structure being heavy.

23) What should the appearance of the toe pads/foot be on a Finnish Spitz's foot?

A) Thin and lightly covered with skin

B) Deeply cushioned and covered with thick skin, leaving a oval impression.

C) Slightly cushioned with a smooth, thin layer of skin.

D) Deeply cushioned and covered with thick skin, leaving a rounded impression.

24) True or False: The two center toes should be well arched and slightly longer than the outside two toes. _____

Coat

25) Describe in what way it is considered acceptable to trim the Finnish Spitz.

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26) Why is the Finnish Spitz's coat important for the breed, and what functions does it serve in terms of protection?

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27) True or False: You are allowed to trim whiskers to give a cleaner appearance. _____

28) Which of the following is an acceptable marking on a Finnish Spitz according to breed standards? *Circle all that apply*

A. A white stripe across the chest exceeding 1 inch in width.

B. Black hairs scattered over the body with no restrictions on their placement or quantity.

C. White markings on the tips of the toes and a narrow white strip or quarter-sized spot on the forechest.

D. Black hairs along the lip line and a few on the tail and back.

29) When should a Finnish Spitz be evaluated for being cow-hocked?

- A. When it is standing still with its rear legs spread
- B. When it is moving away at a moderate gait
- C. When it is trotting in the show ring
- D. When it is galloping during a hunt

30) Describe the Finnish Spitz gait in the show ring. Including details on pace and stride expectations.

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31) Where is the proper place to examine a Finnish Spitz? Circle all that apply

- A. Ground
- B. Table
- C. Ramp
- D. All of the above

History:

32) What was the original goal of Finnish breeders when developing the Finnish Spitz?

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33) True or False: A Finnish Spitz points the hunter in the direction of the game with a bark? _____

34) What is a typical hunting behavior of the Finnish Spitz?

- A) It hunts alone
- B) Follows commands to seek out game
- C) It hunts fairly close to the hunter
- D) It prefers to hunt in packs

35) When did the Finnish Spitz Club of America (FSCA) officially become a member club of the AKC?

- A) 1980
- B) 1992

- C) 2000
- D) 2010