

Shiba Classic

Nippo-style Ring Procedures

- All dogs will be individually examined in the morning. Only one dog is in the ring at a time.
- Typically, the judge faces the dog in a squatting position, making notes on a critique sheet.
- During the individual judging the teeth are counted and dentition noted. Misbehavior during teeth counting is not held against the dog. (counting teeth may be done by the Nippo judge, or by the AKC assistant)
- All dogs in regular classes are wicketed, however there is no disqualification for an exhibit under or over the standard

During the lunch break, the judge reviews his notes

- Each class will then enter the ring in the afternoon for comparative judging.
- Dogs may be gaited individually or in groups.
- The judge may rearrange the order of dogs, but that does not always signal an order of preference.

Class placements are made with the 4th place dog selected first, and the winner of the class announced last.

The winner of each class competes for the Best Dog and Best Bitch. Only the Best Dog and Best Bitch compete for Best in Show, with the other exhibit earning Best of Opposite Sex. The Best in Show and BOS are awarded Nippo-USA Championships. Dogs placing in the classes receive points toward their Nippo-USA championship

Dogs are judged by the NIPPO standard, NO ALLOWANCES WILL BE MADE FOR MISSING TEETH.

Eligible colors are Red, Red Sesame, and Black and Tan ONLY.

How to Show a Japanese Dog

- The handler stands behind the dog with the leash on the lower part of the dog's neck, pulling gently at a 45-degree angle.
- No baiting or double-handling is allowed.
- The dog should look straight forward towards the judge, standing naturally firm.
- Showing the dog on too tight a lead will create wrinkles on the face and head and cause the ears to drop. The dog should stand naturally and face the judge boldly.