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Breed classes are scheduled at:

Manchester Championship Show

Friday 22/01/2010
Judge: Mrs Meg Purnell-Carpenter
Staffordshire County Showground,
Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD
Entries close: 16/12/2009

Crufts

Saturday 12/03/2010
Judge: Mrs Tina Thomas
NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT
Entries close:

Birmingham City Championship Show

Sunday 05/09/2010
Judge: TBC

Japanese Akita Club show held in conjunction with Birmingham City Championship show
Sunday 05/09/2010
Judge: TBC

Club Website

www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk

If you have any news or information about the Japanese Akita Inu that you would like to share with other members please send them to:
cherrylynn@hotmail.co.uk

Please note that not all articles received can be published.

The Japanese Akita-Inu Club would like to wish its members a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We are all looking forward to the New Year as there are a number of upcoming events and developments in 2010 to keep us all busy and working hard.

It's also that time of the year to remind members that their membership renewal is due on 1st January 2010. A renewal form is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience.

Dates for the diary, 2010.

DFS Crufts

10-14 March 2010

The Japanese Akita-Inu Club will be represented in the Discover Dogs breed section as well as in the show ring on the 13th March. We would love to see any of our members who would like to stop by and say hi, or if anyone would like to join us on the stand please contact the clubs' acting secretary, Cherry Wilkinson on secretary@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk or Tel: 01205 870003 to volunteer.

Japanese Akita-Inu Club Annual General Meeting

18 April 2010
Firs Garden Community Centre

The committee would like to invite all club members to the AGM. This is your opportunity to speak to the committee, get a recap on the year just gone and be updated about the proposed plans for the year ahead.

Also there are a number of committee members standing for election or re-election so this is the time to cast your vote. The current nominations are shown below. There are also 3 vacancies on the committee so if any other members would like to be nominated for election onto the committee please contact the clubs' Acting Secretary on secretary@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk.

Officers for re-election:

Chairman: Pete Chapman

Committee members for re-election:

Maureen Thompson
Alan Wilkinson

Officers for election:

Secretary: Cherry Wilkinson
Treasurer: Dave Corless

Committee members for election:

Karen Arme
Matthew Buckley
Sue Buckley
Karyn Fowkes

Japanese Akita-Inu Club Show

05 September 2010

The 2010 Japanese Akita-Inu Show is being held in conjunction with the City of Birmingham Championship Show. This provides exhibitors and spectators the opportunity to attend 2 shows on the same day at the same venue, Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire. Judge information and schedules will be available closer to the time.

Judging Seminar

07 November 2010 (provisional)

Following on from the success of the Judging Seminar last month the next seminar is being planned for November 2010. This will be at a venue in the north of the country to attract new interest from this area. More details will follow closer to the time and places are on a first come basis and limited to a maximum of 15 candidates. If you wish to be considered for a place please contact Maureen Thompson on email: kitadodogs@aol.com or telephone 0115 9637962.

Breed Standard update

The final version of the Breed Standard has been published by the Kennel Club. This has been received with some disappointment as many of the recommended changes that were discussed and agreed at the 2009 AGM were not included in this. Discussions are still ongoing with the Kennel Club and we hope that these differences will be resolved to the satisfaction of all. The committee will advise the membership of any further progress as soon as possible. The Breed Standard can be viewed on the Kennel Club website: <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/162>

Discover Dogs

14-15 November, Earls Court, London

The Japanese Akita Inu Club made its 2nd appearance at the Earls Court Discover Dogs display.

This was manned by volunteers Mathew & Sue Buckley, with their two Akita Inu's: Daichi Kanon (Oakie) a 2 year old male who made his first appearance on Discover Dogs at Crufts earlier this year and Tsoyu Asama (Teasel) an 8 month old female. For Teasel this was her first time at such a prestigious event like Discover Dogs.

It was a very big step for the little girl meeting the general public in such large numbers both young and old alike. This has been an excellent experience for Teasel, bringing her out of her shell and building up the young girl's confidence. Both dogs proved to be excellent ambassadors for their breed.

In all a 185 breed information sheets were passed out to people, showing interest in the Japanese Akita Inu. The event lasted for two days it was a very enjoyable experience for both dog and owner alike. Meeting the general public and talking to them about the breed enabled owners to give them an insight into the Japanese Akita Inu's way of life.

The weekend's event also included a Competitive Obedience Level Display. Kate Huggins was invited to take part along with her Japanese Akita Inu Meg and they also made time to help out on the club stand as well.



Kate and Meg took part in the display on Saturday in the morning and afternoon. Both Kate and Meg put on a very impressive display of Competitive Obedience. It was very impressive to see an Akita Inu off the lead along with two Border Collies at the same time, and at such a large event like Earls Court. This display went down very well with the public.

On behalf of the Japanese Akita Inu Club we would like to thank the general public who came along to see our dogs and for their interest in our Breed.

JAIC Judging Seminar 2009 12 November 2009

13 candidates attended this year's event which was held in the south west in response to a request from club members. The venue was a good choice being situated very conveniently just off the M4 motorway and was very kindly suggested by Chris Van De Burgt. After a slight delay in gaining access on the morning things soon got underway as a result of a great piece of team work by committee members.

The format for the day was a repeat of the previous event with the usual introductions and short presentation on the history of the breed in the UK to date from our Chairman, Peter Chapman followed by the all important expanded Breed Standard delivered by Maureen Thompson with the help of several dogs to assist the audience to visualise the information provided. Candidates were heavily involved in discussion and sharing of views during this session so much that lunchtime arrived before we knew it! After everyone had feasted on the healthy jacket potatoes with chilli or cheese and not so healthy puddings it was time for candidates to complete the judging assessment.

So the after lunch session kicked off with the theory papers followed by the 'hands on' sessions. At this stage I would like to say a huge thank you to two club members; Wendy Phillips for bringing 2 of her excellent dogs along and allowing them to be used for demonstration purposes and Chris Van de Burgt for kindly handling some of the dogs used for the 'hands on' session which meant that with the 5 dogs provided by committee members our candidates had 7 different dogs to evaluate!

Back inside for afternoon coffee and time to write up critiques before the closing session. The timetable was well planned and wrapped up on time to allow everyone opportunity to get home safely. As event organiser I would like to say a public 'thank you' to the committee members who were able to help stage this event and make it such a big success. Cherry and Alan for organising the kitchen, Dave for providing the technology, Karyn and Karen for handling dogs and kitchen duties. It couldn't have happened without you!

We will be organising another event on 07.11.2010 probably in the north of the country to attract new interest from this area. More details will follow in club newsletters and it will be on a first come basis limited to a maximum of 15 candidates. If you wish to be considered for a place please contact me direct. Email: kitadodogs@aol.com or telephone 0115 9637962. Maureen Thompson.

We would also like to remind those who have successfully completed the seminar that they are not automatically placed onto the judging list. Please could those who wish to be included on the B or C judging lists complete the application form which can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk/Files/judging.htm>) and return to the Acting Club Secretary at the following address:

Cherry Wilkinson , Acting Club Secretary Japanese Akita-Inu Club
Tsoyu-Kintoki, Greengate
Wrangle, Boston
Lincs
PE22 9EU



Health Matters:

The Japanese Akita-Inu in the UK is in a privileged position in that we are numerically small. This means that any health concerns that may arise can more easily be identified, monitored and then prevented in future dogs. In order to do this we need honesty and openness, as the future health and welfare of our breed depends on it. While no-one intentionally would breed or import a dog with hereditary health issues, it is possible that these may arise. If these issues are not acted upon and information regarding these dogs and their progeny made freely available, together with breeding responsibly by not using dogs or their offspring with known issues then in the future these issues will be more difficult to resolve as the problem will be more widespread.

In view of this a survey is being undertaken by the Japanese Akita Inu Club as part of its quest to discover the general health status of the breed in the UK. It is completely anonymous. No names of owners, dogs or a dog's origins need to be added to the survey. It is merely a questionnaire to help the Japanese Akita Inu Club discover if there are any particular health issues in the UK which may need addressing. We hope that, as keen enthusiasts of the Japanese Akita Inu you will complete and return the health survey to the address stated below in order to help the club identify issues which will, if managed in the breed's early stages in this country, encourage a good, sound basis to the breeding stock and provide strong healthy puppies for many generations to come.

An example of the impact of hereditary disease and the speed with which it can become a problem from another breed is Glaucoma. A pre-disposition to this condition has recently been accidentally introduced into the UK Border Collie population from Australian lines. A dog belonging to a friend was diagnosed with glaucoma, the condition was then traced to her grandfather (Australian import) and upon contacting owners who have used this dog approximately 50% of his descendants carry the pre-disposition and 12% have affected eyesight. If this had been picked up earlier, this problem could have been addressed earlier and less dogs affected. Responsible breeders are now submitting, and publishing on the internet, the names and status of many breeding dogs to ensure that any related dogs are tested clear before being used to breed from.

Attached to this newsletter is the health survey and your co-operation in completing it is most appreciated.

Show Report: World Show, Bratislava. October 2009.

There was a fantastic entry of 154 dogs from all over Europe and Russia judged by Erdős László of Hungary and Kamisato Hiroshi, of Japan.

For the full results list see the following link: http://www.skj.sk/wds_09/php_vysledky_plemena/zobraz_vysledky.php?plemenovyber=255

Full results for all breeds: <http://wds.skj.sk/08/08.php>



**Best of Breed and World Winner Male:
CH UNSHOU GO SHUNYOU KENSHA**



**World Winner Female:
ICH AKIKOMACHI OF IKENOHATADE**

**World Winner Junior
Male:
DANYUU GO ASO INOUE**

**World Winner Junior
Female:
GEISHA KIRIKI-SAMA
GO KIYAMA**

Champion Bitch: Ich Akikomachi of Ikenohatade
Veteran Bitch: Ch. Akami Go Kiyama
Open Bitch: Akaetnakita Go of Shunyou Kensha
Intermediate Bitch: Reiko Roal
Junior Bitch: Geisha Kiriki-Sama Go Kiyama
Puppy Bitch: Haruka No Hime Shun'you Kensha

Champion Dog: Ch. Unshou Go Shunyou Kensha
Open Dog: Kakujitsu Halne Wzgorze
Intermediate Dog: Zuiun Go Aizu Hoshi Kensha
Junior Dog: Danyuu Go Aso Inoue
Puppy Dog: Hanami No Bo Ryuryu

World Dog Show 2010

Date: 24-27 June 2010:

Venue: MCH Messecenter Herning

Vardevej 1

DK-7400 Herning

Denmark

www.mch.dk

Website: <http://www.worlddogshow2010.dk>

GENERAL HEALTH SURVEY
Japanese Akita Inu



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Please use one health survey for each dog and feel free to print extra copies of the document if required. Thank you. When you have completed the survey, please send it to:

Mr. Alan Wilkinson
Japanese Akita Inu Club Health Co-ordinator
TSOYU-KINTOKI
Greengate
Wrangle
Boston
Lincs.
PE22 9EU.

1) Do you own or have you owned a Japanese Akita Inu which has any of the following health issues?

Skin problems	yes []	no []
Eye problems	yes []	no []
Skeletal problems	yes []	no []
Heart defects	yes []	no []
Other Major organ defects	yes []	no []
Incorrect bite	yes []	no []
Missing teeth	yes []	no []
Sight or hearing problems	yes []	no []
Canine Epilepsy	yes []	no []
Canine Diabetes	yes []	no []
Encephalitis	yes []	no []
Irregular seasons (bitches)	yes []	no []
Difficulty with whelping	yes []	no []
Other	yes []	no [] <i>(please indicate below)</i>

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2) If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above issues, can you please tell us the following:

At what age did the problem occur?.....

What treatment was given to the dog?.....

Were you advised if the problem was hereditary or congenital? If yes, please state which.

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How long did the problem last?.....

Was the dog cured? yes [] no []

Was the dog euthanized? yes [] no []

Had the dog been bred from yes [] no []

Did the problem occur in offspring? yes [] no []

3) Has your Japanese Akita Inu been KC/BVA Hip scored ? yes [] no []

KC/BVA Eye tested? yes [] no []

Please give results
(optional).....

4) If there are any other issues which have occurred in your dog(s) you think would assist the club's health co-ordinator please detail below and continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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Thank you for your time in completing the survey.



THE JAPANESE AKITA INU CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Thank you for your continued interest in the Japanese Akita Inu Club, your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you during the following year.

I/We the undersigned wish to renew my/our membership of the Japanese Akita Inu Club and agree to abide by the Rules. I/We will endeavour to place the welfare of the Japanese Akita Inu above all else. The JAIC fully supports the Kennel Club's General Code of Ethics which can be viewed through the link from our website www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk or directly from the KC website www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/247

Member	Name (Block Capitals)	16	Signature
		Y/N	
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2
3

Address:.....
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Postcode..... Tel no Kennel Affix.....

Main email address (Please print as used)
If joint membership and you would prefer emails to be sent to individual addresses please list overleaf

Annual Subscription enclosed: £..... (£10.00 single/joint* £15.00 family**)
*A couple or 2 people in joint ownership of a dog. ** Up to 3 people at the same address plus any children under 16. Please add details of other under 16 members on the back of this form)
Only members over the age of 16 have voting rights. Any member attending and voting at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of this Club must have been a member in good standing for not less than one full year following the AGM subsequent to their membership being approved.

Please return this form with cheque/postal order payable to JAIC to:
Mrs Anne Corless JAIC Membership Secretary, 228 The Green, Eccleston, Lancashire PR7 5SU

RECEIPT REQUIRED YES/NO

Secretarial Use Only

Date received Subscription enclosed.....

Membership year: 1 January to 31 December 2010

Please use this side to enter details of children (under 16) that you wish to include in your family membership. The date of birth is required to calculate when the individual becomes eligible for voting rights.

Member	Name (Block Capitals)	16 Y/N	Date of Birth (if under 16)	Signature
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Other email addresses.....

