

Is it a fox or a Shiba Inu?

A shiba Inu is a little dog that originated in the mountainous regions of Japan. It is an ancient breed that was originally used to hunt game like bore, birds even bear. The word Shiba in Japanese means brushwood, however there is an old Nagano dialect that means small; Inu means dog. Shiba Inu “small dog”.

This isn't a very large breed averaging from 13 ½ to 16 ½ inches tall in the shoulder and weighing in at 17 to 25 lbs. The male is slightly larger and heavier than the female. Their size makes them adaptable to many environments. They come in three colors with a dense undercoat light in color. They are a fastidious breed when it comes to grooming themselves; making them one of the easiest breeds to housebreak. Even though they are fussy about keeping themselves clean and their coat acts as a natural repellent, frequent brushing is recommended. Many people choose the Shiba Inu because their overall appearance resembles a little fox with an alert and inquisitive expression.

The Shiba Inu is independent by nature, stubborn but loyal. They are close to their families but probably won't roll out the red carpet when meeting new people. They are smart and have a high prey drive. Plenty of exercise, early socialization and training is a must for these dogs. It is not a good choice for a first time pet owner. They are boldly spirited and tenacious.