
KINPA

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ORIGIN:	Japan
CATEGORY:	Asian Hardfeather. True Bantam: Rare
EGG COLOUR:	Cre`am or tinted
MASSES	
Male	1.3kg maximum
Female	1.1kg maximum
RING SIZES	
Male	C
Female	B

The Kinpa is one of the small Shamo breeds from Japan, distinguished by the males being.

Kinpa is one of the Ko-shamo breeds; a small sized Shamo and originated in the Akita Prefecture and kept by breeders in the Odate area, Akita Prefecture. The estimated population size of this breed in 2011 was 200 to 300 and its survival is classified as threatened.

Plumage colour is black self (in the country of origin) and has a pea comb and yellow shanks. Feathers of both sexes show rounded tips as a specific character of this breed and tail feathers are also rounded and similar between male and female ('henney feathered'). This breed was registered as one of the "Natural Monuments of Japan" in 1959.

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GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Type and Carriage:	Small, alert and confident, with upright stance.
Body:	Extremely firm and muscular. Broad at front, becoming narrower towards the saddle.
Breast:	Broad, well-rounded and muscular.
Back:	Broad with straight backbone, sloping down towards the tail.
Wings:	Short, fitting close to the body, not showing on back but with prominent shoulders. Split wing is typical of the breed and should not be penalised.
Tail:	Very short, carried below horizontal and curving in towards the body.

Head:	Broad and rounded with a short, strong, well-curved beak. Well developed brows and protruding cheeks. Small triple or walnut comb. Wattles and lobes (if any) insignificant. In old birds there is a definite dewlap.
Neck:	Medium length, well curved, held upright.
Legs and feet:	Thighs strong with slight bend at hock. Shanks medium length, strong and straight. Toes four, straight.
Plumage:	Narrow, short, hard and brilliant. Feather sparse and can show bare red skin at keel, vent and point of wing. Male birds are henney feathered – having no pointed hackle feathers and no sickle feathers in the tail.
Handling:	Extremely firm fleshed, muscular and well-balanced.

FEMALE

The general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for natural sexual differences.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Any evidence of male feathering. Lack of attitude. Comb other than standard, 'Duck' feet.

COLOUR

MALE AND FEMALE:

Black and white are standard colours, but other colours are acceptable. Beak yellow or horn. Legs and feet yellow. Black over colour allowed in dark coloured birds. Comb, face, earlobes and wattles bright red. Eyes pearl to yellow (darker allowed in young birds).

<u>SCALE OF POINTS</u>	
Type and carriage	40
Plumage	10
Colour	10
Head	20
Legs and feet	10
Condition	10
TOTAL	100

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