

Firstly, thank you that you give us a chance to write about IGs in Japan, but I'm so sorry for my poor English. Please let us know if you have difficulty to understand the meaning, and do not hesitate.

1. which image has the pedigree dog and particularly the IG ?

We think our image for the 'pedigree' is different from the image you have.

In Japan, the almost purebreds are the pedigree dogs, even if the dog is not suited to breed, nor show dog. So we have no special image for the pedigree dog. The pedigree means only purebred. It is one of social customs that almost all the dogs have purebred parents are registered the pedigree by the breeder. IG is in the same situation without exception, even if its ears are stand, or uncompleted testicle.

It forms the basis of the custom that Japanese has a tendency to believe that the pedigree dog is good dog, and expensive. So almost breeders have a bad (?) custom that they have to register the all dogs. And it is a reason why the number of dogs registered to JKC is huge.

On the other hand, there are serious breeders using the pedigree for their correct breeding and they do not register the dog is far from the standard. And, they do effort to look for the warm home for the non-pedigree dog.

When a dog lover looks for a good quality dog seriously, it is needed to study about the dog carefully, eagerly, and to look for a correct breeder, too. But it is very difficult....

The number of IG registered increases year by year, we should be more seriously about the pedigree dog for the correct breeding of IG.

2. How many IG are registered in Japan ?

The annual registered number of IG in Japan;

Year 2000 : 296

Year 2001 : 452

Year 2002 : 660 (all breeds : 520000 dogs)

Recently the IG has become to be known among the dog lovers.

3. Is the tendency to breed FCI IGs or AKC (American one) ?


Three years ago we introduced European IG (FCI standard), and informed that IG has the different standard of FCI and AKC on our website. At that time, IG breeder and IG fancier had no tendency of distinction to breed FCI or AKC in Japan. And we hardly could find the FCI IG. As the origin of IG in Japan is AKC, its tendency is very strong. Even now, almost breeding of IG is based on AKC (we image AKC breeding is over 98% in 2001, there is an AKCch dog had nearly 40 puppies in a year). And also there are many breeders of AKC IG do not understand yet the distinction of the standard. The breeders based FCI are three at most in Japan, as we know. FCI breeders just started to do efforts to be known FCI IG.

We heard that two standard FCI & AKC are kept having the distinction of each standard in Australia, we think it meets our ideal, as also in Japan there are FCI IG and AKC IG, we'd like Japanese breeders to understand the each standard and keep the both standard having the distinction.

But before that, as you and other European countries keep the FCI standard, we will be able to image meet such an ideal.

4. Are the European IG known ? And the french one ?

The origins of FCI IG in Japan are from Europe or Australia.



As to the European IG, they have not known well yet, include French one. But among the Japanese breeder of FCI IG, it is said that the IG in France is of very good quality, we're also interested so much.

We have an strange episode. A Japanese veteran handler of IG asked us 'is your dog Toy Manchester Terrier, isn't it?' We're very surprised and disappointed, our IG CORSARO came from Norway, he is a really FCI standard IG (please see the picture). This is the real situation in Japan.... As there is few number of European IG in Japan, they have not known well as yet. But people are increasing, who want to live with FCI IG, we have some inquiries of puppy through our website.

5. How many breeders ?

The breeders registered IGs in 2001 are 59.

6. Import ?

IGs imported mainly came from U.S.A.

And, some from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and Australia but they are very few.

Unfortunately, we have not heard the IG from France so far.

Japanese have an image that we can purchase dogs easier from USA than from Europe. We heard that there are some American breeder sell the Amch Dog if Japanese pay enough money, but European breeder never sell their dogs if they could not convince purchaser as the owner.

We feel the Japanese IGs need new blood of good quality. We'd like to have good relationship of mutual trust with foreign breeders.

7. Since when do you breed ? Your origins ?

We started breeding in 2000. Before, we were learning under our master of breeding, but he closed his kennel because of his health problem, and we began to have our own kennel. The origin of our dogs is from USA, descended from Derdego. Last summer we could meet our great dearest wish, Talata XERXES we call CORSARO. We have not so much experiences now yet, but we'd like to spread FCI IG in Japan, want people to know its beauty.

7. Why do you love IGs ?

IG is a great charming dog beyond saying..

We're fascinated in the beautiful form, its standing, sitting, running, sleeping, any form is beautiful. Not only beautiful, but IG has strong and lithe body, and its character is the most lovable. We found IGs have various expressions in life with them, and found what IGs wish is equal to what we wish.


8. How many IGs do you have ?


One male (1-year)

Three females (8-year, 4-year, 1-year).

9. Are you often on shows ?

We were preparing to enter for the shows with FCI IG. Last year we entered for the first time, we are at the beginning of show entry.





10. Are a lot of IG breeder on shows ?

Only 5 to 6 team or owner enter for the show in the whole country, it is very few.

11. Conclusion ..;

The standard of IG in Japan is close to the one of AKC, so even if the IG is Piebald or Irish marking become FCI INTch on the show in Japan. As we felt something is wrong, we mention such a matter on our website, therefore we sometime receive libels by someone, it is very sorrowful. FCI IG has not yet ready in IG world in Japan, especially on show, it takes time some more. In Japan, FCI IG has just started.

On the other hand, generally, the number of IG is increasing, in such a situation serious breeders are anxious that the incorrect IGs increase (stand ears particularly).

It is caused that the backyard breeder uses the IG not suited to breed, or some wants to breed with a small knowledge of the standard, only want to see the puppy of his/her dog.

We knew that IG club in Italy had the idea of the revised IG standard to approve AKC standard, but we heard it was not revised. Actually, the blood of hyper IG is needed, however, we think we should demand the minimum requirement. We'd like them to consider in carefully about the revision, we afraid that oversize or piebald will be increased more in Japan if the FCI standard will be revised.

In Japan, as there is no IG club, such a CFPLI, the activity in correct breeding, keeping standard and quality, supplying information or knowledge of IG has not been carried out yet. Before increasing of incorrect breeding, we, Japanese breeders have to consider.

Finally, we have an adviser, Mr. Takaki (owner of NUch MOVAD AMOROSO D'MONTE BELLO), he is FCI breeder in Japan. Properly speaking, these sentences should be written by Mr. Takaki, he has long experience in IG world.

Four years ago we found FCI IG in a photo from him, we knew FCI IG for the first time.

We thank him and sincerely thank Ms. Ragnhild & Ms. Evy of Talata Kennel, Norway (we were given TALATA XERXES called CORSARO).

Conclusion, in Japan, there are many IG lovers, they love IGs honestly and warmly. Many IG live with their family in happy.

Thank you.

