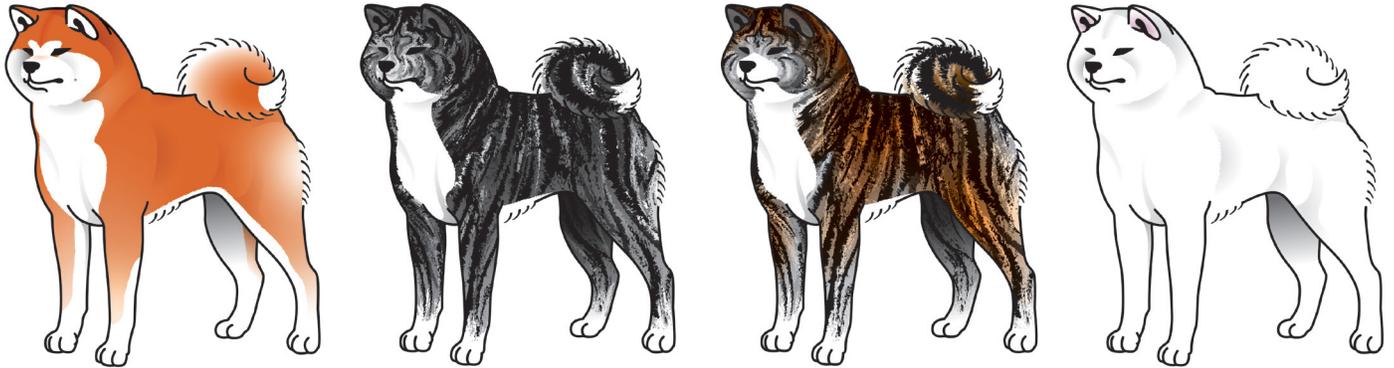


COLOR

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Coat color is as specified herein, with the three allowed colors given equal consideration – red, brindle (of varying colors) and white. All colors are rich, clear, and bright. Red and brindle coats must possess *urajiro* (light cream or white underside shading).



ALL COLORS

EYES

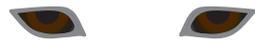
NOSE



Dark Brown Iris, Black Rim



FAULT: *light colored irises*



FAULT: *light pigment eye rims*



Black



Faded black and snow nose
acceptable for white dogs



DQ: *butterfly*

DQ: *albinism, black mask*

WHITE

For whites, color should be as bright as possible.



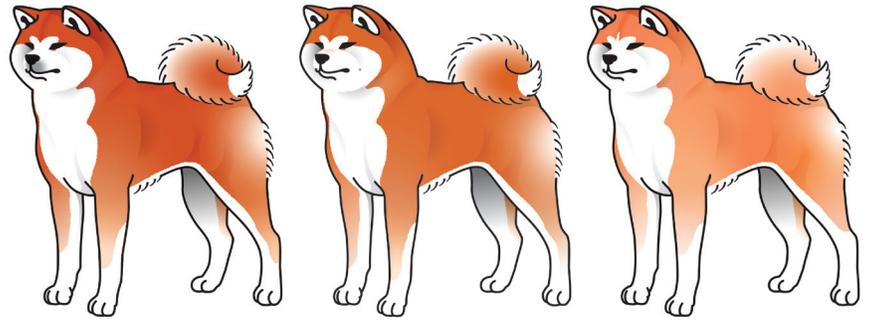
pale red, not white



FAULT: *biscuit color*

RED

For reds, the color should be vivid and rich. The white on the face should not be excessive. *Omotejiro* is the white or cream shading found on the sides of the muzzle and cheeks. *Urajiro* may appear on the underside of the jaw, neck, abdomen and tail, and on the inside of the legs; the red on the legs will fade in gradient to the white. A white-tipped tail is preferred.



← preferred range →



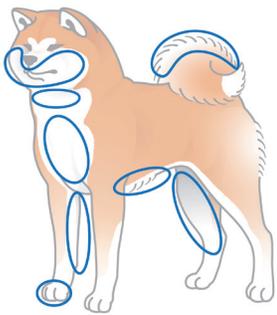
excessive white



FAULT: hachiware



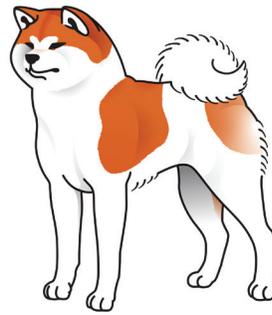
DQ: black mask



OMOTEJIRO & URAJIRO



SERIOUS FAULT: black saddle



DQ: pinto

For red dogs, the undercoat on the tail will be grey, but with proper *urajiro*, the guard hairs will be white on the underside and red on the top.



SERIOUS FAULT: full collar



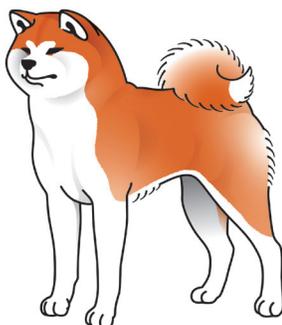
DQ: hachiware connected to full collar



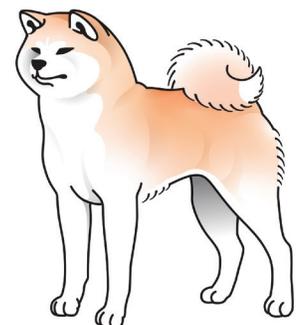
FAULT: excessive ticking on legs or muzzle



preferred



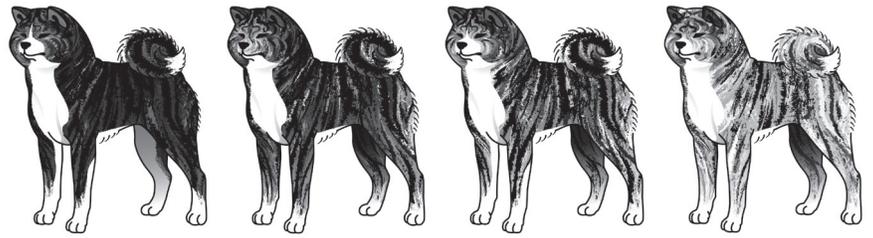
← excessive white on legs & chest →



pale

BRINDLE

For brindles, the pattern is defined as clearly marked dark fine streaks or stripes laid over a lighter background color. A brindle coat is identified as red brindle (of varying shades), black brindle, or a subtype called *shimofuri* (greysilver). Brindles may be self-masked or possess a white blaze that extends up the muzzle. The preferred brindle possesses *roppaku* (six points of white markings) which may be of varying degrees, on the muzzle, four paws, and tip of the tail. *Urajiro* for brindles may appear on the underside of the jaw, neck, abdomen, tail, and on the inside of the legs.



← KUROTORA (black brindle) →

SHIMOFURI



← AKATORA (red brindle) →

SHIMOFURI



self mask



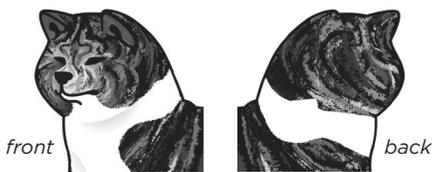
← blaze →



FAULT: hachiware



DQ: black mask



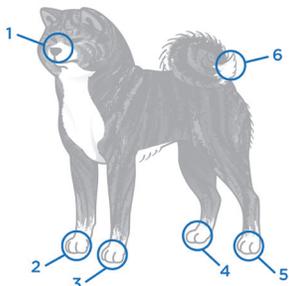
SERIOUS FAULT: full collar



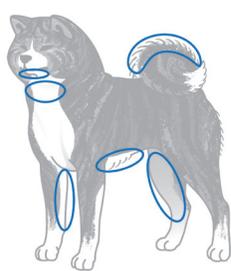
DQ: hachiware connected to full collar



FAULT: excessive ticking on legs or muzzle



ROPPAKU
(ideal 6 points of white)



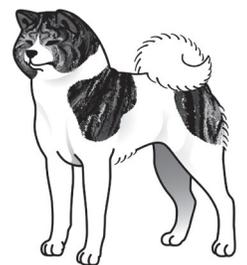
URAJIRO
(white underside shading)



undesirable gaps or lack of brindle pattern



poor distribution of colors in brindle pattern



DQ: pinto