

# Breed Lecture Notes 2010 Finnish Lapphund



&  
Swedish Lapphund



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## **Brief history,**

We shall start at the 1800's when the Sami or (lapps) inuett people herded their reindeer through what is today Finland, Sweden & Russia.

The reindeer where moved up & down the country using the Samoyed, Finnish & Swedish Lapphunds. In the late 1800's & early 1900's the tribes found this way of life harder to maintain, so the breeds split, the Samoyed to Russia, Finnish Lapphund to Finland & the Swedish Lapphund to Sweden.

During the early 1900's the breed standards where written & the dogs where amongst the first to be placed in the studbook register.

So what makes each breed different.

Let us compare the Finnish Lapphund to the Swedish Lapphund.

### **Temperament.**

Finnish – Calm, courageous, keen, willing to learn, friendly & faithful.

Swedish – Lively, alert, kind & affectionate.

If you speak to breeders they will tell you that the Finnish Lapphund is submissive to it's owners, they are a very lay back breed.

## **Important measurements.**

Both breeds are 9 as to 10 ( slightly longer than height a withers) & of spitz type.

The difference is in the look.

The Swedish Lapphund appears shorter in leg due to the fact that the rib cage is deeper than the Finnish Lapphund.

## **Sizes.**

Finnish Lapphund

Swedish Lapphund

Ideal heights.

Male 49cm (19.5 inches)

48cm ( 18.5 inches)

Females 44cm ( 17 inches)

43cm ( 16 inches)

Both have + or - 3cm or 1 inch

## **Colours.**

Finnish Lapphund comes in All colours from white to black.

Swedish Lapphund only comes in black, brown or liver with or without white markings on toes, tip of tail & on the chest, bronzing is also acceptable.

## **Coats.**

Finnish Lapphund

Outer coat is Long, harsh & straight.

Under coat is Dense & soft.

Swedish Lapphund

Outer coat is Long, weatherproof & shiny

Under coat is Dense & very finely curled.

## **HEADS.**

### **Skull**

Finnish Lapphund: Rather broad, frontal furrow clearly defined with a teddy-like expression.

Swedish Lapphund: Slightly longer than broad.

### **Muzzle**

Finnish Lapphund: Strong, broad & shorter than skull.

Swedish Lapphund: Little more than 1/3 length of head tapering to the nose.

### **Nose**

Finnish Lapphund; Preferably black or harmonising with coat colour, snow nose is also acceptable & can often be found on a sable.

Swedish Lapphund : Preferably dark or very black.

## **Cheeks**

Finnish Lapphund : Zygomatic arches clearly marked.

## **Eyes**

Finnish Lapphund : Oval shaped dark brown or harmonising with coat colour, soft & friendly expression.

Swedish Lapphund : Round but not protruding, rims strongly pigmented.

## **Ears**

Finnish Lapphund : Pricked or semi erect

Swedish Lapphund : Pricked

## **Mouth**

Both breeds are scissor bites

## **Lips**

Finnish Lapphund : Tight

Swedish Lapphund : Palate & lips strongly pigmented.

## **Neck**

Finnish Lapphund : Strong of medium length

Swedish Lapphund : Powerful of medium length

## **FORQUATTERS.**

### **Shoulder**

Finnish Lapphund : Slightly oblique

Swedish Lapphund : Well laid back

### **Upper Arm**

Finnish Lapphund : is as long as the shoulder blade

### **Elbows**

Finnish Lapphund : Slightly lower than lower edge of rib cage

Swedish Lapphund : Close to chest

### **Forearm**

Finnish Lapphund : Rather strong, vertical

Swedish Lapphund : Straight, strong, parallel both standing & moving

### **Carpus ( wrist )**

Finnish Lapphund ; flexible

### **Pasterns**

Finnish Lapphund ; Medium Length, slightly sloping

Swedish Lapphund : Sufficiently slanting

## **BODY**

### **Back**

Finnish Lapphund : Strong & straight

Swedish Lapphund : Level, strong, muscular & springy

### **Loin**

Finnish Lapphund : Short & muscular

Swedish Lapphund : Short & broad

### **Croup**

Finnish Lapphund : Medium length, sloping only slightly

Swedish Lapphund : Proportionally long & broad, slightly sloping & well muscled

### **Chest**

Finnish Lapphund : Not very broad, almost reaching the elbow, ribs slightly arched, for chest visible not to pronounced

Swedish Lapphund : Deep reaching elbow, proportionately long & oval, well develop last rib & well defined breastbone

## **HINDQUARTERS**

### **Upper Thigh**

Finnish Lapphund : Medium length, rather broad with well developed muscles

Swedish Lapphund : Muscular

### **Stifles**

Finnish Lapphund : pointed forward, angulation clearly marked ( well angulated )

Swedish Lapphund : well angulated but not exaggerated in stifle

### **Second thigh**

Finnish Lapphund : Relatively long & sinewy

### **Hocks**

Finnish Lapphund : Low set with moderate angulation

Swedish Lapphund : Low set to give power of propulsion rear dewclaws are undesirable

### **Metatarsus ( rear pastern )**

Finnish Lapphund : rather short, strong & vertical

## **FEET**

**Both** : well arched strong oval feet covered with dense hair However the Swedish Lapphund calls for nails & pads to be strongly pigmented



## **TAIL**

Finnish Lapphund : Set rather high, medium in length, covered with profuse long hair, the tip may have a j-hock, in movement tail curved over the back or side, at rest it may hang down.

Swedish Lapphund : Set rather high, reaching to the hock, carried over the back when moving.

## **MOVEMENT**

Finnish Lapphund : Effortless, changes easily from trot to gallop, movement is described as a string of pearls in the sand

Swedish Lapphund : Light & springy, covering the ground with drive.

## **COAT**

Finnish Lapphund : Double coat tight overall without wrinkles, Males have an abundant mane, the outer coat is long, straight & harsh the undercoat is soft & dense

Swedish Lapphund : Profuse double coat hair standing straight out from the body, the undercoat is dense & very finely curled short on head front of legs, Longer on the brisket, backside of the legs and on the tail. Bushy, long and dense on the tail, Forming a ruff around the neck.

## **COLOURS**

Finnish Lapphund : All colours are permitted, the basic colour must be dominant other colours can occur on head, legs, neck, chest underside of body, legs & tail

Swedish Lapphund : Solid black, bronzing is typical, also brown & liver, white on the chest, feet & tip of tail is permissible but more white is undesirable.

### **The key differences are**

Eyes- Finnish are oval the Swedish are round

Ears- Finnish can have pricked, semi-erect or one up one down the Swedish can only have pricked

Coat - Finnish is long straight and harsh the Swedish is long straight & shiny

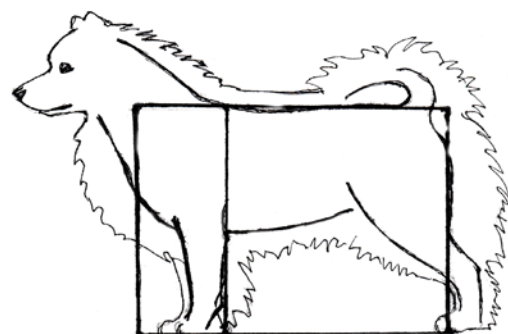
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Chest- Finnish almost reaches the elbow the Swedish is to the elbow & is oval & very deep

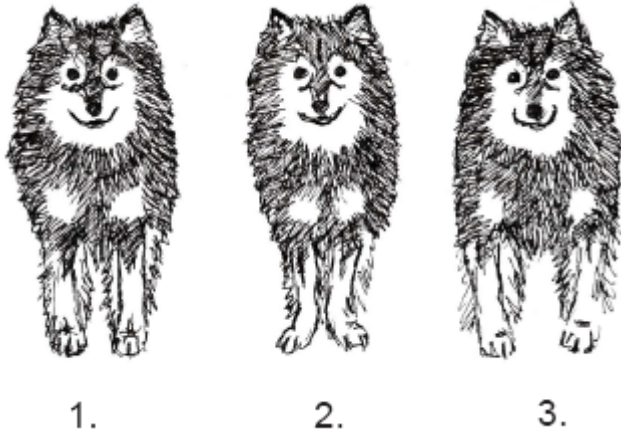
Movement- Finnish single tracks the Swedish parallel tracks.

Temperament- the Finnish is more submissive the Swedish is more a proud guarding dog

Remember to feel through the Coat for the dog



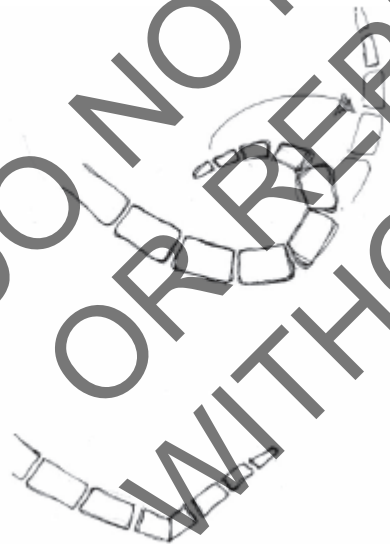
## Finnish Lapphund



- 1. Correct front
- 2. Narrow chest
- 3. Broad chest

If you are faced with this choice the reason you would select number 2 over number 3 is a narrow fronted Finnish Lapphund is more likely to move on a single track than the wider chest, which will move with elbows out.

## Finnish Lapphund



'J' shaped hook; the tip of the tail is curved, but it is possible to straighten it at least to some extent.

Kink; vertebrae grown together.