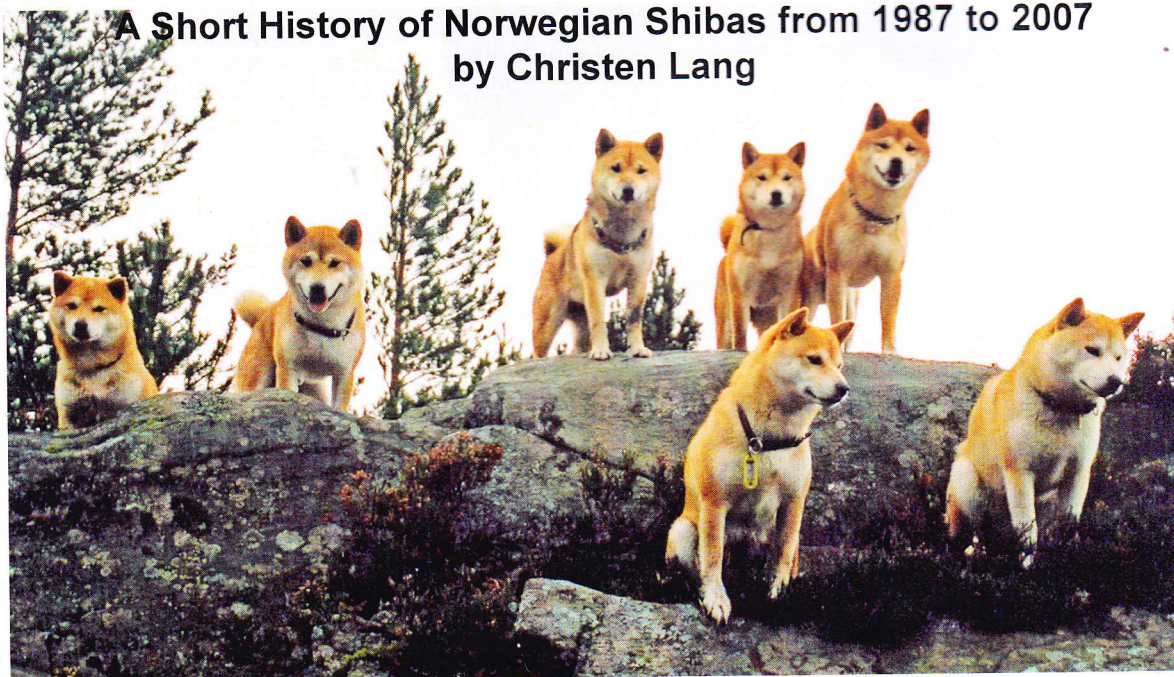


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A Short History of Norwegian Shibas from 1987 to 2007 by Christen Lang



July 2007 it was 20 years since the first Shiba was imported into Norway. The breed was at that time well established in Sweden, so it was naturally that the first imports come from there.

The first Shiba in Norway was Amai-Keki, born 04. 04. 1987. She was bred by Mrs Lena Sonefors and imported by Mr. Lang. This dog was on her mother's side out of Swedish lines going back to the first import there in 1972; Akiwake- Hime. Amai-Keki's father was a Japanese import to Sweden, Nadaka Kurotaka Go Fujimine Kensha.

The first two kennels with the breed in Norway was Kennel Enerhaugen, Mr. Christen Lang, and Kennel Kleivane Mr. & Mrs. Langhelle. The Langhelles also imported their first Shiba, Manløtens Ayame Ninja from Sweden in 1987. Breeder of this bitch was Mr. & Mrs. Carlsson.

The following year Mr. Lang imported another bitch from Lena Sonefors, Ichigo-Keki. She became Norwegian, Swedish and International Champion, and together with Amai-Keki who became Norwegian Champion, she was the foundation stock in Mr. Lang's kennel.

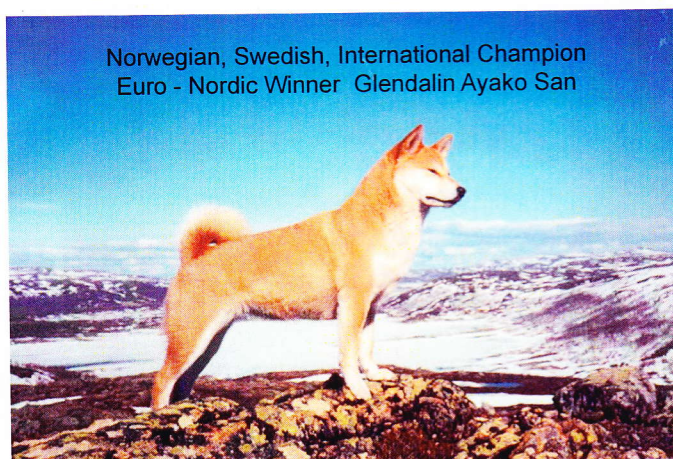
Other imports from the early period of the breed in our country where from Mr. Mulligan's Makoto Kennel in England. This was two males, Norwegian & Swedish Champion Makoto Dynamite imported in 1988, and Norwegian Champion Makto Here We Go, imported in 1989, both by Mr. Lang. In 1990 Mr. & Mrs Mjærum imported Norwegian Champion Kiskas Jack Daniels, and his daughter, Norwegian &

Swedish Champion Maurain Akeira at Rimor also these two dogs was bred in England. Kiskas Jack Daniels was a well-known stud in England with a lot of offspring there before he was exported to Norway.

Frozen semen from Makoto Dynamite was exported to Australia in 1990 to Mr Rod Anderson's kennel Soboku and resulted in two bitches Soboku Arigato and Soboku Yokoso. They both have had influence in the breed in Australia. A grandson of Soboku Yokoso, Vulpecula Nozami was exported to Finland in 1999.

Shibas from Mr. Arthur Lane's kennel Glendalin in Australia were imported in that early period. Dogs from his kennel have had great influence, not only on the Norwegian Shibas, but also on the breed in the other Scandinavian countries, especially in Sweden. The following three were imported by Mr. Lang:

Glendalin Ayako San, born in 1990, arrived in Norway as a three month old puppy. She became Norwegian & Swedish & International Champion with a lot of Best Of Breeds and group placements. She was also Euro Winner in 1997. She won her first BOB at 10 months old. She won Best in Show Veteran, and her last big win was BOS and Nordic Winner at 10 years old at the International Stockholm Show in 1999 in Sweden. She only had one litter but through her son and two daughters and their offspring, she has been an influential bitch in the breed in Norway. One of her grandsons Katsura av Enerhaugen was exported to Mrs Agnes Ganami in Israel in 1994.



Norwegian, Swedish, International Champion
Euro - Nordic Winner Glendalin Ayako San

Multichampion Glendalin Burande, born in 1992, was also an Euro Winner and Nordic winner is so far the most awarded Shiba in Norway, and also the record holder as producer. He was the sire of 18 champions. His last win was Best in Show Veteran at the Norwegian Shiba Specialty in 2003 under Japanese judge Mr. Kuroki.

Another dog from Mr. Lane who has had great influence in Norway and Sweden is Norwegian & Swedish Champion & Nordic Winner 1998, 1999 Glendalin Fuyu San born in 1995. He was the first Shiba to win Best in Show at an all breed show in Norway in 1997, and has repeated this by winning BIS as Veteran in a big International show in 2003. He is still living — 12 1/2 years old now.

Among the many Norwegian bred dogs, I will only mention a few:

In 1994 Hidezakura av Enerhaugen was BOB (45 entries) and BIS 2 in the first special show for Japanese breeds arranged by the Japan Kennel Club (JKC) in Sweden. Judges was Mr. Uryu in the breed and Mr Kariyabu in BIS.

In 2000 Norwegian and Swedish Champion Umai av Enerhaugen won BOB and Best in Show at the Norwegian Shiba Specialty under Japanese judge Mr. Miyagawa. This bitch, owned in Sweden by Mrs Sonefors, has a lot of big wins there as well. She has been Best in Show two times at the Swedish Shiba Specialty, and she is also a great brood bitch producing a lot of quality offspring. Two of her sons have also been winning the Norwegian specialties. One, Norwegian Champion Chiharu av Enerhaugen won it two years in a row. His litter brother Norwegian Champion Chiyomaru av Enerhaugen won open class in the VVV Show in Amsterdam 2003 with Chiharu as no. 2, and both brothers got good placements the day after at the Japanese Kennel Club show for judge Mr. Hoshi. One of Umai av Enerhaugens grandsons, Stammlocks Daikichi is exported to USA to Mrs. Carla Ross, Roscas Kennel and is doing very well in the moment. Umai's dam, Fujihime av Enerhaugen, is one of the most influent brood bitches in the breed in Norway so far. She has won several progeny groups and her group won best group, all breeds, at the Norwegian Kennel Clubs 100th Anniversary show in 1998. She is dam of 7 champions.

In 1990 an unofficial breed club, Shibaens venner i Norge was started by Mr. Karstein Thunes and Mr. Christen Lang. This club translated some of the articles about the breed in the American magazine, The Shiba Journal, and published them in the Club magazine Shiba nytt. The subject in the articles was the Nippo standard with comments, and the history of the breed, which were translated from original Japanese writings. This was important for the correct understanding of the Japanese Nippo type of Shiba in Norway. Shibaens venner i Norge was in action until 1998 when the official Shiba club, Norsk Shiba Klubb was founded.

Norway, as a small country was and is totally dependent of imports to maintain a healthy and sound breed. We do not have many dogs, but the quality of the best is quite high. The genepool of the breed in Norway is based on imports from many different countries with a wide spread of lines from well known Japanese kennels. These imports are from Sweden, and Denmark, but also from England, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, U.S.A., and Japan.

Mr. And Mrs. Mjærum, Kennel Mjærumhøgda, imported the first Shiba from Japan, International & Nordic Champion Fukume Go Banshu Asukasow in 1994. She was bred by Mr. Kitsuta.

Today we have a few imports from the home country of the breed in Norway. The most known of these is Norwegian & Swedish Champion Shippou No Shinichi Go Kagawa Shippousou, bred by Mr. Kameno and imported by Mr. Lang. This dog has a number of



BOB and group placements, also in Sweden. He was the most awarded Shiba in Norway in 2005. He won BOB and Best in Show this year, at the 2007 Norwegian Shiba Specialty with an entry of 52 dogs.

One of the latest Japanese imports is Hachiman Go Ryuukyuu Uruma, from the famous kennels of Mr. Yuuchi Tomimoto, imported by Mr. Lang. This dog is the sire of Mrs. Leslie Ann Engen's well known Tenkai Go Ryuukyuu Uruma. He is also the grandfather of the Crufts winner 2007 Koubai Go Ryuukyuu Uruma.



American Shibas have, over the years had big influence on the breed in Norway. True imports to Scandinavia from breeders like Mrs Laura Perkinson, Kennel Taichung, Mrs. Debbie Meador, Kennel Tanasea, Mrs. Sandy Smith, Kennel Dragon House, Mrs. Gretchen Haskett, Kennel Kitsunebisou, Mrs Leslie Ann Engen, Kennel San Jo, and Mrs. Patricia Doescher, Kennel Hi-Jinx.

As a show dog, the Shiba have had great success in Norway. We have had a lot of dogs in these 20 years, which have won groups at national and international shows.

In agility and obedience we have had a few dedicated owners that have had success with their dogs in these activities. Two Shibas was together with two other dogs (breeds) Norwegian Agility Masters 1995 class A, for small breeds. We have also some Agility Champions in the bred in Norway.

As hunting dogs Shiba is actively used in our country. We have big woods with a lot of Elk and Deer and many dogs are used for that hunt. We have also Shibas that are used for different birds and smaller games. And we have many dogs that have official tracking certificates. It is a must for Norwegian hunters to have a tracking dog available.



Norway and Japan are similar countries in many ways. Both countries are small and depended of the sea. As Japan, we have winters here with a lot of snow in part of the country. But our summers are not so hot as in some parts of Japan.

Norwegian people are very sporty. We have a wonderful nature around us with fjords and mountains and big woods and it is common that many people use the nature, also with their dogs.

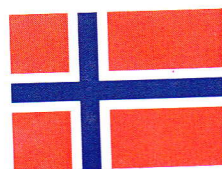
I have read from other countries that people telling that they cannot let their Shiba lose (of leash). This is not the experience we have in Norway. Most of our Shibas are running free everyday without any problems.

As a small country, we do not have any big professional kennels here. The most common is to have a small home -based kennel. These kennels have a small number of dogs living in the house as family members. We neither have professional handlers. Most people are handling their own dogs at shows.

The number of Shiba in Norway in 2007 is about 500 dogs and the interest for the breed is increasing.



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