

Roseheaven Japanese Chins

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Dogs have always been a part of my life. In my childhood it was mostly German Shepherds. Later on came Pekingese.

Some years after moving out from my parents' home, I started breeding German Shepherds. I bought, at that time, the best German lines I could find. I had some success, but due to my own health I had to give up this breed.

In 1987 my sister (a Pekingese breeder www.kisci.dk) bought her first Japanese Chin male, - and then I was lost! This breed I really loved.

For some years I helped my sister show her dogs all over Europe but I was more and more involved in the Chin breed and in 2001 I got my own prefix *Roseheaven*.



The foundation in our lines was the last Japanese Chin to be born at May Robershaw's *Lotusgrange* Kennel (Pekingese & Japanese Chins) in England. This male was an amazing dog, so full of type and soundness; he really was outstanding. His lines were from the *Ulvus* kennel in Sweden and

the old *Riu Gu* Kennel from England.

Shortly after arrived a red/white female from Sigun Carlson, *Ginzan* Kennel in Sweden. This bitch was strongly line-bred on Pamela Cross Sterns' *Sternroc* dogs.

Getting more and more involved in the breed; our fascination for the *Sternroc* Chins became bigger and bigger. At this time the *Sternroc* kennel was not an active breeder anymore, but we had a breeder in Denmark, who had some of these *Sternroc* lines. We bought a few puppies from her over a period. For some time we were line-breeding with the *Sternroc* and the *Lotusgrange* lines.



Int.Ch. Roseheaven`s Prins Fabian

In 1995 my sister was in Russia. At a show she saw a beautiful Chin male. He was small, and he was just what we needed in our lines at that time. He was private bred (no prefix). His lines were almost all from Japan. Together
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with our own strong solid bitches, he produced some very beautiful and elegant types in the correct size. These puppies had the correct "porcelain" type.

From a Danish breeder in 2001 we bought a new male. His lines were half our own lines mixed with some Sangria and Swedish lines in the mother's line. At the same time we bought one more male from Russia. This time from the Hin Santori kennel. This male also went back to the old lines from Japan.



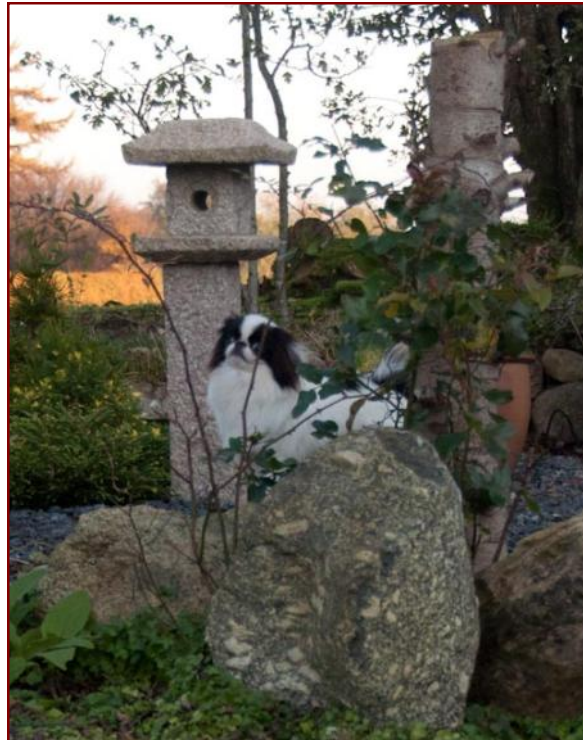
*Danish, Norwegian, Swedish & Nordich
Int. Champion Roseheaven`s
Fabian Society
Top toydog in Denmark 2007, 2008 &
2010
Topdog number 3 all breeds in
Denmark 2010*

To me type and soundness in the breeding is the most important. T.x. from the right beginning all the Chins has been tested for patella luxation before thinking of breeding to them.

We have always made a very hard se-

lection when choosing which dogs are to be bred from. Sometimes it is very hard to accept that this beautiful dog will not be bred. But for me this is the only way when you really want the best for your breed.

To me the ideal Chin is neither too big or too small. He must be sound all over, must have a cute broad face with a wide muzzle, level topline and the correct tail placement and tail carriage. He must have the correct coat quality, sound movements, and he must be elegant like a porcelain sculpture.



Back to Sternroc Kennel I still have Sternroc Dikki as one of my big favorites. He won 50 C.C`s and was the topdog of all dogs in England in 1981.

I believe in linebreeding, but sometimes it is important to make an out-

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Ch. Roseheaven's Fabian Society

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cross. The point is to make this out-cross at the right time to the right dog!

When planning a litter, I do a lot of research. Before I decide, I make "paper litters" to see the puppies' pedigree, and all the plusses and minusses will be put together. I can have several ideas, but very often it is the first choice with which I end up!



A young Roseheaven Chin

My red lines:

In the beginning my lemon/white & red/whites had no earfringes. To me a perfect Japanese Chin head is surrounded by some nice long earfringes. Of course earfringes are also a matter of genes.

I have been lucky by selective breeding to establish a stable line of lemon/reds with very nice long earfringes. One of my first red/white males with good earfringes was Roseheavens Zaiko.



Roseheaven's San-Jaffa

My dogs are doing very well in the showing. They are shown all over Europe. Since the first Japanese Chin arrived in 1987, we have bred/owned more than 100 champions including about 50 international champions, several World winners, Europe winners and a lot of other titles.



*Int CH Roseheaven's Crown Princes
and CH Roseheaven's Fabian Society
World Winners 2010*

My dogs are family pets, and I am surrounded by them all the time. I enjoy

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having close contact with them.

I love to plan a litter; taking care of and nursing the puppies; to see them grow and start training them. If some of them are doing well in the showing; this, of course, is also a great pleasure. But the very best for me is the daily contact with my dogs.

If I got the chance to live my life a second time, I just would change one thing: I would start my life with Japanese Chins at a much earlier age!

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*Above: Roseheavens Mala Conscientia
Junior European Winner with BOB*

Below: Ch. Roseheaven's Banzai

