Coat and Color

Coat short, fine

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Coat and Color

Skin very pliant

Wrinkles on the head are an indication of the proper fine, loose skin on the body. This serves a vital function as it allows the dogs to crash through dense jungle or underbrush without gouging and tearing their hides.

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Coat and Color

Skin very pliant

Loose, pliable skin is also
a considerable advantage during battle with friend or foe.

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Coat and Color

Skin very pliant

It can also get one out of a tight spot....
Puppies usually have more wrinkles than adults.

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Coat and Color

Color and markings rich, clear and well defined.

Color. This is not a color breed. We love our beautiful deep, clear colors and value them highly but we do not want you to place undue emphasis on things that are not spelled out in our standard. We would ask that you judge positively, always considering the overall dog.

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Coat and Color

Reds should be chestnut red, blacks should be pure black, tricolors should be pure black and chestnut red, and brindles should have black stripes on a background of chestnut red.

You will undoubtedly see minor and not so minor variations of these colors in the ring, and you should judge by the standard as written as even our most dedicated breeders cannot agree on the relative merits of some of these variations.

For example, when judging tricolors, please note that the breed standard does not require, describe, or even address the presence of “pips” above the eyes and/or chestnut red markings on the face and elsewhere on the body, although these markings are generally present in some form. Please do your best to judge by the standard and you will be on the right track.

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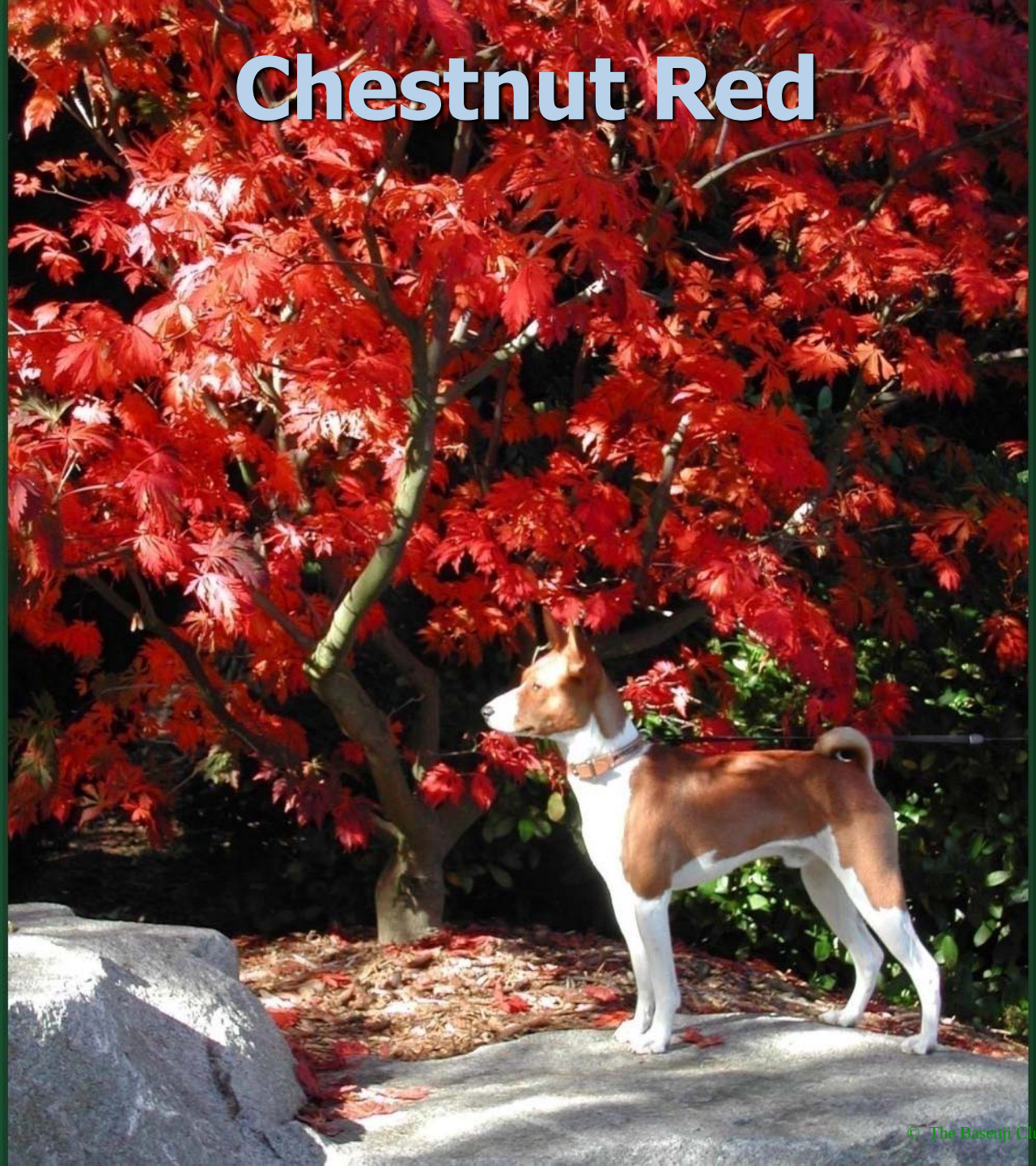
Chestnut Red



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Pure Black

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Tricolor: Pure Black and Chestnut Red

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Black stripes may be present in the areas of red.

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Tricolor: Pure Black and Chestnut Red

This color appears infrequently and has no pips or distinct red markings. This pattern is allowed but color and markings should always be rich, clear and well-defined.

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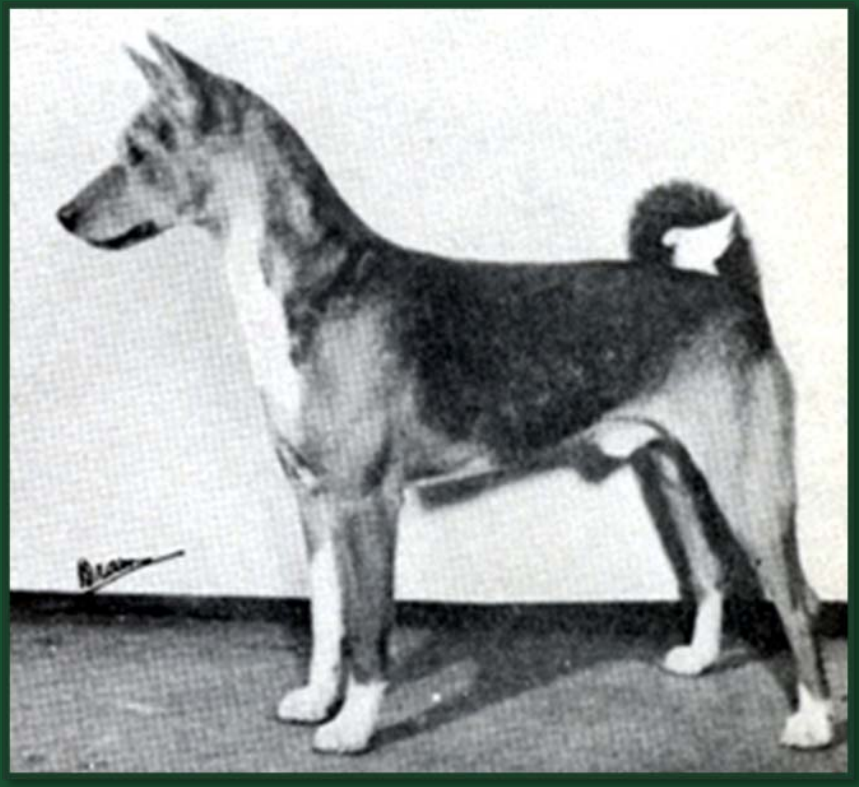
Tricolor: Pure Black and Chestnut Red



This dog, an AKC champion c. 1951, is a saddle-marked tricolor. This coloration fits the standard as written although it is missing the distinct line of demarcation between the black and red of tricolors.

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Brindle: (black stripes on a background of chestnut red)

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Brindle

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All with white chest, feet and tail tip

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