

# *The Keeshond - An Illustrated Breed Standard*

## **CHARACTERISTICS and TEMPERAMENT**

**Characteristics:** *Sturdy, intelligent and adaptable, ideal companion, good guard, shows boldly.*

**Temperament:** *Bold, alert, friendly with marked guarding tendency.*

To simplify, we will discuss both of the above statements together.

For centuries the role of the Keeshond has traditionally been that of a companion but at the same time making an excellent watchdog. They are invariably extremely friendly to everyone they meet but most especially so to their immediate family, being particularly good with children. It is probably the wonderful character of the breed, which endears them to their owners.

The Keeshond is a creature of fine spirits and good even temperament, without any tendency towards nervousness or timidity, neither should they show any inclination of aggressiveness towards humans.

**FAULTS** • *Nervousness, timidity and unprovoked aggression towards humans.*