



Chin Directions

Some notes, written by Stephanie Olivier of Yukisan Japanese Chins.

I had to remove most of the pictures from this document, let me know if you want one with all the pictures

The Japanese Chin is a very old race. They have been members of the aristocracy wherever they went, and they act the part.

My favorite Chin story is the fable of the lion that fell in love with a marmoset:

Naturally, the marmoset did not think this was a good idea, the lion being so big.

The lion pined and went to see a Buddhist monk.

“Make me as small as the marmoset, I want to marry her. She is the love of my life.”

The monk could not believe this.

“Do you want to give up your strength, your position as the king of the jungle, all for the sake of love?”

When the lion agreed that this was the case, the monk promised the following:

“Very well, as you were willing to give up so much for love, your descendants will only live in royal palaces. They will never have to fend for themselves, and they will always be fed by royal hands.”

Japanese women carried Chins in little baskets lined with silk, Queen Alexandra and Queen Victoria owned Chins.

The only reason for the existence of these dogs is to make its human happy – that is a great responsibility! You will be happy to have such a devoted doggie person in your life.

This is my Chin tale.

YukiSan Japanese Chins

One does not choose to be a Chin owner, one is chosen.

I bought a little dog, not really knowing what it was, and found out it was a Chin.

Chins are rare.

She was my first Chin, and my life changed. This little cat like dog became the focal point of my life.

It seems we do not own them, but they certainly own us.

We now have **YukiSan Japanese Chins**.

Yuki San means Mr. Snow in Japanese. The YukiSan puppies are KUSA registered, but these are not show dogs, they only exist to be your close companions.

YukiSan puppies do not join their new families before they are 3 months old, and they only join very select homes. By then they will have had all their inoculations and be well adjusted.

The YukiSan Chins grow up in my home and are socialized and trained from an early age. The philosophy at YukiSan is that we breed only on order.



I imported Simon with the help of Wynand Schutte of Bellocane kennels. Simon is our gentle stud. He comes from excellent stock and is an absolute darling. He was bred in the UK, by Linda Benton-Taylor who owns Sansarc kennels.

Simon arrived from Heathrow in a Ryslip crate marked: "My name is Simon, please talk to me." Naturally, most people did.

Simon's pedigree is very good, he is related to the Homerbrent Chins; they have been winning international competitions for a long time. Pucara Whizzkid, the Chin who won Crufts in 2006, and Simon share the same grandfather!

Owning (being owned by) a Japanese Chin

This is a case of you **can** buy love!

Japanese Chins are the most delightful dogs I have ever had in a long career of being a dog owner.

Be strict, they are cuddly but clever, and will turn you around a little paw if you are not careful.

They are like people, some are bigger, some are smaller but the fundamental good and kind nature prevails. You get them in sable and white, or black and white.

These little dogs are cheerful, bumptious and out to please!

Some even dance!

Chin Babies

It is difficult to resist a Chin baby.

Chin quarters

They need a safe haven in which to sleep. A large cat box with a door is ideal, with the blankets and cushion inside, which can be changed daily. Traveling with the Chins will be easy with the cat box. Use a plastic cloth on the floor under the pen. You can use either the colorless plastic sheeting, or the one with a brushed cotton backing – both are washed every day. The plastic is inexpensive, a few meters, cut up in suitable doggie carpets, is both economical and clean.

Playpens are great safe spaces. Kingpens make a good collapsible pen with a lid, for protection from other larger breeds or owl and eagles. The size that I have found best is about 2m x 2m.



Tjerrie and the babies in their Kingpen

They can also live inside the playpen, on a plastic sheet, with the cat box as sleeping compartment.

Place newspaper in the corner of the pen; they paper train themselves in two ticks. Just remove the soiled newspaper and replace with fresh paper.

But do not let me fool you, the Chins take turns to sleep on my bed!

Chin Girls and Boys

As with everything else, the girls and the boys differ.

However, as my YukiSan Chins only leave home at 3 months, when the personality is nearly formed, it is easier to choose your puppy.

Personality traits are developing, and you will be able to see whether you bond with any one of the puppies.

One thing I must mention; a number of people have requested females. There is not much difference between Chin boys and girls as far as toilet habits are concerned. The boys only piddle when there is a bitch on heat. Normally they are equally clean, and loving.

The Chin in your Home

I found that, when I had only one Chin, I turned into a nervous wreck with my dog alone at home. They love Chin, and human, company, and it helps a lot to keep oneself sane by having two Chins, at least.

However, they are very good on their own, and I think maybe I am just neurotic.

Another potential problem is that they are such easy dogs to keep one can overdo it and have too many, as I have.

The Chins get on very well with other cats and dogs.

Chin Food

I feed Eukanuba Puppy, Small, 1 to 12 months, and after that Eukanuba for small adults. After weaning, the pellets are pulverized in a food processor. As they grow bigger, one serves larger and larger puppy food crumbs.

It is not good for them to have other tidbits or even milk. On rare occasions, as a treat for good behavior, you could give small chewy doggie treats for the teeth. They can also have very LARGE bones, like knuckle bones, to chew, as long as they cannot chew off pieces, the bones keep their teeth clean.



You do not need to have specific meal times, have plenty of fresh water and a dish of food available, and they will eat when necessary.

Some Chins love playing in water, get dishes that cannot be overturned.

Chin Toys

Chewy toys, mine love their toy chicken that squeaks. They also have a squeaky Chin size dragon.

They love cuddly toys; I have pictures of the babies sleeping in the arms of a fluffy stuffed red dog!

Like children, they get bored with their toys – rotate the toys. You are sure to have too many.

The Bathroom and the Chin

Until 4 months old, Chins find potty training difficult, but paper training works. They can even be sandbox trained.

Once they are 4 months old, it will take about 2 weeks of taking your puppy outside often to teach it the rudiments of personal hygiene.

However, if you feed the right food and do not alter their diet the fouling is not a huge problem.

As I said, boys and girls are the same, the boys only cannot control the piddling when there is a bitch on heat present – otherwise, there is no difference.

Chin Grooming

Chins do not need any grooming except for brushing, not like Shiz shui Do not bath them too often, they naturally shed dirt, but I found a once a month bath with a GOOD doggie shampoo or at a GOOD doggie parlor is fine.

The doggie parlor also keeps the nails clipped, etc.

Brush them often, they do shed hair. A bath also helps to cut down on the hair shedding.

Chins like a massage and having their ears rubbed.

Chin training tips

Do not allow them to chew your hands, feet, whatever; it becomes a habit and unbearable.

Even though they are so small, they LOVE doggie training –puppy play school keeps them from becoming too shy, it is good to take them out to socialize.

Put on a collar ASAP. As soon as the collar is accepted, add a lead, and let the puppy trail the lead around. When you finally pick up your end of the lead, the lead is accepted, and you will go for a little walk.

Chins love obedience classes. I can only take one dog at a time to class, and I normally leave the house with the others throwing a hissy fit because they cannot also go.

Chin Gardeners

My Chins love the garden, and especially Tjerrie is an avid digger; currently she is working on a tunnel to Oz to visit my niece and her family. A few plants being destroyed in the process, is all for a good cause.



However, they are not normally digging doggies, she is an exception, and also does not dig all the time. She would probably stop doing it, if I decide it's not a good idea. Keep a watch out, Chins chew plants and flowers and some are poisonous.

Chins at Play

Chins play; they play with each other, the cats, other dogs. They are curious and joyful.

Chin Safety

Take good care of your Chin, and be alert, these trusting little souls are not afraid of anything, and big dogs sometimes mistake them for cats, with horrendous consequences!

They seem to be quite clever around the swimming pool, agile and careful. Some managed to fall into the fish pond, but got themselves out quite niftily!

Chin Health

The very small Chins are inclined to cough; a soft patting on the lungs helps. Their eyes are sensitive.

Sensitive Chins

Chins are attuned to one's every mood, and they are oh so attentive when a doggie cries.

Chin Travels

They love the car, and we go on holiday together, spending at least 12 hours on the road – and no problem. They must have water though, and an air conditioned car. Chins are susceptible to heatstroke.

Chin Love

Is never ending, be prepared to be totally owned by a Chin.

Chins and ordinary dogs

The Chins get on extremely well with their ordinary dog companions, just be careful with strange dogs, they might just think the Chins are cats or rabbits and catch them for the pot.

Chins and animals

My babies differ – some chase rabbits (Boesman) and some are interested in the chickens (Chique Pea), but on the whole they just ignore whatever animal comes their way – of course, when we were on holiday, they were amazed at the size of the cows passing in the street.



Vincent, Tutsi and Babes, the Scotty, watch some cattle in absolute amazement!

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Chin Reference Books

There are not many reference books available, actually only two that I know of:
There is a lot of Chin information on the internet.

Refer to the following website; Google will translate, for the results of the world Chin show in Bratislava: www.japanchin.net

The Japanese Chin, Dog from the Land of the Rising Sun: Elizabeth Legl

The 2nd Edition is available from Foyle's Bookshop in London.

ISBN 30: 978-1-57779-098-3

Japanese Chin: Juliette Cunliffe

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