

Miniature American Shepherd

Height - Dogs - 14" to 18" Bitches - 13" to 17"

General Appearance - Small sized herding dog that is slightly longer than tall with moderate bone. Movement smooth, easy and balanced. Exceptional agility.

Head - Clean-cut, dry and in proportion to body. **Eyes**-Set obliquely, almond shaped. May be multi colors and/or combinations of colors, flecks and marbling. **Ears**-Triangular, of moderate size, set high on head. Tipped or rose. **Skull**-Flat to slightly rounded. Width and length of crown are equal. **Stop**-Moderate, but defined. **Muzzle**-Tapers gradually to nose. Equal length to skull. **Nose**-Red merles and reds have red (liver) pigmentation while blue merles and blacks have black pigmentation. **Bite** - Scissors, full dentition.

Body - Topline-Firm and level when standing or moving. **Croup**-Moderately sloped. **Chest**-Full and deep reaching elbows. **Tail**-Docked or natural bobtail is preferred. Docked tail is straight and not to exceed 3 inches.

Coat - Moderation is the overall impression of the coat. Hair of medium texture, straight to wavy and medium length.

Color - Colors are Black, blue Merle, Red (Liver) and Red Merle. Tan markings are not required, but acceptable. White markings are not required but when present do not dominate. Ticking may be present in white markings. White on the head does not predominate and eyes are fully surrounded by color and pigment. Pigment corresponds to coat color. Prefer that ears are fully covered by color.

Disqualifications

**Under 14" and over 18" for dogs; Under 13" and over 17" for bitches.*

**Over 50% unpigmented nose leather.*

**Undershot or overshot bite.*

**Other than recognized colors. White body splashes, which means any conspicuous, isolated spot or patch of white on the area between withers and tail, on back, or sides between elbows and back of hindquarters.*