

Akita

Height Dogs - 26"- 28" Bitches - 24"-26"

General Appearance- Large, powerful, heavy boned, moderately angulated. Breed characteristics: broad head forming blunt triangle, deep muzzle, small dark brown triangular eyes, small erect triangular ears carried forward in line with neck, and a large curled tail.

Head- Massive in balance with body, free of wrinkles. **Skull-** Flat, broad between ears. **Jaws-** Broad and powerful. **Muzzle-** Broad and full. **Stop-** Well defined. Distance from nose to stop to occiput is a ratio of 2 to 3. **Nose-** Broad and black. Black noses on white Akitas preferred. Lighter colored nose with or without shading of black or gray tone accepted. **Bite-** Scissors, level acceptable. **Neck-** Thick and muscular. Comparatively short, widening gradually toward shoulders. Pronounced crest blends in with base of skull.

Body - Longer than high, Measurement from sternum to the point of buttocks. **Chest-** Wide and deep, reaching to elbow. Depth of body at elbow equals half the height of dog at withers. **Back -** Level with firmly muscled loin and moderate tuck-up. **Tail -** Carried in full, or double curl over back or against flank. **Feet -** Cat feet.

Coat- Double, straight, harsh. Hair on withers and rump approximately 2", which is slightly longer than rest of body. Coat is longest and most profuse on tail.

Color - Any including white, brindle or pinto.

Gait - Brisk and powerful with strides of moderate length.

Temperament - Alert and responsive, dignified and courageous. Akitas may be intolerant of other dogs, particularly of the same sex.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Partial or total lack of pigmentation on nose.
- Any nose color other than black, except on white Akitas.
- Drop or broken ears.
- Undershot or overshot.
- Sickle or uncurled tail.
- Dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.
- Merle marking pattern.
- Liver color.

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