

Australian Shepherd

Height - Dogs 20" to 23" Bitches 18" to 21"

General Appearance - Overall appearance of animation and agility; solid and muscular but without cloddiness.

Head - Clean cut and strong with parallel planes, moderate stop, little taper to the muzzle, the skull is flat or slightly domed. **Eyes** - Almond in shades of brown, blue or combinations; expression eager, alert but friendly.

Ears - Set high, may break either forward or to side. **Bite** - Scissors or level. Full dentition.

Body - Slightly longer than tall, measured from breastbone to rear of thigh; neither short legged nor square. **Neck** - Strong, of moderate length, back straight, croup moderately sloping. **Ribs** - Well sprung; bone is moderate, strong and oval. **Tail** - Normally docked or naturally bobbed.

Coat - Double coated with weather resistant outer coat, medium in length, straight to wavy.

Color - Listed colors are blue merle, black, red, red merle, all with or without varying amounts of white markings and/or tan points. Eyes must be hilly surrounded by color.

Gait - Movement is ground covering, demonstrating agility; feet converge as speed increases.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

-Undershot.

-Overshot greater than 1/8 inch.

-White body splashes, which means white on body between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters in all colors.

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