

# Icelandic Sheepdog

**Height** - Dogs 18" Bitches - 16 ½

Examine on Floor or Ramp

**General Appearance** - Nordic herding Spitz, slightly under medium sized with prick ears and a curled tail. Rectangular and strong, length of body measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock.

Expression gentle, happy, confident, lively.

**Head** - Strongly **built**, close fitting skin, triangular when seen from above or side. **Eyes** - Medium size, almond shaped, dark brown, slightly lighter in chocolate brown and some cream dogs. Eye rims black or dark brown in chocolate brown and some cream dogs. **Ears** - Erect, medium sized, triangular, firm edges, slightly rounded tips, very mobile. **Skull** - Slightly longer than muzzle, somewhat domed. **Stop** - Clearly defined, neither steep nor high. **Muzzle** - Slightly shorter than skull, tapering evenly towards nose forming a blunt triangle when seen from above or side. **Nose** - Black, dark brown in chocolate brown and some cream dogs.. **Bite**- Scissors, compete dentition.

**Neck** - Moderately long, muscular, slightly arched, head carried high.

**Topline** - Level, muscular, strong. **Chest** - Long, deep, well-sprung.

**Croup** - Moderately short, broad, very slightly sloping and well-muscled. **Tail** - High set, curled over and touching back. **Dewclaws** - Required front, and rear, double desirable . Slightly oval feet.

**Coat** - Double, thick, weatherproof, two types: Short and Longhaired. *Trimming or clipping of coat or whiskers severely faulted.*

**Color** - Several colors permitted but a single color should be predominant, i.e., Various shades of tan, chocolate brown, grey, and black. White always accompanies the predominant color.

**Gait** - Displays agility and endurance with good driving action covering ground effortlessly.

**Temperament** - A **hardy**, agile herding dog, alert, cheerful, friendly, inquisitive, playful and unafraid.

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