

Keeshond

Examine on ramp.

Height - Dogs 18", Bitches 17" with 1" either way acceptable.

General Appearance - Square, sturdy dog, short coupled.

Head - Expression created by spectacles in the orbital area is most important. **Eyes** - must be dark brown, medium, almond, and set obliquely. **Ears** - small, triangular, erect, carried erect on top of head. **Skull** - Wedge shaped head. Has a defined stop. Top- skull is somewhat flat with parallel planes. **Teeth** - Scissors.

Body - Back - Straight back sloping slightly downward. Moderate tuck-up. Distance from withers to elbows - approximately equals distance from elbows to ground. **Tail** - High set, tightly curled over the back and lying close to the body to form part of the silhouette.

Forequarters – Easily felt prosternum. Strong, moderate angulation.

Hindquarters - Moderate angulation, balanced.

Coat - Long straight, harsh hair standing well out from a thick downy undercoat. Trimming allowed only on feet, pasterns, hocks and if desired- whiskers.

Color - A mixture of gray, black and cream. Undercoat is very pale gray or cream, never containing tan, brown, or orange tones. Muzzle dark. Ears and tip of tail are very dark.

Gait – Clean and brisk with balanced reach and drive, but not over extended. Should move boldly with tails curled over the back. They are a double tracking breed.

Temperament – Of primary importance, neither timid or aggressive, but instead outgoing and friendly with people and dogs.

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