

Icelandic Sheepdog

Height - Dogs 18” Bitches - 16 1/2”

Ramp Optional

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.

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, complete dentition.

Body - 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, weather resistant with two types: Short and Longhaired. Trimming or clipping of coat or whiskers severely faulted.

Color - Allowed colors are fawn and or red in various shades ranging from cream to reddish brown, chocolate brown in various shades, shaded grey, and black. White always accompanies the color.

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

Expression - Gentle, happy, confident, lively.

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

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