

Akita

Height – Dogs 26”-28”, Bitches – 24”-26”

Appearance- Large, powerful, heavy boned, moderately angulated dog. Breed characteristics are broad head forming blunt triangle with 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 is to distance from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3. **Nose**- Broad and black. Black noses on white Akitas preferred, but a lighter colored nose with or without shading of black or gray tone is 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, as 10 is to 9 in dogs and 11 is to 9 in bitches. Measurement from point of the sternum to the point of buttocks. **Chest**- Wide and deep, reaching to the elbow. Depth of body at the elbow equals half the height of the dog at the withers. **Back** – Level with firmly muscled loin and moderate tuck-up. **Tail** – Carried in a $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 the nose surface.
- Drop or broken ears.
- Noticeably undershot or overshot.
- Sickie or uncurled tail
- Dogs under 25 inches; Bitches under 23 inches.