

Icelandic Sheepdog

Height – Dogs 18”; Bitches – 16-1/2”

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. Depth of chest equal to length of foreleg. 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, complete 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 Longer-haired. *Trimming or clipping of coat or whiskers severely faulted.*

Color Several colors permitted but a single color should be predominant. Colors are: 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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