

# AMERICAN AKITA STANDARDS COMPARISON

\* The texts of the standards are given in full, except for the history of the breed.

\*\* Some sentences have been rearranged to make it clear that they coincide in meaning with the same texts in other standards.

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STATS OF DOG	AKC -2009	UK KC -2017	FCI -2015	CAC -2004
<b>General Appearance Characteristics</b>	<p>Large, powerful, alert, with much substance and heavy bone.</p> <p>The broad head, forming a blunt triangle, with deep muzzle, small eyes and erect ears carried forward in line with back of neck, is characteristic of the breed.</p> <p>The large, curled tail, balancing the broad head, is also characteristic of the breed</p>	<p>Large, powerful, alert, with much substance and heavy bone.</p> <p>Large, broad head, with relatively small eyes and erect ears carried forward in line with back of neck; large, curled tail, in balance with head.</p>	<p>Large-sized dog, sturdily built, well balanced, with much substance and heavy bone.</p> <p>The broad head, forming a blunt triangle, with deep muzzle, relatively small eyes and erect ears carried forward almost in line with back of neck, is characteristic of the breed.</p>	<p>Large, powerful, alert and much substance and heavy bone.</p> <p>The broad head, forming a blunt triangle with deep muzzle. Small eyes and small erect ears carried forward in line with the neck are characteristic of the breed.</p> <p>The large curled tail, balancing the broad head, is also characteristic of the breed.</p>
<b>Head forms</b>	<p>Massive but in balance with body; free of wrinkle when at ease.</p> <p>Head forms a blunt triangle when viewed from above. Fault - Narrow or snipey head.</p>	<p>Large, in balance with body, skull flat, forehead broad, defined stop and clear furrow.</p> <p>Head forms blunt triangle when viewed from above, free from wrinkle.</p>	<p>Massive, but in balance with the body, free of wrinkles when at ease.</p> <p>Head forms a blunt triangle when viewed from above.</p>	<p>Massive but in balance with body, tending to be flat on top with the rest of the head forming a blunt triangle when viewed from top.</p> <p>Free from wrinkles when at ease.</p>
<b>Skull</b>	<p>Skull flat between ears and broad; jaws broad and powerful with minimal dewlap.</p>	<p>Large, in balance with body, skull flat, forehead broad, defined stop and clear furrow.</p>	<p>Skull: Flat and broad between ears. A shallow furrow extends well up on forehead.</p>	<p>Median fissure clearly visible and stop well defined. Cheeks moderately developed.</p>

<p><b>Muzzle</b></p>	<p>Broad and full. Distance from nose to stop is to distance from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3.</p> <p>Stop - Well defined, but not too abrupt. A shallow furrow extends well up forehead.</p> <p>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 acceptable.</p> <p>Lips and Tongue - Lips black and not pendulous; tongue pink.</p> <p>Disqualification - partial or total lack of pigmentation on the nose surface.</p>	<p>Length from nose to stop is to length from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3.</p> <p>Muzzle broad and strong, cheeks well developed.</p> <p>Nose large and black, bridge straight.</p> <p>Lips tight and black. In white dogs flesh colour pigmentation is permissible on nose and lips.</p>	<p>The distance from tip of nose to stop corresponds to the distance from stop to occiput as 2 does to 3.</p> <p>Stop: Well defined, but not too abrupt.</p> <p>Muzzle: Broad, deep and full.</p> <p>Nose: Broad and black. Slight and diffuse lack of pigment on nose is acceptable in white dogs only but black is always preferred.</p> <p>Lips: Black. Not pendulous; tongue pink.</p>	<p>Broad, full. Distance from nose to stop is the distance from stop to occiput as 2 is to 3.</p> <p>Nose - Broad and black. Liver nose permitted on white Akitas only, but black preferred.</p> <p>Mouth - Clean, powerful jaws. Tongue pink. Teeth strong with scissors bite - but level bite acceptable.</p> <p>No black spots on tongue.</p> <p>Lips black and heavy, but not pendulous.</p>
<p><b>Ears</b></p>	<p>The ears of the Akita are characteristic of the breed. They are strongly erect and small in relation to rest of head.</p> <p>If ear is folded forward for measuring length, tip will touch upper eye rim.</p> <p>Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, set wide on head but not too low, and carried slightly forward over eyes in line with back of neck.</p> <p>Disqualification - Drop or broken ears.</p>	<p>Relatively small, thick, triangular, not low set, carried forward in line with the back of the neck when viewed in profile.</p> <p>Moderately set apart, slightly rounded at tips.</p>	<p>Strongly erect and small in relation to the rest of the head.</p> <p>If the ear is folded forward for measuring length, tip will touch upper eye rim.</p> <p>Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, not set too low.</p> <p>Viewed from the side, the ears are angled forward over the eyes following the line of the neck.</p>	<p>Ears of the Akita are characteristic of the breed. They are strongly erect and small in relation to the size of the head.</p> <p>Ears are triangular, slightly rounded at tip, wide at base, set wide on head, but not too low and carried slightly forward over eyes in line with back of neck.</p>
<p><b>Eyes</b></p>	<p>Dark brown, small, deep-set and triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight.</p>	<p>Relatively small, almond-shaped, clean, moderately set apart and dark brown. Eye rims dark and tight.</p>	<p>Dark brown, relatively small, not prominent, almost triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight.</p>	<p>Dark brown: Small, deep set and triangular in shape. Eye rims black and tight.</p>

<p><b>bite</b></p>	<p>Teeth - Strong with scissors bite preferred, but level bite acceptable. Disqualification - Noticeably undershot or overshot.</p>	<p>Jaws strong, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.</p>	<p>Jaws/Teeth: Jaws not rounded, but blunt, strong and powerful. Teeth strong with regular and full dentition (lack of PM1 and M3 allowed). Scissor bite preferred, but level bite acceptable.</p>	<p>Teeth strong with scissors bite - but level bite acceptable. No black spots on tongue.</p>
<p><b>Neck</b></p>	<p>Thick and muscular; comparatively short, widening gradually toward shoulders.  A pronounced crest blends in with base of skull.</p>	<p>Thick and muscular, comparatively short, widening gradually toward shoulders.  Pronounced crest blends with back of skull.</p>	<p>Thick and muscular with minimal dewlap, comparatively short, widening gradually toward shoulders.  A pronounced crest blends harmoniously into the base of skull.</p>	<p>The neck is thick and muscular; comparatively short, widening gradually towards shoulders.  A pronounced crest blends in with base of skull.</p>
<p><b>Body</b></p>	<p>Longer than high, as to 10 is to 9 in males; 11 to 9 in bitches.  Measurement from the point of the sternum to the point of buttocks.  Chest wide and deep; reaching down to the elbow, the depth of the body at the elbow equals half the height of the dog at the withers.  Ribs well sprung, brisket well developed.  Level back with firmly-muscled loin and moderate tuck-up.  Skin pliant but not loose.  Serious Faults - Light bone, rangy body.</p>	<p>Longer than high, as 10 is to 9 in males, 11 to 9 in bitches.  Chest wide and deep, depth of brisket is one-half height of dog at shoulder.  Well-developed forechest.  Level back, firmly muscled loin, moderate tuck up.  Skin pliant but not loose.</p>	<p>The ratio of height at withers to length of body is 9 to 10 in males and 9 to 11 in bitches.  Longer than high. Skin not too thin, neither too tight nor too loose.  Back: Level.  Loin: Firmly muscled.  Chest: Wide and deep. Ribs well sprung with well developed brisket.  Underline and Belly: Moderate tuck-up.  The depth of the chest measures one-half of the height of the dog at withers.</p>	<p>The male dogs length to height is approximately 10:9; females 11:9.  Topline - Level back.  (b) Chest - Is wide and deep. Depth of chest is one-half height of dog at shoulder. Ribs well-sprung, brisket will-developed.  (c) Loin - Firmly muscled and moderate tuck up.  (d) Abdomen - Is drawn up and tucked up.  (e) Croup - Is slightly rounded.</p>

<p><b>Tail</b></p>	<p>Large and full, set high and carried over back or against flank in a three-quarter, full, or double curl, always dipping to or below level of back.</p> <p>On a three-quarter curl, tip drops well down flank.</p> <p>Root large and strong. Tail bone reaches hock when let down. Hair coarse, straight and full, with no appearance of a plume. Disqualification - Sickle or uncurled tail.</p>	<p>Large and full, set high, carried over back, full or double curl, always dipping to or below level of back.</p> <p>On a three-quarter curl tail, tip dips down flank.</p> <p>Root large and strong. Hair coarse, straight and full with no appearance of a plume. Sickle or uncurled tail highly undesirable.</p>	<p>Large and well furnished with hair, set high and carried over back or against flank in a three-quarter, full, or double curl, always dipping to or below level of back.</p> <p>On a three-quarter curl, tip drops well down on flank.</p> <p>Root large and strong. The terminal bone of tail reaches hock when let or pulled down. Hair coarse, straight and dense, with no appearance of a plume.</p>	<p>Large and full, set high and carried over back or against flank in a three quarter, full or double curl, always dipping to or below level of back.</p> <p>On a three-quarter curl, tip drops well down flank.</p> <p>Root thick and strong. Tail reaches hock when let down. Hair coarse, straight and full, with no appearance of a plume.</p>
<p><b>Forequarters</b></p>	<p>Shoulders strong and powerful with moderate layback.</p> <p>Forelegs heavy-boned and straight as viewed from front.</p> <p>Angle of pastern 15 degrees forward from vertical.</p> <p>Faults - Elbows in or out, loose shoulders.</p>	<p>Shoulders strong and powerful, moderately laid back.</p> <p>Elbows very tight.</p> <p>Forelegs well boned and straight when viewed from front.</p> <p>Pasterns inclining at approximately 15 degrees.</p>	<p>General appearance: Forelegs heavy-boned and straight as viewed from front.</p> <p>Shoulder: Strong and powerful with moderate layback.</p> <p>Pasterns: Slightly sloping forward in an angle of approximately 15° to the vertical.</p> <p>Forefeet: Straight, cat feet, well knuckled up with thick pads.</p>	<p>Shoulders - Strong and powerful with moderate layback.</p> <p>(b) Upper Arm - Heavy-boned and straight as viewed from front. Elbows turning neither in nor out.</p> <p>(c) Lower Arm - Heavy-boned and straight as viewed from front. Dewclaws optional.</p> <p>(d) Pasterns - Angle of pastern 15 degrees from vertical.</p> <p>(e) Feet -Thick, round and very tight with arched toes (cat feet) straight ahead, pads thick.</p>
<p><b>Hindquarters</b></p>	<p>Width, muscular development and bone comparable to forequarters.</p> <p>Upper thighs well developed.</p>	<p>Strong and muscular, with moderate angulation.</p> <p>Well-developed thighs,</p>	<p>General appearance: Strongly muscled, width and bone comparable to forequarters.</p>	<p>Hip bone - Width, muscular development and bone comparable to front.</p>

	<p>Stifle moderately bent and hocks well let down, turning neither in nor out.</p> <p>Dewclaws - On front legs generally not removed; dewclaws on hind legs generally removed.</p> <p>Feet - Cat feet, well knuckled up with thick pads. Feet straight ahead.</p>	<p>strong hocks, well let down turning neither in nor out.</p>	<p>Dewclaws on hind legs customarily removed.</p> <p>Upper thigh: Strong, well developed, parallel when viewed from behind.</p> <p>Stifles: Moderately bent.</p> <p>Hock joints: Well let down, turning neither in nor out.</p> <p>Hind feet: Straight, cat feet, well knuckled up with thick pads.</p>	<p>(b) Upper thigh - Well developed and powerful, stifle moderately angled.</p> <p>(c) Lower thigh Should be comparable to forequarters, dewclaws optional.</p> <p>(d) Hocks - Strong hocks, less angular than many breeds (145-160 degrees) turning neither in nor out.</p> <p>(e) Feet - Same as front.</p>
<b>Coat</b>	<p>Double-coated.</p> <p>Undercoat thick, soft, dense and shorter than outer coat.</p> <p>Outer coat straight, harsh and standing somewhat off body.</p> <p>Hair on head, legs and ears short.</p> <p>Length of hair at withers and rump approximately two inches, which is slightly longer than on rest of body, except tail, where coat is longest and most profuse.</p> <p>Fault-Any indication of ruff or feathering.</p>	<p>Outer coat coarse, straight, and standing off body.</p> <p>Undercoat soft and dense.</p> <p>Coat at withers and rump is approximately 5 cms (2 ins), slightly longer than on rest of body more profuse on tail.</p> <p>No indication of ruff or feathering.</p>	<p>Hair: Double-coat.</p> <p>Undercoat thick, soft, dense and shorter than outer coat.</p> <p>Outer coat straight, harsh/stiff and standing somewhat off body.</p> <p>Hair on head, lower legs and ears short.</p> <p>Length of hair at withers and croup approximately 5 cm, which is slightly longer than on rest of body, except tail, where coat is longest and most profuse.</p>	<p>Double coated: undercoat is soft and dense - shorter than outer coat.</p> <p>Outer coat is straight, harsh, slightly standing off body.</p> <p>Hair on head, legs and ears is short.</p> <p>Length of hair at withers and rump, approximately two inches; except tail, where coat is longest and most profuse.</p>
<b>Color</b>	<p>Any color including white; brindle; or pinto.</p> <p>Colors are rich, brilliant and clear.</p>	<p>Any colour, except merle, including white brindle or pinto.</p> <p>Colours are brilliant and clear.</p>	<p>Any colour like red, fawn, white, etc; or even pinto and brindle.</p>	<p>Any colour, white, brindle or pinto.</p> <p>Colours well defined.</p> <p>Markings well balanced.</p>



	<p>Markings are well balanced, with or without mask or blaze.</p> <p>White Akitas have no mask.</p> <p>Pinto has a white background with large, evenly placed patches covering head and more than one-third of body.</p> <p>Undercoat may be a different color from outer coat.</p>	<p>Markings are well defined with or without mask or blaze.</p>	<p>Colours are brilliant and clear, and markings are well balanced, with or without mask or blaze.</p> <p>White dogs (solid in colour) have no mask.</p> <p>Pinto have a white ground colour with large, evenly placed patches covering head and more than one-third of body.</p> <p>Undercoat may have a different colour from the outer-coat.</p>	<p>Whites have no mask.</p> <p>Pintos have white background with large evenly placed patches covering head and more than onethird of body.</p> <p>Brindles with or without mask.</p> <p>If the face has stripes rather than a black mask, they should be uniform.</p> <p>Undercoat may be different colour from outercoat.</p>
<b>Gait</b>	<p>Brisk and powerful with strides of moderate length.</p> <p>Back remains strong, firm and level.</p> <p>Rear legs move in line with front legs.</p>	<p>Vigorous, powerful and fluent with strides of moderate length.</p> <p>Back remains firm and level.</p> <p>Hindlegs move in line with front legs, whilst gaiting may single track.</p>	<p>Powerful, covering ground with moderate reach and drive.</p> <p>Hindlegs move in line with forelegs.</p> <p>Back remaining strong, firm and level.</p>	<p>Brisk and powerful.</p> <p>Vigorous.</p> <p>Back remains firm and level.</p> <p>Rear legs move in line with front legs.</p>
<b>Size</b>	<p>Males 26 to 28 inches at the withers; bitches 24 to 26 inches.</p> <p>Disqualification - dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.</p>	<p>Height at withers: dogs: 66-71 cms (26-28 ins); bitches: 61-66 cms (24-26 ins).</p>	<p>Height at withers: For males: 66 to 71 cm (26-28 inches), for bitches: 61 to 66 cm (24-26 inches).</p>	<p>Height at shoulders: 26 to 28 inches (66-71 cm) for dogs; 24 inches to 26 inches (61-66 cm) for bitches.</p>
<b>Temperament</b>	<p>Alert and responsive, dignified and courageous.</p> <p>Akitas may be intolerant of other dogs, particularly of the same sex.</p>	<p>Dignified, courageous, aloof; tends to show dominance over other dogs, though the trait is not encouraged.</p>	<p>Friendly, alert, responsive, dignified, docile and courageous.</p>	<p>Alert, responsive, dignified, reserved with strangers.</p> <p>An Akita's nature is to be intensely loyal to its master.</p> <p>The Akita barks infrequently and then only as a warning signal.</p>

				<p>Fearless when challenged, often dominant over other dogs.</p> <p>The Akita's demeanor suggests activity and agility.</p>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<p>Partial or total lack of pigmentation on nose.</p> <p>Drop or broken ears.</p> <p>Noticeably undershot or overshot.</p> <p>Sickle or uncurled tail.</p> <p>Dogs under 25 inches; bitches under 23 inches.</p>	<p>Aggressive or overly shy.</p> <p>Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities.</p> <p>Totally unpigmented nose. A nose with unpigmented areas (Butterfly nose).</p> <p>Drop, hanging or folded ears.</p> <p>Under- or overshot bite.</p> <p>Sickle or uncurled tail.</p> <p>Dogs under 63,5 cm (25 inches), bitches under 58,5 cm (23 inches).</p>	<p>Monorchids or cryptorchids;</p> <p>Viciousness, instability;</p> <p>Excessively over/undershot;</p> <p>Uncurled or sickle tail;</p> <p>Albinos;</p> <p>Butterfly nose;</p> <p>Drop or broken ears;</p> <p>Entropion or ectropion;</p> <p>Long coats;</p> <p>Males under twenty-five (25) inches (64 cm); bitches under twenty-three (23) inches (58 cm);</p> <p>Altering of coat or general appearance by scissoring or clipping.</p>	
<b>FAULTS</b>	<p>Narrow or snipey head.</p> <p>Light bone, rangy body.</p> <p>Elbows in or out, loose shoulders.</p>	<p>Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of</p>	<p>Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect</p>	<p>Over-refinement in males;</p> <p>coarseness in bitches;</p> <p>lack of chest;</p>

	<p>Any indication of ruff or feathering.</p>	<p>the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.</p>	<p>upon the health and welfare of the dog.</p> <p>Feminine dogs, masculine bitches. Narrow or snipey head. Any missing tooth (except PM1 and M3). Blue or black spotted tongue. Light eyes. Short tail. In or out at elbows. Any indication of ruff or feathering. Shyness or viciousness.</p> <p><b>SERIOUS FAULTS:</b> Light in substance.  Light bone.</p>	<p>elbows in or out; light bone, rangy body; straight hocks; excessive dewlap; indication of ruff or feathering; round or light eye.</p>
<p><b>NOTE</b></p>		<p>Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.</p> <p>A breed standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance including the correct colour of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain</p>	<p>Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.</p> <p>Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.</p>	<p>A male animal must have two apparently normal testicles full descended into the scrotum.</p> <p>The foregoing description is that of the ideal Akita. Any deviation from the above-described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation, keeping in mind the original purpose of the breed.</p>



conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the **Breed Watch information related to this breed** for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure. However if a dog possesses a feature, characteristic or colour described as undesirable or highly undesirable, it is strongly recommended that it should not be rewarded in the show ring.



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