

Breed Standards for the Akita

General Appearance and Coat:	Its double coat consists of a dense undercoat and straight, harsh, out coat standing off from the body, about 2 inches or less in length, provides ample insulation from water and weather
Head and Neck:	Stop well defined, eyes small and triangular, head forms a blunt triangle viewed from above, ears erect and small; set follows the angle of the neck, skull flat
Front Quarters:	Cat feet
Hind Quarters:	Level back, tail curled, large, full set high and carried over back or dipping below level of back
Special Characteristics:	Any color, including white, pinto, and brindle DISQUALIFICATIONS- butterfly nose or total lack of pigmentation on nose (liver is permitted on white Akitas); drop or broken ears; noticeably undershot or overshot; sickle or uncurled tail; males under 25", females under 23"
Temperament:	Akita is bold, independent, stubborn, and tenacious