

Breed Standards for the Australian Shepherd

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| General Appearance: | This is an athletic dog of medium size and bone; it is lithe, agile, and slightly longer than it is tall. |
| Head: | Moderate well-defined stop; eye color is brown, blue, amber, in any combination or with flecks; triangular, high-set ears; at attention they break forward and over or to the side |
| Tail: | Docked close or naturally bobbed |
| Color: | Blue merle, black, red merle, or red, all with or without white markings and/or tan points |
| Size: | Weight: Male 50 – 65 lb; Female 40 – 55 lb Height: Male 20 – 23"; Female 18 – 21" |
| Temperament: | The Australian Shepherd has a great deal of stamina and is loving, bold, alert, confident, independent, smart, and responsive. |