



**Official Breed Standard
of the
Kennel Union of South Africa**



SAMOYED

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Most striking. Medium and well balanced. Strong, active and graceful, free from coarseness but capable of great endurance.

CHARACTERISTICS

Intelligent, alert, full of action. 'Smiling expression'.

TEMPERAMENT

Displays affection to all mankind. Unprovoked nervousness or aggression highly undesirable.

HEAD AND SKULL

Head powerful, wedge-shaped, with broad, flat skull, muzzle medium length, tapering foreface not too sharply defined. Lips black. Hair short and smooth before ears. Nose black for preference but may be brown or flesh-coloured.

EYES

Almond-shaped, set slanted, medium to dark brown, set well apart with alert, intelligent expression. Eye rims unbroken black. Light or black eyes undesirable.

EARS

Thick, not too long, slightly rounded at tips, set well apart and well covered inside with hair. Fully erect in adults.

MOUTH

Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK

Strong, not too short, and proudly arched.

FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders well laid, legs straight and muscular with good bone and not too short.

BODY

Back medium in length, broad and very muscular with exceptionally strong loin. Chest deep but not too broad, well sprung deep ribs, giving plenty of heart and lung room.

HINDQUARTERS

Very muscular, stifles well angulated. Viewed from rear, legs straight and parallel, with well let down hocks. Cowhocks or straight stifles highly undesirable.

FEET

Long, flattish, slightly spread and well feathered. Soles well cushioned with hair. Round cat feet highly undesirable.

TAIL

Long, profusely coated, carried over the back and to side when alert, sometimes dropped when at rest.

GAIT/MOVEMENT

Moves freely with strong, agile drive, showing power and elegance.

COAT

Body should be well covered with thick, close, soft and short undercoat, with harsh but not wiry hair growing through it, forming weather-resistant outer coat, which should stand straight away from body and be free from curl.

COLOUR

Pure white, white and biscuit, cream, outer coat silver tipped.

SIZE

Height :	Dogs :	51 - 56 cms (20 - 22 ins) at shoulder
	Bitches :	46 - 51 cms (18 - 20 ins) at shoulder.

Weight in proportion to size.

FAULTS

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 health & welfare of the dog

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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