



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



## **ESKIMO DOG**

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Powerful body and heavy coat, striking appearance. Marked contrast in size between dogs and bitches.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

A working sledge dog, primarily assessed for freighting capacity in Arctic conditions, adaptable, distinctly independent, alert and bold. Bitches more amenable.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

Sound, dignified, intelligent, good-natured, affectionate.

### **HEAD AND SKULL**

Head well proportioned, broad and wedge-shaped with moderate stop. Skull strong and flat; powerful jaws. Nose and lips black or brown. Muzzle medium length, gently tapering to nose.

### **EYES**

Dark brown or tawny. Placed slightly obliquely, neither prominent nor too deep set. Expression alert and fearless.

### **EARS**

Short and firm, well set apart. Carried shapely erect and facing forward. Internally protected by fur.

### **MOUTH**

Teeth large, strong and uncrowded. Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaw.

### **NECK**

Rather short, heavy and muscular, with loose skin.

### **FOREQUARTERS**

Shoulders broad, big boned and muscular. Forelegs perfectly straight and vertical in stance, powerful and heavy-boned.

### **BODY**

Chest deep and broad with well sprung ribs. Body strong and well muscled, with level back, presenting a well balanced and compact appearance. Length of body slightly greater than height at shoulder.

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Thighs broad, strong and heavily muscled. Stifles well bent, hocks well let down. Heavy bone. Legs straight when viewed from rear. Dewclaws should be removed.

### **FEET**

Rather large and strong, with strong nails. Thick pads with protective growth of fur between toes.

### **TAIL**

Large and bushy. Set high, curled loosely over back and falling either side.

### **GAIT/MOVEMENT**

Strong drive, limbs moving parallel, back held level.

### **COAT**

Thick double coat consisting of an impenetrable undercoat (2.5-5 cms /1-2 ins) long, uniform over body, with well protruding outer coat of coarser, longer hair, which is quite straight. Outer coat at its longest on neck and withers, breeches and underside of tail. Underbelly also well covered. Hair on head and legs rather short.

### **COLOUR**

All known dog colours, or combinations of these colours.

### **SIZE**

Height :	Dogs :	58 - 68 cms (23 - 27 ins) at shoulder
	Bitches :	51 - 61 cms (20 - 24 ins) at shoulder.
Weight :	Dogs :	34 - 47.5 kgs (75 - 105 lbs)
	Bitches :	27 - 41 kgs (60 - 90 lbs).

### **FAULT**

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 on health & welfare of the dog

### **NOTE**

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

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