

SIBERIAN HUSKY

GROUP: Working

SIZE:

Males 21 to 23 ½ inches at the withers; *females* 20 to 22 inches. *Males* 45 to 60 pounds; *females* 35 to 50 pounds; weight proportionate to height. **Serious Faults: Heights outside the range listed.**

COAT:

Double coated, medium length with well-furred appearance; outer guard hairs are straight and somewhat smooth lying; soft, dense undercoat is of sufficient length to support the outer coat; absence of under coat during shedding season is normal and not to be penalized; trimming of whiskers and fur between toes is permissible, but any other trimming of fur on any other part of body is to be severely penalized. **Faults: Long, rough or shaggy coat; too harsh or too silky texture; guard hairs standing straight off the body; hair so long as to obscure the clean-cut outline of the dog.**

COLOR:

All colors are permissible, from wolf-gray to silver-gray, light sand, solid black, pure white with a variety of markings on the head, including many striking patterns not found in other breeds.

HEAD:

Medium-sized in proportion to body size; slightly rounded on top, tapering gradually from the widest point to the eyes. **Faults: Clumsy or heavy head; head too finely chiseled.**

Muzzle: Medium length and width and tapering gradually to a point at the nose; well defined stop; distance from the stop to the tip of the nose is equal to the distance from the occiput to the stop; bridge of nose from the stop to the tip is straight; lips well pigmented. **Faults: Muzzle too snipecy, too coarse, too short or too long; insufficient stop.**

Eyes: Brown, blue, one of each color, or parti-colored is acceptable; almond shaped; moderately spaced and set slightly obliquely. **Faults: Set too obliquely; set too close together.**

Ears: Medium sized, triangular, and erect with slightly rounded tips pointing straight up; set high on head; thick, well furred; slightly arched at the back. **Faults: Too large in proportion to size of head; too wide set; not strongly erect.**

Nose: Black in gray, tan, or black dogs; liver in copper dogs; may be flesh-colored in pure white dogs; pink-streaked "snow nose" is acceptable; nose is neither pointed nor square.

Bite: Scissors. **Fault: Any bite other than scissors.**

NECK:

Arched, medium in length, carried proudly erect when dog is standing; carried slightly forward when dog is moving at a trot. **Faults: Neck too short and thick; neck too long.**

BODY:

Medium-sized, compact, and well balanced; straight, strong back of medium length, neither cobby nor slack from excessive length; taut, lean loin, narrower than rib cage with slight tuck-up; croup slopes away from the spine at an angle, be never so steeply as to restrict the rearward thrust of the hind legs. **Faults: Weak or slack back; roached back.** Topline level from withers to croup. **Fault: Sloping topline.**

Chest: Deep and strong, but not too broad with the deepest point being just behind and level with the elbows; well sprung ribs but flattened on the sides to allow for freedom of action. **Faults: Chest too broad; barrel ribs; ribs too flat or weak.**

FOREQUARTERS:

Well laid back shoulder blade at an approximate angle of 45 degrees to the ground; upper arm angles slightly backward from the point of the shoulder to the elbow, and is never perpendicular to the ground; well developed, firm muscles and ligaments hold the shoulder to the rib cage. *Forelegs* are moderately spaced,

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parallel, and straight when viewed from the front; elbows close to the body and turned neither in nor out; viewed from the side, pasterns are slightly slanted; flexible but strong pastern; substantial bone, but never heavy. **Faults: Straight shoulders; loose shoulders; weak pasterns; too heavy bone; too narrow or too wide in front; out at elbows.**

HINDQUARTERS:

Moderately spaced legs are parallel when view from the rear; powerful, well-muscled upper thighs; well bent stifles; well defined hock set low to the ground; dewclaws, if any, must be removed. **Faults: Straight stifles; cowhocks, rear too wide or too narrow.**

Feet: Oval, but not too long; medium sized paws; well furred between the toes and pads; tough and thickly cushioned pads; turn neither in nor out in natural stance. **Faults: Soft or splayed toes; paws too large and clumsy; paws too small and delicate; toes turning in or out.**

Tail: Well furred and fox-brush shaped; set on just below the level of the backline; carried in a graceful sickle curve over the back when dog is alert; not curled to either side of the body; tail may trail when dog is at rest; hair on tail is medium length and approximately the same length on top, sides, and bottom, giving the appearance of a round brush. **Faults: Snapped or tightly curled tail; highly plumed tail; tail set too low or too high.**

MOVEMENT:

Smooth, strong and driving, yet very agile, seemingly effortless; quick and light on feet; backline remains firm and level while gaiting. The good reach of the forequarters and the good drive of the hindquarters are best viewed at a moderately fast trot. As speed increases, the dog single tracks. The forelegs and hind legs are carried straight forward, with neither the elbows nor the stifles turning in or out. Each hind leg moves in the path of its corresponding foreleg. **Faults: Short, prancing, or choppy gait; lumbering or rolling gait; crossing or crabbing.**

TEMPERAMENT:

Friendly, gentle, alert, and outgoing.

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard.

Disqualifications:

Viciousness or extreme shyness.