American Eskimo Dog Quick Reference

General Appearance
Picture of strength, agility, alertness and beauty
- Small to medium-size Nordic type dog
- Always white, or white with biscuit cream
- Compactly built, well balanced
- Good substance

Substance
- Body is strong
- Compactly built
- Adequate bone

Size
- Toy
  9" to & including 12"
- Miniature
  Over 12" to & including 15"
- Standard
  Over 15" to & including 19"

Head
Expression is keen, intelligent and alert

Eyes
- Eyes oval, Set well apart
- Not slanted, prominent or bulging
- Dark to medium brown
- Eye rims black to dark brown

Ears
Ears conform to head size, triangular, erect, set high yet well apart

Skull slightly crowned, softly wedge-shaped, widest breadth between the ears.
The stop is well defined, not abrupt

Muzzle is broad, length not exceeding the length of skull, may be shorter

- Nose pigment is black to dark brown
- Lips thin, tight, black to dark brown

Teeth:
- Full Complement
- Scissors or Pincer Bite

Proportion
Point of shoulder to point of buttocks is slightly greater than height at withers
(Approx. 1.1 to 1 ratio)
Length of leg equal to depth of body
Depth of chest to point of elbows
**Neck and Forequarter**

- Neck is carried proudly erect
- Medium length
- Strong graceful arch

- Forequarters well angulated
- Well laid back shoulders
- Blades - 45 degrees

- Pasterns strong, flexible
- 20 degree slant
- Dewclaws, not to be faulted

- Legs are parallel and straight

**Body, Topline and Tail**

- Topline is level
- Tail set moderately high
- Carried loosely on the back
- Tail reaches point of hock

- Body is strong, compact
- Not cobby
- Chest is deep, broad with
- Well sprung ribs

- Loin is strong, well muscled
- Neither too long nor too short coupled
- Slight tuck up of belly just behind ribs

**Hindquarters**

- Hindquarters - Well angulated
- Upper thighs well developed
- Lay of pelvis - 30 degrees to horizontal

- Legs parallel from the rear
- Legs turn neither in nor out
- Dewclaws are not present on hind legs

- Hock joints are well let down and firm
- Rear pasterns are straight

**Coat, Color**

- Standoff double coat
- Dense undercoat
- Longer guard hair
- No wave or curl
- No trimming
- Pronounced ruff, more noticeable on dogs than bitches

- Backs of the front legs well feathered, as are the rear legs to the hock
- Tail profusely covered with long hair
- Pure White is preferred
- Biscuit cream Permissible

**Gait**

- Agile, bold and frictionless with good forequarter reach and good hindquarter drive
- Back remains firm, strong, level
- Single tracking as it gains speed
- Legs converge toward the centerline of gravity

**Feet**

- Oval, compact, tightly knit & well padded
- Pads black to dark brown, tough & deeply cushioned

**Temperament**

- Intelligent, alert, and friendly, slightly conservative
- Never overly shy nor aggressive
- Excellent watchdog, Protective
- Learns new tasks quickly, eager to please

**Disqualifications**

- Under 9” Over 19”
- Blue eyes
- Any other color than white or white with biscuit / cream

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