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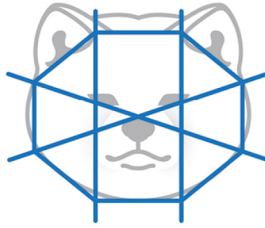## VISUAL QUICK GUIDE FOR FCI

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150°

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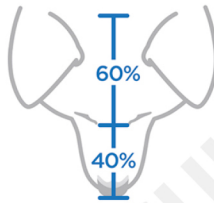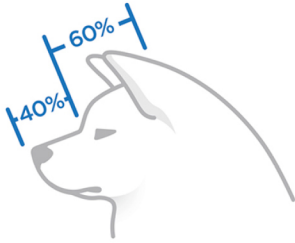
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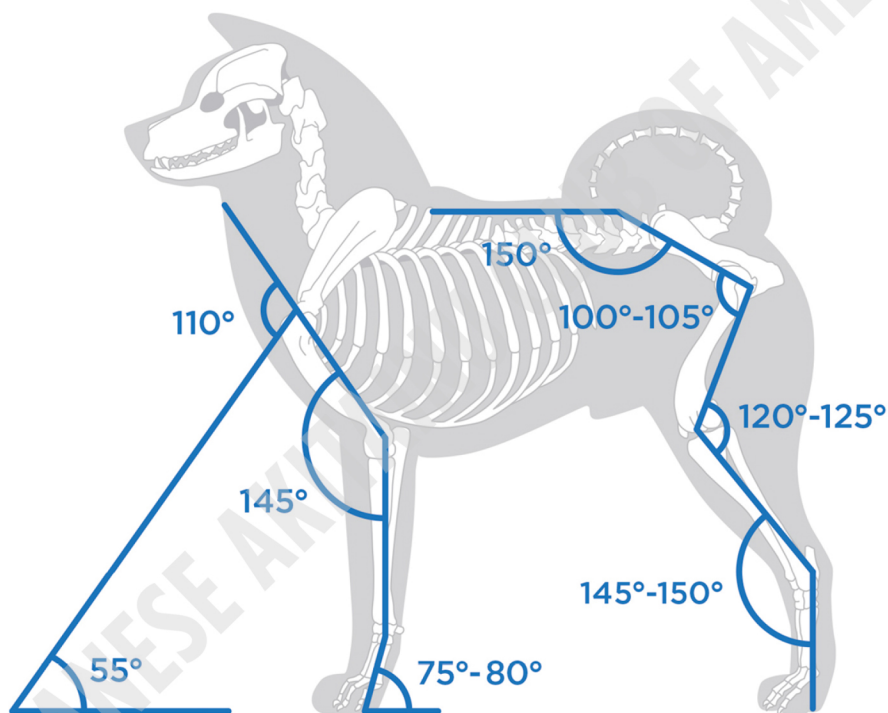
AKITA: Large-sized dog, sturdily built, well balanced and with much substance; secondary sex characteristics strongly marked, with high nobility and dignity in modesty; constitution tough.

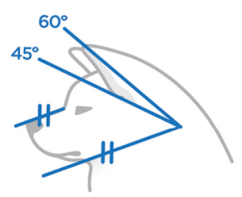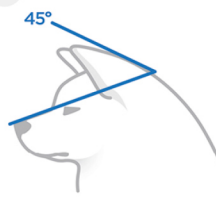The temperament is composed, faithful, docile and receptive.
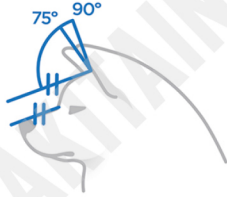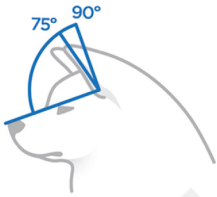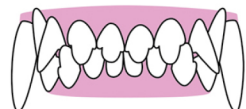
HEAD

MUZZLE

EARS

LIPS

NOSE

Slight and diffuse lack of pigment accepted in white dogs only, but black is always preferred

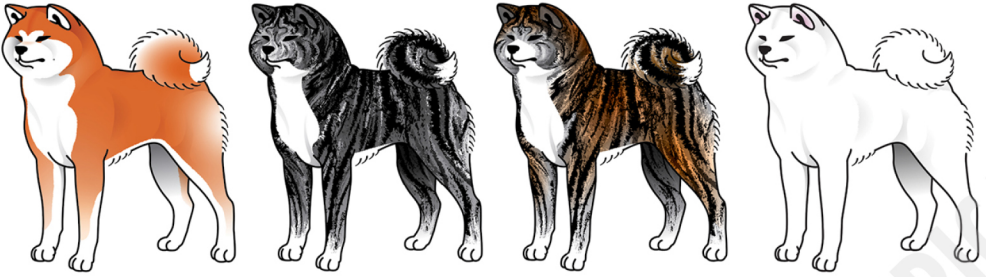**EYES:** Rising of the Outer Eye Corner
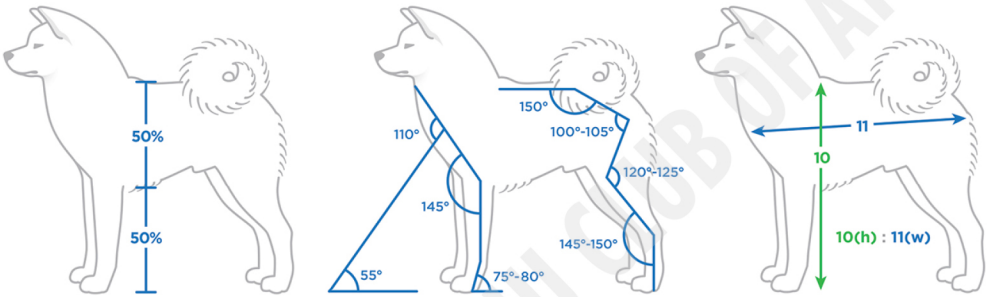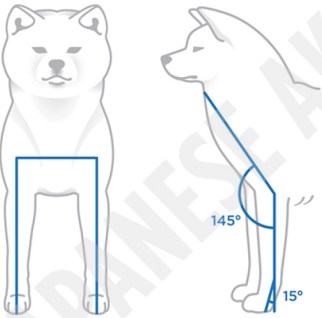

TEETH: Scissor Bite

COLOURS: Red Fawn, Brindle *(Black Brindle, Red Brindle)*, White, and Sesame* (not shown)

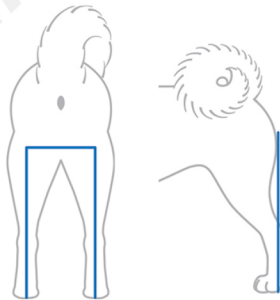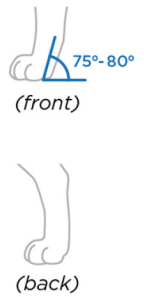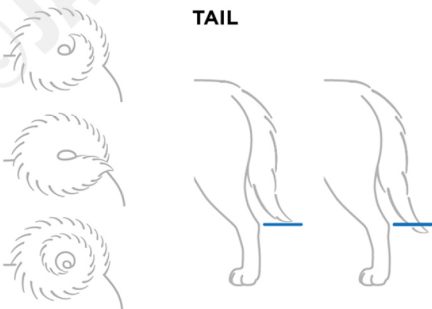**SIZE AT THE WITHERS:** Dogs: 67 cm (–/+ 3 cm), Bitches: 61 cm (–/+ 3 cm)

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75°-80°

11
10
10(h) : 11(w)

FOREQUARTERS

145°
15°

HINDQUARTERS

FEET

75°-80°
(front)

(back)

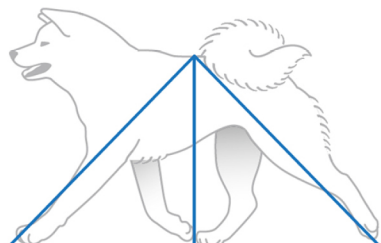## TAIL

GAIT

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 effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

- Bitchy dogs / doggy bitches.
- Undershot or overshot mouth.
- Missing teeth.
- Blue or black spotted tongue.
- Iris light in colour.
- Short tail.
- Shyness.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Ears not pricked.
- Hanging tail.
- Long hair (shaggy).
- Black mask.
- Markings on white ground.

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

Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

* The inclusion of sesame colour in the FCI standard may seem misleading since true sesame Akita has not been produced in decades. Perhaps it is out of respect to the country of origin whose first Akita breed club also lists goma as an acceptable colour in its standard for nostalgic reasons.