

DUTCH SHEPHERD QUICK REFERENCE BREED STANDARD—AKC/FCI

DQs (AKC only)

- Males under 21" and over 26"
- Females under 20" and over 25"
- Eyes Yellow or Blue
- Ears Droopy/Hanging

Faults

- Too much black
- Large white patches
- Ears out of proportion to the head
- Rounded croup
- Tail past hock
- Heavy bone
- Tail curls over back
- Round or light colored eyes
- Round skull
- Resembles another breed

General Appearance

- Medium-sized, Middle-weighted
- Trotter
- Muscular but not coarse
- Well-balanced structure, agile
- Intelligent expression & lively temperament

Coat

Color: Brindle. Base ranges from silver, cream to deep red.

Small amounts of white on chest and toes permitted.

Brindle pattern is easily seen on short hair, less so on the long and rough.

Short hair—Hard, **not too short.** Woolly undercoat.

Ruff, breeches and tail plume are clearly present.

Long hair—Long and straight, without curls or waves. Woolly undercoat.

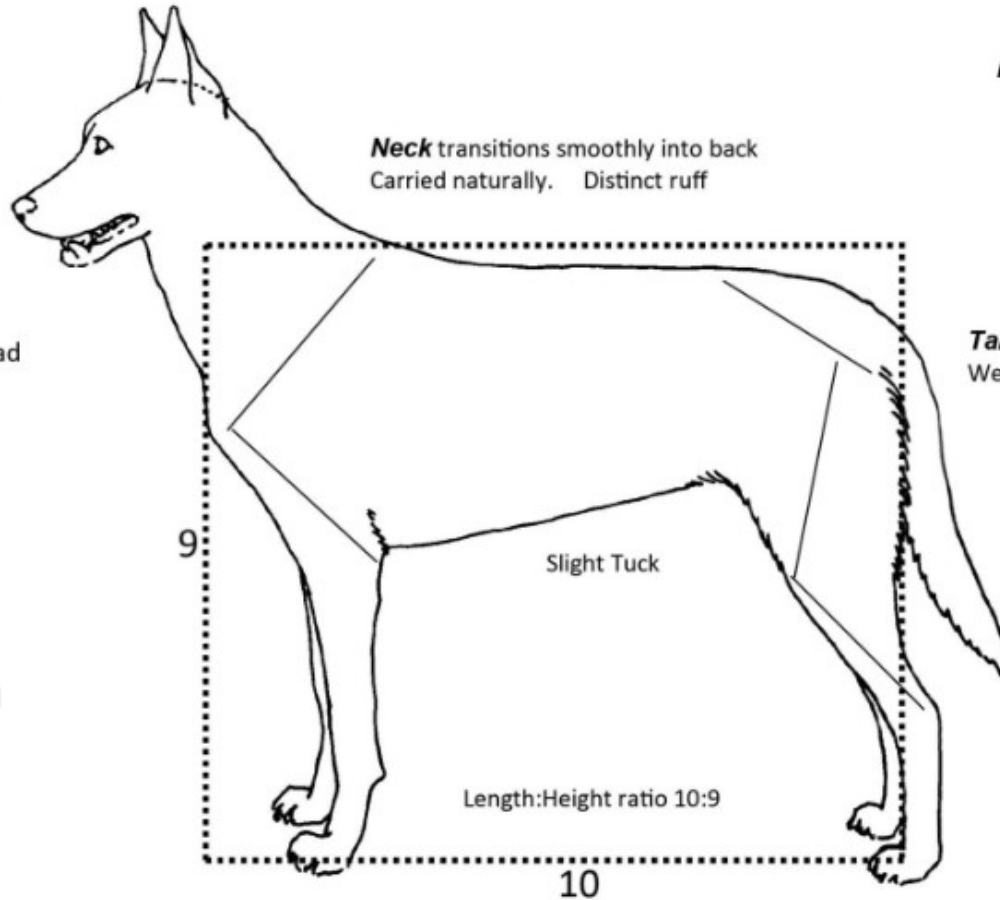
Well fitting. Harsh to touch. Distinct ruff and breeches. Tail abundantly coated.

Head, ears, feet, hind legs below the hock are short and densely coated. No fringes on ears.

Rough hair—Dense, Harsh, tousled coat. Woolly undercoat, except for head.

Upper and lower lips well covered with hair.

Whiskers, beard and eyebrows.



Height

Males 22.5"—24.5"
Females 21.5"—23.5

Tail To point of hock
Well coated on shorthairs

Ribs slightly sprung



Head

- **Wedge-shaped** when viewed from above and in profile.
- Skull: **Flat.**
- Muzzle: **1:1 ratio** to length of Skull, and **Parallel.**
- Stop: Slight and Distinct.
- Eyes: **Dark Brown, almond shaped, set obliquely.**
- Ears: Medium sized.
- Nose: **Black.**
- Lips: Tight and black.
- Teeth: **Scissors bite,** complete.

