

Skull: Broad with well-developed arches over the eyes. The occiput is fairly well-developed and the stop is moderate.

Head: Large. The length of the head from occiput to tip of nose is approximately 2/5 the height of the dog at the withers. The skin around the eyes and on the muzzle is dark.

Eyes: Medium-sized and almond-shaped, not too deeply set. Edges of the eyelids are gray or black.

Nose: Wide and the front of the nose forms a right angle with the top of the muzzle. The nostrils are wide. The nose is black.

Muzzle: Wide, coarse and truncated. Measured from inner corner of the eye to tip of nose, the muzzle is 2/5 of the total length of the head. The top of the muzzle is straight and is parallel to the top of the skull. Underjaw is well-developed and broad. Lips are tight and are black in color. Ideally gums and palate are dark or black.

Chest: Deep with long, well-sprung ribs reaching almost to the elbows.

Forequarters: Shoulders are well laid back. Forelegs straight, well-boned and muscular. Viewed from any side, the legs are like vertical columns. The upper arms are carried close to the body.

Ears: In shape the ear is an elongated triangle with a slightly rounded tip. Medium-set and hanging and long enough to reach to the inner corner of the eye on the opposite side of the head.

Neck: Muscular, of medium length, moderately arched, with no dewlap. The head erect.

Physical Characteristics of the Komondor

(from the American Kennel Club breed standard)

Body: Characterized by a powerful, deep chest, which is muscular and proportionately wide. The breast is broad and well-muscled. The belly is somewhat drawn up at the rear. The rump is wide, muscular and slopes slightly towards the root of the tail.

Tail: A continuation of the rump line, hanging and long enough to reach the hocks. Slightly curved upwards and/or to one side at its end.

Hindquarters: The steely, strong bone structure is covered with highly developed muscles. The legs are straight as viewed from the rear. Stifles are well-bent. Rear dewclaws must be removed.

Color: White, but not always the pure white of a brushed coat. In the ideal specimen the skin is gray.

Coat: Characteristic of the breed is the dense, protective coat. A grown dog is entirely covered with a heavy coat of these tassel-like cords, which form naturally.

Size: Dogs 27.5 inches and up at the withers; bitches 25.5 inches and up at the withers. Dogs are approximately 100 pounds and up, bitches approximately 80 pounds and up at maturity, with plenty of bone and substance.

Feet: Strong, rather large and with close, well-arched toes. Pads are hard, elastic and black or gray. Ideally, nails are black or gray, although light nails are acceptable.



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