

Akita

The Akita is...

Intelligent and courageous, Akitas are very protective and make excellent watch dogs. They are friendly and affectionate, but need to be carefully trained to avoid stubbornness. They thrive on companionship. They are suited to suburban or apartment living if sufficiently exercised.

History / Background

The national dog of Japan, the Akita was first used as an imperial guard dog.

Size as an Average Adult 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

Large Breed. Weight: 85-100 lbs. (M); 75-85 lbs. (F).

Shoulder Height: 26-28 in. (M); 24-26 in. (F).

Energy Level / Exercise 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

Akitas need a lot of exercise.

Grooming Requirements 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

A straight, coarse double-coat requires regular grooming. Seasonally heavy shedders.

Companionship with Children 🐾 🐾 🐾

Will do well with children if raised with them from puppyhood.

Companionship with Other Pets 🐾 🐾

Not generally trustworthy with other pets.

Possible Health Concerns

Gastric torsion, hip dysplasia, and eye problems.

Tips

Akitas can be very willful and need firm training as puppies.

Key to Numerical Pup Ratings

We have rated the following categories for quick comparison between breeds.

Size

🐾 Extra Small

🐾 🐾 Small

🐾 🐾 🐾 Medium

🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 Large

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Energy Level / Exercise

🐾 Low

🐾 🐾 Low-moderate

🐾 🐾 🐾 Moderate

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Grooming

🐾 Little or No Grooming

🐾 🐾 Some Grooming Required

🐾 🐾 🐾 Regular Grooming Required

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Children

🐾 Does Not tolerate

🐾 🐾 Somewhat tolerates

🐾 🐾 🐾 Tolerates

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Other Pets

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