

Alaskan Malamute

The Alaskan Malamute is...

Friendly and good natured, the Alaskan Malamute is great with older children and makes an excellent family dog. Although this powerful breed can be rambunctious as a puppy, they usually mature into dignified, mellow adults. They are happiest outdoors, but they enjoy living inside with their “pack” as long as they are sufficiently exercised.

History / Background

Originally used as sled dogs 2000-3000 years ago by the Mahlemuit Eskimos of Alaska.

Size as an Average Adult 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

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

Shoulder Height: Avg. 25 in. (M); 23 in. (F).

Energy Level / Exercise 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

Alaskan Malamutes need a lot of exercise.

Grooming Requirements 🐾 🐾 🐾

A thick double-coat requires regular brushing. Seasonally heavy shedders.

Companionship with Children 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾

Great with older children.

Companionship with Other Pets 🐾

Do not trust with non-canine pets; may be aggressive with same-sex dogs.

Possible Health Concerns

Hip dysplasia, chondrodysplasia, and eye problems.

Tips

Malamutes can be stubborn and strong-willed—they need steady obedience 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
🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 Moderate-high
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Grooming

🐾 Little or No Grooming
🐾 🐾 Some Grooming Required
🐾 🐾 🐾 Regular Grooming Required
🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 Extra Grooming Required
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Children

🐾 Does Not tolerate
🐾 🐾 Somewhat tolerates
🐾 🐾 🐾 Tolerates
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Other Pets

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