



Akitas

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The Akita

About the Akita

Recognized as the national dog of Japan, the Akita is a beautiful breed originating on the island of Honshu in the region of Akita in Japan. The Akita was first bred for many brave and noble tasks, such as guarding, pulling sleds, hunting, and fighting.

General Akita Characteristics

The Akita is a large breed with a thick, weatherproof coat, making them suitable for cold conditions. The top layer of the coat is coarse and stiff, while the undercoat is very soft. They are very affectionate with the owners and can be considered to have a rather mellow personality. While Akitas are very gentle with their owners, caution should be taken with other animals and young children. The breed is very dominant and protective of their food and territory.

Weight	75-120lbs pounds	Temperament	Affectionate, dominant
Height	26-28 inches	Good with Children	If raised with your own, ok. Not always good with others.
Coat	Thick, double weatherproof coat	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, thyroid issues, immune diseases, skin problems.

How To Choose Your New Akita

When you are finally ready to take the plunge and make an Akita part of your home, you will want to know what sort of things to look for. Physical appearances that make an Akita who they are include:

- Flat, triangular-shaped head
- Short muzzle
- Black nose (some are brown, but black is preferred)
- Erect ears, aligned with the neck
- Long, bushy tail; curled over the back
- Thick, harsh top coat with a soft undercoat
- Colorings: sesame, white, brindle, red

If you are examining an adult Akita, it is not recommended that you be at their level, looking them straight in the eyes. Because of their dominant nature, many will view this as a challenge or aggression towards them and will respond. Use gentleness with the Akita, approaching him slowly. Puppies will not be as big of a threat, and can be handled much like any other breed. Akitas are a wonderful breed, yet not for everyone. Be sure that you carefully consider your lifestyle and choose a pet that best compliments you.



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Selecting Your Akita – Adoption or Breeder?

Are you considering adoption for your new Akita? You have several resources available to help you start your search. The easiest and quickest method would be to start on the Internet. There are numerous sites that offer Akita rescue facility websites, as well as listings for local shelters. Checking with a local veterinarian is always a great idea as well. Vets are often in contact with a family that might be searching for a new home for their Akita. Because of the dominance of this breed, many owners often find they are unable to keep their Akita, particularly when they have other animals or children in the home already.

Similar to adoption, the Internet can be a useful tool in finding a good Akita breeder. Breeder websites will often provide a wealth of information for you to research and understand the process much better before you actually call. Purchasing a new Akita puppy can be an advantage if you already have young children, allowing a relationship and understanding of the breed to develop early on. You can also check your newspaper classifieds for a local breeder as well. Compare breeders and make a list of questions and further information that you need from each.

Before You Bring Your Akita Home

Are you all ready to bring home your new little (or big) bundle of joy? It is always best to have your house in order first, since you will be quite distracted with your new pet. If you like, make a stop by your local pet store on your way home with your new Akita. Many shops are pet-friendly, and this will allow you to size a new collar, or try out some new toys. Some items that you will need are:

- Dog or puppy food
- Collar/Leash
- Grooming supplies (A firm, bristle brush works best; shampoo)
- Crate
- Various chew toys
- Treats

Dog doors have become increasingly popular as most people work full days and cannot always be nearby to let their pet out. Several manufacturers can custom build a door to match your house or sliding glass. Pet stores should have information you will need, or check a home improvement store for ideas.

Your Akita Adult

With a male Akita weighing close to 100 pounds, these animals are hard to miss around the house. Your Akita will need regular exercise daily, providing him the attention he needs from you, and a chance to stretch his legs. Akita's will shed quite heavily two times per year. Regular brushing can help reduce the amount of hair that ends up in your home. It is not necessary (nor advised) that you bathe your Akita regularly. Doing so will diminish the weatherproofing of the coat which helps insulate the dog. Training is very important and should be enforced. Akitas will not respond well to harsh training, but rather consistent correction and rewarding. A positive for this



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EXPERT TIP

Selecting a Crate

A dog should be able to stand and turn around inside a closed crate. If you have an Akita puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Akita and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Akita is 75 lbs and 26 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds.

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breed is that they do not bark, unless there's a real reason, which is great for owners who might live in an apartment, or a neighborhood with barking dog issues.

Your Akita Senior

Because of their large size and fairly active nature, Akitas can have trouble with arthritis, and might do well with a glucosamine supplement. As your pet grows older, it is even more important to monitor their interactions with people, children, and other pets. An Akita that does not feel well, or is constantly nagged by a young child could be potential trouble. Continue to exercise your pet as much as possible and give him plenty of love. The life expectancy for the breed is around 10-12 years.

Akita Medical Considerations

Akitas have a few common health issues, and some other not so common, that owners will need to be aware of. Some include:

- Hip Dysplasia
- Hypothyroid and autoimmune thyroiditis
- Immune diseases: VKH and Pemphigus
- Skin & eye problems (mainly dryness)
- Problems with the knees

Some of these conditions can be remedied with simple adjustments to the diet or supplements. Regular veterinarian visits are not only important, but also helpful in understanding the ailments your pet might have and the things you can do to make your pet the most comfortable.

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