

# ALASKAN MALAMUTE



## Average size, weight & lifespan

55cm – 65cm  
35kg – 45kg  
10 – 12 years

## General Appearance

The Alaskan Malamute is a large, strong Arctic dog that has a wide head with erect ears. At a glance, it looks like a wolf but with a cute expression.

## Background

The Alaskan Malamute was thought to be part of the wolf family for some time by people though this is not true. They can survive in temperatures below 70 degrees and can also adapt to warmer climate as well.

## Characteristics/Temperament

The Alaskan Malamute is powerful, independent and strong-willed. Malamutes are usually quite dogs who are bark less but do howl like wolves.

## Exercise

They love to run and roam and love nothing more than having fun with their family. Without proper exercise they will become frustrated and destructive.

## Grooming

The Alaskan Malamute has a dense coat and is a heavy shedder that should be brushed a least twice a week. Bathing is not required as the coat sheds dirt easily and is odourless.

## Health

They are a very hardy breed but are still prone to hip dysplasia, like most large breeds. Other health issues are OFA, CERF and dwarfism. The Alaskan Malamute is prone to bloat.

## Contacting Council

If you require any further information about this or any other responsible pet ownership issue, please call Council on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au) and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

