

SIBERIAN HUSKY



Average size, weight & lifespan

51cm – 60cm

16kg – 27kg

10 – 14 years

General Appearance

The Siberian Husky is a medium sized breed with a double coat that is weather proof in arctic conditions. They are generally a good looking dog with what appears to be a “happy/smiling” face.

Background

Siberian Huskies were brought to Alaska from the Chukchi Peninsula just after the turn of the 1900’s as a sled dog for pulling a light load over long distance. The gold miners used the Siberian Husky for his endurance qualities with his ability to work in difficult terrain and extreme cold.

Characteristics/Temperament

He is an independent thinker and doesn’t take too readily to obedience. Siberian Huskies are also fairly destructive when young and will chew anything in his domain, so if you value anything at all in that yard, move it. Do not leave a Siberian Husky unsupervised in the house; it may never be the same again!

Exercise

Without regular exercise a Siberian Husky will become a nuisance, doing anything to alleviate boredom, so a long 30-40 minute walk morning and afternoon is a must. Siberian Huskies are extremely energetic and with a great desire to run. An understanding of their heritage and use should give you a good indication of their exercise requirements.

Grooming

A bath with a quality shampoo together with a good brush at least once a week to remove the dead coat. When the coat is dropping expect a snow storm all over your yard.

Health

The breed is a relatively healthy breed but be aware of Corneal Dystrophy and Cataracts.

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 and follow the links to Pets and Animals.

