



## GROUP III: WORKING DOGS

# GREENLAND DOG

RECOGNIZED: 2006

Effective: January 2015

*The breed standard outlines the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance of a breed, and ensures that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.*

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

The Greenland Dog is a very strong polar spitz, built for endurance at strenuous work as a sledge dog under Arctic conditions.

### SIZE

**Height at the withers:** Dogs, 60 cm (23.5 in) and upwards; bitches, 55 cm (21.75 in) and upwards

### COAT

The coat should be double – i.e., a soft, dense undercoat and an outercoat consisting of dense, straight, coarse hair without curls or wave. On head and legs, the coat is rather short; on the body rather long, and abundant and long; on underside of tail giving it a bushy appearance.

### COLOUR

All colours, solid and particolours, are permitted and equal, except albinos, which should be disqualified.

### HEAD

**Skull:** Broad and slightly domed. **Stop:** Pronounced but not abrupt. **Muzzle:** Wedge-shaped and strong, broad at the root and tapering to the nose, but not pointed. Bridge of nose should be straight and broad from set-on to nose, which in summertime should be dark, but during winter, may be flesh-coloured. **Lips:** Thin and close-fitting to extremely strong teeth. Scissors bite. **Eyes:** Dark for preference but may correspond to colour of coat. Set slightly obliquely, neither prominent nor too deep. Expression frank and fearless. **Ears:** Rather small, triangular and rounded at tips, carried firmly erect.

### NECK

Very strong and rather short.

### BODY

Height at withers slightly less than length of body. The body should be very strong and well muscled. Chest very capacious; back straight; loins straight and broad; croup slightly sloping; belly in line with brisket, not tucked up.

### LEGS

Front legs perfectly straight when seen from the front, strong muscles and heavy bone. Elbows free, but close to body. Hind legs perfectly straight when seen from behind; slightly angulated. Hocks broad and strong. Strong muscles and heavy bone. Feet rather big, strong and rounded with strong claws and pads.

### TAIL

Thick and rather short, set on high and carried firmly rolled over back.

**FAULTS**

Any departure from the aforementioned ideals shall be considered faulty to the degree in which it interferes with the health and well-being of the dog and the breed's traditional purpose.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- Albinos