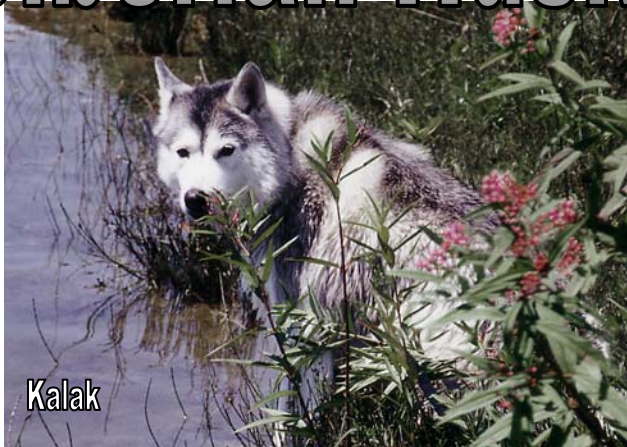


Siberian Husky



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Siberian Huskies were used in Siberia to pull sleds and herd reindeer. They were introduced to North America in the 19th century. In 1925 a dog sled relay delivered diphtheria serum across 600 miles of frozen tundra to Nome, Alaska.

BREED APPEARANCE: This breed stands about 20"-23" in height and weighs about 35-60 pounds. This breed is powerful and very athletic. They have a thick double coat with a variety of colors and markings.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:

The Siberian Husky is very intelligent; if this trait does not reap havoc on your household, it can be greatly admired! These dogs are very friendly and are good natured around adults and children. If this breed is acquired from a reputable breeder and trained in obedience from day one, he can become a loving member of your household, especially if you live in a cool climate and enjoy the outdoors!

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:

Huskies are very independent and are capable of figuring out how to open refrigerators and cabinet drawers. They have even been known to open doors to let themselves outside for a good romp in the snow! They also require EXTENSIVE exercise and obedience routines to keep them out of the garbage cans and kitchen cabinets. Because of their independence and desire to run, this dog must always be supervised when off leash. Without proper training, this dog can NEVER be trusted off leash. Huskies are also incorrigible diggers, so keep them occupied when they are in your yard. These dogs also require regular grooming, as they shed excessively in the spring and fall.

Perfect Pet Rating

Overall Breed Rating

5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: The Siberian Husky is striking in appearance, very athletic and extremely playful. Their sense of humor will definitely keep you entertained!

MINUSES: The Siberian Husky is very independent and loves to run. They have a high prey drive and become easily bored. They require a daily routine consisting of rigorous exercise and obedience training. They must be kept in a fenced in yard that is escape proof. This breed can be difficult to train and to trust off leash. They shed excessively and do better in cooler climates because of their heavy coats.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

This dog is rarely the appropriate breed for a first time dog owner or for someone who has a busy schedule and is seldom home. Meeting the demands of a Siberian Husky is an overwhelming task, even for an experienced dog owner. If this dog is not properly exercised and mentally stimulated, they can develop boredom related problems. If you are not able to exercise and train this dog properly, each and every day, DO NOT OWN ONE! The Husky is not right for a person living in an apartment. Typically, city living is a less than desirable place for raising a Siberian Husky. Also, this breed does not do well in warmer climates because of their heavier coats.

DO THEY SHED?

Yes, this dog sheds EXCESSIVELY in the spring and fall.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

When raised PROPERLY with children, this breed is not known to display aggression toward them. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

This breed has a high prey drive and is likely to make a meal of your neighborhood opossums, squirrels and chipmunks. This dog should never be completely trusted around small animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Siberian Huskies are EXTREMELY energetic and playful. Daily runs are MANDATORY and CRUCIAL to their well being. Daily walks are NOT enough for this breed! Please do your research and heed the advice of professionals!

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

When pulling a sled, these dogs have the innate ability to sense danger and disobey any given command if harm will follow. That said, the Siberian Husky is difficult, but not impossible to train. Professional training is MANDATORY and MUST start as a young puppy and continue throughout the dogs' life. Off leash control is difficult to establish, but again, not impossible.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Siberian Huskies can experience eye problems, thyroid problems and epilepsy. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.