



Alaskan Malamutes

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About the Alaskan Malamute

The Alaskan Malamute breeds are Nordic dogs. They are descendants of the Artic Wolf. This complimentary e-book will not only inform you on this intriguing breed, but guide you through getting to know your pet as well as how to be a great pet parent. You will receive valuable veterinary tips and great product suggestion to keep your pet happy. We hope you enjoy this e-book as much as we enjoyed writing it for you. We want to ensure that the new pet parent brings up a happy, healthy and loving Alaskan Malamute.

General Alaskan Malamute Characteristics

The Alaskan Malamutes are intelligent, resourceful, affectionate and hardworking. These dogs are exceptional in that they tend to “talk”, instead of barking, they make a “woo, woo” sound. When they get excited, sad or lonely, the Malamute will howl like wolves or coyotes. Malamutes can seem stubborn because of their independent nature. Their original intentions are as sled dogs and they needed to be independent in order to face the hard Artic conditions from which they come from. Malamutes have friendly dispositions and are wonderful with children. Malamutes require a lot of attention. If attention is not given properly, they can become destructive. Firm control is needed due to their independent temperament. Their coat colors vary; they can be light grey, black, gold, red or liver. They have a very thick but soft undercoat and a coarse and thick top coat. Weekly care and grooming are required of this breed. Attention to their eyes, teeth, nails, feet and ears is essential. Malamutes are not well suited for those living in apartments; they are active and require the space to be so. They are also territorial, and will commonly stay within their territory. Alaskan Malamute’s are used as guard dogs, rescue and police dogs. Malamutes are also called by the name, Spitz dogs.

Average Weight	75-85 pounds	Temperament	Strong, independent, friendly
Average Height	23-25 inches	Good with children	Stubborn, active, proud
Coat	Coarse heavy top coat, heavy and soft undercoat, require weekly grooming	Health Concerns	Hip dysplasia, cataracts, gastric torsions

Selecting Your Alaskan Malamute Puppy – Adoption or Breeder?

It’s all about personal preference when deciding to either adopt an Alaskan Malamute or to select one from a reputable breeder.



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A Few Words About Adoption

When deciding to adopt, you should start your search within your own community. Adoption shelters and community rescue centers are a good place to start. You may also find such places as your local library, the newspaper or the internet, all useful tools to aide in your adoption decision. Family and friends can be a great source of information as well. When considering adoption of your pet, understand that not all pets are in rescue centers or shelters were abused, some have simply been left behind by families that may have experienced life changing events and could no longer care for their pets. The positive attribute to adoption, it is significantly less expensive than buying from a breeder. Ultimately the decision will be yours.

A Few Words About Breeders

Choosing to purchase an Alaskan Malamute from a breeder is a beneficial decision as well. You are not only getting a 100% pure breed, in most cases, but you're assured that dog will be healthy and well trained. When selecting a breeder, make sure they are reputable. Your breeder should be knowledgeable about the Alaskan Malamute's genetics and nutrition. Their structure and movements are important, too. A reputable breeder will make certain their pups have all their immunizations and inoculations at the times needed and that their done under the advisement of their veterinarian. Be sure that your breeder gives individual attention to the socialization and raising of their pups, and have them give assurance that their pups are brought up in clean and healthy environments. It is also important that interaction with people and other pets be part of the breeding process. Just be sure you're not buying your Malamute from a puppy mill, they tend to have health and temperament problems. There is an array of screening methods one can use when choosing a breeder. Choose wisely, and be informed before you buy.

Either option is viable based on your own knowledge, expectations, and personal conviction. The most important thing to remember when selecting your pet is to select the pet right for you. Pet ownership is a big responsibility. Select a pet that fits your lifestyle.

How To Choose Your New Alaskan Malamute Pup

Choosing a dog can be a difficult decision because there are many different personalities and aesthetic qualities you may want to look for. When choosing your Alaskan Malamute pup, be sure you are choosing carefully and informed about your breed. Look out for signs of a healthy dog by following these tips below:

- Nose not running and clear of mucus
- Check for gum discoloration, gums should be a healthy pink
- Healthy coat and skin conditions
- Check for clear breathing in chest
- Do a thorough check of the head, throat, mouth and structure



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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 a Malamute puppy, consider the average height and weight of an adult Malamute and choose a crate based on those specifications. The average size of an adult Alaskan Malamute is 80 lbs and 24 inches tall. Choose a sturdy steel or plastic crate for medium sized breeds.

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Before You Bring Your Alaskan Malamute Home

When you are ready to bring an Alaskan Malamute home, you need first to puppy-proof your home. Ensuring that your puppy is kept out of harms way will make for a happy healthy puppy. Approach puppy-proofing much like baby-proofing. You will want to remove clutter from floors, wires and cords should be out of sight and not in places where puppies can get to them. Closing doors to rooms that are off-limits should be helpful to keep the puppy out of personal things. You will probably want to secure cabinets that are at puppy level to ensure they can not pry them open getting into chemicals and cleaners. Keep plants out of reach as well; plants can be very dangerous for dogs, especially if they are poisonous.

You will need to make a trip to the pet store to pick necessities your puppy may need. Things such as play toys, grooming materials, crates and kennels, are all things you'll use throughout the life of your dog. Puppy food, training products and toys, are also essential.

Exercise is key to keeping your pup healthy. A Malamute, however, does not require as much exercise as other breeds. Introducing your puppy to the vet and their grooming process is best done early on. Following the breeder's and veterinarian's advice on nutrition will ensure your pup maintains a healthy diet. If your dog has allergies, they require special dietary ingredients. As long as you pay attention to your breed's needs and stay knowledgeable about your breed, you will ensure success at a positive adjustment for your puppy to their new surroundings.

Your Alaskan Malamute Puppy

Each stage of your pet's life will be characterized by special needs. Puppies are just like babies, they need lots of attention and they are just starting out in life and wanting to learn. Vaccination is important in this stage of their lives; it will maintain their immunity to diseases. Puppies are continuously growing; trimming your puppies' nails about every two to three weeks will keep nails groomed and the risk of scratching at a low. You want to ensure that you do not over-feed your puppy. Filling the bowl no more than level is good for the puppy now. Alaskan Malamute puppies should be allowed to relieve themselves about every three hours to prevent problems with soiling in the house.

Your Alaskan Malamute Adult

As your dog begins to age, his needs begin to change. Adult dogs are coming into their own. No longer a pup, they begin to understand their owner more and understand what it is their owners want from them. Malamutes are a more outdoors type than indoor. As your dog begins to grow, ensuring that they have enough room to roam and run will keep a happy Malamute. Malamute's love to dig, keeping them in a high fenced yard with a buried base, will prevent them from digging themselves out. Do not over-exert your Malamute; although they need exercise, a minimal amount is fine, especially during the warm weather season. Keeping them cool during the warm weather seasons is essential and making sure they are supplied with plenty of fresh cool water is important. They love companionship, so having another dog around would help a great deal.

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Your Alaskan Malamute Senior

When your pet begins to get older, they have special needs that are different from the pup Alaskan Malamute and the adult. An older Alaskan Malamute is seasoned at this stage; they will do just about everything on command. They begin to lose muscle tone and condition and can develop arthritis. They do not do well on slippery floors, so you may want to put down covering that have non-skid rubber. They begin to enjoy routines, by eating at the same time everyday, sleeping at the same time of day or go out at the same times everyday. Dehydration is common with the older Alaskan Malamute, keeping a close eye on their drinking habits will ensure they don't dry out. You will want to continue an exercise regimen, but frequent breaks are necessary to prevent overexertion.

Make Malamute memories with your Alaskan Malamute. A well trained Alaskan Malamute will give you all the loyalty, companionship, and love any family needs. Treat just as a part of the family and make them feel wanted. All those ingredients will make a happy pet out of your Alaskan Malamute.

Alaskan Malamute Medical Considerations

Alaskan Malamutes are prone to many health conditions that you as an owner will need to keep and eye out for. These dogs can develop a condition called Elbow Dysplasia. Elbow Dysplasia is a hereditary disease, much like Hip Dysplasia, it is a malformation of the elbow joints. Alaskan Malamutes can develop eye disease as well. Alaskan Malamutes can develop Polyneuropathy, a disorder that can cause motor nerve dysfunction. The symptoms of this disorder are absent muscle tone and reflexes, weakness, or it can cause paralysis. The symptoms of this disorder can occur in the legs of Malamutes. Taking your Alaskan Malamute to their veterinarian for regular check-ups will ensure that you keep a happy and healthy pet.



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