

The Akita

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Scientific Classification

Kingdom: Animalia (It is in the Animalia family because it is living)

Phylum: Chordata (because the akita has a tail it is considered a chordata)

Class: Mammalia (the akita is a mammal therefore a mammalia)

Order: Carnivora (it is considered a carnivora because the akita eats meat)

Family: Canidae (Carnivores including dogs)

Genus: Canis (domestic and wild dogs)

Species: *Lupus Familiaris* (The Akita's distinct name is this)

Proper Care

If you are to own an Akita, there are a few care procedures you need to know. The best feed to give the akita is Blue Buffalo Wilderness because it has a healthy blend of all of the necessary nutrients needed for an akita. They should be fed two cups a day twice a day depending on size, age, activity level, and metabolism. Akita's have very thick coats meaning that they can survive outside in the cold but ideally, inside is best.

http://www.akita-dog.com/Akita_Food.html

Health Care: The Akita, like all breeds, is inclined to certain diseases. To help prevent these diseases certain precautions should be taken. One problem with the Akita is that they're sensitive to medications. "The most common and severe reaction is that to the compounds typically used in anesthesia."

Handling Procedures

When handling the Akita, do it according to how it will be as an adult. “If he is to be a companion, treat him as such.” Don’t constantly pen the dog. He doesn’t want to be there any more than you would. Be kind to him but still stern. You have to train your akita so he doesn’t go to the bathroom in the house or tear things up. This is why you’re stern so he knows who alpha is.

To transport your akita, you can simply use your car. If there are numerous akita’s be sure to have pens for them to be in and that the pens are secure.

https://books.google.com/books?id=aj0rJ2rYRK4C&pg=PT39&lpg=PT39&dq=akita+handling+procedures&source=bl&ots=X_IFuh5L0k&sig=GcJwqcgKtW7dkUUf7QUy8erEJoQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi2s5zindjPAhVEax4KHTAZBIsQ6AEINzAI#v=onepage&q=akita%20handling%20procedures&f=false

Use in Education

There isn't any Akita use in research at the moment. But animals are currently being used to further research diabetes. They're currently using diabetes types 1 and 2 in animals to try to understand further what diabetes is and how they can further prevent it for humans.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3417415/>