

THE NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE DOG

SIZE: Medium to Large

AVERAGE HEIGHT: Males: 25" to 28" Females: 20" to 25"

AVERAGE WEIGHT: Males: 65 to 95 lbs. Females: 50 to 75 lbs.

HAIR COAT: Short, medium (aka Plush), or long (aka woolly) with a dense heavy undercoat that sheds heavily once a year and not as heavy again in the early fall. They may have some shedding the rest of the year and have no doggy odor to them. The Plush and Woolly coated dogs are ideal for outside cold climates. People with allergies or asthma to dog dander or hair can usually own these animals. To be sure you are not sensitive please request a hair sample before you purchase or arrange for a kennel visit.

TYPICAL COAT: Black, Black/White, Black Sables, White/Grey, Black Sable Tri, Tortoise Shell, Black/Tan, Black/Cream, Black/Red, Black/Silver, Black/Grey/White, Blues, Black/White/Blue, Steel Blue (looks black but has a smoky hue to it), Light Blue/Cream, broken patterned, spotted or any combination thereof. The Hare type dogs will have a white base coat and are usually patterned, "the plains" type of dogs will have more of the solid coloring with some white, tan or cream, and this includes the sables, dark sables and tortoise shell colors. The "common Indian" type dogs will be typically black and white or sometimes solid black with markings above the eyes. All color and color combinations are acceptable.

RARE COAT COLORS: Blue and Red (these are recessive and not common in the Plains or Hare type dogs).

EYE COLOR: Light to dark amber, light to dark brown, golden, yellow, hazel or grey.

CHARACTERISTICS: Their feet are webbed which assists with snow travel and swimming. They have expressive eyes, medium long to long triangular shaped heads, and wide between the eyes extending down to a slender muzzle. It is preferred that the ears are prick for show/breed quality dogs. Ears can be floppy (pet quality).

GROOMING: Little (most of the year). More during the Spring/Fall shedding season. Dogs will blow their coats heavily once a year and lightly in the fall. Longer coated dogs may require brushing once or twice a week to keep the coat looking nice and to keep it from getting matted. Otherwise it can look like they are having a bad hair day. If you live in a warmer climate like Florida, Southern California or other desert-type climates the dog will shed the undercoat as it comes in as they won't need it. A dog that is primarily kept indoors will also shed the undercoat as it comes in. We don't recommend these dogs to be inside all the time as they are happiest having access to the outdoors. In addition, a dog that spends too much time inside will not handle the world around them when they go outside, they will become fearful of everything. Stress, poor diet or health issues can cause loss of coat or shedding as well.

EXERCISE: Moderate. Some can be active. Most are calm in the house and active outdoors.

TEMPERMENT: These dogs are very intelligent. They are very loyal to family members and are excellent with children. They can be very sensitive, (i.e. – their senses: sight, sound and smell – may be very sharp) and they can be emotionally sensitive to where a stern "NO" is all that is needed to get them to stop a wrong behavior. Each dog is different and has different levels of sensitivity. They can be prone to separation anxiety so it is important that if you get one who leans towards this you have another dog that can keep them company and provide an

outdoor area that is safe for them to stay in while you are away. They are not usually dog aggressive with other breeds of dogs but males, if un-neutered, will show aggression towards other males, especially during the breeding season. Females who are not spayed will sometimes show aggression towards other females when in heat and sometimes during pregnancy, especially during the last few weeks when their nesting instincts begin. Some females may become protective of their puppies and not allow anyone near their babies for the first week or so. I do not allow kennel visits for approximately 4 weeks after a litter has been delivered in order to keep the mother's stress level down.

Puppies should be well socialized with people at a young age. It is recommended to introduce your puppy to at least 400 people within the first 6 months of life. While doing this, at least for the first month after you get the pup, take special precautions when putting the pup on the ground to walk around to help lower the incidence of them being exposed to "parvo" or "distemper". Stay away from rest stops, gas stations, restaurants, parks, anywhere there would be high dog traffic. You may want to make sure to have those that handle your puppy wash their hands first with soap and warm water (use of a hand sanitizer will suffice if you are not near soap and water). This will help ensure that your puppy doesn't get exposed to viruses and illnesses until he/she is fully vaccinated. Exposing your dog to the world around them and to other people will help build their confidence. This should be ongoing. An un-socialized puppy could become timid of people. Dog parks are a fairly safe and effective way to tire your puppy out once he/she has had all the required vaccines and to provide playtime and interaction with other dogs.

It is highly recommended that these dogs begin basic obedience by 4 mos. of age. It is best to use a firm but gentle training program that includes lots of praise as these dogs will work best when there is a reason for them to do it. IVK encourages the use of the Cesar Milan methods as these techniques seem to work best with this breed. Other suggestions would be: the Volhard Method and the Monks of New Skete. Positive reinforcement and clicker Training is not usually as effective. Try to find a trainer who is willing to customize a training program for your puppy. Not all puppies can be trained under a cookie-cutter training program. IVK does not encourage treat and praise only or clicker only training. These dogs tend to get bored easily and can learn to manipulate to get what they want with treat and clicker training. IVK believes these are not reliable training methods. These dogs do require discipline to correct wrong behaviors. Being afraid to use stronger training methods, if needed, can set the dog up for failure and cause severe behavioral issues. If you chose to disregard my advice the behaviors may not change and could get worse.

These dogs do best with at least one other dog. They typically do not do well in a one dog family environment. They can be destructive if bored and can begin having behavioral problems if not properly exercised and worked with daily. Having a playmate will keep them occupied and tired. They are very people focused and prefer to have free access to you and the family. A sit on the sofa next to you or in bed with you is one of their biggest joys. Because of this they can have separation anxiety so it is important to instill confidence in your puppy and don't encourage insecure behaviors. A good trainer can help you deal with this issue if it begins and to keep it from escalating into a major problem. These dogs should never be considered or kept as strictly outdoor dogs without planned people interaction on a daily basis, if that is what you want, this is not the dog for you. Many times they will prefer being outside as it is cooler for them but they need to be able to have access to you as well. As long as they get a good amount of family interaction and play time they will be happy.

They can be very mischievous, and if they lean towards this personality don't be surprised if they go on a "chew and destroy" mission even if it's your favorite pair of shoes, clothing, child's toy, or....you can pretty much let your imagination run wild. NOTE: This does not mean every dog will do this, but it has been known to happen, especially during the puppy stage, which can last up to 2 sometimes 3 yrs. of age. A good trainer can help you channel your puppy's energy into productive activity and teach them house manners.

LITTER SIZE: 4 to 8 pups.

APPROXIMATE LIFE SPAN: 12 to 14 years.

HEALTH ISSUES: No known health problems to date. Seem to be a very sturdy and healthy breed. Some offspring are carriers of DM (Degenerative Myopathy) but are not inflicted with the disease. All breeding stock are screened before breeding to make sure a carrier is only bred with a non-carrier to avoid having the disease become active in the offspring.

DEPOSITS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

All deposits are non-refundable but can be moved over should you decide to wait or want a pup from a different litter.

I require all dogs to be spayed or neutered between the ages of 10 to 12 mos. of age. If the dog is not spayed or neutered all guarantees are null and void, unless an agreement has been made with Indian Valley Kennels. **Proof of spay or neuter is required to be sent to Indian Valley Kennels.** All pups will be micro-chipped before leaving the kennel and the cost will be part of the vet check charges.

Cash or Check are accepted. If the check is not accepted the first time, a \$25.00 fee will be added to the total cost of the puppy for each occurrence. All monies, if not cash, must clear the bank before the puppy is released into the new owner's care.

LAYAWAY PLANS ARE AVAILABLE

Pups are guaranteed healthy at the time of sale as can be determined visually and will have a health certificate from a licensed vet if flying or being transported by ground. Each pup will come with a Certificate of Pedigree and registration papers and as stated before will be micro-chipped.

PRICES: Prices subject to change at any time at the discretion of Indian Valley Kennels.

A non-refundable 50% deposit is required to hold a pup of your choice. This will be applied to the price of the puppy.

Male or Female Puppies are the same price

\$1,000.00**

(*If you have not placed a deposit and prices change you will be required to pay the new price. Those who are on the list, who have paid a deposit, will be able to lock in whatever price was listed at the time of their request even if prices change after that).

****NOTE:** Prices above do not include: Travel to/from airport, the cost of airfare w/ taxes and insurance, crate, Cerenia (for motion sickness), vet check and health certificate. The cost of airfare can change because of the cost of fuel.