

ADDENDUM TO THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD

The Keeshond Standard was revised and approved by AKC effective January 1, 2025. This addendum is attached to the Illustrated Standard as a guide to the revisions made in the Standard. Most of the 2025 revisions were verbiage taken from The Illustrated Standard which clarify meanings.

This Addendum will focus on other changes as presented in order of the Standard.

SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE: Relationship between size and type clarified.

MUZZLE: Added sentence to describe length of muzzle as explained in the Illustrated Standard

NECK, TOPLINE, BODY: Paragraph reorganized to read in the order that a Keeshond should be examined. The word “barrel” was replaced with “well ribbed, compact, and strong with a good spring of rib.”

FOREQUARTERS: Angulation changed to moderate as “between slight to moderate” was a vague description.

Declaws may be removed was added as per AKC suggestion.

BITCH COAT AND PUPPY COAT: Sections were added and discussed per the Illustrated Standard.

TRIMMING: Verbiage was added to emphasize sculpting and other grooming alterations to be penalized.

COLOR AND MARKINGS: Puppy Color is described in greater detail. Word “tawny” replaced with definition.

GAIT: Removed distinctive gait and unique to the breed and replaced with more descriptive wording.