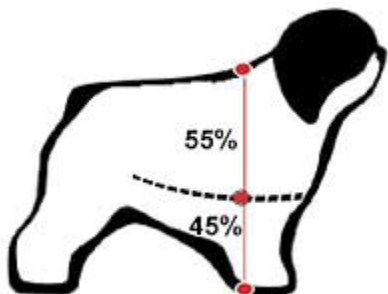
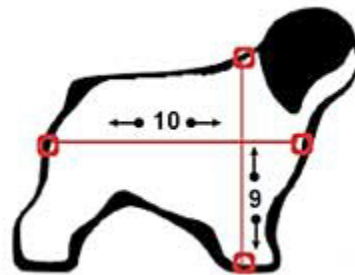


## About the Polish Lowland Sheepdog

The FCI standard for the breed, based on the country of origin calls for a dog that is "compact, strong muscular" with a body that is "**rather rectangular than square**". The AKC standard for the breed uses the word "**cobby**" to describe the breed in general. To most, the word "**cobby**" means **square**, when in fact the term actually means **compact**.



The depth of the body should be slightly more than 50% of the total height



of the dog from the withers to the ground. The numbers used here are approximate and used to illustrate only. This particular description of the PON's proportions was omitted from the AKC standard that was written for the breed by APONC, the US parent club for the Polish Lowland Sheepdog.

As a result, the proportions that are seen in some of the American bred dogs are not correct as per the FCI and Polish Kennel Club standard. The breed should never appear "leggy", "weedy" not should the breed appear to be "elegant".

Rather, it should give the appearance of a dog that can withstand the elements to perform the job that it was originally bred to do, that is to herd livestock and act as a protective companion to his family and flock.

Another common misinterpretation is the temperament of a herding breed, in particular the Polish Lowland Sheepdog. The FCI standard states that the breed should be "of a lively but tempered disposition, vigilant, agile, intelligent, perceptive and gifted with a good memory". The AKC standard states that the breed is "somewhat aloof and suspicious of strangers". The breed should **never** be shy, timid or aggressive. Aggression towards other dogs or people should **not** be considered acceptable behavior and justified by saying that it is the temperament of a herding breed.

"The dog was created specially for children. He is the god of frolic." - Henry Ward Beecher