

Shetland Sheepdog Body Types

(and what lies beneath the coat)

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1. Excellent body type: correct outline, balance, angulation and proportions.



2. Short neck and body. Coat has been scissored and sculpted (not condoned by ASSA) to create an illusion of more neck. Lacking angulation.



3. The same dog not overgroomed or backbrushed on neck. Note difference in lack of balance which is more noticeable.



4. Incorrect: Long body, short legs, too straight in front. Front legs forward of withers.



5. Very poor: "Ewe" neck, short upper arm with poor angulation between upper arm and leg. Leg slants backward. Sickle hocks.



6. Overdone: In the name of "elegance," neck is too long. Straight front and exaggerated rear. Stifle bone too long. Poor neck set.