

ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB OF VICTORIA

Breed of Dog: **Alaskan Malamute**

Rescue Group Name: **Alaskan Malamute Club, Victoria Inc. (AMCV)**

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Information about the breed:

Alaskan Malamutes are big, powerful, active, superb-looking dogs, however their good looks often result in them ending up in unsuitable homes. They are very intelligent and learn very quickly, but being extremely stubborn and independent-minded they are a low-trainability breed.

The Malamute should be friendly towards all people, which makes them useless as a guard dog, however their friendliness often does not extend towards other dogs (particularly same sex) or other pets. Their size and amazing strength makes them unsuitable for many people - they are simply too powerful to be left under the control of children or the elderly.

Ideal owners for this breed:

The Alaskan Malamute is an arctic sled dog that requires a fit, active and preferably experienced dog owner with a good understanding of arctic breed instincts, heritage and needs. They are not a children's dog as they are simply too large and strong. The Malamute loves to be a part of the family and needs an owner with plenty of time to spend exercising them and getting involved in the working activities Malamutes love to do including obedience, sledding, weight pulling and backpacking.

Being a powerful, large dog with a strong hunting instinct that cannot be trained out of them, they require a home with good fencing and an owner who is prepared to always walk their dog on lead. They enjoy excavating, particularly if bored, so they do not suit people who value a manicured garden and lawn.

The Alaskan Malamute is definitely not the dog for everyone and is not the ideal family pet – there are plenty of other breeds much more suited for that.

Brief description of how your rescue program works:

To help prevent a dog being adopted into an unsuitable home based on their attractive appearance and/or an emotional decision, we like to talk to or send breed information to anyone considering adopting a Malamute so they are fully aware of what to expect from Malamute ownership.

If you think you are right for a Malamute, please contact the AMCV to be added to their referral list for Malamutes in need of a new home.

Other Information:

It would be appreciated if anyone considering adopting a Malamute be directed to our website Referral page www.users.bigpond.com/amcv/Referral.htm for photos and details of dogs requiring adoption.

