



Australian Kelpie Care Sheet

A quick reference guide for keeping your Australian Kelpie active, healthy, and mentally stimulated.

Quick Facts

Trait	Details
Size	Medium (14–21 kg)
Height	43–51 cm at the shoulder
Lifespan	12–15 years
Coat	Short, dense, weather-resistant double coat
Temperament	Energetic, intelligent, hardworking
Best For	Active owners, working farms, rural homes
Exercise Needs	1.5–2 hours daily

Australian Kelpie Care Essentials

Training & Socialisation: Highly intelligent and eager to work. Use positive reinforcement and provide consistent training from an early age.

Exercise: At least 1.5–2 hours daily. Include running, herding, and games to burn energy.

Grooming: Weekly brushing to remove loose hair. Bathe every 6–8 weeks or as needed.

Health: Generally healthy but can be prone to hip dysplasia and eye conditions. Choose a breeder who health tests.

Diet: High-quality, protein-rich diet. Adults: 2 meals/day. Adjust portions for activity level.

Family Suitability: Affectionate and loyal — best for active families or individuals who can meet their exercise needs.

Max's Comment: "This dog will herd your sheep, your kids, and probably you — all before breakfast."