Australian Shepherd's Review Everything you need to know before owning an Australian Shepherd By. Graceyn Skalka

Everyone needs a companion in their life, for most people there companion may be a significant other, best friend or even a DOG. For me, I absolutely adore Australian Shepherds as everyone has their own different taste in dog breeds.

The Australian Shepherd also known as the Aussie is a herding dog, and no they did not originate from Australia, they originated in Europe. Aussies come in all sorts of different colors from, blue merle to red merle and many more. Some Aussies also may have blue eyes or brown eyes, aussies are strong, smart, well working dogs. The average weight of a mature Australian Shepherd is 50-65 pounds, with a life expectancy of 12-15 years. Aussie's also herd anything such as cattle, birds or even children.

Care for an Australian Shepherd is not easy, if you can't take care of a child you might want to pick a different animal. Care consists of buying high-quality dog food, and the dog should be on a diet that is appropriate for them, dogs are like humans they may be prone to gaining weight a lot quicker than others. Treats play a huge role in obesity in dogs as well if you overfeed them. Hydration is also key for owning an aussie, water must be available at all times due to how active they are. Grooming is also very necessary due to their long coat of fur that could potentially get matted if not groomed properly.

Things you may not know about an Aussie are they gained popularity from rodeos, not only did they herd at the rodeos but they could do tricks as well. The Native Americans considered them to be "Sacred", because of their combination of brown, blue, green, or hazel eyes. Australian Shepherds are one of the few dog breeds that are heterochromia, which is having two different colored eyes. Most, have naturally short tails one in five have been born with naturally short bobbed tails that are safer for them when it comes to herding large animals. Aussies are very territorial.

As you can see from the information I have on Australian Shepherds they truly do make the perfect pet for a family who lives in town or who may live out of city limits as well. Take it from someone who has owned two australian shepherds along with many other dog breeds and still recommends adopting or purchasing an australian shepherd. They truly have been the best dog breed.