

How to tell a pure wolf from a wolfdog

WOLF	WOLF-HYBRIDS
<p>Feet & Toes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair will protrude between the pads of the foot. Usually a reddish color. • Lots of space between pads on feet. Pads are not rounded. • Toes point outward and are elongated. • Rear legs are cow hocked. • Toenails and pads are always black. • No dewclaw in the rear. 	<p>Feet & Toes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hair protruding between pads. • Pads are very close and rounded • Toes point forward • Legs are straight and point forward • Toenails are marked with pink or white • Dewclaw in the rear
<p>Teeth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Canines and premolars • Premolars are well-formed, no spacing. • Dark pigmentation at gum line near the teeth. No spots on gums 	<p>Teeth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smaller canines and premolars • Wide spacing between premolars • No dark pigmentation at gum line near teeth. Spots on gums.
<p>Tail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tail is "brush tail" • Tail does not curl up • Has black patch at precaudal gland (a few inches down from the base). Also black tip at end of the tail. 	<p>Tail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tail is "flagged" • Tail curls upward over back • Has precaudal but will not have a black patch at precaudal gland or tip of tail. White wolves have no black patch showing below 70 percent wolf.
<p>Reproductive System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolves only breed once a year starting in late January to Mid March. • Wolves do not come into their first heat until two years of age 	<p>Reproduction System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of breeding other than January to March. May breed up to two times in a year • First heat cycle before two years of age
<p>Head & Ears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyes are angled and yellow • Lack of furrow between eyes • Gentle slope without protruding brow, domed forehead or pronounced stop. • Muzzle is long, not heavy or broad • Head in not boxy like domestic dogs • Medium size erect ears • Inside ears are heavily furred • Nose is always black, never pink. 	<p>Head & Ears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyes are round, different color eyes, not yellow • Furrow between eyes • Domed head, protruding brow, domed forehead, and pronounced stop. Boxy head • Short muzzle, broad, or heavy • Large or floppy ears • Little or no fur inside ears • Nose has pink

The percentage of wolf blood in a wolfdog will greatly influence many of these characteristics. So if you were told a certain percentage, don't get mad, because not all dogs take after one parent only. It may be that the other parent has more genes that come out more. But if none of the above is evident in your wolf call the seller and ask him for proof of what he sold you. In fact you should do this before you buy a puppy. Know the above chart by hard and use it to shop for the percentage of wolf blood that you want. Look at both parents and look for the above signs and only then buy a puppy.

Only buy from breeders that cooperate with you and educate you instead of just trying to make a sale.