

The Keeshond - An Illustrated Breed Standard

FEET

Well padded, round, cat-like, tight, cream in colour, black nails.

Well padded, round, cat-like, tight;

The toes should be well arched with thick pads to cushion the feet. The individual toes should fit tightly together so that each foot is compact and similar in shape to the foot of a cat. Feet may be trimmed to tidy them up and emphasise the 'catlike' shape, for the show ring.

Splayed feet, where the toes do not fit tightly together, are incorrect, as are hare feet, where the two middle toes on each foot are longer and extend out past the other two.

Cream in colour, black nails;

The feet should be cream in colour, not white, and without any black tick marks or smudging, although a little black around the outside of puppies feet is permissible. The nails should be black not white or cream.

All nails should be present, although some breeders do prefer to have the dew claw on the inside of each front leg removed on puppies, and this is acceptable practice.

Occasionally dew-claws are also found on hind legs; these should also be removed.

- FAULTS**
- Splayed feet.
 - Hare feet.
 - White foot or feet.
 - White or cream nails.
 - Black marks on feet.



Correct catlike foot



Incorrect hare shaped foot



Incorrect splayed foot