

Saluki History

The Saluki is thought to be the world's first domesticated dog, as old as the earliest known civilization. They have been called "living antiquities." Throughout the ages Salukis have been favored by the nobility and became known as the Royal Hound. Salukis appear on the Egyptian tombs of 2100 B.C. and more recent excavations of the still older Sumerian empire estimated at 7000-6000 B.C. have produced Saluki images.

Salukis are members of the "sighthound" hound group who hunt by using their eyes rather than their noses. Built for speed, the Saluki is capable of outrunning the game. They first appeared in Western Europe in the mid-1800s and received AKC recognition in the U.S. in 1927.

The Saluki ranges in height from 23-28" and weighs 35-65 lbs. They come in many colors including cream, gold, black & tan, red, grizzles of different shades (silver grizzle, deer grizzle, ivory grizzle), tricolor (black, tan & white) and parti colors of different shades. There are two coat types, the genetically dominant smooth variety and the feathered variety with long silky hair on the ears and tail. Salukis have almond shaped far-seeing eyes, an elegant long muzzle, long neck, slender waist and lean physique made for running.

Saluki Temperament

In disposition, the Saluki shows great attachment to his humans. He is affectionate without being demonstrative, a good watchdog but not usually aggressive. The Saluki is a highly intelligent, intuitive, sensitive hound known for his aloofness with strangers and his ability to bond totally with his human companions.

Salukis can be extremely stubborn and do not take well to harsh treatment. They deserve better and they know it. Gentle reward-based methods of training, such as Affection Training promoted by STOLA are the most effective with Salukis. To deal effectively with a Saluki you must be a good negotiator. When Saluki and human are a good match, the relationship is pure magic—they practically read your mind. The Saluki is like caviar—an acquired taste that is relished by connoisseurs, but Salukis are not for everyone. They require time, commitment and a willingness to become truly involved with them. They are not a "backyard" dog. They must have personal contact in a loving, nurturing environment.

If you think a Saluki may be right for you, please contact us at STOLA—Saluki Tree of Life Alliance.



STOLA

Saluki Tree of Life Alliance

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- Welfare
- Education

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What is STOLA?

- STOLA–Saluki Tree of Life Alliance is an all-volunteer national nonprofit Saluki welfare organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status.
- STOLA is founded on the principles of Compassion, Integrity and Respect
- At STOLA the welfare of the Saluki always comes first.
- Since all members of STOLA are unsalaried volunteers, donations go directly toward the support of STOLA's adoption and education programs.
- STOLA is funded by donations from individuals and organizations, along with purchases of artwork, books, collars, and private label coffee from the STOLA Store at www.StolaStore.com
- Donations are gratefully accepted and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please contact us for information on planned giving opportunities at stola@gazehound.com

What does STOLA do?

STOLA accepts Salukis in need from kill shelters, humane organizations or individuals and provides them with necessary medical care, neutering, socialization, grooming and transportation to new, loving homes. We also do breeder assist adult placements. STOLA also provides educational materials on how to live with and train Salukis and provides mentorship services as a means of "rescue prevention."

We carefully screen prospective adoptive homes to make sure they are appropriate for a Saluki. This includes extensive interviews and a home visit. Our adoption contract guarantees that if, for any reason, an adoptive home is not able to keep a Saluki that dog will be returned to STOLA for rehoming. Salukis always have a safe haven at STOLA.



A smooth Saluki.

What services does STOLA provide for rescue Salukis?

All STOLA Salukis come to their new homes with the following:

- Current vaccinations
- Neuter/spay
- Heartworm and parasite clearance
- Necessary veterinary medical care
- Microchip identification
- Martingale collar and leash
- A copy of *Only Angels: How to Raise and Train the Perfect Sighthound*
- Free microchip registry
- Mentorship services for as long as needed
- On-line support group



A feathered Saluki.