Realistic Dog Drawing: Fur Direction and Basic Anatomy

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A standing dog is 10 units long from chest to rump. The shoulder cross is 3 units back from the chest and 2 units down from the top line. The hip cross is 7 units back from the chest and 1.5 units down from the top line. Draw the two crosses, check the distance between them, and describe the fur arrows for the torso, front legs, rear thighs, and tail.

Answer: The distance between crosses is 7 minus 3 equals 4 units horizontally. The vertical difference is 2 minus 1.5 equals 0.5 units. The crosses are about 4 units apart, which is plausible for a 10-unit body. Fur arrows: one long arrow along the ribcage toward the rear; medium arrows down the front legs from the shoulder; medium arrows down the rear thighs fanning slightly outward; a curved arrow along the tail with shortening strokes near the tip.