Simple Corgi Drawing: Body Proportion, Ears, and Short-Leg Construction

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A corgi drawing has a body length of 12 units. What should the body height be if you follow the half-length guide? What is the suggested leg length?

Answer: Body height is about 6 units. Leg length is about 4 units.

Reason: Body height is half of body length: 12 ÷ 2 = 6. Leg length is one-third of body length: 12 ÷ 3 = 4.

Check: Verify that 6 is half of 12 and 4 is one-third of 12. Check that the body is clearly longer than tall.

Task 2

You draw a head 5 units tall. Using the ear guide, how tall should each ear be? Describe the ear shape in words.

Answer: Each ear should be about 5 units tall. The shape is a wide-based triangle with a rounded tip, angled slightly outward.

Reason: The ear height guide says ear height is roughly equal to head height. So 5 units. The shape convention is a rounded triangle with a wide base.

Check: Compare ear height to head height; they should look equal. Check that the tip is curved, not pointed.

Task 3

A sitting corgi has a body length of 9 units. The front legs are drawn 3 units long. Is this consistent with the short-leg guide? Explain.

Answer: Yes. Leg length should be about one-third of body length: 9 ÷ 3 = 3 units. The front legs are correctly short.

Reason: The short-leg guide sets leg length at about one-third of body length. 3 units matches that ratio.

Check: Divide body length by 3 and compare to the drawn leg length. Also check that the sitting pose tilts the body back and folds the back legs.

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Task 4

In a standing corgi sketch, the body length is 14 units and the body height is drawn as 9 units. Identify the proportion mistake and give a corrected height.

Answer: The body is too tall. The corrected body height is about 7 units.

Reason: The guide says body height should be about half of body length. Half of 14 is 7. A height of 9 makes the body too square and less corgi-like.

Check: Check that body height is close to half of body length. If height is more than about 60% of length, lower the back or belly line.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Body length is visibly about twice the body height.
- [ ] Back line is level and belly line shows a gentle tuck.
- [ ] Ears are large, wide-based, and rounded at the tips.
- [ ] Ear height is roughly equal to head height.
- [ ] Legs are short, sturdy columns about one-third of body length.
- [ ] Standing pose shows four short legs under a long, low body.
- [ ] Sitting pose keeps front legs short and folds back legs under the hips.
- [ ] Construction lines are light and final outline is clear.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?