Realistic Pitbull Drawing: Head and Body Construction

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

Construct a side-view pitbull head and body using a head length of 4 cm as one unit and a cranium width of 4 cm. State the body length, chest depth, and muzzle width in centimeters.

Answer: Body length is about 8 cm (two units), chest depth is about 4 cm (one unit), and muzzle width is about 2.7 cm (two-thirds of the 4 cm cranium width).

Reason: The head length from nose to back of skull is 4 cm. The body from chest to rump is two head-length units, so $2 \times 4 = 8$ cm. Chest depth is one unit, so 4 cm. Muzzle width is two-thirds of the stated cranium width: $(2/3) \times 4 \approx 2.7$ cm. These values are hypothetical examples for practice and should be scaled to your drawing.

Check: Measure your drawing with a ruler: body length should be about twice the head length, chest depth about equal to head length, and muzzle width about two-thirds of cranium width. If any measure is off by more than 10 percent, adjust the construction lines before finishing.