Pencil Drawing of a German Shepherd: Breed-Specific Head, Coat, and Stance

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 side-view German Shepherd sketch has withers height 10 cm and a horizontal distance from withers to croup of 8 cm. The croup is 2 cm lower than the withers. The head length is 6 cm. What is the muzzle length, and is the back slope within the suggested range? Also check the croup drop against the one-quarter-of-withers-height guide.

Answer: Muzzle length is about 3 cm (half of 6 cm). The slope drop is 2 cm over a withers-to-croup run of 8 cm, which is one unit drop per 4 units run. This matches the suggested one-per-four range, so the slope is a valid gentle breed slope. The one-quarter guide gives 10 divided by 4, which is 2.5 cm; the 2 cm drop is slightly less than that, so it is a gentle slope within a reasonable range.