American Bully Drawing Guide: Head, Build, and Stance

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A sketch has HU = 3 cm. The skull is 3.6 cm wide, the chest is 3.9 cm wide, and body length is 6.9 cm. Convert each to HU and state whether each matches the guide values (skull 1.1 HU, chest 1.4 HU, body 2.2 HU).

Answer: Skull: 3.6 ÷ 3 = 1.2 HU (slightly wide; target 1.1 HU). Chest: 3.9 ÷ 3 = 1.3 HU (slightly narrow; target 1.4 HU). Body: 6.9 ÷ 3 = 2.3 HU (slightly long; target 2.2 HU).

Reason: Divide each measurement by HU to express it in head-units, then compare with the guide values. The chest is 1.3 HU and the skull is 1.2 HU; the chest is wider than the skull but still below the 1.4 HU target, so widen the chest slightly.

Check: Recompute each division and confirm chest HU is greater than skull HU after adjustment.

Task 2

A drawing has forepaws 1.4 cm apart and hind paws 1.6 cm apart, with HU = 2 cm. Convert to HU and compare with the stance guide (forepaws 0.7 HU, hind paws 0.8 HU).

Answer: Forepaws: 1.4 ÷ 2 = 0.7 HU (matches). Hind paws: 1.6 ÷ 2 = 0.8 HU (matches).

Reason: Divide each paw spacing by HU. Both results equal the guide values, so the stance width is correct.

Check: Multiply each HU value by 2 cm to recover the original spacing and confirm the arithmetic.

Task 3

A sketch has a muzzle 1.2 cm long and a skull 2.4 cm long, with HU = 2 cm. Convert both to HU and check whether the muzzle is shorter than half the skull length, as required.

Answer: Muzzle: 1.2 ÷ 2 = 0.6 HU. Skull: 2.4 ÷ 2 = 1.2 HU. Half the skull is 0.6 HU, so the muzzle is equal to half, not shorter; shorten the muzzle to about 0.35 HU (0.7 cm).

Reason: The guide requires muzzle length about 0.35 HU and less than half skull length. Here the muzzle equals half the skull, so it is too long for the breed-specific head.

Check: After shortening, divide the new muzzle length by HU and confirm it is less than half the skull HU.

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Task 4

A drawing has body length 5.0 cm and HU = 2.5 cm. Convert to HU and state whether it matches the guide value of 2.2 HU; if not, give a corrected length in cm.

Answer: 5.0 ÷ 2.5 = 2.0 HU, which is shorter than the guide 2.2 HU. Corrected length: 2.2 × 2.5 = 5.5 cm.

Reason: Divide body length by HU to compare with the guide. The result is 2.0 HU, so lengthen the body to 2.2 HU, which is 5.5 cm at this scale.

Check: Multiply 2.2 HU by 2.5 cm to confirm 5.5 cm, then re-divide to recover 2.2 HU.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Skull width is about 1.1 HU and muzzle length is about 0.35 HU, with muzzle shorter than half the skull length.
- [ ] Chest width is about 1.4 HU and is visibly wider than the skull.
- [ ] Body length is about 2.2 HU and the back line is nearly straight.
- [ ] Forepaws are about 0.7 HU apart and hind paws about 0.8 HU apart, with vertical guides from elbows and hocks close to the paws.
- [ ] All four paws sit on the ground line and the topline is level.
- [ ] Breed signals (blocky head, thick neck, wide chest, compact build, stable stance) are clear; ear type and line style may vary.

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