Are You More Japanese Akita or American Akita?

Find out which side of the legendary Akita reflects your personality best!

1. How do you handle everyday problems?

- A) Quietly and calmly
- B) Head-on and with determination
- C) I observe first, then act
- D) I seek solutions with people I trust

2. In a group, how do you behave?

- A) I stay slightly on the sidelines, alert
- B) I make my presence known
- C) I speak little but leave a mark
- D) I'm friendly but selective

3. How important are roots and tradition to you?

- A) Very important—they define me
- B) Quite important, but I'm not bound by them
- C) Only if they help me grow
- D) I prefer looking forward

4. How do you relate to strangers?

- A) Cautious but polite
- B) I open up if necessary, but stay in control

- C) Friendly but careful
- D) Sociable, if the vibe is right

5. What environment do you prefer?

- A) Quiet nature—woods, mountains
- B) Wide open spaces, freedom, adventure
- C) A peaceful place to observe
- D) Anywhere, as long as I'm with someone I trust

6. If you were a samurai, you'd be...

- A) The silent guardian of the temple
- B) The brave warrior on the front lines
- C) The emperor's trusted advisor
- D) The solitary yet respected wanderer

7. Do you like being noticed for your style?

- A) I prefer discreet elegance
- B) Yes, I like to make an impression
- C) Only when it really matters
- D) Yes, but with authenticity

8. Are you more rational or emotional?

- A) Rational—even with feelings
- B) Emotional, but I know how to control myself
- C) Somewhere in between
- D) I follow my instincts

9. How do you handle loneliness?

- A) It's good for me—I even seek it
- B) Only if it's my own choice
- C) I can handle it, but I prefer company
- D) I don't like it—I rely on my loved ones

10. Do you have a strong sense of duty?

- A) Always—it's part of who I am
- B) Yes, if I feel motivated
- C) Only when I share the values behind it
- D) I value loyalty more than duty

11. How do you express yourself?

- A) Through glances and gestures
- B) Loudly, if needed
- C) In a simple yet effective way
- D) With spontaneity

12. How important are honor and consistency to you?

- A) They're essential
- B) Important, but not absolute
- C) It depends on the situation
- D) Honesty matters more than honor

13. If you were a spirit animal, you'd be:

- A) A crane or a white fox
- B) A bear or an eagle
- C) A lone wolf
- D) A calm lion

14. When you bond with someone...

- A) It's for life
- B) Intensely, but I need my space
- C) Step by step
- D) With passion and loyalty

15. How do you feel about direct confrontation?

- A) I'd rather avoid it
- B) I face it head-on if needed
- C) I prepare before I speak
- D) Calmly—but I don't back down

16. Which movie represents you best?

- A) Memoirs of a Geisha
- B) Gladiator
- C) The Dark Knight
- D) Forrest Gump

17. How do you deal with rules?

- A) I follow them with discipline
- B) I follow them if I agree with them
- C) I try to find my own path
- D) If they're useful, fine—otherwise, not really

18. What drives you to act?

- A) A sense of justice and respect
- B) Strength, loyalty, pride

- C) The desire for harmony
- D) The need to protect

19. How would you describe your "dog side"?

- A) Noble, quiet, deep
- B) Strong, bold, brave
- C) Thoughtful, enigmatic, loyal
- D) Generous, protective, proud

20. If you were an Akita...

- A) Proud and reserved like a Japanese Akita
- B) Impressive and bold like an American Akita
- C) Balanced, with a samurai spirit
- D) Independent but deeply affectionate

Scoring

Assign points to each answer:

- A = 1 point
- B = 2 points
- C = 3 points
- D = 4 points

Results

20–35 points: 100% Japanese Akita

You embody discretion, dignity, and quiet beauty. Like the Japanese Akita, you have a silent yet profound soul. You value deep, authentic bonds and face challenges with grace and composure. You move through the world softly—but leave a lasting impression.

36–55 points: Mostly Japanese Akita, with a flexible spirit You have the heart of a traditional Akita, but with a modern, adaptable edge. You appreciate roots and rituals without being held back by them. Your balance of strength and tenderness makes you an ideal companion—especially for those who understand your silences.

56–70 points: American Akita with Eastern undertones You're energetic, confident, and strong. Like the American Akita, you're not afraid of confrontation and command respect. Yet behind your bold exterior lies a sensitive core that few get to see. Loyal and protective, you have a big heart under that proud presence.

71–80 points: True American Akita

Bold, grounded, and fiercely loyal—you are a natural guardian. Like the American Akita, you possess a strong, determined character. You may be dominant, but with those you trust, you're tender and deeply loyal. Anyone at your side knows they can count on you—always.

Are You Ready to Welcome an Akita Inu into Your Life?

Find out if you're the right companion for this noble, independent, and deeply loyal breed.

1. How much time per day can you dedicate to your dog—including walks, care, and presence?

- A) 15–30 minutes
- B) Up to 1 hour
- C) At least 2 well-distributed hours
- D) As much as needed—I'll adjust to their needs

2. What do you do if your dog doesn't obey you immediately?

- A) I get annoyed and scold right away
- B) I repeat the command until they do it
- C) I try to understand why, calmly
- D) I stay calm and change strategy

3. Do you have experience with large, independent dog breeds?

- A) No, never
- B) Yes, but not with challenging breeds
- C) Yes, and I know what it entails
- D) I'm experienced and ready to keep learning

4. Akitas often don't get along with other dogs. How do you feel about that?

- A) That's a dealbreaker—I want a sociable dog
- B) It's a problem, but I'll work on it
- C) I understand and respect their nature
- D) I'm ready to manage cohabitation or avoid it

5. How do you envision your relationship with your dog?

- A) Like a cuddly, always-available plush toy
- B) Like a loyal but obedient companion
- C) A relationship based on mutual respect
- D) A deep bond—even in silence

6. Where do you live?

- A) In a small apartment with no garden
- B) In an apartment, but near parks
- C) In a house with outdoor space
- D) In a house with a garden and nature nearby

7. How do you feel about shedding and coat maintenance?

- A) I can't stand fur in the house
- B) Only if the dog doesn't shed much
- C) I'll manage—even if it's demanding
- D) No problem—it's part of the package

8. Are you consistent with rules?

- A) No—I often change my mind
- B) I try, but it's hard
- C) Yes—I know it's important
- D) Absolutely—consistency and patience are my strengths

9. How do you react if your dog ignores you because they're stubborn or independent?

- A) I get frustrated
- B) I try to push them
- C) I understand they need time
- D) I respect their independence and build trust

10. What fascinates you about the Akita Inu?

- A) Its teddy bear looks
- B) Its reputation as a loyal dog
- C) Its dignity and independence
- D) The deep, silent bond it forms with those it loves

Scoring

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Results

10-16 points: Not Quite Ready

The Akita Inu is a fascinating but demanding dog. Before welcoming one into your life, you might want to learn more about its needs and consider breeds that better fit your current lifestyle.

17-25 points: Potential to Grow

You show interest and a good foundation, but some practical or emotional aspects might be challenging. With preparation and the right knowledge, you could rise to the occasion.

26–34 points: Almost There

You have the right mindset and awareness. With a bit more experience and patience, you could become an excellent companion for an Akita.

35–40 points: Akita Spirit

You're the kind of human an Akita might choose—respectful, patient, and consistent. Ready to build a rare and precious bond.

How Much Do You Know About the Akita Inu?

1. What country is the Akita Inu originally from?

- A) China
- B) South Korea
- C) Japan
- D) Mongolia

2. What is a distinctive physical trait of the Akita Inu?

- A) Long, straight tail
- B) Droopy ears
- C) Curly coat
- D) Curled tail over the back

3. What is the Akita best known for?

- A) Speed
- B) Aggressiveness
- C) Loyalty
- D) Swimming ability

4. Which famous Akita dog inspired a Hollywood movie?

- A) Togo
- B) Hachikō

- C) Lassie
- D) Balto

5. In which Japanese city is the statue of Hachikō located?

- A) Kyoto
- B) Sapporo
- C) Tokyo
- D) Osaka

6. In Japan, the Akita Inu is considered...

- A) Just a regular companion dog
- B) A sacred animal
- C) A symbol of good fortune
- D) A hunting breed

7. What is the main difference between Japanese and American Akitas?

- A) The American has longer ears
- B) The Japanese is more robust
- C) The American looks stockier
- D) The Japanese has shorter hair

8. What type of coat does the Akita Inu have?

- A) Short and curly
- B) Long and silky

- C) Thick double coat
- D) Smooth and sleek

9. Historically, what was the Akita used for?

- A) Pulling sleds
- B) Guarding temples
- C) Hunting large game
- D) Patrolling imperial palaces

10. What does the name "Hachiko" mean?

- A) Eight
- B) Loyal
- C) Guardian
- D) Luck

11. How is the Akita viewed in Japanese culture?

- A) A symbol of wisdom
- B) An aristocratic dog
- C) A good-luck charm for health and happiness
- D) A house protector

12. When did Hachikō die?

- A) 1935
- B) 1920

- C) 1945
- D) 1950

13. What does an Akita illustration gifted to a pregnant woman symbolize in Japan?

- A) Courage
- B) Fertility and safe childbirth
- C) Protection
- D) Love

14. The Akita is generally...

- A) Very friendly with strangers
- B) Independent and reserved
- C) Loud and chaotic
- D) As easy to train as a Labrador

15. Which of the following is NOT a typical coat color for the Japanese Akita?

- A) Red fawn
- B) White
- C) Brindle
- D) Solid black

16. Which film made Hachikō's story internationally famous?

- A) Hachikō: A Dog's Tale
- B) The Dog Who Waited
- C) Hachi The Samurai Dog
- D) Loyalty

17. What does the Akita do when it senses a threat?

- A) Hides
- B) Wags its tail to distract
- C) Stays calm but ready to defend
- D) Barks nonstop

18. What is the average lifespan of an Akita Inu?

- A) 6–8 years
- B) 10-12 years
- C) 14–16 years
- D) 18-20 years

19. What kind of physical activity does the Akita need?

- A) Very little exercise
- B) Long walks but calm indoors
- C) Constant intense activity
- D) Always being around other dogs

20. What is the Akita Inu Hozonkai (AKIHO)?

A) A dog food brand

- B) An animated movie
- C) The Japanese association for preserving the breed
- D) A dog training school

✓ Answer Key

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- 2. D
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- 4. B
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- 8. C
- 9. C
- 10. A
- 11. C
- 12. A
- 13. B
- 14. B
- 15. D
- 16. A
- 17. C
- 18. B
- 19. B
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