

How to Stack the Australian Shepherd

1. **Front:** The line from the rear of the scapula to the ground should just touch the rear of the elbow joint.

2. The **rear** toe should touch the straight line from the rear of the thigh to the ground.

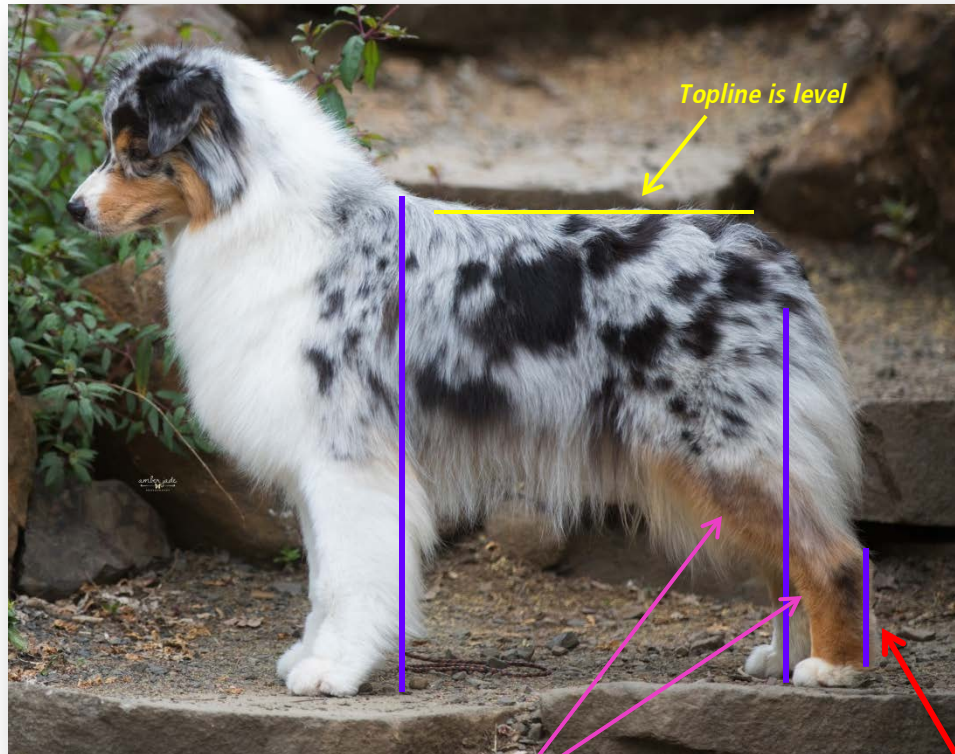
3. The front and rear legs should be stacked parallel and perpendicular dropping directly from the hip bone and the shoulder assembly

Common Mistakes:

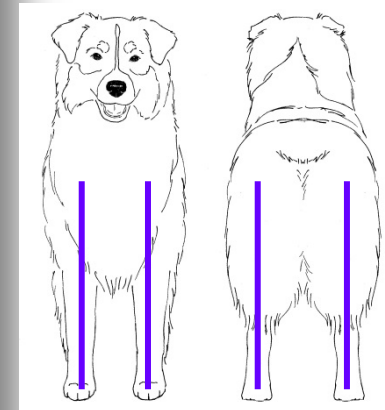
- Setting front legs too far forward
- Overstretching the rear legs either due to handler error or excessive rear angulation
- "A-framing" the dog... too far forward in the front AND in the rear
- Stacking rear and/or front too wide

BEST PRACTICES

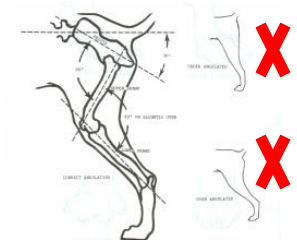
- Use video to practice
- Stack your dog in front of a mirror/or glass door
- Take handling lessons from a professional
- Practice, practice, practice



"Stifles are **clearly defined**, hock joints **moderately bent**."



"The hocks are **short**, **perpendicular to the ground** and **parallel to each other** when viewed from the rear."



CRITICAL: The **rear pastern** should be perpendicular to the ground.