

How to Stack the Australian Shepherd

1. Front: The front legs should be in a straight line from the point of withers to the ground. Stack the front legs before the rear legs.

2. The rear leg should be directly in the middle of a straight line from the rear of the thigh to the ground. Depending on slight variations of rear angulation, the line will be through the middle of the foot OR the toe will be at the line.

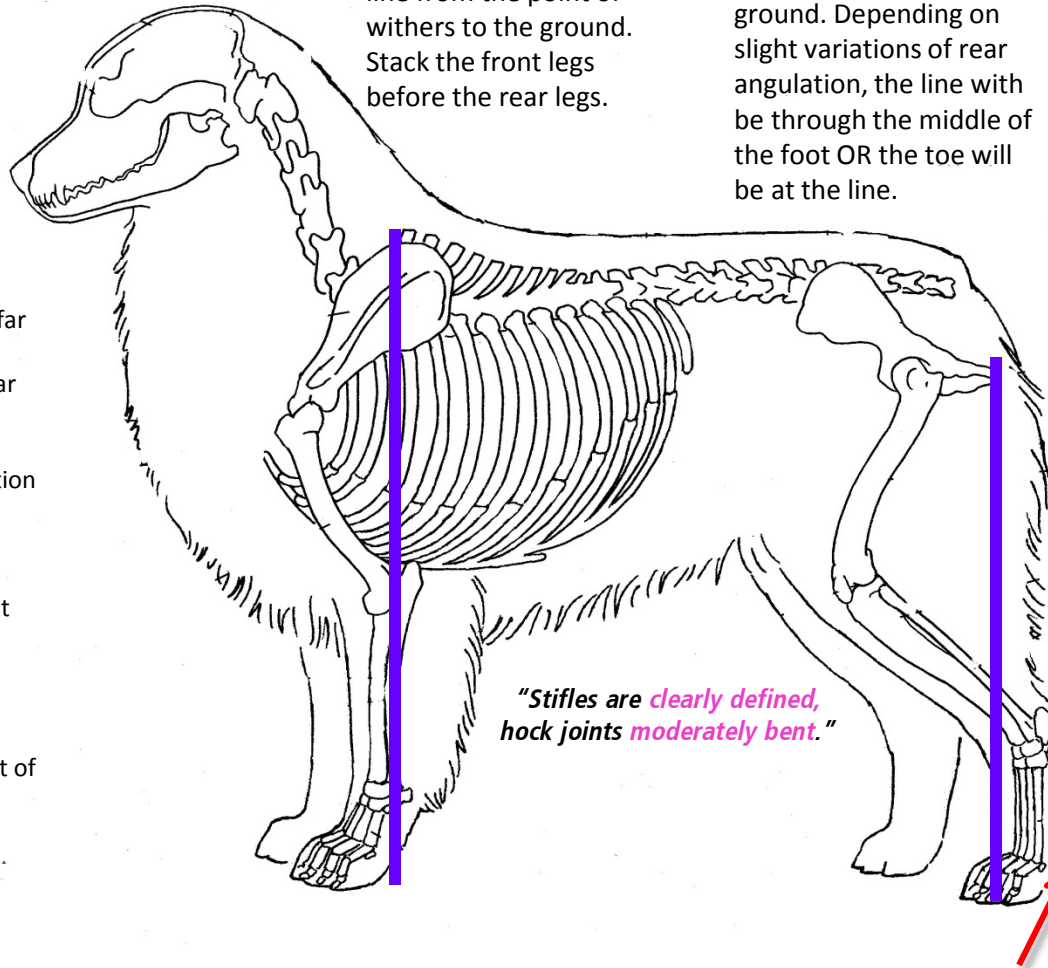
3. The front and rear legs should be stacked parallel and perpendicular dropping naturally from the hip bone and the shoulder assembly.

Common Mistakes:

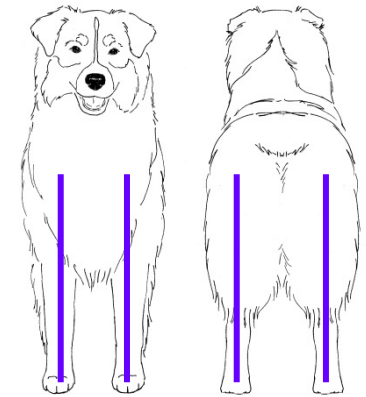
- Setting front legs too far forward
- Overstretching the rear legs either due to handler error or excessive rear angulation
- "A-framing" the dog... too far forward in the front AND in the rear
- Stacking rear and front legs too wide

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.

