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This Comprehensive Owner's Guide to the Akita serves as a complete introduction to the largest of Japan's spitz breeds. Hailing from "Land of the Rising Sun," the Akita is officially recognized as a Natural Monument in Japan and regarded by Westerners as a dignified and courageous guardian breed. Written by two of the most influential Akita breeders in the world, Barbara J. ("BJ") Andrews of O'BJ kennels and Meg Purnell-Carpenter of Overhill kennels (UK), the book begins with a fascinating and informative chapter on the breed's history in Japan, tracing its development in the U.S. and England a historical path that both authors were instrumental in achieving. The authors continue with chapters on the breed's characteristics and the standard, encapsulating all of the virtues of this handsome, dominant and loyal breed, offering sound advice about which owners are best suited to the breed.

New owners will welcome the well-prepared chapter on finding a breeder and selecting a healthy, sound puppy. Chapters on puppy-proofing the home and yard, purchasing the right supplies for the puppy as well as house-training, feeding, and grooming are illustrated with handsome adults and puppies bursting with attitude and personality! In all, there are over 135 photographs in this compact, useful, and reliable volume. The author's advice on obedience training the strong-minded and strong-bodied Akita will help readers better mold and train their dogs into the most socialized, well-mannered dog in the neighborhood. The extensive chapter on healthcare provides up-to-date detailed information on selecting a qualified veterinarian, vaccinations, parasites, infectious diseases, and more. Sidebars throughout the text offer helpful hints, covering topics as diverse as historical kennels, toxic plants, first aid, crate training, carsickness, fussy eaters, and parasite control. Fully indexed.

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