

Can You Identify an Aussie?

Owner wonders whether her dog is a red merle Australian Shepherd.

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Q. I have an Australian Shepherd. As far as I can tell he is a red merle and white. Can you tell me if this is right? I have attached a picture of him.

A. Yes, the Australian Shepherd on the left in your photo is a red merle with white markings, one of the four acceptable color patterns in the breed (along with blue merle, red tri, and black tri).