

LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN DOGS 101

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**OUR FAMILY
@ LUCKY
GEORGE
FARM**



Purpose—

They are a pastoral dog used in the guarding and managing of livestock.

- Pastoral Dogs are dogs whose current or original purpose was use in the management of livestock, such as mustering, guarding, and herding.
 - Dogs of this type are then further divided into 3 subsections: Herding Dogs, Drovers, and Guardian Dogs.
- Herding Dogs—Work under the direction of a handler.
 - Drovers—Used to drive animals over a large area of terrain.
 - Guardian Dogs—Live with a herd or flock and protect them from wild predators such as fox, raccoons, possums, bobcat, lynx, coyotes, and wolves. Also provide protection from domestic predators such as dogs, cats, and humans.

Why do you want an LGD?



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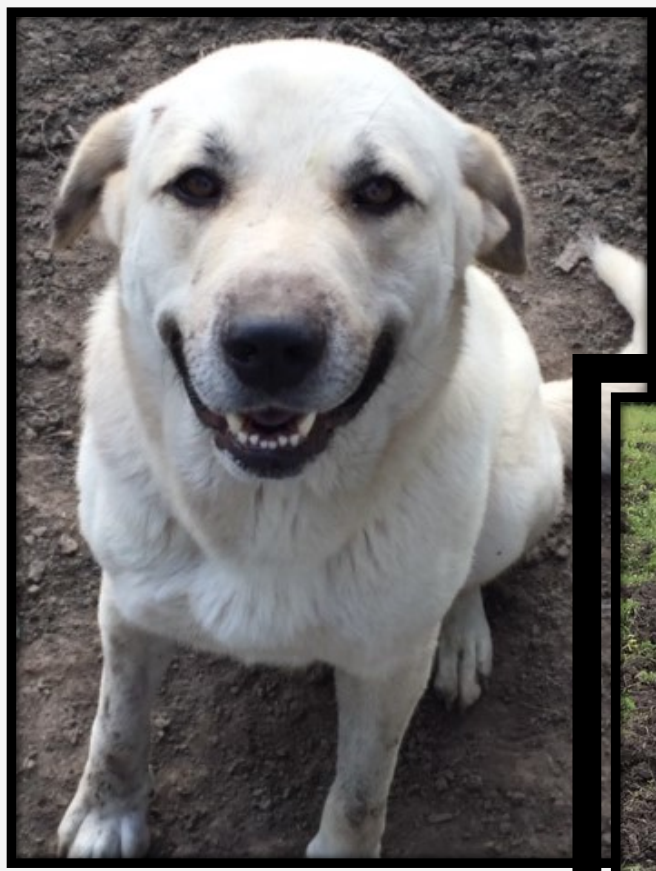
- Predation issues on the farm?
- You want “someone” to keep an eye on the herd when you are gone?
- A helping hand to guard your farm property?
- A companion to keep with you while you tend your livestock and putter around your farm?
- A pet for the kids?

Breeds

- *Akbash*
- *Anatolian Shepherd*
- *Great Pyrenees*
- *Karakachan Dog*
- *Komondor*
- *Kuvasz*
- *Maremma*
- *Spanish Mastiff*

- Each breed has its own history and area of the world where it was developed.
- LGDs share similar physical attributes like being large breed dogs, deep chested, large feet, and ears close to their heads.
- Each breed has their own unique features too.

AND MANY, MANY MORE!



Annie

Dorsey



Amy's Boys



Buddy (aka Daddy)



Annie (aka Momma)



KODAT 1822-1



Elise



Doug



Jax



Fletcher



Jasper



Gus



Sebastian



Buck



Butch



Mona

Training Basics



- You are the Alpha
 - Your partner
 - Your children
- Know your dogs
 - History
 - Strengths
 - Weaknessess
- Know your needs
 - What = Duties
 - Where = The property to work
 - How = Fencing, amount of contact
- Teach Boundaries

Problems with LGDs

- Roaming
- Barking
- Assertive/Aggressive Behavior
- Killing of stock
- Neighbors
- Medical Treatment on Farm
- Vet care and your limits



Jasper







Resources for further research...

- www.lgd.org
- Farmers that have LGDs
- Breed Associations
- AKC, UKC, Kennel Club in the U.K.
- FaceBook Groups
 - Livestock Guardian Dogs and Positive Training Methods
 - Livestock Guardian Dogs
 - Learning About LGD's
 - Livestock Guard Dog Project