

Old World Flock Guardians



- ◆ **Most DO NOT HERD! The instinct to chase is very weak in the guardian dog and all but disappears by adulthood.**
- ◆ **They act independently of humans; guardian dogs generally stay with or near the flock most of the time. They must be trustworthy, protective and attentive to their charges.**
- ◆ **The dogs develop a strong sense of territorial protection.**
- ◆ **Both males and females are used as flock guards to protect the sheep and goats from wild animals such as wolves, bears, coyotes, etc.**
- ◆ **They are large animals (80-120 lbs.). They stand about 30 inches at the shoulder (a bit more or less depending on the breed).**
- ◆ **They have a flop (drop) ear.**
- ◆ **They have tails that hang low in repose and curl when alert.**
- ◆ **They vary in color from very dark to white—excluding the colors of the local wolves.**
- ◆ **They have thick coats that provide good insulation against heat, cold and predators' teeth.**
- ◆ **They are aloof with strangers but affectionate with their care-giver.**
- ◆ **They are instantly alert to changes in their surroundings but respond slowly or not at all to obedience type commands.**
- ◆ **They prefer the company of the livestock they are raised with over that of humans or other dogs.**
- ◆ **Guardian behavior varies between the breeds and is dependent on the individual temperament and early training of the dog.**

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