

EUROPEAN BREEDS OF SHEPHERD DOGS

From times of yore, the dog has been an important human companion in various and essential daily activities: hunting, guarding family and property, herding, guarding flocks, to name but a few of the dog's most important skills.

Usually medium to large in size (although there are also smaller breeds), with a mainly white coat in order to be more easily detected by the owner at night, resisting to extreme weather, such dogs were used in the aforementioned activities due to their courage and devotion to their master (i.e. the shepherd) as well as to their innate ability to watch and correct the movement of herds and, if need be, to provide protection from predatory wild animals (wolves, bears, lynxes). Intelligent and able to be easily trained, they prove to be versatile dogs, additionally performing a multitude of tasks, including guarding the property of their owner and defending his family. They are excellent companions and are very fond of children.

This exhibit, as the title points out, deals with the canine breeds mainly used in pastoral activity, respectively: guarding, herding sheep flocks and cattle herds.



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THE ROMANIAN MIORITIC SHEPHERD DOG

It is a very old Romanian breed preserved over time due to the shepherds. It is spread along the slopes of the Southern and Eastern Carpathian Mountains.

The Mioritic shepherd dog was selected from an existing natural breed in the Carpathians, the main reason being its utility.

Origin: Romania

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight 40 - 60 kg

Height 65 - 75 cm

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THE ROMANIAN CARPATHIAN SHEPHERD DOG

The Romanian Carpathian Shepherd Dog is an alpine dog selected from an endemic breed existing in the Carpathian-Danubian area.

It is a dog used for centuries by the Romanian shepherds from the Carpathians to guard the flocks, also being an excellent guard dog.

Origin: Romania

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: 32 - 45 kg

Height: 60 - 75 cm

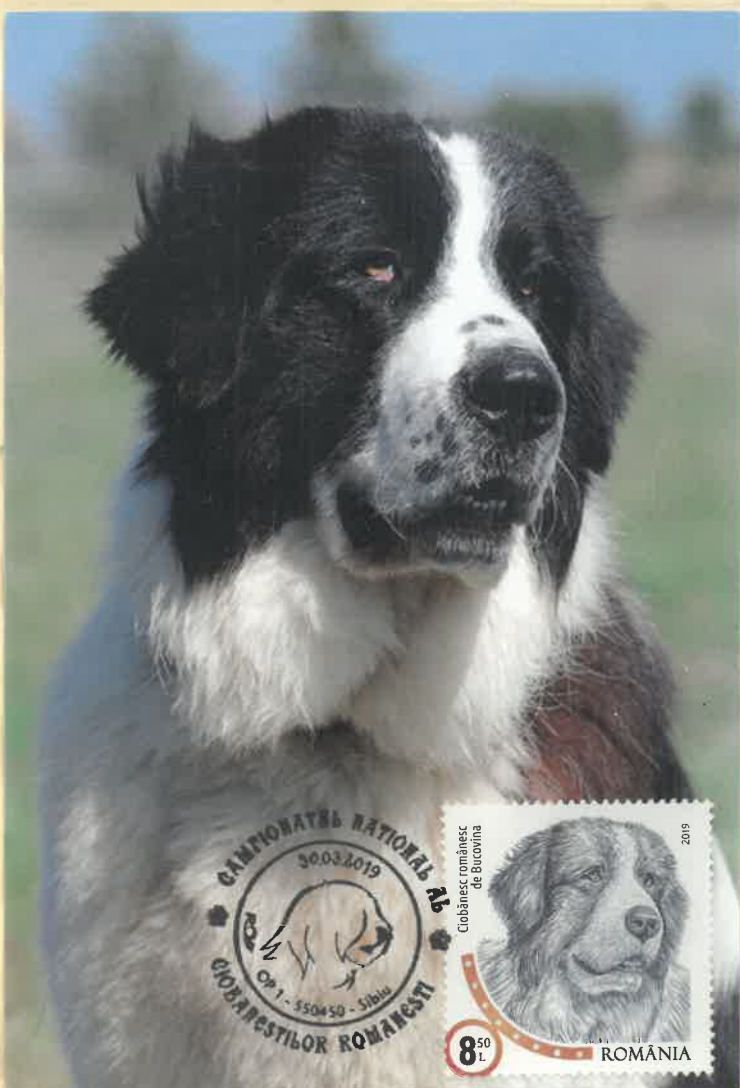


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THE ROMANIAN SHEPHERD DOG OF BUCOVINA

The Romanian Shepherd Dog of Bucovina is a large, strong, imposing, solid, well-built canine breed with a strong bone structure.

It is a very good guard dog of herds, being an excellent companion in the mountain as well as a pleasant pet.

Origin: Romania

Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids

Weight 68 - 80 kg;

Height 65 - 78 cm

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THE ROMANIAN RAVEN SHEPHERD DOG

The Romanian Raven Shepherd Dog is a Romanian natural breed that appeared in the area of the Southern Carpathians and in the sub-Carpathian area (Dâmbovița, Argeș, Prahova, Brașov). The name "Raven" comes from the fact that its fur is completely black. It is an intelligent, active, brave, calm and balanced dog, obedient to his master and having a strong guardian instinct.

Origin: Romania

A mountain dog in the process of being approved by the F.C.I.

Males: 70-80 cm, ideally 75 cm

Females: 65-75 cm, ideally 70 cm

Weight: According to its size.



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THE PUMI

This breed originated during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries as a crossbreed between endemic specimens and shepherd dogs brought from France and Germany. It was bred in order to guard and manage herds.

Origin: Hungary

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: 7 - 12 kg; Height: 33 - 44 cm

THE POLISH TATRA SHEPHERD DOG

This breed is native to the Tatra Mountains and the Carpathian Mountains of Poland. For hundreds of years, this dog's instinct has been to protect flocks of sheep.

Country: Poland

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

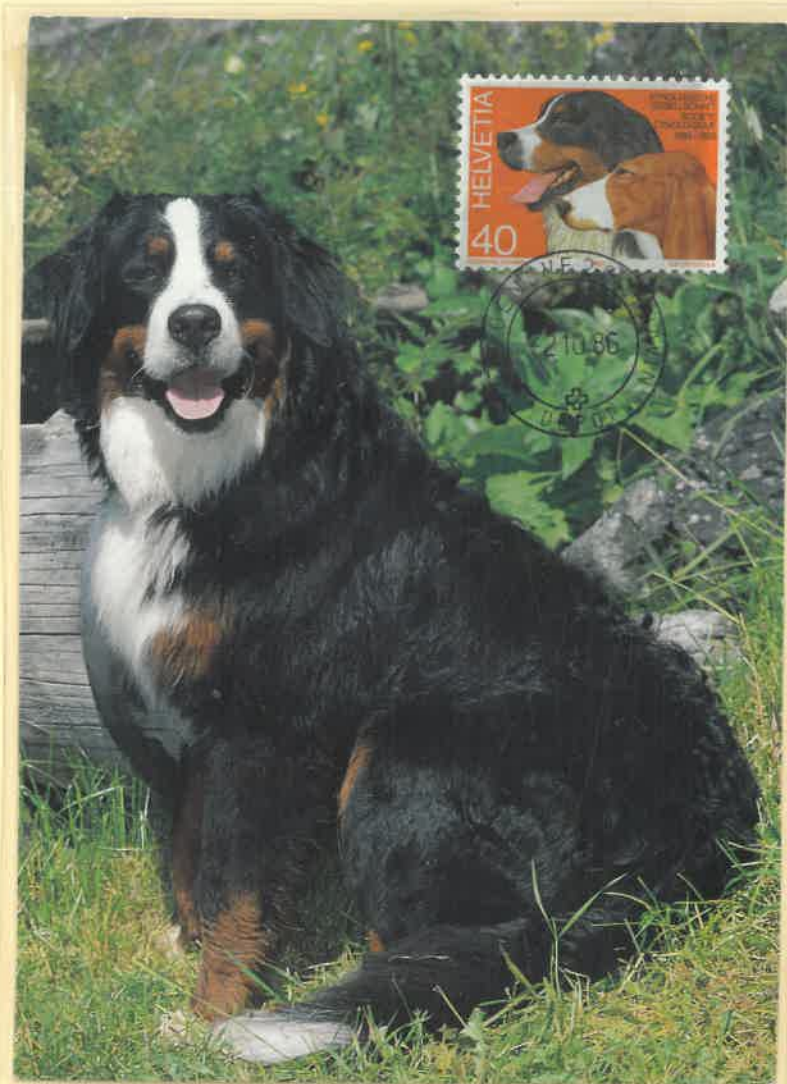
Height: 65-70 cm; Weight: 36-59 kg

Date of issue: 7.7.1967; Postcard from Hungary-
Postal cancellation *Budapest 10.VII.67*



Date of issue: 6.11.2006; Postcard from Poland, F.D.I.Special
cancellation *Poznan1 06.11.2006*





THE BERNESE SHEPHERD DOG



The origins of this race can be traced back to 2000 years ago, when the Romans invaded Switzerland. At the time, those dogs were used to herd animals, but they were also excellent guardian dogs.

Origin: Switzerland

Group 2 F.C.I. section 3 Swiss herd dogs

Weight: 35-55 kg ; Height: 58-70 cm

Colors: black, white and brown

THE PULI

It is believed that at the end of the ninth century, when the Hungarians arrived in Hungary, they brought their shepherd dogs with them. Extremely intelligent, these dogs were used for herding and guarding herds.

Origin: Hungary

Group 1- F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: Males: 11-16 kg Females:
9-14 kg

Height: Males: 39-45 cm Females:
36-42 cm

Date of issue: 22.8.1983 ♦ Postcard from
Switzerland, Postal cancellation *Geneve* 2.10.86



Date of issue: 7.7.1967 ♦ Postcard from Hungary, Postal
cancellation *Budapest* 20.IV.75





THE KUVASZ

It is one of the best-known guardian dogs in Hungary. It was the favourite breed of King Matya Corvin. It is believed to have been brought along from Asia by nomadic tribes. It is used to guard cattle and farms.

Country: Hungary
Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs
Weight: 31 - 52 kg; Height: 65 - 75 cm

THE TORNJAK

The Tornjak are large and strong guardian dogs with a well-proportioned body; they are used for mountain herds and flocks.

Origin: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia
Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids
Height: male 65 - 70 cm; female 60 - 65 cm; Weight: male: 34-50 kg; female: 34 -40 kg

Date of issue: 17.3.56 ♦ Postcard from Hungary-
Postal cancellation ABA - 22.XII.62



Date of issue: 22.2.2007 ♦ Postcard from Bosnia – Herzegovina
F.D.I.Special cancellation: *Tornjak* – 22.2.2007





THE NORWEGIAN SHEPHERD DOG - NORSK BUHUND

It is a canine breed originary from Norway, recognized as a national breed and it is assumed that the earliest representatives of the breed lived in the Middle Ages. Such dogs were raised mainly for guarding farms.

Origin: Norway

Group 5 F.C.I. section 3 Nordic shepherd and guard dogs

Size: medium

Weight: Male: 14-18; Female: 12-16 Kg

Height: Male: 43-47; Female: 41-44 cm

Date of issue: 16.2.1983 ♦ Postcard from Italy, Postal cancellation *Oslo* 21.8.84

THE BRIARD

One of the oldest utilitarian dog breeds, known as the Brie Shepherd Dog, is used as a herd guardian and protection dog.

Origin: France

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: 25 - 40 kg

Height: 58 - 69 cm



Date of issue: 8.2.1996 ♦ Postcard from Germany, F.D.I.Special cancellation: *Berlin* 12 - 08.02.1996





THE BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG - GROENENDAEL

The Shepherds dogs have been known in Belgium since the Middle Ages. This breed was developed from a black Belgian Shepherd female dog, crossed with another black herd dog, resulting in the ancestor of the actual Groenendael.

Origin: Belgium; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Height: Male: 60–66 cm, Female: 56–62 cm, Weight: Male: 25–30 kg, Female: 20–25 kg

THE ESTRELA MOUNTAIN SHEPHERD DOG

This is a large breed originating from the Estrela Mountains / Portugal, also being one of the oldest breeds in the Iberian Peninsula. They are used to guard herds and the household.

Origin: Portugal; Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids; Height: Male: 63–75 cm, Female: 60–71 cm; Weight: Male: 45-60 kg, Female: 35-45 Kg

Date of issue: 24.5.1986 ♦ Postcard from Belgium, F.D.I.Special cancellation: Verviers 24.5.1986



Date of issue: 16.3.1981 ♦ Postcard from Portugal - Postal cancellation: Unhais da Serra 7.1.82





THE BELGIAN SHEPHERD DOG - TERVUEREN

It is an imposing, intelligent and very thorough guardian dog, with a strong guarding and territorial instinct.

Origin: Belgium

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Size: large; Weight: 27-29 Kg; Height: Male: 61-66; Female: 56-61 cm

THE MOUNTAIN SHEPHERD DOG OF AIRES

It is a breed that originated in the ancient herd dogs brought along by the Roman legions to Iberia. It is used for housing, herding cattle and as a pet.

Origin: Portugal

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: 12 - 18 kg, Height: 41 - 56 cm

Date of issue: 31.1.94 ♦ Postcard from Italy, F.D.I.Special cancellation: *San Marino* 31.1.94



Date of issue: 16.3.1981 ♦ Postcard from Portugal, Special cancellation: *EVORA* - 20.6.1981





**THE SOUTHERN RUSSIAN SHEPHERD DOG -
YOUJNORUSSKAYA OVTCHARKA**

It is a FCI- recognized canine breed with very old origins that are lost in the mists of time, highly regarded as a guardian of herds and property.

Origin: Russia, Ukraine; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Height: Male: 65-72cm, Female: 62-67cm; Variable weight between 48-50 kg

THE SCOTTISH SHEPDOG - COLLIE

This herd dog is extremely affectionate with children and attached to the property. It has become famous all over the world due to the "LASSIE" TV series.

Origin: Scotland; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Height: Male 56-61 cm, Female 51-56 cm; Male weight: 20.5-29.5 kg, Female: 18-25 kg

Date of issue: 28.5.2015 ♦ Postcard from Russia
F.D.I. cancellation *Moscow* 28.05.2015



Date of issue: 8.7.1956 ♦ Postcard from Belgium, Postal
cancellation *San Marino* 27.12.1956





THE KARST SHEPHERD DOG - KRASKI OVCHAR

It's an almost perfect shepherd dog, both for guarding and defense; it has a history of several centuries and shows versatile skills.

Origin: Slovenia

Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids; Height Male: 57-63 cm, Female 54-60 cm; Weight Male 30-42 kg, Female 25-37 kg

THE YUGOSLAV SHEPHERD DOG OF SARPLANINAC – SARPLANINAC

It is an ideal breed for guarding flocks of sheep and goats in the mountain area.

Origin: Northern Macedonia and Serbia

Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids

Height: Male: 56–62 cm, Female: 54–60 cm; Weight: Male: 35–45 kg, Female: 30–40 kg

Date of issue: 4.9.1992 ♦ Postcard from Slovenia F.D.I.Special cancellation *Ljubljana* 4.9.1992



Date of issue: 20.1.1999 ♦ Postcard from Beograd F.D.I.Special cancellation: *Macedonia* 20.1.1999





THE FLANDERS SHEPHERD DOG

It is native to the Flemish area (Vlaamse) of Belgium, where it was bred and developed for herding and protecting farms.

Origin: Belgium and France

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight 30-45 kg; Height 60-70 cm

THE OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG - BOBTAIL

The ancestral English sheepdog Bobtail is a direct descendant of the famous ancient shepherd dogs and has been known for over a thousand years for its outstanding qualities in handling and supervising sheep flocks.

Origin: England

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight Male: 29 kg, Female: 27 kg

Height Male: 56-61 cm Female: 51-56 cm

Date of issue: 24. 5.1986 ♦ Postcard from Belgium, F.D.I. Special cancellation: *Thuin* 24. 5.1986



Date of issue: 3.5.82 ♦ Postcard from France, F.D.I. cancellation *Monaco* 3.5.82





THE SWISS WHITE SHEPHERD DOG

This breed comes from the same old breed of herd dogs as the German Shepherd Dog. One of the selection criteria was the resistance to extreme weather conditions. White fur herding dogs were favoured by many shepherds because they could be easily distinguished from predators in the dark.

Origin: Switzerland; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Weight: Male 30–40, Female 25–35 kg; Height Male 60–66 cm, Female 55–61 cm

THE PYRENEE MOUNTAIN SHEPHERD DOG

It is a very large dog and also a very good guardian dog for herds and households, as well as a perfect companion.

Origin: France, Spain; Group 2 F.C.I. Section 2.2 mountain type molosoids; Height: Male: 70–82 cm, Female: 65–74 cm; Weight: Male: 50–54 kg, Female: 36–41 kg

Date of issue: 23.9.03 ♦ Postcard from Switzerland, Postal cancellation *Diren* 23.IX.03



Date of issue: 2.10.99 ♦ Postcard from France, F.D.I. Special cancellation *Laruns* 2.10.1999





THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

It is the national breed of Germany, being the best-known and most widespread breed in the world. In the country of origin, Germany, it is still used for guarding and working with herds and flocks. It is an excellent service dog, used by many police and armies around the world.

Origin: Germany; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Weight: 31-41 kg Height: 56-66 cm

THE SLOVAK SHEPHERD DOG - SLOVENSKÝ ČUVAČ

Slovensky Cuvac is used for guarding sheep farms on mountain ridges and in households. It is an excellent herd guardian, leader and companion of the flocks.

Origin: Slovakia; Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs; Height Males 62–70 cm, Females 59–65 cm; Weight Males 36–44 kg, Females 31–37 kg

Date of issue: 6.7.1990 ♦ Postcard from Germany, Special cancellation: *Cluj Napoca* 04.10.92



Date of issue: 18.4.2007 ♦ Postcard from Slovakia, F.D.I. Special cancellation: *Bratislava* 18. 4.2007





THE SHEPHERD DOG OF THE FAROE ISLANDS – FAROESE SHEEPDOG

It is a local breed of shepherd dog from the Faroe Islands and it's a very good herd guardian..

The breed's ancestors were Nordic dogs that had interbred with local native dogs. In addition, the Border Collie dogs have had a major influence on the breed development.

THE MAREMMA AND ABRUZZI SHEPHERD DOG - ABRUZZO MAREMMA SHEEPDOG

It is an ancestral Italian breed, presenting a large size and an entirely white robe. It has been officially acknowledged since 1915. It is an excellent guardian of herds and households, being very devoted to his master and family.

Origin: Italy

Group 1 F.C.I. Sheep and herd dogs

Weight: 30 - 45 kg

Date of issue: 6.6.1994 ♦ Postcard from Faroe Islands, F.D.I.cancellation: *Torshavn* 6.6.94



Date of issue: 12.3.1994 ♦ Postcard from Italy, F.D.I.Special cancellation: *Milano* 12.3.1994

