



Official Breed Standard of the Turkish Shepherd Dog Boz

General Features: Boz Shepherds, also known as Guregh and Yörük, are one of Turkey's oldest livestock and cattle guardian dogs inhabiting the Toros Mountains and surrounding areas in Southern Anatolia. Their primary duty is to protect and secure the livestock at their barns and grazing on the land. In Turkey, Boz Shepherds are bred and utilized for both livestock guardian and field security dogs. They have been performing duties worldwide as livestock guardians since the beginning of the 21st Century. Boz Shepherds are one of the most successful livestock guardian canines in the heavyweight category around the world. They are very intelligent, and they are very tolerant and kind towards children. Likewise, Boz Shepherds deeply adhere to the herd and are very patient and highly tolerant to them.

Physical Characteristics: Boz Shepherds are bulky, high-speed, and thick-boned athletic canines.

Body: The body structure looks like a square close to a rectangle.

Nose: The tip of the nose is flat, which looks like the shape of a cleaver when looking in a profile view.

Head: The skull structure differentiates a Boz from other shepherd canines. Its stop is slightly apparent. The face lengthens from the eye sockets to the tip of the nose with the same thickness.

Coat/Hair: The coat is attached to the body firmly and has a bilayer structure—the hair length changes depending on the seasons.

Tail: The tail curls up towards the back once or like a crescent.

Neck/Skyline: The posture of the neck and skyline intersects with a 45 to 60-degree angle.

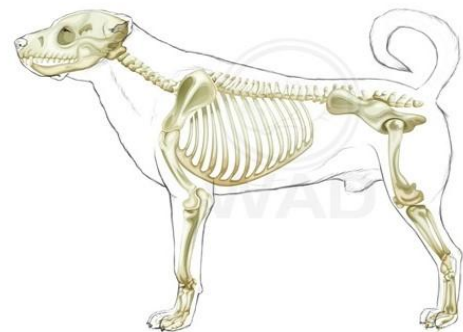
Eyes: The eye color ranges from light hazel to black.

Lips: The upper lip could dangle down below to the lower lip, and the lower lip, discharge lip, could dangle down too.

Size: Shoulder length for adult males is between 75-85 cm, and weight is 60-80 kg. Also seen is a shoulder length of 90 cm and a weight of 100 kilograms. As for adult females, shoulder length is between 70-80 cm in adult females, and the weight is 50-65 kilograms. Also seen in females is a shoulder length of 85 cm and weight of 70 kilograms.



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