



Official Breed Standard of the Turkish Shepherd Dog Kangal

General Features: Kangal, one of the most well-known livestock guardian dogs in Turkey, mainly comes from the sub-province Kangal, located in Sivas; and found primarily on the plateaus and northern part of Central Anatolia to the Marmara region. A Kangal can chase a wolf for miles to repel the attack and neutralize it, a distinguishing characteristic of Kangals, known worldwide, and making them preferred for livestock protection. Kangals are vigilant, always alert, and possess high intelligence, courage, and power to secure the herd of livestock against predators. In addition, Kangals are family dogs due to their kind, tolerant attitudes towards children and their territorial nature. Kangals are intuitive and are suitable for working all day in the fields. They are not to be kept on a chain or work under the command of humans since they are free-spirited dogs.

Eyes: Eyes are slanted and have distinctive eye-sockets. Eye color ranges from amber (honey-colored) to black. Kangals usually have kohl eyes and an arc-shaped line on eyebrows that give them a vivid and royal look.

Nose: The tip of the nose is black.

Head: The face is square shaped when viewed from the front, and it gets thinner towards the tip of the nose. The stop on the face is slightly apparent.

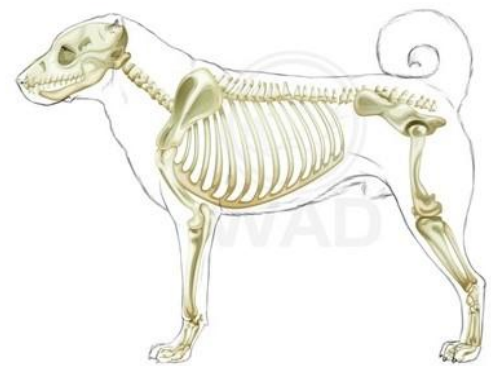
Tail: The spiral tail is common.

Coat/Hair: The coat is attached to the body firmly and has a bilayer structure—the hair length changes depending on the seasons. Hair color varies from light cream to dark steel-gray and tones of red and black and brindle pattern.

Lips: The cheeks dangle down till the upper lip covers the lower lip.

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

Size: Shoulder length for adult males is between 78-80 cm, and weight is 55-65 kilograms. Also seen is a shoulder length of 85 cm and weight of 75 kilograms. As for adult females, the shoulder length is between 65-75 cm, and the weight is 50 -60 kilograms. Also seen is a shoulder length of 80 cm and weight of 65 kilograms.



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