



## Official Breed Standard of the Turkish Shepherd Dog Karadeniz

**General Features:** An indigenous value to Turkey, Karadeniz Shepherd Dogs, are bred as livestock guardian dogs. They have remained hidden on the highlands of the Blacksea Region. They are preferred as livestock guardian canines by the livestock breeders in the region because of their determined battle against predators, including bears and wolves. Karadeniz Shepherd Dogs adapt significantly to the region's harsh climate conditions. Karadeniz Shepherd Dogs are perfect working dogs suitable for being used, especially in high-altitude places with heavy rain. They are known for their power, speed, and loyal characteristics to the herd among the heavyweight category of livestock guardian dogs. Karadeniz Shepherd Dogs are in low numbers in far out places of the Blacksea highlands.

**Physical Characteristics:** It is easy to differentiate the Karadeniz Shepherd Dogs from other canines because of their long and thick hair structures that protect them from rainy climate conditions.

**Eyes:** The eyes are slanted with dark eye color.

**Nose:** The color of the nose tip is black.

**Head:** have an apparent stop on their face, and the top of their head is oval. The face gets thinner from the eye sockets to the tip of the nose.

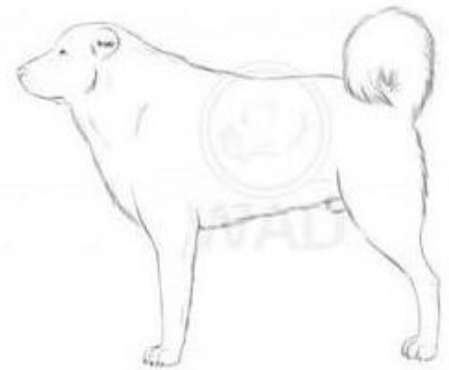
**Tail:** The tail has a spiral shape.

**Coat/Hair:** The hair color could be gray-grizzled, brown-grizzled, or brindle. The coat is attached to the body tightly.

**Lips:** The upper lip forms to cover the lower lip. The discharge lip does not dangle down.

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

**Size:** Shoulder length for adult males is between 70-85 cm, and weight is 55-70 kg. Also seen for males is a shoulder-length of 87 cm and weight of 75 kg. As for adult females, the shoulder length is between 65-75 cm, and the weight is 50-60 kg. Also seen for females is a shoulder-length of 80 cm and weight of 65 kg.



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