

German Shepherd



Average Height: 55-65 cm

Average Weight: 28-40 kgs

Average Life Span: 11-13 yrs

ORIGIN

German Shepherd dogs are, as their name implies, a breed that originated in Germany. The German Shepherd dog is a herding breed known for its courage, loyalty, and guarding instincts.

CHARACTERISTICS

He is a well-proportioned dog. The head is broad and tapers handsomely to a sharp muzzle. The ears are rather large and stand erect. The back is level and muscular, and the tail is bushy and curves downward. The coat is thick and rough and may be black, tan, black and tan, or gray.

IDEAL COMPANIONS

German Shepherd dogs get along well with children and other pets if raised with them, but in keeping with their guarding instincts, they tend to be leery of strangers. The breed is considered to be smart and easy to train. They should be with the family and continually exposed under supervision to people and other pets around the neighborhood; they should not be confined to a kennel or backyard either alone or with other dogs.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

To prevent over-guarding and aggressive behavior, German Shepherd dogs should be carefully socialized from a young age and be obedience trained. German Shepherd dogs are active and like to have something to do. They need ample exercise daily; otherwise, they can get into mischief or become high-strung. To control shedding and keep the coat nice, brush at least a few times a week.

EXTRA NEEDS

Because German Shepherd dogs are large and powerful and have strong guarding instincts, great care should be taken to purchase German Shepherds from reputable breeders. Poorly bred dogs are more likely to be nervous.