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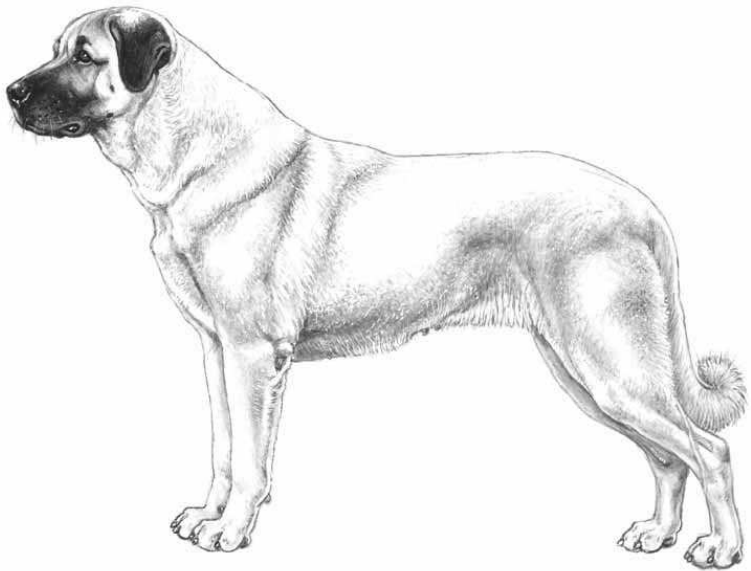
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**FCI-Standard N° 331**

**ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG**

(Coban Köpegi)



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**ORIGIN:** Turkey.

**PATRONAGE:** FCI.

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**UTILIZATION:** Shepherd Dog used for guarding sheep. Active breed originally used as a guard dog for sheep; hard working; capable of enduring extremes of heat and cold.

**FCI-CLASSIFICATION:** Group 2 Pinscher and Schnauzer –  
Molossoid breeds – Swiss  
Mountain and Cattle  
Dogs.  
Section 2.2 Molossoid breeds, Mountain  
type.  
Without working trial.

**BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The Anatolian Shepherd is a shepherd’s guard dog of ancient lineage, probably descended from the large hunting dogs existing in Mesopotamia. The breed has evolved over the ages to suit a specific set of circumstances. Of these the most formative are the climate – hot and very dry summers, very cold winters – the peoples’ life-style- settled, semi- and wholly nomad – and the work assigned to the dogs. They guard flocks travelling great distances on the Central Anatolian Plateau. They stay out whatever the weather may be.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** Large, upstanding, tall, powerfully built, livestock guarding dog with broad, strong head and dense double coat. Must have size and stamina. Capable of great speed.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS:** Foreface slightly shorter than skull.

**BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT:** Steady and bold without aggression, naturally independent, very intelligent and tractable. Proud and confident. Loyal and affectionate to owners, but wary of strangers when on duty.

## **HEAD**

### **CRANIAL REGION:**

**Skull:** Large, but in proportion to body, broad between ears, slightly domed. Mature males have broader head than females.

**Stop:** Slight.

### **FACIAL REGION:**

**Nose:** Black, except in livers, where it is brown.

**Muzzle:** Seen from above almost rectangular. Profile blunt, tapering very slightly to end.

**Lips:** Very slightly pendulous, black-edged. Edge of upper lip not lower than the profile of the underjaw. Corner of mouth tight.

**Jaws/Teeth:** Teeth strong, with a perfect scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaw. Complete dentition.

**Eyes:** Rather small in proportion to size of skull, set well apart, showing no haw. Golden to brown in colour according to coat colour. Eye rims black except in livers.

**Ears:** Medium sized, triangular in shape, rounded at tip, pendant with front edge close to cheek, higher when alert.

**NECK:** Slightly arched, powerful, muscular, moderate in length, rather thick. Slight dewlap.

**BODY:** Powerful, well muscled, never flat sided.

**Top line:** Horizontal, slightly arched over loins.

**Back:** Rather short in proportion to leg length.

**Loin:** Slightly arched.

**Chest:** Deep to point of elbow; ribs well sprung, ribcage sufficiently long.

**Underline and belly:** Belly well tucked up.

**TAIL**: Long, reaching to hock, set on rather high, when relaxed carried low with slight curl; when alert carried high and curled over back, especially by males.

## **LIMBS**

### **FOREQUARTERS**:

**General appearance**: Set well apart straight and well boned; of good length.

**Shoulder**: Well muscled, oblique.

**Elbow**: Close to sides, free moving.

**Metacarpus (Pastern)**: Strong, slightly sloping when viewed from side.

**Forefeet**: Strong, with thick pads and well arched toes. Nails short.

### **HINDQUARTERS**:

**General appearance**: Powerful, not overloaded with muscles. Hind legs vertical when seen from rear.

**Thigh**: Long.

**Stifle (Knee)**: Good turn of stifle.

**Hind feet**: Strong, with thick pads and well arched toes. Nails short.

**GAIT / MOVEMENT**: Very noticeable level line of body, head and neck when walking, movement even, supple and long reaching, giving impression of stalking, with great power. Pacing acceptable at slow speed.

## **COAT**

**Hair**: Short or half-long, dense, with thick undercoat. Great variations in coat length according to climate. Longer and thicker on neck, shoulders and thighs. The coat tends to be longer in winter.

**Colour**: All colours acceptable.

**SIZE AND WEIGHT:**

**Height at the withers:** Males: 74 – 81 cms Females: 71 – 79 cms

**Weight:** Mature males: 50 – 65 kgs  
Mature Females: 40 – 55 kgs

**FAULTS:**

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

**SEVERE FAULTS:**

- Low to ground, heavy and slow, too massive; too light in build.
- Flat skull.
- Hackney action, mincing gait, stiffness.
- Coat too long and hanging.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULTS:**

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs.
- Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified.
- Overshot or undershot bite.
- Muzzle too short (one third of the total length of head).
- Coat very short and smooth, devoid of undercoat.

**N.B.:**

- Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.
- Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation should be used for breeding.

**The latest amendments are in bold characters.**

# ANATOMICAL FEATURES

