

# Races



Typically for Hungarian Komondor is his snarled coat (all pics: Gerd Bauschmann)



The big white Maremma-dogs are guarding sheep in the Italian Abruzzo



The job of the Spanish Mastino is the protection against wolves; here one with his spiny collar

# Origin

Dog descends from wolf. He was human's first domestic animal. Originally he helps hunting and protects the nomad camps. After human's settlement his new job stays protection of the flocks against thieves and predators. Diverging duties of the particular dog is enforcing the deviation of the type of dog. The breeding of particular dog-races has developed later on.



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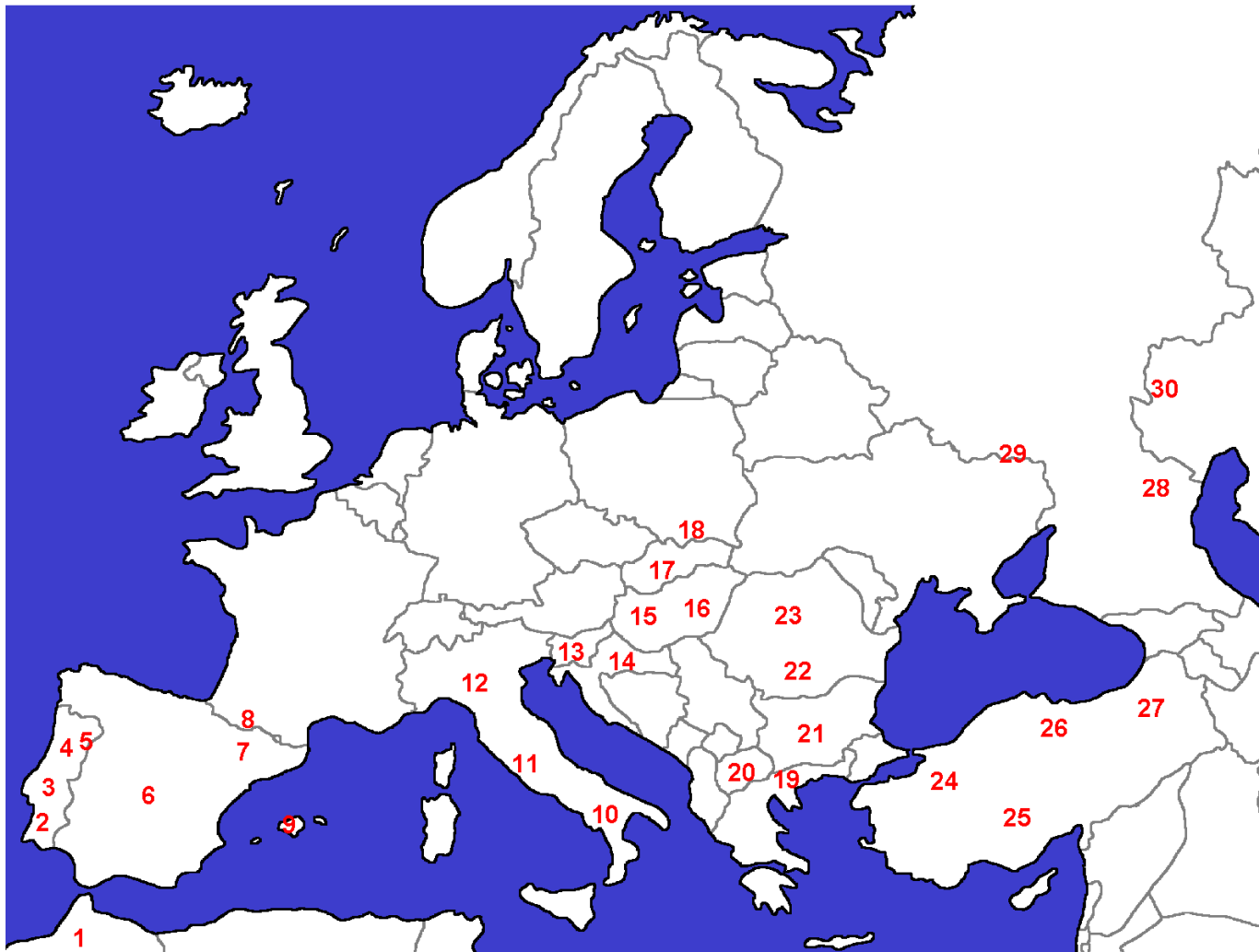
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# Herding dogs the protectors of the sheep



# Appearances of Herding-dogs



**Herding dogs** have been bred, where both were living bears and wolves and where human had to protect his livestock against predators. Strong and tough dogs defend their livestock independently. Today these dogs still remain in the mountains of Southern and Eastern Europe, where also continue living bear and wolf.

	RACE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
1	Aidi	Maroc
2	Rafeiro do Alentejo	Portugal (Tejo up to Algarve)
3	Cao da Serra da Estrela	Portugal (Estrella-mountain)
4	Cao de Castro Laboreiro	Portugal (northern part)
5	Cao de Gado Transmontano	Portugal (northern part)
6	Mastin Espanol	Spain
7	Mastin de los Pirineos	Spain (Pyrenees)
8	Chien de Montagne des Pyrenees	Frankreich (Pyrenees)
9	Ca de Bestiar	Spain (Majorca)
10	Mastino Napoletano	Italien (southern part)
11	Cane da Pastore Maremmano-Abbruzzese	Italien (Abruzzo)
12	Cane da Pastore Bergamasco	Italien (the Alps)
13	Kraski Ovcar	Slovenia
14	Tornjak	Croatia
15	Komondor	Hungaira
16	Kuvasz	Hungaira
17	Slovensky Cuvac	Slovakia (Cararpatian Mountains)
18	Polski Owczarek Podhalanski	Poland (Cararpatian Mountains)
19	Pimenikos Hellenikos	Greece
20	Sarplaninac	Macedonian
21	Karakachan	Bulgaria
22	Mioritic	Romania
23	Carpatin	Romania
24	Akbas	Turkey (west of Ankara)
25	Coban Köpegi	Turkey (Anatolia)
26	Kangal	Turkey (surroundings of Sivas)
27	Kars-Hund	Turkey (noth-eastern part)
28	Kavkazskaia Ovtcharka	Russia (Kaukasia, Astrachia)
29	Ioujnorousskaia Ovtcharka	Russia (aouthern part and Ucraina)
30	Sredneasiatskaia Ovtcharka	Russland (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kirgizia)