

The German Shepherd

I chose the German Shepherd because I have a lot of experience with them and because I find them very interesting.

The German Shepherd dog is a large sized breed belonging to the herding group of working dogs. German Shepherd dogs are, as their name implies, a breed that originated in Germany. They were developed in the late 1800s by crossing a variety of herding breeds. German Shepherd dogs were introduced to the United States from soldiers returning home from World War I.

The German Shepherd has a double coat, which is comprised of a thick undercoat and a dense, slightly wavy or straight outer coat. Its hair, usually is tan, or black with a mixture of red, white German Shepherd are rarely seen, Their hair is a medium length and they shed all year long. The German Shepherd at a young age has very floppy and sensitive ears and they should not be touched until they have stiffened and have become stronger.

The German Shepherd breed is now known for its courage, loyalty and guarding instinct. This breed makes an excellent guard dog, police dogs, military dogs, and service dogs.

Many people fear the German Shepherd because of how strong and tough it can be, but in reality the dog is a very loving caring and an amazing addition to have in the family. German Shepherds can be very playful at times, as puppies they will want all of your attention. The German Shepherd gets along very well with children and other pets if raised with them, but keeping to their guarding instinct they tend to be very leery of strangers. Some poorly bred German Shepherds can be high-strung and nervous. German Shepherd dogs are active and like having something to do. The German Shepherd can live outdoors in cool or temperate climates, but enjoys living indoors too. Frequent training or exercise sessions are essential for keeping its mind and body active, and because the German Shepherd sheds throughout the year, its coat should be brushed once or twice a week to encourage turnover as well as to minimize buildup in the home.

You can very easily tell the difference between a female Shepherd and a male Shepherd, a female will usually be more slim than the male, unless it gets exercise daily, a male will be more muscular and bigger than the female.

German Shepherds are quite thin the first two years of their life, they quickly grow a huge muscle mass. They're large and powerful dogs, ranging from 22 to 26 inches and usually between 50 to 90 pounds, with females on the lower end of the spectrum. If they're not properly trained, they can easily throw down an adult male to the ground.

German Shepherds can have a lot of health problems as they get older like cancer along with Hip Dysplasia, Elbow Dysplasia, Perianal Fistula, Megaesophagus, Osteoarthritis, Degenerative Myelopathy, wandering lameness, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Epilepsy and Hemophilia. But most of these are rarely found in a German Shepard.