

The Saarlooswolfhond

The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is an imposing, harmonically built dog that in appearance, stature and gait reminds of a wolf. It also shows wolf-like characteristics; an attentive, cautious dog, very pack orientated and reserved towards strangers and in unknown situations.

Origin

The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is named after its 'creator' Leendert Saarloos (1884-1969) Leendert Saarloos wanted to improve his favourite pure-bred, the 'German Shepherd', with the purpose of creating an ideal pet and work-dog. That is

why he decided to crossbreed the 'German Shepherd' with a wolf. A peculiar train of thought, because other experiments had led to nothing. The results of these crossings were very shy and did not suffice the purpose Leendert Saarloos strived for. After a few years of experimenting, that is what Leendert Saarloos also found out for himself. It came to his mind that these dogs, due to their natural cautiousness, could be suited as guide dogs for the blind. After founding a school for these seeing-eye dogs, the 'Saarlooswolfhonden' were used as guide dogs on a limited scale. Nowadays, the 'Saarlooswolfhond' is not seen in this function any more. We can no longer classify the race as a work-dog. The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is a true family dog with a reliable and affectionate character. Leendert Saarloos's goal to breed an unique work-dog was not accomplished. Yet he had been able to create a dog-breed, close to nature, that still carries many natural features that have already disappeared in other breeds.



Acknowledgement

Leendert Saarloos wanted his 'breed' to be acknowledged. In 1942 he tried to gain recognition for the 'European wolf dog', as he had named his breed, with the 'Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied'. This did not succeed. It was not until 1975, when Leendert Saarloos had already passed away, that his breed finally gained the long-expected acknowledgement. The breed was named 'Saarlooswolfhond'. In 1977 followed the official recognition by the 'Fédération Cynologique International'(FCI).

Character

Not only the outer appearance of the 'Saarlooswolfhond' resembles a wolf, so does its inner nature. The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is an alert, cautious dog, very affectionate towards its pack and reserved towards strangers or in unknown circumstances. The natural need to flee within the 'Saarloos Wolfhond' will dominate its drive to attack. That is why this dog is unsuitable as a defence- or watchdog. The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is not a dog for everybody! Its strong will, that demands a consistent demeanour, requires a lot of patience and most of all love to teach him good behaviour and discipline. Never will it obey slavishly. It makes his own considerations. Because of its independent nature, that tends towards stubbornness, it is generally not a dog that scores high at obedience training.

De 'Saarlooswolfhond' prefers to be with its pack, its family. Towards children, the 'Saarlooswolfhond' is a reliable comrade that, as none other, senses their mood and adapts to it. Because of its prominent personality this dog becomes more than just the family pet: it becomes a true family member.





Appearance

The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is an imposing, harmonically built dog. Its appearance, stature, gait and coat remind of a wolf. Most of the 'Saarlooswolfhonden' are wolf-grey or wood-brown. Very sporadically there are the colours cream-white and white. The male's withers vary from 65 to 75 cm (24-28 inches) and the female's from 60 to 70 cm (22-26 inches)

The 'Saarlooswolfhond': A dog for you?

'Saarlooswolfhonden' are best suited for people who have enough time for them. The 'Saarlooswolfhond', as a typical pack-animal, expects a lot of attention. Because of its prominent pack-binding the 'Saarloos-wolfhond' wants to be with its people constantly. It goes without questioning that this dog is totally inferior as a kennel-held dog.

The 'Saarlooswolfhond' is a dog for someone who is able to, and wants to enjoy, its close to nature qualities. When you can respect and accept its reserve, its pride and social personality, the 'Saarlooswolfhond' will reward you plentifully with an extraordinary relationship. Living with a 'Saarlooswolfhond' is an amazing and special experience.

The Dutch Association of 'Saarlooswolfhonden'.

We like to put in short order, why it is best for you to choose a 'Saarlooswolfhond' that is bred within the 'Dutch Association of Saarlooswolfhonden'.

- The well-being of the dog is always priority with the 'Dutch Association of Saarlooswolfhonden!'
- The 'Dutch Association of 'Saarlooswolfhonden' is the longest existing breeding-association of the 'Saarlooswolfhond'. Simultaneously with the recognition of the 'Saarlooswolfhond' as a pure-bred by the 'Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied', the 'Dutch Association of Saarlooswolfhonden' was established. Therefore, the Association has essential and profound knowledge of the 'Saarlooswolfhond' and its breeding.

- The 'Dutch Association of Saarlooswolfhonden' finds it very important that this unique breed stays healthy, pure and distinctive. That is what they make an effort for!
- The 'Dutch Association of Saarlooswolfhonden' features an united vision of breeding and all members take their responsibility in that matter. Each member devotes oneself to the greater good: A healthy and pure-bred 'Saarlooswolfhond'. In short: The love for the breed is what unites the members!

In this brochure we give you a short impression of this unique breed. If you want to know more about the 'Saarlooswolfhond' the book 'Saarlooswolfhond' is essential. You can order this book on our website, www.saarlooswolfhonden.nl

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