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## LISTS OF **HERDING/LIVESTOCK GUARDIAN DOG BREEDS** THAT CAN TAKE PART IN FCI EVENTS AND RECEIVE FCI TITLES AND AWARDS



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. FCI Herding Dogs Commission's (FCI HDC) priority is to maintain the working ability of dog breeds to serve livestock. In addition to health, anatomy and appearance, which is the main objective of current dog breeding, it is equally important to preserve and develop the original inner qualities and instincts.
- 1.2. The challenges of keeping livestock have led to the breeding of dogs that are excellent at herding or/and guarding. Historical, economic and farming changes have also affected dog breeding and the selection of these breeds has led to a loss of working ability. Despite the fact that these dogs are essentially born to work, the breed standard no longer requires a working test as a condition for breeding.
- 1.3. Some breeds are subject to a working trial (indicated in the breed standard) as instructed by the National Canine Organisation (NCO) of their country of origin. Some NCOs however have obtained the FCI permission to include their own native breeds, not subject to a working trial, in the FCI list of breeds exceptionally allowed to be entered in working class (see **TABLES 1 & 2** BELOW).
- 1.4. The FCI HDC introduced test and trial rules for Herding and Livestock Guardian dogs. These rules are applied to preserve the characteristics related to the ability to handle livestock and maintain these aptitudes through the work of many dog generations. The events organised on the basis of these rules are open to more breeds than those referred to at 1.3.
- 1.5. Although the various tests and trials are open to a wide range of breeds, the FCI titles and awards that can be gained are not available for all these breeds.
- 1.6. This document informs about the breeds concerned. The lists in the next tables can be adapted, if necessary, by the FCI HDC.

**TABLE 1: Herding/Livestock Guardian dog breeds subject to a working trial according to the FCI breeds nomenclature,**

- eligible to enter the working class at international FCI-CACIB shows and
- eligible for FCI titles and awards connected to working results.

Country of origin	NAME OF BREED	Standard number
<b>Group 1 - Section 1: Sheepdogs</b>		
Australia	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE	293
Belgium	CHIEN DE BERGER BELGE	15
France	BERGER DE BEAUCE	44
France	BERGER DE BRIE	113
France	CHIEN DE BERGER DES PYRENEES À POIL LONG	141
France	BERGER PICARD	176
France	CHIEN DE BERGER DES PYRENEES À FACE RASE	138
Germany	DEUTSCHER SCHÄFERHUND	166
Great Britain	BORDER COLLIE	297
Italy	CANE DA PASTORE BERGAMASCO	194
Slovakia	CESKOSLOVENSKY VLČIAK	332
The Netherlands	HOLLANDSE HERDERSHOND	223
<b>Group 1 - Section 2: Cattledogs (except Swiss Cattledogs)</b>		
Belgium	BOUVIER DES ARDENNES	171
Belgium	BOUVIER DES FLANDRES/VLAAMSE KOEHOND	191
<b>Group 2 – Section 1.2: Schnauzer</b>		
Germany	RIESENSCHNAUZER	181
<b>Group 2 – Section 2: Molossian type</b>		
Germany	ROTTWEILER	147

**TABLE 2:** Herding/Livestock Guardian dog breeds NOT subject to a working trial according to the FCI breeds nomenclature but which have obtained the FCI permission to be included in the FCI list of breeds exceptionally allowed to be entered in working class at international FCI-CACIB shows, based on results obtained in HERDING/LIVESTOCK GUARDING work.

Country of origin	Name of breed	Standard number	Breed <u>subject to a working trial</u> according to the FCI breeds nomenclature	Working class in all FCI countries	Valid test/trial WCC (Working Class Certificate)	C.A.C.I.TR. & C.I.TR.
<b>Group 1 - Section 1: Sheepdogs</b>						
Croatia	HRVATSKI OVCHAR	277	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>Appropriate herding (vs utility) test</b>	<b>YES</b>

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