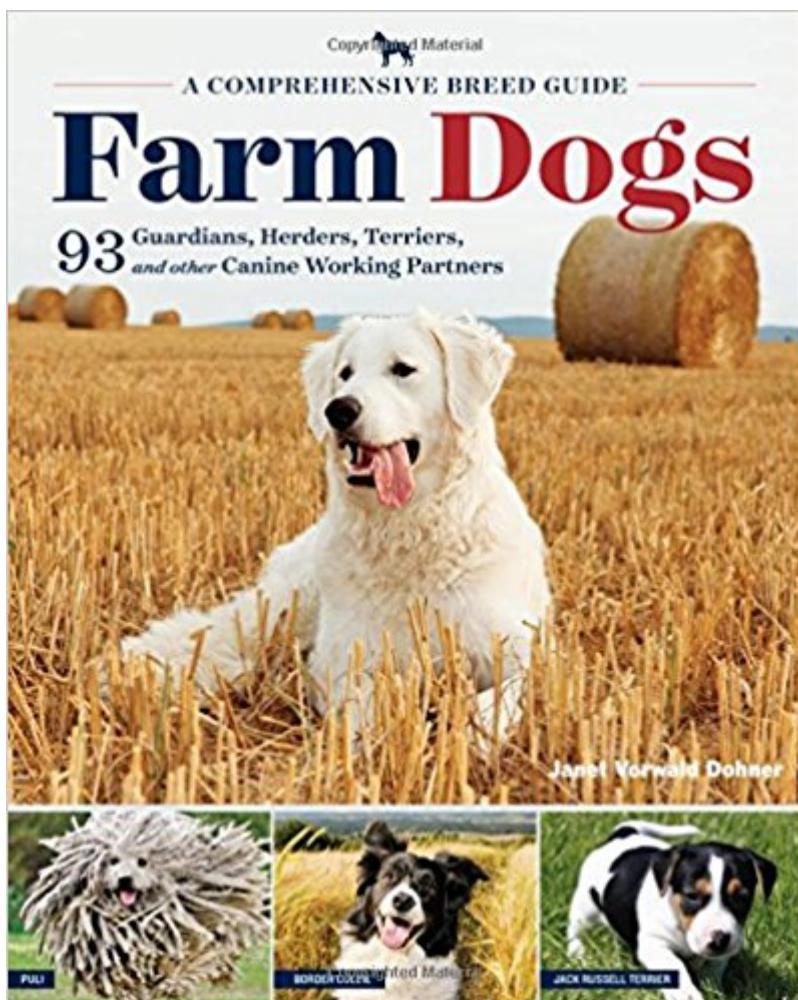


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# Farm Dogs: A Comprehensive Breed Guide To 93 Guardians, Herders, Terriers, And Other Canine Working Partners



## Synopsis

Gain a deeper understanding of your canine friends through these in-depth breed profiles that showcase how working dogs think. From familiar breeds like the Border Collie, Corgi, and Dachshund to the lesser-known Akbash, Puli, and Hovawart, Janet Vorwald Dohner describes 93 breeds of livestock guardian dogs, herding dogs, terriers, and traditional multipurpose farm dogs, highlighting the tasks each dog is best suited for and describing its physical characteristics and temperament. She also offers an accessible history of how humans bred dogs to become our partners in work and beyond, providing a thorough introduction to these highly intelligent, independent, and energetic breeds.

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## Customer Reviews

Jan Dohner has knocked another one out of the park with her new book Farm Dogs. It's a fantastic introduction to the wide variety of breeds that are working on farms across the nation. Dog lovers will adore this large volume, with its pleasing layout, and packed with photos from beginning to end. - The Shepherd Magazine An in-depth and beautifully illustrated breed guide to a hardworking class of dogs, Farm Dogs is hard to resist even if you live in a city apartment. . ."- The Bark magazine She knows 93 breeds and knows them well. Covering rare finds and up-and-comers in the working world. . . If you have a working dog this will only help you understand him and his kin better. And if you are an informed future-owner - you couldn't make a better investment. A great guide that is easy to read and worth its weight in premium

kibble." ¦ Jenna Woginrich, author of "Cold Antler Farm" This guide is an in-depth look at the history of dog breeds that have been an invaluable part of farmwork for centuries. Their roles have typically included herding livestock, controlling vermin, protecting the flock from predators, and serving as general farmhand companions and helpers. Along with introductory chapters that include information about general farm-dog history, and choosing the right dog, the author then covers all 93 breeds in extensive detail. These profiles include information about their origins, size, color, coat type, temperament, and history. There are also gorgeous color photos of each of the different breeds. ¦ This is a beautiful, well-organized, and comprehensive title. It will leave readers with a richer understanding and deep respect for these dogs, their fascinating history, and their relationship to farmers and farm work throughout the ages. Highly recommended for public, academic, and school libraries." ¦ Booklist, April 2017 "This book is a work of art: lovingly illustrated, detailed, and well-written. Anyone who cherishes the loyalty, dedication, and value of working dogs will find it both readable and invaluable. Janet Vorwald Dohner really knows her stuff." ¦ Jon Katz, author of *The Dogs of Bedlam Farm* and *Talking to Animals: The Search For A Wiser Understanding of Animals* "A fascinating exploration of our long relationship with working canines, from ancient times to the present. Our guide, Jan Dohner, provides practical advice on selecting the right breeds for the jobs required. This beautifully produced book will also appeal to dog fanciers who simply want to learn more about our oldest domesticated animal companions and helpmates." ¦ Orysia Dawydiak, author of *Livestock Protection Dogs*

Companions, Partners, Friends It's one of the greatest stories ever told: how humans and canines teamed up, eons ago, for mutual survival. In this stunning yet practical guide, Janet Vorwald Dohner shares the history, breed standards, and traits of 93 working breeds, from the familiar Border Collie and Dachshund to the less-known Kangal Dog and Swedish Lapphund. Whether you want a multipurpose farm partner or a four-legged family companion, here is the ultimate guide to herders, terriers and earthdogs, livestock guardians, and all-purpose farm dogs.

As the title says, this is a very comprehensive breed guide, Janet explains in great detail the roll of each farm dog ( herder, livestock guardian, terrier, and general farm dog). And then she provides complete and accurate information about the most common dog breeds in each of these 4 catagories, as well as many of the much rarer breeds. She dispels many myths and provides beautiful photographs of each breed. I know that Janet did a ton of research preparing for this book. She spoke to leading authorities about the individual breeds and compiled it all here for us to learn

from. If you only get ONE book, this should be the one.

This book was recommended by someone on a group I belong to. I was looking for a low prey drive breed to add to our farm which can be difficult to find. Bought the book and found 3 breeds that fit our criteria and one of which I had never even thought of. Now we can look for a pup based on breed traits for a breed that with additional training and supervision should be just the dog for the job we want done.

This is a great book. We have had English Shepherds and Australian Shepherds but really knew little or nothing about many of the breeds included in this book. It excels in the breadth of information it provides on each breed. There are a couple of farms in our area that use Great Pyrenees to guard their herds of Alpacas and other flocks, so it was especially interesting to read about them. I can't imagine a better guide if you are considering bringing one of these dogs into your life.

First of all, let me say that I own one of the dogs described in the book and the description is spot on. This book is a great resource for all those individuals who need a farm dog or have an interest in dogs that traditionally perform. If you are interested in those breeds, this is really where you should start. You can compare and contrast different breeds and see which of the breed characteristics best suit your needs. From there, you can narrow down your favorite breeds and contact breeders who breed quality representatives. Does this book cover all nuances of each breed? No. I don't think it intends on doing that but it's it is a very comprehensive overview of many breeds. It is as in detail as it can be for what it does (introducing to very many breeds). In addition to providing well researched information, this book is full of beautiful photos. It is a treat to any dog lover, from a beginner to an expert.

Wonderfully written. A great book for all dog lovers. Beautiful pictures, with detailed information about breeds. Also love the anecdotal stories and information included.

This is a fabulous book!!! I am so impressed as it has great information. I am adding it to my must have dog book collection and have already shared information about it with my dog loving friends. If you have a dog that is from the herding group, a farm dog, or you just love dogs you need this book.

I bought this book for my 22 yr old daughter, who is very interested in getting/training a dog to work

our sheep flock. She loves this book! It's filled with good information, would recommend!

This book covers more farm dog breeds than I ever knew existed. Lots of insight into the traits of each breed and what to expect from them.

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