



If you are like most people, you want to feel safe and protected in your own home. Some of us will go to the extent of getting the best guard dogs that has been trained to protect people. In most cases a loud bark from a dog is enough to scare most of us or alert us of the presence of a stranger in our homes.

For the normal homeowner who wants a dog guard to protect him, he or she will go for any dog. Nearly all dog are territorial by nature and will know who does not belong in their territory.

What kinds of dogs are recognized for their guarding abilities. There are so many options to choose from. Some of these dog breeds include: Akita Inu, Alapaha Blue Blood Bulldog, American White Shepherd, Anatolian Shepherd Dog, Belgian Shepherd Groenendael, Belgian Shepherd Tervuren, Black Mouth Cur.

Bouvier des Flanders, Chinese Chongqing Dog, Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, Estrela Mountain Dog, Eurasian, Mastiff, Fila Brasileiro, Kerry Blue Terrier, Norwegian Elkhound, Olde English Bulldogge, Komondor, Pyrenean Mastiff, Roman Rottweiler..etc etc. The list is nearly endless!

In many ways, a guard dog is just like any other dog out there. A guard dog also needs the attention and care to feel loved in a family. If your idea is to only get protection, I think an alarm system would be more appropriate for you. In any case, an alarm system would be more cheaper to maintain in the long run, considering the costs of medical bills, food, training etc.

Before you decide to buy a guard dog, research on the different breeds out there. Real guard dogs will cost you time and money in the long run. You also have to be ready to invest time and money in professional training. What you need to focus on is to get a dog that will protect your home and at the same time be a loving pet inside the home.

Guarding dog breeds should be exposed to different kinds of people and animals from puppy stage so that they can be taught how to behave in the correct manner around people who are not threatening.

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Guarding dog breeds by nature are both dominant and aggressive. For them to learn that you are the boss, use gestures, voice commands and manners to prove so. Should you show signs of weakness to guard dog breeds, they will not respect your authority and will probably not listen to your commands. In nature, there can only be one "alpha male", so your dog will take over if you don't!!

For dogs that will be used to guard livestock, you will need to have a large area that is securely fenced in so that the territory of the dog is defined. If this is not done, your dog will perceive his territory to be much larger to include your neighbors yard or the park across the street. These type of guardian dogs will also herd you in the process including your children and your other pets!

Why is this? Because he's been bred to guard flock and this includes keeping the flock in place where they can be watched. A properly trained dog will manifest its behaviors as a minor personality quirk.

Please realize that if you intend to own a guard dog, you cannot manipulate his aggressive qualities to suit your intentions. What you can do is learn how to control the dog through proper training techniques.

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