

Protection Breeds: Most protection dogs were originally bred to be herding dogs or flock guards. They are now used for a variety of purposes including police work and guarding homes and property.

- Akita
- Rottweiler
- Doberman Pinscher
- Bull Mastiff and Mastiff
- Great Dane
- Boxer
- Giant Schnauzer
- German Shepherd (also does protection work)
- Rhodesian Ridgeback (also does protection work)

Flock Guards and Mountain Dogs: Flock guardians were bred to protect herds of sheep from predators. Many were bred to be white in color so they would blend in with their flock. These dogs tend to be protective of their families and are fearless. The Mountain Dogs are closely related to the flock guards. All these dogs are heavy boned and large. Both types will want to wander beyond their home base. (Please review our handout on **Escape Artists**.)

Flock Guard breeds:

- Great Pyranees
- Komondor
- Kuvasz

Mountain Dog breeds:

- St. Bernard
- Newfoundland
- Bernese Mountain Dog

