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The description of the "Solarauant" (pronounced: So-lah-raunt) breed

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Origins and History of the Solaraunt

The Solaraunt is a relatively recent breed, emerging from the isolated high-altitude pastures of the fictional Aeridorian Peaks, a remote mountain range known for its perpetual sun exposure and sparse, tough vegetation. Unlike many breeds developed for specific tasks like herding or hunting, the Solaraunt's lineage traces back to a unique symbiotic relationship with nomadic Aeridorian shepherds.

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These early inhabitants didn't actively breed for traits but rather observed and encouraged a natural selection process over centuries. The foundational stock consisted of hardy, medium-sized canids that displayed an unusual resilience to extreme UV radiation (figure 1) and an innate ability to sense subtle shifts in atmospheric pressure – crucial for predicting sudden, localized blizzards.

The breed's name, "Solaraunt," is a portmanteau derived from "Sol" (sun) and "raunt" (an ancient Aeridorian term for "watcher" or "guardian of the light"). Their development wasn't driven by aesthetic fancy but by necessity: a dog that could endure harsh conditions, possess keen



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environmental awareness, and offer silent, unwavering companionship. It was only in the last two centuries, as the Aeridorian people began limited interaction with the outside world, that the distinctive traits of the Solaraut were formally recognized and the breed began to be intentionally propagated, primarily within their native region to maintain purity.

Physical Characteristics

- **Build and Stature:**
 - **Robust & Agile:** Designed for long-term endurance in mountain terrain rather than explosive speed.
 - **Size (Males):** 60–68 cm at the shoulder; 30–40 kg in weight.
 - **Size (Females):** 55–63 cm at the shoulder; 25–35 kg in weight.
 - **Structure:** Lean, muscular frame with a deep chest and well-sprung rib cage for optimal oxygen intake.
- **The "Lumic-Pelt" (Coat):**
 - **Dual Layer:** A dense, woolly undercoat for thermal insulation against freezing mountain nights.
 - **Guard Hairs:** Coarse, straight outer hairs with a semi-reflective quality that deflects UV rays (**figure 1**)
 - **Adaptive Coloring:** Shifting hues from deep ochre to sandy beige, providing natural camouflage against sun-drenched rocks.
 - **Skin:** Highly pigmented (high melanin) and thickened to prevent radiation burns.



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1. Lumin-Pelt: UV-Reflective Double Coat



figure 1

Head and Sensory Features:

- **Facial Structure:** Noble proportions with a moderately long muzzle and powerful jaws.



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- **Eyes:** Almond-shaped, typically dark amber or hazel; unique "hooded" lids to protect against high-altitude solar glare.
- **Ears:** Medium-sized, triangular, set high and tilted forward in a permanent state of alertness.
- **Extremities:**
 - **Paws:** Compact and heavily padded with thick, dark nails for navigating sharp, volcanic rock.
 - **Tail:** Thick at the base, carried in a graceful upward curve (never curled), aiding in balance during steep climbs.

Solaraunt infographic: see figure named figure 2



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2. Physical Characteristics

Size

"Lumic-Pelt"

- Size: Typically 233 cm (27 inches)
- Males: 60 cm (27 inches) & shoulder
- Inner Layer, 55-63 cm (21 cm (5'5 inches))
- Females & 25-40 kg 25-77 lbs
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figure 2



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Temperament and Training

The Solaraunt possesses a temperament characterized by quiet vigilance, profound loyalty, and an almost intuitive understanding of human emotion. They are not overtly demonstrative but form deep, unbreakable bonds with their families, often choosing one primary human as their "anchor." They are inherently calm and collected, rarely exhibiting unprovoked aggression, but are fiercely protective when they perceive a genuine threat. This protective instinct is tempered by an intelligent discernment, meaning they are unlikely to react aggressively to common household noises or unfamiliar, but non-threatening, visitors.



Early socialization is crucial for Solaraunts to thrive in varied environments, as their natural inclination is towards caution with strangers. Once they accept someone, however, they are polite and reserved. They possess an exceptional ability to read body language and vocal tones, making them remarkably sensitive companions. Training a Solaraunt requires patience, consistency, and a positive reinforcement approach. They are highly intelligent and eager to please their chosen human, but they also possess an independent streak rooted in centuries of self-reliance. Harsh methods or repetitive, boring drills will be met with quiet refusal rather than rebellion. They excel in activities that engage their minds and bodies, such as long-distance hiking, scent work, or agility.



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courses. Their natural weather-sensing ability also makes them incredibly adept at outdoor navigation, often leading their handlers to shelter before storms break.

Health and Care

The Solaraunt is an exceptionally hardy breed, benefiting from its natural selection in harsh environments. They typically enjoy a lifespan of 12-15 years. Due to their robust genetics, they are less prone to many common canine ailments. However, responsible breeding practices still recommend screening for:

- **Hip and Elbow Dysplasia:** As with many medium to large breeds, joint health is important.
- **Ocular Health:** While their eyes are adapted for sun, regular checks for cataracts or progressive retinal atrophy are advisable, especially in older dogs.
- **Seasonal Allergies:** Their unique coat can sometimes be prone to environmental allergies in vastly different climates.

Grooming: The Lumic-Pelt requires moderate grooming. Weekly brushing is sufficient to remove loose hair and prevent matting. During seasonal shedding (typically twice a year), daily brushing will be necessary. Baths should be given as needed, using a mild dog shampoo to preserve the natural oils of their protective coat. Their thick pads require occasional inspection and trimming of excess hair between the toes.

Exercise: Solaraunts require a significant amount of daily exercise. They are not suitable for apartment living unless their owners are committed to long daily walks, runs, or hikes. They thrive on having a purpose and love being outdoors. Mental stimulation, through training, puzzle toys, or varied activities, is equally important to prevent boredom.



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Category	Requirements & Details
Lifespan	Typically 12–15 years , thanks to natural selection and robust genetics.
Health Screenings	Focus on Hip and Elbow Dysplasia (joint health) and Ocular Health (checking for cataracts or retinal atrophy in older age).
Grooming	Weekly brushing of the Lumic-Pelt; daily during biannual shedding. Use mild shampoo to protect natural coat oils. Trim hair between paw pads.
Exercise Needs	High. Requires long walks, hikes, or runs. Not recommended for apartment living without significant outdoor commitment.
Mental Stimulation	High intelligence requires purpose-driven tasks , scent work, agility, or interactive puzzle toys to prevent boredom.
Dietary Needs	High-quality nutrition tailored for active, large-breed dogs . No specific unique restrictions, but caloric intake should match activity levels.
Climate Sensitivity	Generally hardy, but may develop seasonal allergies if moved from high-altitude peaks to vastly different urban environments.

Table 2 - summary of health and care

Diet: A high-quality diet appropriate for an active, large-breed dog is essential. Given their resilience, they generally do not have specific dietary restrictions beyond what is recommended for healthy canines.

The Solaraunt, with its stoic beauty, keen intellect, and unwavering loyalty, makes a remarkable companion for active individuals or families who appreciate a dog with a deep, quiet presence and a history etched in the very landscape it emerged from.