



Tibetan Mastiff
藏獒

GANSU PROVINCE STANDARD No. DB62/T355-93

Standard of QINGHAI RIVER BEND TIBETAN MASTIFF

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1. Main Tropic

Set the standard of structure, special features, behaviour and grading for Tibetan Mastiff.

2. With reference to the standard of US ATMA (American Tibetan Mastiff Association), and

Qinghai River Bend Horses standard DB62/T 211

3. Understanding the Chinese word

河曲: River Bend: the first bend of the Yellow River at the crossing point GANSU, QINGHAI and SZE CHUEN province.

藏獒: Tibetan Mastiff: The Big Protection guard dog of the Tibetan-Qinghai Nomads.

4. Special Features

4.1 Structure

Big, balance, rugged with large head, the occiput is slightly round, both ears base is slightly lower than the skull. The head is a reverse triangle and the muzzle is broad and short, the eye is medium size, almond shape and dark brown. The neck is strong and balance, there are some loose skin at the throat forming a round necklace. Deep chest and good spring of ribs, straight back and slight tuck up of loins, short croup which slightly slopes down.

Tail is long mane and curve upwards over the back, like a fur ball.

Four legs are strong and straight, big paws, strong muscular hind legs with strong hocks. Thick fur especially on thighs and tail; head and four legs have short hair.



Chief color is Black & Tan, distinct rich color is a plus, secondary color is solid color of black, yellow, tan and white.

4.2 Special biological characteristics:

Bitches mature and come into season at 8 months of age and structure mature at 1 1/2 of age. Dogs mature at 1 1/2 years old and then structure mature at 2 years old.

Bitches's come into season once a year, mainly in winter and puppies are born around Lunar New Year (from Dec. – Feb.)

Usual life span expectancy is 15 years and some even reaches 20 year of age. Tibetan Mastiff are mainly carnivore that is normal diet is meat.

4.3 Character and behavior

Tibetan Mastiff has from its origin lives and adapted high mountain altitude with cold/wet weather and live in snow frozen land of -30°C and can sleep in the open. It is a carnivores and is very healthy. Fierce and lives in a wild environment and fiercely loyal to its masters and has good memory.

5. Grades : According to its structure, characters, color and height from First to Fourth grade.



Grade Score Subject	Special		First		Second		Third	
	Dog	Bitch	Dog	Bitch	Dog	Bitch	Dog	Bitch
Appearance	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Character	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Color	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Height	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3

Remarks:

1. Grade as according to the score.
2. All 4 subject score has passing score and one subject is just 1 point below then it is OK to add the point but it is then left as pass but this should be a remark at the index pointing this out.
But dogs the failed to make even the 2nd grade,there should not be any leniency in scoring.
3. Stud bog should passed at least First grade. Bitches should reach 2nd grade and those that do not make this grades,they should not be used in breeding program.

Attachment A1

Method of grading

Subject	Grade		Head & Body		4 Legs		Structure & Characteristic	
	Score		Appearance	Score	Appearance	Score	Appearance	Score
FIRST			Big Forehead, short strong muzzle, sharp eyes, hanging ears		Strong front legs and straight natural stance		Balance	
SECOND			Strong muscular neck medium length is balance with the body at an angle of 20°		Strong hocks and strong front legs		Strong & muscular	
THIRD			Well developed deep chest		Strong legs and good bone substance		Adaptable	
FOUTH			Flat back, balance with height, slight tuck- up		Thick paws		Fierce and agile	
FIFTH			Short croup, tail with thick feather like a ball		Strong hind quarter with strong muscles and drive		No visible disqualification	
Score								



Score Point system:

The above score are premium, OK and failure. Three type of scores the Premium grade has 2 point. OK has 1 point and failure has no score.

The above 5 subject score add up with 3 level score to get the minimum score as the grading total point scored.

A.2 Style Score

A.2.1 Reaction, agile, fierce, brave as grade one score 7-10 points

A.2.2 Agile but not fierce , and hesitate to attack, second grade score 5-6 point

A.2.3 Slow reaction, quiet is third grade score 3-4 point

A.3 Color Score

A.3.1 Solid color, rich and shiny, first grade, score 7-10 point

A.3.2 Chest, loin and back has small fixture of colored hair i.e. sable, second grade score 5-6 point.

A.3.3 Big Patches of mixed colored hair or dull. Score 3-4 point

A.4 Length of structure as below

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Method of grading

Sex Ideal Score	Dogs			Bitches		
	Height	Length	Circumference of chest	Height	Length	Circumference of chest
10	70	80	85	66	76	81
9	68	78	83	64	74	79
8	66	76	81	62	72	77
7	64	74	79	60	70	75
6	62	72	77	58	68	73
5	60	70	75	56	66	71
4	58	68	73	54	64	69
3	56	66	71	52	62	67

The above score sheet has 3 sets of measurement for 3 different area. If each is allowed to have 2cm above or below the length is still consider to be ideal. If it is over 2cm then 1 point should be taken away.



Attachment B
Standard of structure

A1 Body: Natural stance must be solid strong front legs
All measurement must be taken twice.

B1.1 Height: Start from withers to ground, use measuring
Staff.

B1.2 Length: From chest to croup, use measuring Staff.

B1.3 Circumference of chest: From withers shoulder
protruding point measure the chest circumference, use
measuring tape.

Remarks:

Standard set by Heilongjiang Department of Gansu Province
Provided by South Gansu Tibetan Mastiff Protection
research centre's chief researcher Mr. Wang Fung (王逢)









Short Haired



Medium Haired



Long Haired







Canine
Fossils



Researcher with An Co Nomads.

River Bend's An Ho Nomads' Tibetan Mastiff





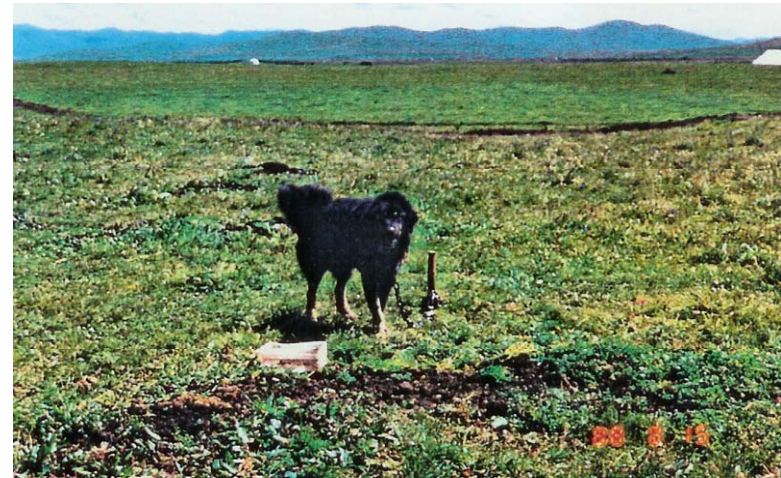
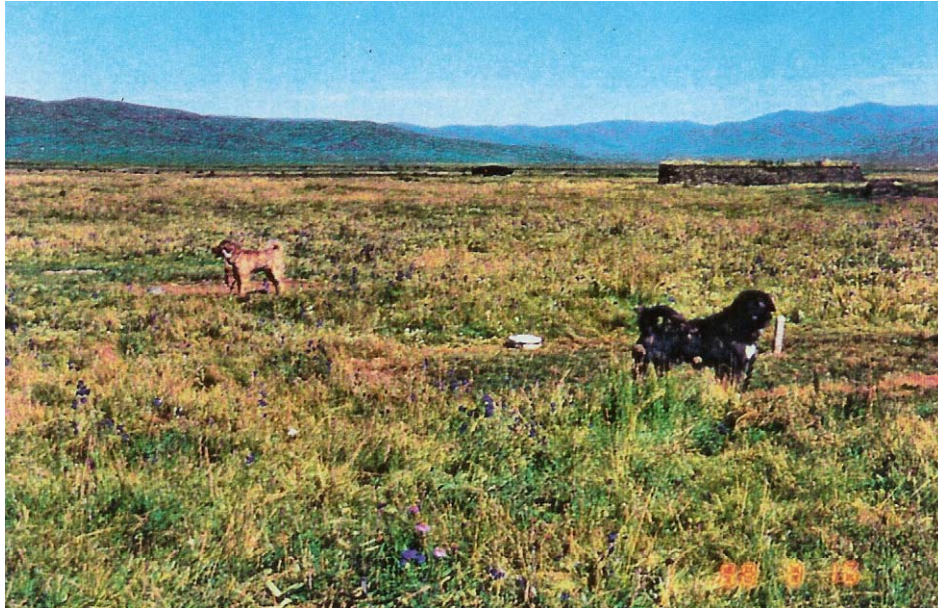
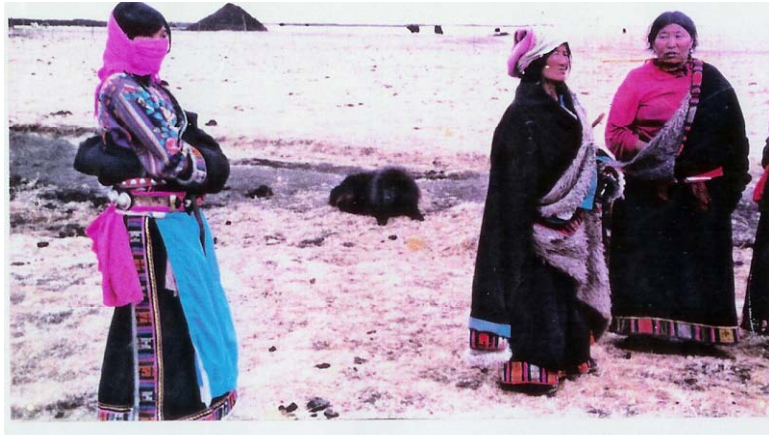
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Canine Fossils

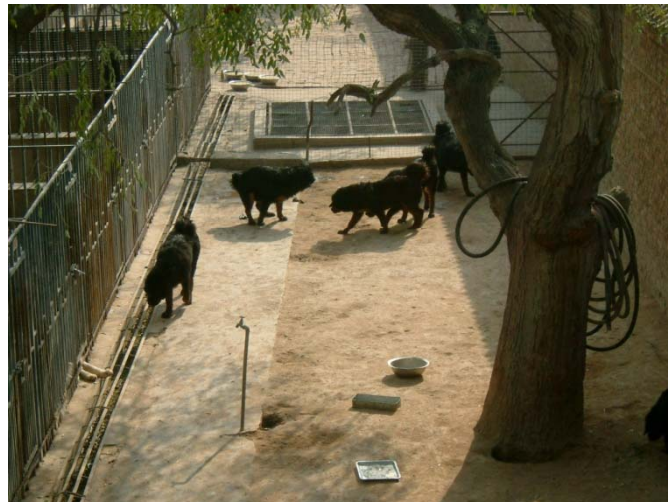


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Northern West Tibetan Mastiff Research Centre's Tibetan Mastiff



Pack of Tibetan Mastiff

