

THIS IS THE GIANT SCHNAUZER



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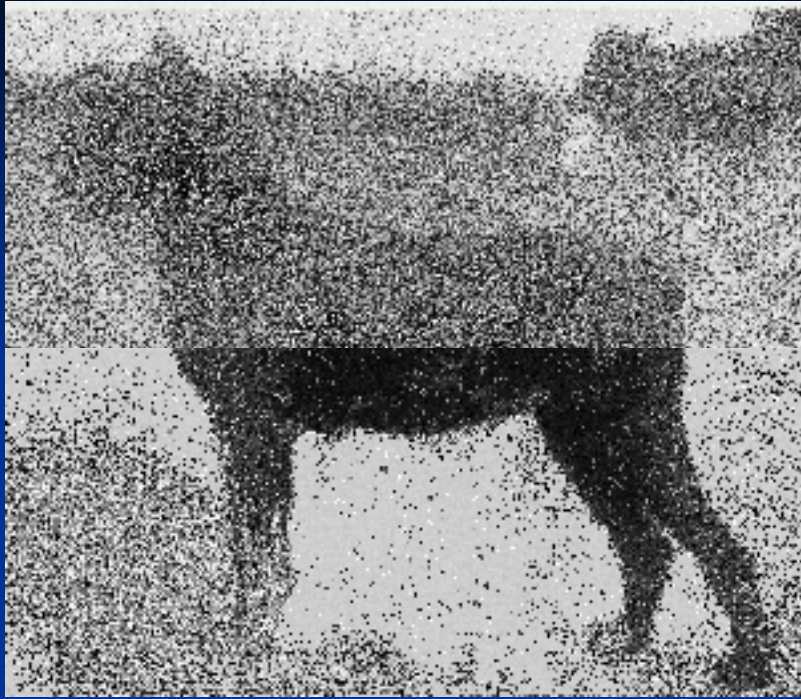
Giant Schnauzer Club of America

# THE BREED'S BEGINNING

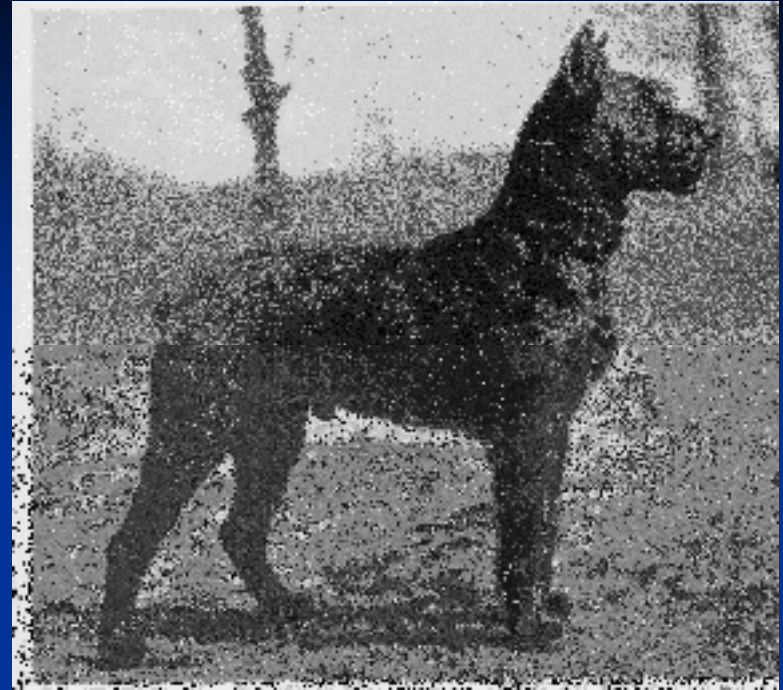
The Giant Schnauzer was originally bred in Bavaria to herd cattle and protect livestock; it is the youngest member of the Pinscher Schnauzer group.

With the decline of cattle driving, the Giant Schnauzer was used in the field of guard and police work. Prior to World War I the Giant was accepted as a suitable subject to receive police training.





1930's Female



1930's Male

1929 saw the first AKC breed standard describing the Giant Schnauzer as an enlarged, toughened and stronger Standard Schnauzer.

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A larger more powerful  
version of the  
Standard Schnauzer,

Bold and valiant  
figure of a dog.

Robust, strongly  
built,

Nearly square in  
proportion of body  
length to height at  
withers, active sturdy,  
and well muscled.



# HEIGHT

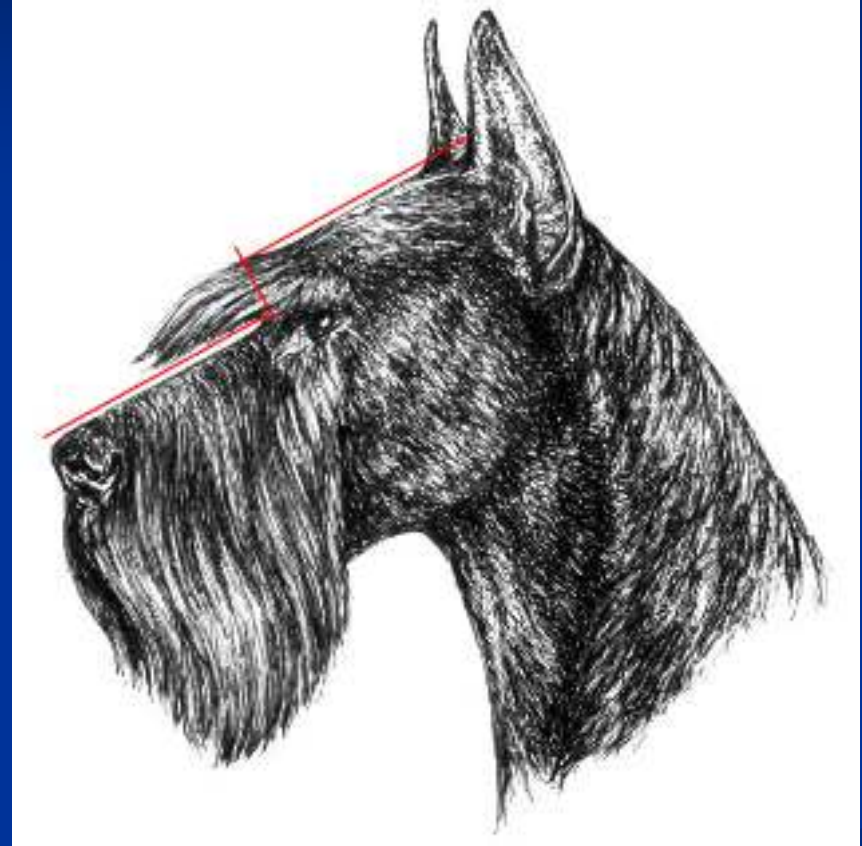
The height at the withers of the male is 25 ½ inches to 27 ½ inches, and of the female, 23 ½ to 25 ½ inches, with the mediums being desired.

# THE HEAD

Strong, rectangular in appearance, and elongated;

The top line of the muzzle is parallel to the top line of the skull;

The total length of the head is about one-half the length of the back (withers to set-on of tail).

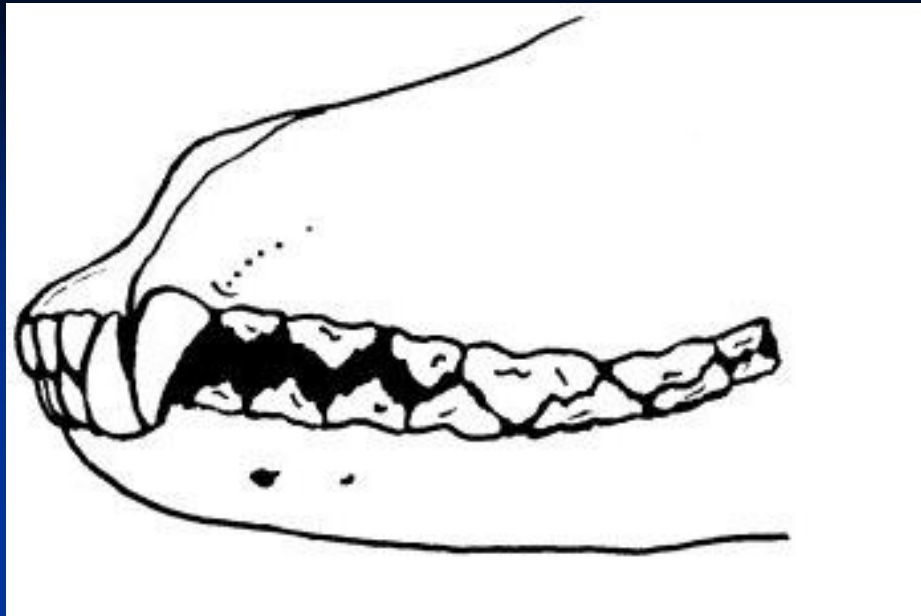


Skull – (Occiput to Stop).

Moderately broad between the ears: occiput not too prominent. Top of skull flat; skin unwrinkled.

Muzzle – Strong and well filled under the eyes; both parallel and equal in length to the topskull; ending in a moderately blunt wedge. The nose is large, black and full. The lips tight, & not overlapping. Black in color.





A full complement of sound white teeth (6/6 incisors, 2/2 canines, 8/6 premolars, 4/4 molars) with a scissors bite. The upper and lower jaws are powerful and well formed.

**DISQUALIFYING FAULT: OVERSHOT OR  
UNDERSHOT**



# CROPPED EAR

Identical in shape & length with pointed tips.

In balance with the head and are not exaggerated in length.

Set high on the skull & carried perpendicularly at the inner edges with as little bell as possible along the other edges.



# NATURAL EAR



V-shaped button ears of medium length & thickness,

Set high and carried rather high & close to the head

# THE EYE

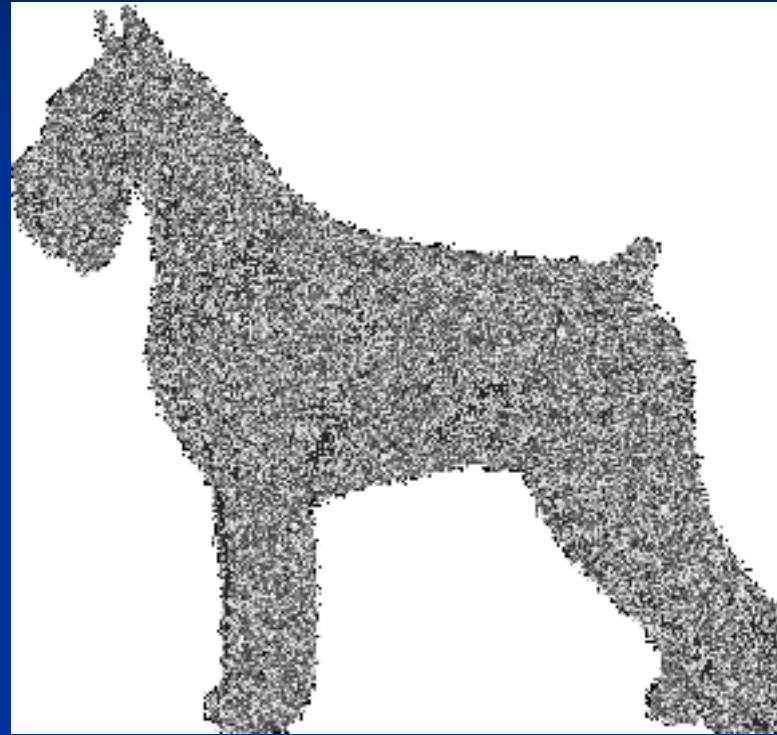
Medium size, dark brown, and deep-set.

Oval in appearance and keen in expression with lids fitting tightly.

Vision is not impaired nor eyes hidden by too long eyebrows.



# THE BODY



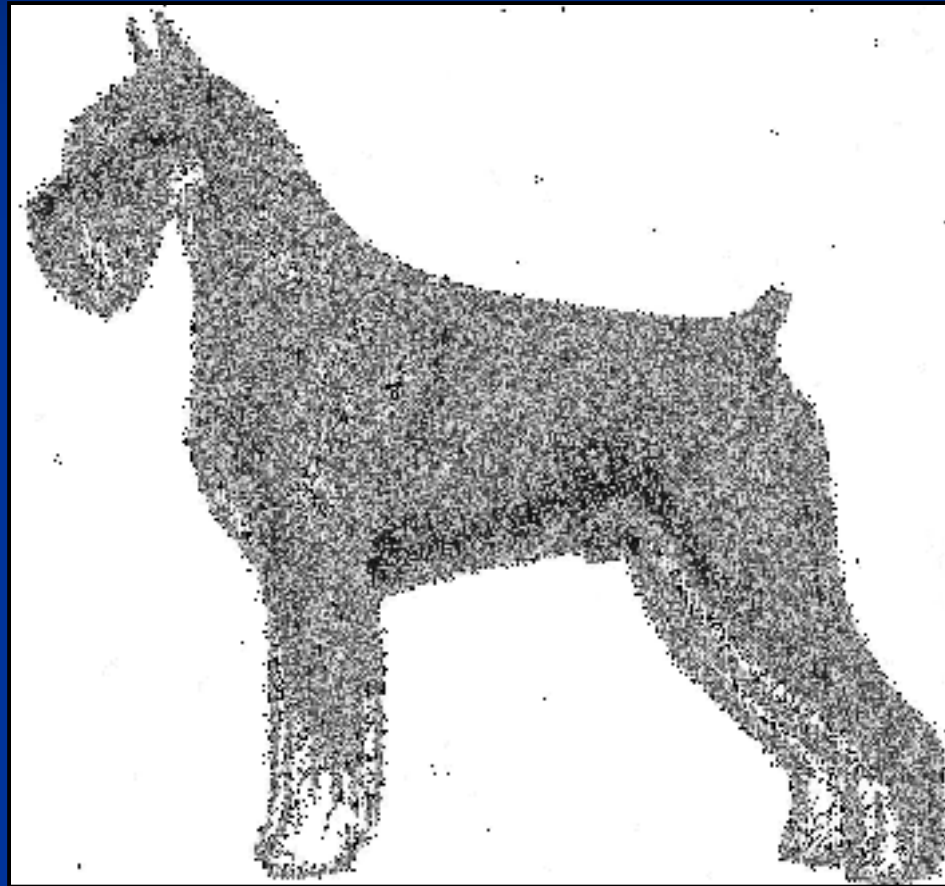
Compact, substantial, short-coupled, & strong, with great power & agility. The height at the highest point of the withers equals the body length from breastbone to point of rump. The loin section is well developed, as short as possible for compact build.

# THE NECK

Strong & well arched, of moderate length, blending cleanly into the shoulders, with the skin fitting tightly at the throat; in harmony with the dog's weight & build.



# THE BACK



Short, straight, strong, and firm.

# THE TAIL



The tail is set moderately high & carried high in excitement. It should be docked second or not more than the third joint (approximately one and one-half to about three inches long at maturity).

# THE FOREQUARTERS

The forequarters have flat, somewhat sloping shoulders and high withers.

Forelegs are straight and vertical when viewed from all sides with strong pasterns and good bone.

They are separated by a fairly deep brisket which precludes a pinched front. The elbows are set close to the body and point directly backwards.





# FOREQUARTERS



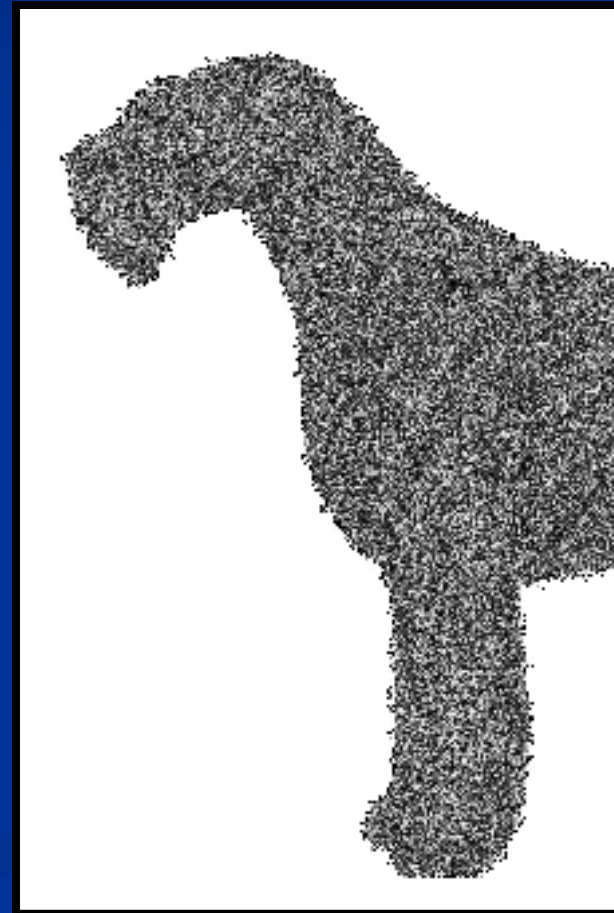
Medium in width, ribs well spring but with no tendency toward a barrel chest ...

The breastbone is plainly discernible, with strong fore chest; the brisket descends at least to the elbows, and ascends gradually toward the rear with the belly moderately drawn up.

# THE SHOULDERS

The sloping shoulder blades (scapulae) are strongly muscled, yet flat.

Well laid back so that from the side the rounded upper ends are in a nearly vertical line above the elbows.





# THE SHOULDERS

They slope well forward to the point where they join the upper arm (humerus) forming as nearly as possible a right angle.

Both shoulder blades and upper arm are long, permitting depth of chest at the brisket.

# HINDQUARTERS

- Strongly muscled, in balance with the forequarters.
- The upper thighs are slanting & well bent at the stifles, with the second thighs (tibiae) approximately parallel to an extension of the upper neckline.





The upper thighs are slanting and well bent at the stifles  
The legs – from the hock joint to the feet are short,  
perpendicular to the ground. Croup full and slightly  
rounded.



... and from the rear parallel to each other ...

# THE EXPRESSION



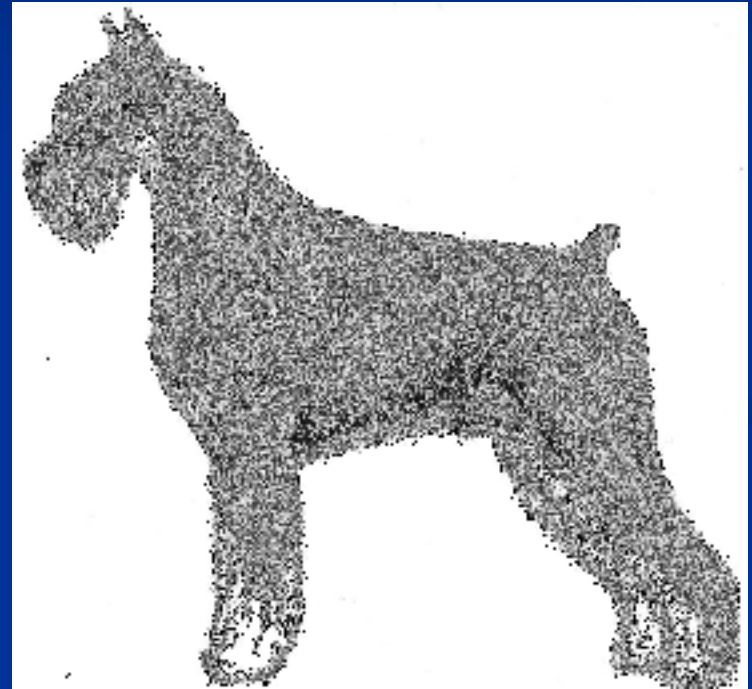
# THE COAT





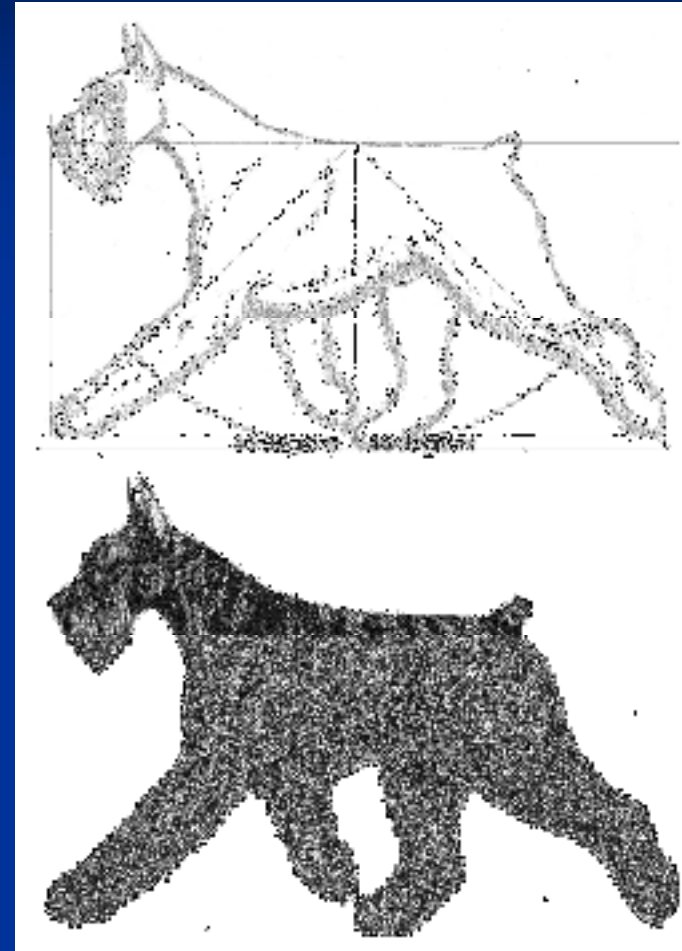
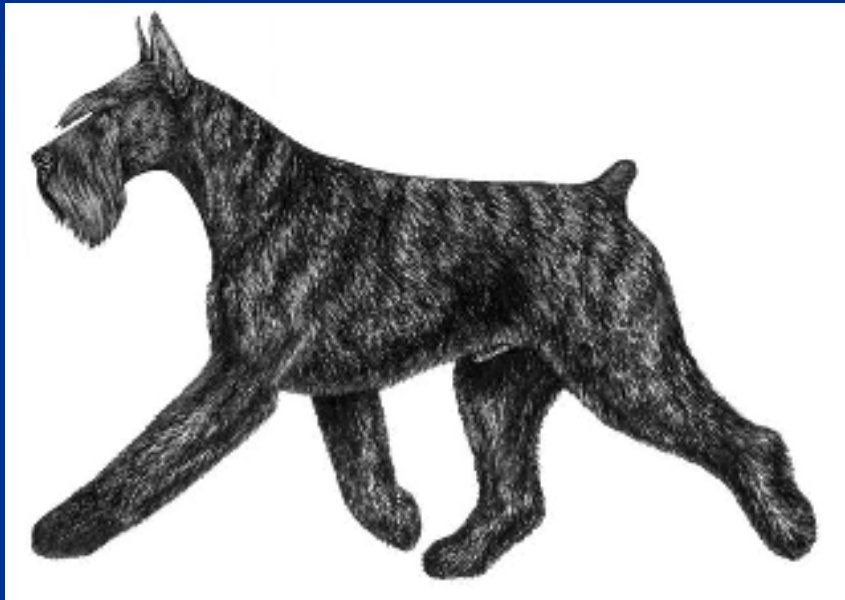


Pepper Salt



**DISQUALIFYING FAULT: MARKINGS OTHER THAN A SMALL WHITE SPOT ON BREAST**

# Movement



When moving at a fast trot, a properly built dog will single track.  
Back remains strong, firm and flat.

# TEMPERAMENT



... combines spirit & alertness with intelligence & reliability. Composed, watchful, courageous, easily trained, deeply loyal to family, playful, amiable in repose, a commanding figure when aroused.



AGILITY



SEARCH &  
RESCUE

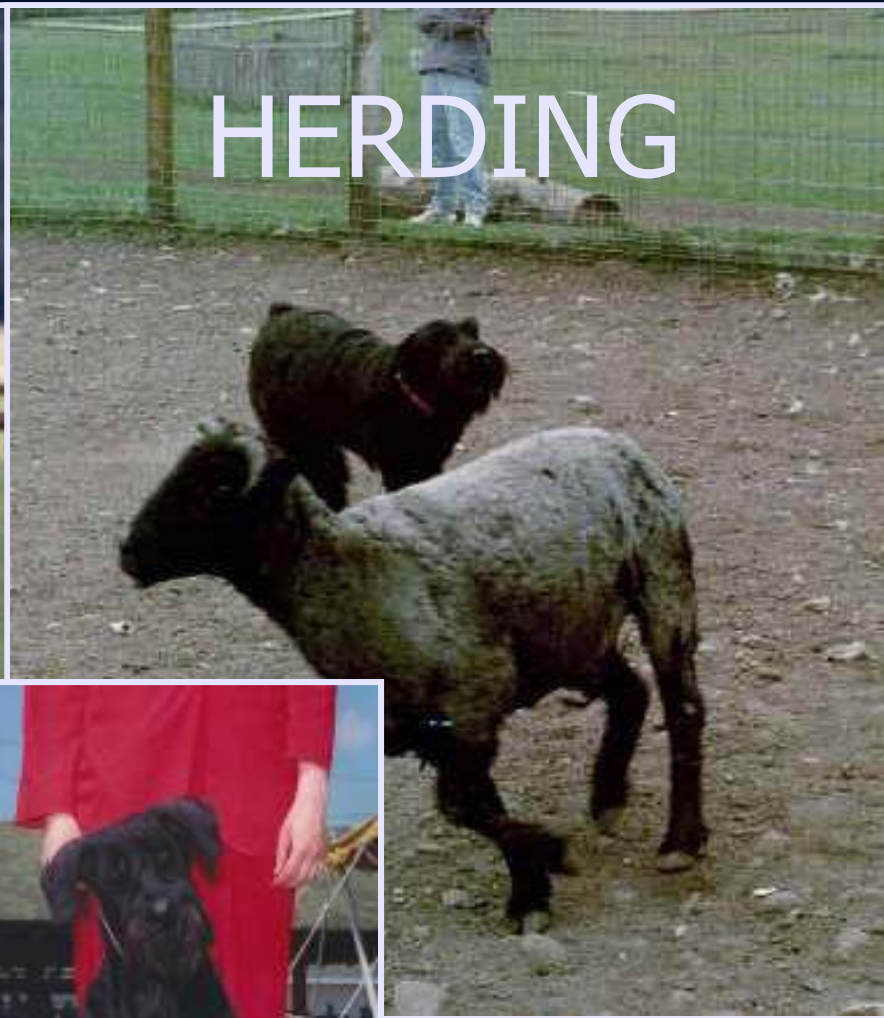
CARTING



# TRACKING



# HERDING



# OBEDIENCE



# RING



## VPG



# A Quick Giant Schnauzer Breed Type Checklist

- ✓ Square, compact, substantial
- ✓ Has a good topline and tail set
- ✓ Balanced front to rear
- ✓ Correct head and expression
- ✓ Correct double coat, composed of harsh outer coat with a softer denser undercoat
- ✓ No disqualifying faults





**THE END**