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Front Cover: **GERMAN SHEPHERD (ALSATIAN) DOG**

The origin of the German Shepherd dog (GSD) breed dates back to 1899. It was initially bred as a herding dog for work with sheep. They are known especially for their intelligence, strength and obedience and used extensively in the military all over the world and in police forces. The GSD is considered the most popular dog breed in the world.

GSD's are also call by the name "Alsatian" and there is no difference between the GSD breed and the Alsatian breed. The name Alsatian arose during the 2nd World War when this breed of dog was used by the German armed forces. The British soldiers disliked the name German shepherd and coined a new name the Alsatian, indicating what they considered the place of origin of the breed, i.e. Alsace Lorraine, the region on the Eastern boarder of France with Germany.