

### **The Bouvier des Flandres- originally a working dog**

The roots of this race go back to Flanders, an area that covered the Flamish parts of Belgium and France. As a matter of course this usual commitment to work for generations turned the Bouvier into an independant and strong-minded character. His natural drive was used as herding dog to “drive” cattle, pull boats along Flamish canals, for carting replacing the poor farmer’s horse, taking milk products to the market or as common farm dog watching grange and yard. The bouvier’s appearance today has departed in quite a way – so it seems. Not that his origin is denied, but his qualifications for all these jobs are widely ignored: At least in Germany abouvieris officially denied to be a working dog (“Gebrauchshund”) in carting, herding etc., but only approved in the IPO/“Schutzhund” (VPG) discipline...SAD to say.....because the

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still holds these skills nowadays, they just have to be accessed! A real shame to reduce his heritage to either “Schutzhund” or “Show Dog” ! With both our female bouvs “

#### **Samildanach’s Bryana**

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#### **Amina Bryana von der Anger Aue**

” we have been working successfully after basic education as companion dogs in Obedience, waterwork/rescue, carting, herding and recently Mantrailing.



### **Obedience**

*is based on the companion dog test (BH) –expanded by individual identification*



Waterwork □

Water-Rescue

*two completely different fields*



Carting

*we practice just for fun as a good equalizer in wintertime: either handcart or sled*



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Herding

*our brood girl Amy is in her element- and all this without any treats! H*





Not to forget the dog's MAINTENANCE sense, not only work the dog's favorite species, just the same in being ex