

The Bouvier des Flandres- originally a working dog

The roots of this race go back to Flanders, an area that covered the Flemish parts of Belgium and France. As a matter of course this usual commitment to work for generations turned the Bouvier into an independent and strong-minded character. His natural drive was used as herding dog to “drive” cattle, pull boats along Flemish 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 **Bouvier des Flandres**

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'sBryana

” and “

AminaBryana von der AngerAue

” 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-Race

two completely different fields



Carting

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



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



Not to forget the dog's **MANTLING** sense, so this work is the favorite species just present in the area.