

## Performance Booster

### Can judging for type serve working dogs?

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Best of Breed - Ch. Horizon's Zafer. Born on a Tennessee cattle ranch and now full-time guardian on a horse farm in Ocala, Fla., where he protects 25 horses from packs of coyotes, raccoons, opossums and bobcats.

Best of Opposite Sex - Ch. Night Watch's Steel Magnolia. Bred by a Georgia farmer and businessman, she now protects her owner's family and two acres in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners - Ch. Birinci's Yahsi. From the Texas hill country, where he keeps guard on 50 acres with goats, llamas and horses.

Winners Bitch - Eiserntor's Cingene Sibir. Introduced as a puppy to goats and horses in anticipation of her owners' move immediately after the national to a new life on a ranch in New Mexico, where she now guards pygmy goats and chickens.

In Summary While a breed standard speaks to us in theory and the working dog breeder in practice, the two need not and actually should not stand in contradiction. Then, too, those of us who breed and judge performance dogs must know far more than any one standard can impart.

The Anatolian Shepherd is fortunate in that it is not a glamour breed. Its size and correct temperament will never take the breed to the top of popularity polls, nor will the proper Anatolian ever dazzle ringsides with its performance. The breed has every opportunity to remain what it was intended to be the classic working dog.