



LUCINDALE WORKING DOG AUCTION

Definitions of Terminology



(for catalogue purposes)

Note: *These Definitions are to be used as a guide only:*

- Buyers must use their own judgement when considering their purchase.
- Approximately 6 weeks should be allowed for a new handler to bond with his/her new dog (bonding time may vary between dogs).

Starting

- Displays a natural instinct to work and approaches stock according to ability.

Started

- Has basic commands, (come, sit, stop etc.), some training on a lead.
- Eagerness to work may override obedience.
- Interested in stock and going around them in an enclosed area.
- Works according to natural ability.
- Handlers need to be on foot.
- Short practice lessons / sessions.

Well Started

- May be uncomfortable in strange places.
- Confident on a small mob and may not handle a large mob.
- Makes a few mistakes.
- Reasonably obedient depending on levels of desire.
- May need a while to settle when working.
- Brings a small mob of sheep towards handler in easy situations.
- Learning to drive stock but sometimes goes to the head of the mob.
- Needs a firm hand and plenty of praise / encouragement.
- Can be worked from either a car, bike, horse or on foot when settled.

Trained

- Mature in appearance.
- May be still be uncomfortable in strange places.
- Shows confidence in approaching stock that it is familiar with (paddock dog – in paddock, yard dog – in yards)
- Acceptable levels of Control.
- Keeness to work and nature will depend on genetic makeup.
- Yard dogs are keen to either force, back & bark when required.