

Certified Working Dogs (CWD) is a certification program for working dogs of all breeds in the United States of America. CWD was founded with the goal of protecting the heritage working ability of dogs by using carefully designed tests that each individual dog must pass in order to become a Certified Working Dog.

CWD certifies a working dog's ability to do their traditional job in the field under real working conditions. CWD does not provide pedigrees. It only certifies dogs that have a proven working ability regardless of conformation or show ability. For some working groups such as Livestock Guardian Dogs, CWD may be the only true way for a breeder to prove that their dogs are truly real working dogs as there is no way to prove their guardian abilities in the show ring.

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CWD certifies dogs in many heritage working dog groups and is dedicated to preserving the original function of each group by testing each dog individually to find if the dog is indeed a real working dog.

The working groups include; sledding, livestock guardian, personal guardian, estate guardian, retrieving, herding, companion, hunting, pulling, watch dog, and earth dog.

Breeds

CWD certifies only proven Real Working Dogs and does not show any bias as to breed.

Registration

CWD does not require that your dog be registered with any dog club in order for the dog to be certified. All that CWD requires is that your dog fulfills every requirement of the working group that you are applying for.

Breeder's Program

CWD offers a Certificate of Real Working Dog Breeder for those who have at least 1 male and 1 female that are certified working dogs of the same working group. This program also allows breeders to list their puppies on www.cwdogs.org. Beyond merely offering a listing for working dog breeders, CWD also offers a Certificate of working bloodlines for each puppy born to certified working parents.