

International Bergamasco Sheepdog Association

THE COAT

Typical of this breed is the presence of 3 types of hair: the undercoat, fine, dense and oily, adhering to the skin and forming a waterproof, protective layer; the goat hair strong and rough as in goats and which stays smooth without tufting and the woolly top coat, finer in texture and which grows together in maps.

The distribution of the various types of hair over the body is not homogeneous. In the region of the withers down to roughly half the depth of the thorax, only goat hair is present, forming a smooth saddle.

In the rear section of the trunk and on the limbs, together with the goat hair which is still present there, there is a vast amount of woolly hair from which the particular masses of hair, known as "maps" originate.

The "map" should be larger at its base, flat, irregular and sometimes opening fan-wise. This is due to the abundant presence of goat hair mixed with the woolly hair.

