



Gaddi Dog

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The [Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources \(ICAR-NBAGR\)](#) has officially recognized the **Gaddi dog**, an indigenous breed from the Himalayan region.

- The Gaddi dog is the fourth indigenous **canine breed** to be registered, following the **Rajapalayam and Chippiparai** breeds of Tamil Nadu and the **Mudhol Hound** of Karnataka.
- The breed, named after the **Gaddi tribe** of Himachal Pradesh, is used to guard sheep and goats from predators and is nicknamed the '**Indian Panther Hound**' or '**Indian leopard Hound**' for its ability to fend off carnivores like the **Snow Leopard**.
 - The Gaddi tribe of Himachal Pradesh is a **semi-nomadic community** traditionally involved in shepherding and wool processing.
- **Physical Features:** The Gaddi dog is known for its massive, arched neck and a robust muscular body, with a black coat and occasional white markings.
- **Population Decline:** The Gaddi dog, with a population under **1000**, is facing extinction due to **gene pool dilution** and lack of breeding programs.
- **Conservation Effort:** The recognition aims to help conserve the Gaddi breed, which is not yet acknowledged by major kennel clubs.

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