

McNab

More a localised strain than a breed McNab sheep or herding dogs remain essentially a working variety. With modern adherents claiming current McNab Sheepdogs are direct descendants of the Working Smooth Sheepdogs which accompanied Alexander McNab, *who gave the variety its name*, from his native Scotland to a new life in Mendocino, California during the later half of the 19th century.

Rather larger and heavier than working dogs in their native British Isles, although still resembling current smooth coated working sheepdogs, the McNab, which is not registered by any Canine Control body, is commonly used for controlling a diverse selection of larger animals, including horses, cattle and llamas.

The original American research team DNA tested a total of 35 McNab herding dogs of which almost one third carried at least one copy of the MDR-1 mutant gene.

