

# Texas Livestock Guardian Dog Association

## Goals & Objectives

### Goals:

- Organize a coalition of owners and breeders who would like to be involved in maintaining an LGD association in Texas.
- Educate the public on the care, uses and types of LGDs.
- Promote the effective use of LGDs with industry organizations and the government
  - AgriLife
  - USDA
  - TDA
  - Farm Bureau
  - TSGRA
  - LGD Breed Associations
  - Local and State governments

### Objectives:

- Create and regularly maintain a website for the organization
  - Maintain and provide producers with a breeders list that is updated regularly each month.
  - Provide an online location for the advertisement of LGDs for sale that is updated regularly each month.
    - Checklist on website with BMPs followed by breeder.
    - Map of the breeder's location.
  - Create a list of breeders and members willing to mentor new owners.
  - Provide a list of Ag friendly lawyers for legal issues related to LGDs.
  - Provide links via the web to books and articles related to LGDs
- Establish BMP's from research and the organization members to provide to new users of LGDs.
- Provide a source of education to LGD breeders.
- Have members host a booth for the organization at each TAMU AgriLife LGD Field Day.
- Have a representative attend meetings of all-important industry groups.
- Provide a unified industry voice for representation at the local & state levels.
- Hold an annual field day for LGD breeders.
- Provide mentoring, educational resources for industry members to access.
- Advise & support public & private entities to advance the scientific research of LGDs to provide science-based information and guidelines for producers of livestock and LGDs.
- Establish a Code of Ethics for LGD Breeders.