

The Anatolian's protective instincts are so strong they need almost no training. **"ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD" PROTECTS CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS FROM COYOTES**

Fierce New Guard Dog Fights Off Predators

If you've been fighting a losing battle with coyotes, stray dogs or other predators, you'll be interested in the Anatolian Shepherd, a little-known breed of dog with an uncanny ability to control predators, particularly coyotes.

They will protect any and all farm animals, including sheep, cattle, hogs, chickens, geese, ducks, and even llamas, reports Nancy Feemster, Freedom, Calif., breeder and long-time member of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America.

The Anatolian is a large sturdy breed recently introduced to the U.S. from its native Turkey. The classic coloring of the dogs is tan with black ears and muzzle. Males stand over 30 in. high and normally weigh 100 to 150 lbs.

"Anatolians are natural-born guard dogs. They instinctively consider coyotes or stray dogs their enemies. Their protective instincts are so strong they need almost no training," says Feemster who owns several Anatolians to guard her large sheep flock. "They're also suspicious of strangers. In fact, range-patrolling dogs will not allow

strangers to approach. However, Anatolians can be taught to guard homesteads."

Ranchers who've had Anatolians for years say they're quick to learn and loyal and faithful to their owners. To break an Anatolian in as a guard dog, it's important to bond puppies as early as possible with livestock under vigilant supervision to show them what's acceptable and what's not. Owners begin training puppies as early as 2 to 3 weeks of age, when they're introduced, one on one, to sheep and goats. They accompany owners to maternity pens and help to clean up baby goats as they're born. Even puppies will gently clean and nuzzle newborn lambs and kids.

Anatolian dogs are still widely used in their native Turkey. Since Babylonian times they've been used as war dogs and for hunting big game such as lions. In Turkey, as in the U.S., the dogs aren't used to herd sheep but only to protect them.

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"REALLY GETS PEOPLE TALKING"

Scoop Shovel Wind Speed Indicator

"It's an eye-catcher. Really gets people talking," says C.F. Marley, Nokomis, Ill., about his "scoop shovel" anemometer that he built to mount on top of an old windmill tower so he could get an idea at a glance how strong the wind is blowing.

"I've had it in mind for years but it took a long time to get around to building it," says Marley, a free-lance writer specializing in innovative new farm equipment. He's also a successful inventor who holds a number of U.S. patents.

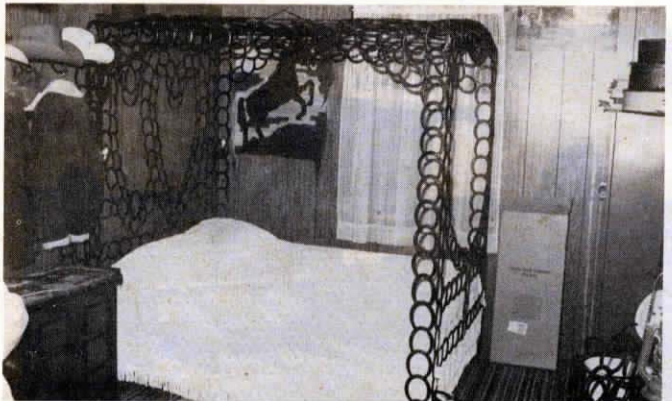
Four aluminum grain shovel scoops bolt to 16-in. long, 1-in. dia. pipe spokes welded at right angles to a piece of 2-in. sq. tubing that forms the hub. A 2 1/2-ft. long 3/4-in. dia. steel shaft runs through the sq. tubing and down into the pipe base. A "pocket" for the shaft is made from a length of 1-in. pipe with a flange on top to hold it at the top of the bottom pole.

The bottom of the pocket is plugged with an oaken cork held in place with a nail. A piece of steel rod 1-in. long and 1 in. dia. is dropped into the pocket, followed by a 1/2 in. dia. steel ball bearing. They create an easy turning race and roller when the main shaft is lowered down on top of them. Marley injects a bit of grease to lube them up and puts a seal on top to keep out rainwater.

Once he gets his home-built wind speed indicator mounted on top of the windmill, Marley plans to run a grease filler line all the way to the ground so he can grease the unit periodically without climbing up to it.

"It turns smoothly and gracefully, never dangerously fast. I thought it might lift itself up like a helicopter when it got going but that isn't a problem," says Marley.

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Limkemann built the frame of this 4-poster bed entirely out of horseshoes.

ROCKING CHAIR, DRESSING TABLE, BEDSTEAD, AND MORE

He Makes Furniture Out Of Old Horseshoes

By Alice & Robert Tupper

When illness forced rural Iowa David Limkemann, to quit his full-time welding job in 1983, he started looking around for a productive hobby.

By coincidence, his daughter lost her riding horse about the same time and they kept the horseshoes around as a keepsake. Just for fun he made a mini statue out of them depicting a cowboy roper, using four shoes to form the arms, legs, body and base. It turned out so well he started making caricatures of all aspects of ranch life, including "The Thinker" in cowboy style, a one-horse sleigh, bull fighter with a protective barrel, bull rider, team ropers, and more.

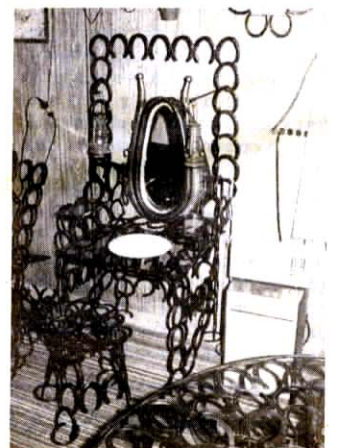
He had so much success making figures out of the shoes, Limkemann decided to tackle a bigger project - making full-size, functioning furniture. The experiment was successful and Limkemann has so far built from scratch a 4-poster bed with canopy, a dressing table with bench, and a very comfortable rocking chair with footstool. All three pieces reside in a spare bedroom as a treat for unsuspecting guests. He has also made a 60-in. dia. glass top table with benches, a grandfather clock, and a smoking stand.

Limkemann gets a steady supply of shoes from farrier friends who save worn shoes for him while working at various horse racing tracks. He heats the shoes with a gas torch to bend them to the shape he needs and then welds them into place. Once completed, he cleans the furniture or caricature

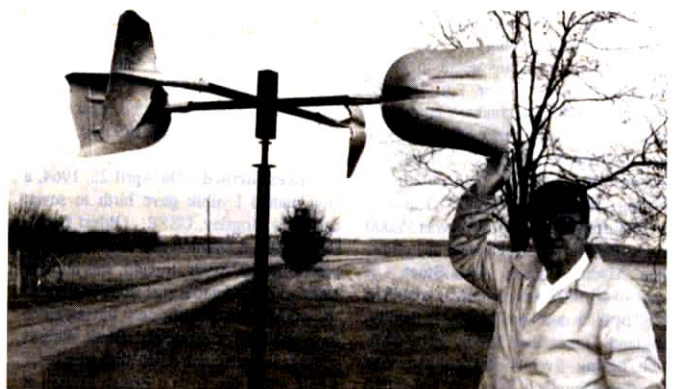
completely of dirt or rust and then paints it flat black.

Creating with horseshoes is a hobby that Limkemann says he doesn't plan to turn into a business. "I'd rather build to my fancy and when I'm tired of it sell it. If I took orders I'd worry that it did not turn out as expected." Right now Limkemann is collecting horseshoes to build a gazebo for his back yard.

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Horseshoe dressing table with bench. In foreground is a 60-in. dia. glass top table.



"Scoop shovel" wind speed indicator is mounted on top of an old windmill tower.