

# Karakul Sheep

In a wide variety of colors with  
Fat Tails



& Coarse Wool for  
Rugs and Wall Hangings



"Early Persia" rug design by  
Jane McGown Flynn, Hooked by  
Kathy Donovan Bluemont, Virginia



Colorful Karakul Rug & Detail  
Braided & Felted by Letty Klein, Kalamazoo,  
Michigan Author of The Shepherd's Rug

## Reasons Karakul Sheep are special:

Adaptable  
Beautiful  
Classic  
Durable  
Historic  
Intelligent  
Long-lived  
Noble

## Karakuls are:

Elegant  
Hardy  
Foragers  
Resilient  
Rugged

Full of Desert Spirit  
With Perceptive Presence

## Karakul ewes are:

Out-of-Season Breeders  
Easy Lambers  
Protective Mothers

**Lambs have curls in living art  
to decorate your pastures!**

Contact Info:  
Karakul Shepherds Alliance  
~ where the flocks gather  
Ads, Census, Open Flock Book & Sharing

[Karakulshepherds.org](http://Karakulshepherds.org)



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## An Ancient Breed of Sheep



Sogdian Tribute Bearers on the Apadana Staircase, Persepolis, Iran (500 B.C.)  
"Relief of Rams of Distinct Karakul Type"

Photo by A. Davey, Portland, Oregon  
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Karakul is one of the oldest breeds of sheep. Over 2,500 years ago the relief above depicts yearling Karakul rams, unshorn, still exhibiting birth curls at fleece tips.



Two-day old Karakul lamb with classic Persian lamb curls  
Photo by Julia DeVlieg, Rice, WA

## For the Modern Shepherd On The Range



Diane Magden's Canyon Karakuls on range in far southeastern corner of Washington. Now Ankus Karakuls.

Photo by Julia DeVlieg

## In the Show Ring



Pine Lane Farm PLF Silas, Fall-born Twin Reserve Champion Senior Ram Lamb Natural Colored Coarse Wool NAILE (North American International Livestock Exposition) Louisville, Kentucky Bred by Letty Klein, Kalamazoo, Michigan

## Karakuls Worldwide

These sheep have been raised, studied, and celebrated around the world.



Shepherd with Karakuls outside Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 1987 Peace Fleece Trip

Photo by Rick Misterly, Rice, Washington



Floris Kotze follows a newborn Karakul lamb in the Bushmanland, a traditional sheep farming area in South Africa.

Op Vakansie Boerdery flock.  
Photo courtesy of CJ Badenhorst owner



Karakul lamb postage stamp, Soviet Union, 1975  
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