

# 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)



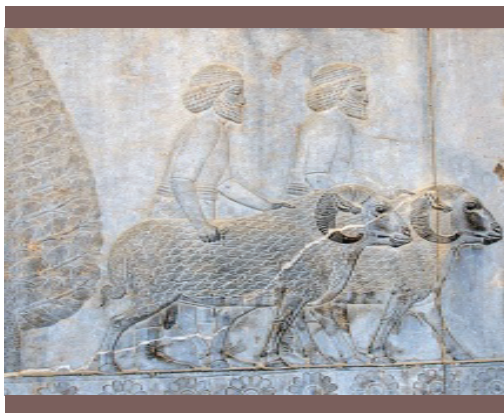
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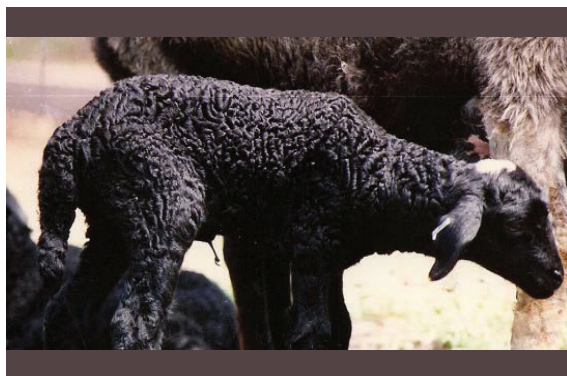
## An Ancient Breed of Sheep



*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 Boerderij flock.  
Photo courtesy of CJ Badenhorst owner*



*Karakul lamb postage stamp, Soviet Union, 1975*

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