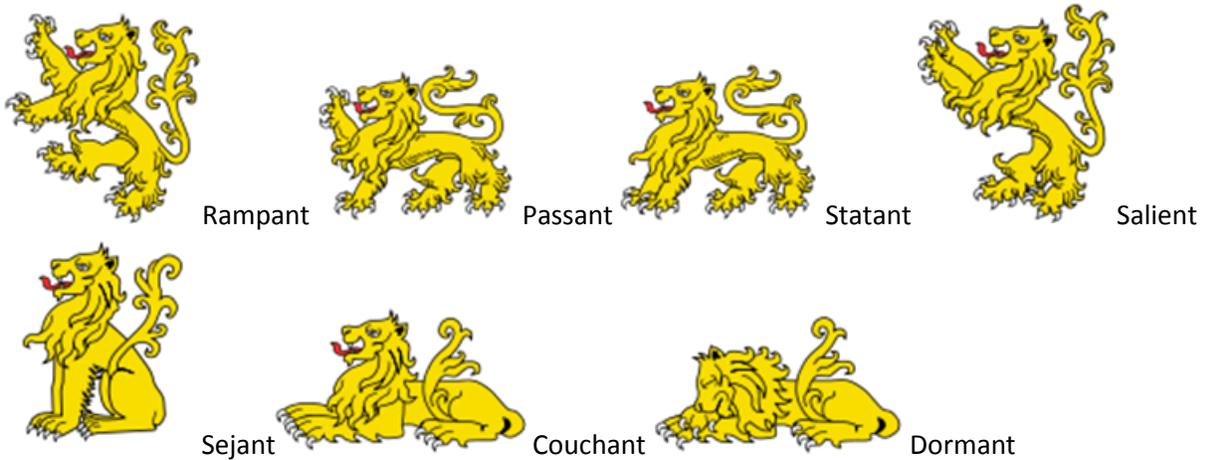


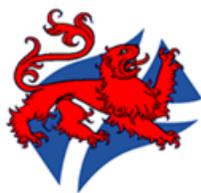
A "lion rampant" is depicted in profile standing erect with forepaws raised. The position of the hind legs varies according to local custom: the lion may stand on both hind legs, braced wide apart, or on only one, with the other also raised to strike; the word *rampant* is often omitted, especially in early blazon, as this is the most usual position of a carnivorous quadruped. the term *segreant* denotes the same position, but is only used in reference to winged four-legged beasts like griffins and dragons.

As many *attitudes* (positions) now exist in heraldry as the heraldist's imagination can conjure, as a result of the ever-increasing need for differentiation, but very few of these were apparently known to medieval heralds.

The commonly used attitudes are:



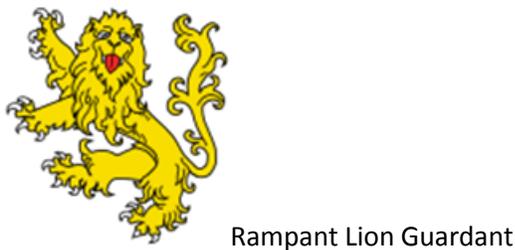
The Band uses a lion passant sinister (left facing) gules (red) in our logo: and a rampant lion in our cap badge



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The lion's head is normally seen in agreement with the overall position. When the head faces the viewer, it is referred to as "guardant":



When it is turned to the opposite direction, it is referred to as “regardant.” For example:



Lion Sejant Regardant



Lion Sejant Regardant Erect

When just the torso of the lion is used (above the hind quarters), it is referred to as a Demi-Lion:



Demi-Lion



Demi-Lion Passant



Demi-Lion Rampant



Demi-Lion Guardant

Sometimes, just the head is used:



Lion Head Couped



Lion Head Erased



Lion Head Caboshed

A lion (or other beast) may carry the tail between its hind legs (*coward*). The tail also may be knotted (*nowed*), forked (*queue fourchée*) or doubled (*double-queued*):



Coward



forked tail



crossed tail

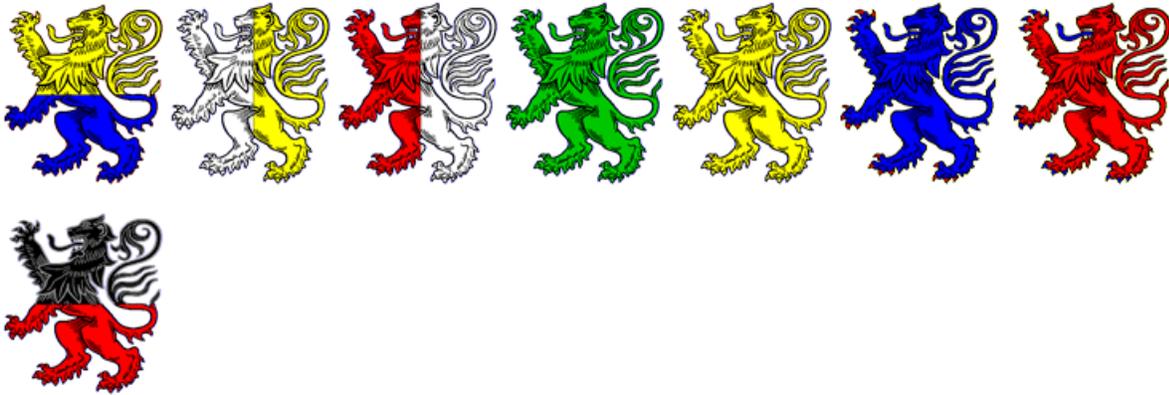


crossed-tail reversed



tail nowed

The Lion can also be “crowned”, “gorged” (devise around the neck), and in a variety of colors and color combinations:



In addition to the Kingdom of Scotland, the Rampant Lion is used in the arms of the Czech Republic, Finland, Norway, the Philippines, Jerusalem, Kingdom of Leon, Lyon France, German State of Hesse, Flanders, Nova Scotia and many others. The Rampant Lion is also used as “supports” and in personal and family crests.

You can read more about lions in heraldry [here](#).