

Course of Judging

The judging always follows a certain pattern

The breeds are judged separately and the basis of the judging is the breed standard, which is a description of the breed's appearance and characteristics. The babies and puppies of both sexes are judged first.

Thereafter, first the males and then the females are judged in different classes according to age and previously obtained championships and trials.

The two sexes do not meet until the competition for "Best of Breed".

Classes

The **baby class** (unofficial class) is for dogs aged 3-6 months.

The **puppy class** (unofficial class) is for dogs aged 6-9 months.

The **junior class** is for dogs aged 9-18 months.

The **intermediate class** is for dogs aged 15-24 months.

The **open class** is for dogs that have attained the age of 15 months (no upper limit).

The **working class** is for dogs that have passed a working trial that gives admission to the working class. The type of trial varies from breed to breed. The minimum age in the working class is 15 months.

The **champion class** is for dogs that have obtained a national or an international championship before the show. The minimum age in the champion class is 15 months.

The **veteran class** is for dogs over 8 years.

Moreover there is a **progeny group** competition where a male or a female takes part with 4 progenies as well as a **breeder's group** competition with groups of 4 dogs from the same breeder. In the progeny group and breeder's group, classes of high quality can be awarded (**HP**) (**prize of honour**). The dogs are judged in the order of succession stated in the catalogue. The individual dog is first judged by its quality.

Degrees of quality

The following degrees of quality can be given:

EXCELLENT may only be awarded to a dog which comes very close to the ideal standard of the breed, which is presented in excellent condition, displays a harmonious, well-balanced temperament, is of high class and has excellent posture. Its superior characteristics in respect of its breed permit that minor imperfections can be ignored; it must however have the typical features of its sex.

VERY GOOD may only be awarded to a dog, which possesses the typical features of its breed, which has well-balanced proportions and is in correct condition. A few minor faults may be tolerated but none of a morphological nature. This award can only be granted to a dog that shows class.

GOOD is to be awarded to a dog that possesses the main features of its breed however showing faults provided these are not concealed.

SUFFICIENT must be awarded to a dog which corresponds adequately to its breed, without possessing the generally accepted characteristics or whose physical condition leaves something to be desired.

Furthermore, the dog can be given a **CANNOT BE JUDGED** or a **DISQUALIFIED**.

CANNOT BE JUDGED indicates that the judge cannot decide which prize degree the dog deserves.

DISQUALIFIED is disqualifying and is given to dogs with anatomic, typological or psychological faults.



Classes

The dogs from the best quality group (**EXCELLENT**) take part in a competitive judging where the best dogs are placed as 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th winner and will be showed a red, blue, yellow or green card respectively. If more than 4 dogs have received an Excellent, these dogs are also placed, but they do not receive a ribbon.

If there are less than 4 dogs in the best quality group, the dogs from the second best quality group (**VERY GOOD**) are included in the competitive judging.

The dogs that the judge believe to have champion quality will be awarded a **CK**.

CK - Champion quality

The judge can award a **CK (champion quality)** to dogs of exceptionally high quality. It is, however, a condition that the dog in question has received an Excellent in the previous quality judging. All dogs that in each official class obtain the qualification **CK** proceed to the competition for best of sex.

Best of sex

The dogs that have been awarded a CK participate in the competition of **best of sex**. All the males and all the females, awarded a CK, compete for a placement in best of sex. The dogs are placed 1st to 4th. Along with the placements in best of sex, the dogs are awarded Certificats/CACs.

Certificat

A part of the judging is awarding the **Certificat/CAC** qualifying for the Danish championship. The CAC is awarded to the best placed dog that is NOT a Danish Champion. There is also awarded a **Reserve Certificat**, which in some cases can be converted into a real Certificat.

BOB & BOS.

The judge's choice for best dog and bitch are at last assembled in the competition for "**Best of Breed**" (**BIR/BOB**) (**red/yellow rosette**) and "**Best of Opposite Sex**" (**BIM/BOS**) (**green/white rosette**).

Group finals

The dog that is selected "Best of Breed" goes on to the afternoon finals in the main ring where dogs from all breeds of the show- compete together for the "**Best in Show**" competition (**BIS**) where **the best dog of the show is selected**. We refer to the show regulations of the DKK for further details about the course of judging.

Puppy and minor puppy class



Degrees of quality	Colour
Most promising	Pink
Promising	Blue
Less promising	Yellow
Best minor puppy	Pink rosette
Best puppy	Red rosette