



Classes and course of judging – FCI European Dog Show 2023

The dogs are judged in accordance with the FCI's recognized breed standard and they are judged by breed.

As a starting point, there is one certificate per sex per breed and one CACIB per sex per breed. Some breeds are, however, divided into size-, coat-, or colour varieties that either compete individually or with the other varieties in the same breed for the certificate and CACIB.

The breed- and variety division can be found in the group divided breed lists in the sections about special requirements for individual breeds to compete in specific classes, be awarded certificate and champion titles.

The judging takes place in the classes below (set in the order the classes are judged on the shows). Special requirements for participation in specific classes are evident in the section on *special requirements for participation in specific classes*, which is arranged by groups.

- * Minor puppy class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Puppy class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Junior class (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Intermediate class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Open class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Working class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Champion class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Veteran class, (quality- and competitive judging).
- * Best of Sex (competitive judging)

In the above-mentioned classes (perhaps excluding minor puppy- and puppy class), the males are judged first, so the judging of females begins when the judging of veteran class males is finished.

Best junior in breed, (competitive class).

Best veteran in breed, (competitive class).

Best of breed - BOB, (competitive class).

Breeders class, (competitive class).

Progeny class, (competitive class).

Brace class, (competitive class).

Best minor puppy in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Best progeny group in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Best puppy in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Best breeder's group in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Best brace in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Best veteran in show (or of the day), (competitive class).

Junior Best in Group, (competitive class).

Best in Group, (competitive class).

Best junior dog in show – Junior Best in Show (JBIS), (competitive class).

Best dog in show - Best in Show (BIS), (competitive class).

In classes marked with *, males and females are judged separately.

In the other classes, males and females compete mutually.

The age of the dog on the day of judgement is decisive for which class it can enter.





The judgings take place as follows:

Minor Puppy class (baby class)

Age: 3-6 months. (Unofficial class)

Males and females are judged separately. The males are judged first.

The minor puppies are given the designations “very promising” (VP), “promising” (P), or “less promising” (LP).

All the minor puppies that have been given the designations “very promising” take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th winner of each sex.

The best minor puppy of each sex is awarded the title Future Hope of Europe.

The best male and the best female compete for minor puppy of the breed. The winner goes on to the competition for “Best minor puppy of the day” in the main ring.

Puppy Class

Age: 6-9 months. (Unofficial class)

Males and females are judged separately. The males are judged first.

The puppies are given the designations “very promising” (VP), “promising” (P), or “less promising” (LP).

All the puppies that have been given the designations “very promising” take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th winner of each sex.

The best puppy of each sex is awarded the title Future Hope of Europe.

The best male and the best female compete for puppy of the breed. The winner goes on to the competition for “Best puppy of the day” in the main ring.

Junior Class

Age: 9-18 months. (Official class, compulsory)

Dogs entered in the junior class *cannot* take part in the competition for the CACIB.

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.

All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

The judge awards the junior CACIB (J-CACIB) to the best dog that has obtained a CK. The best dog is also awarded the title FCI European Junior Winner 2023.

If no dog has obtained a CK, the J-CACIB is not awarded. In this case, the title of FCI European Junior Winner 2023 is awarded to the best dog with Excellent.

The judge awards the junior certificate (junior CAC) to the best dog, which is not already a Danish Junior Champion (DKJUCH). On the condition that they have received a CK, the junior CAC can also be awarded to dogs that have not been placed among the 4 best dogs.

A reserve junior CAC is awarded to the best placed dog with CK who has been placed after the junior CAC winner and is not already a Danish Junior Champion. The reserve junior CAC comes into force if the junior CAC winner is disqualified.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the junior class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the intermediate class, open class, working class, champion class and veteran class.





The dog placed as 1st winner with CK proceeds to the competition for “Best junior of the breed” which takes places immediately before the competition for Best Veteran of the breed.

Intermediate Class

Age: 15-24 months.

(Official class, compulsory, can be omitted at CAC shows organised by the DKK-regions or breed clubs)

Not open for dogs that have already obtained the titles of DKCH or DKCH(U).

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.

All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the intermediate class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the junior class, open class, working class, champion class and veteran class.

Open Class

Age: From 15 months.

(official class, compulsory)

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.

All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the open class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the junior class, intermediate class, working class, champion class and veteran class.

Working Class

Age: From 15 months (official class, compulsory)

The only breeds eligible for the working class are those appearing as working breeds in the FCI Breed Nomenclature, taking into account the exceptions granted to some countries for some breeds.

Danish-owned dogs must have obtained a trial recognized for the breed by the DKK.

For breeds with specific demands to take part in the working class or to compete for the CAC, the demands appear under the group divisions in DKK's show regulations.

Foreign-owned dogs must - as regards breeds with specific demands to compete for the CAC - attach an FCI working certificate to the entry form documenting that the dog has obtained a trial that gives admission to the working class. Furthermore, this certificate documents that the dog has obtained a trial that allows the dog to compete for the CAC.

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.





All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the working class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the junior class, intermediate class, open class, champion class and veteran class.

Champion Class

Age: From 15 months (official class, compulsory)

In this class, only dogs that have obtained a national or an international championship before the closing date of the show can be entered.

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.

All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the champion class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the junior class, intermediate class, open class, working class and veteran class.

Veteran Class

Age: From 8 years (official class, compulsory)

Please note: Dogs entered in veteran class cannot take part in the competition for the CACIB.

The qualifications Excellent, Very Good, Good, Sufficient, Disqualified or Cannot Be Judged are awarded.

All the dogs that have been awarded the qualifications Excellent or Very Good take part in a competitive judging where the judge places the dogs. If 4 or more dogs have received the qualification Excellent, only these dogs take part in the competitive judging. The judge can give a CK (champion quality) to the Excellent-dogs whose quality he/she finds high enough.

The judge awards the veteran CACIB (V-CACIB) to the best dog that has obtained a CK. If no dog has obtained a CK, the V-CACIB is not awarded. The best dog is also awarded the title FCI European Veteran Winner 2023.

If no dog has obtained a CK, the V-CACIB is not awarded. In this case, the title of FCI European Veteran Winner 2023 is awarded to the best dog with Excellent.

The judge awards the veteran certificate (veteran CAC) to the best dog, which is not already a Danish Veteran Champion (DKVECH). On the condition that they have received a CK, the veteran CAC can also be awarded to dogs that have not been placed among the 4 best dogs.

A reserve veteran CAC is awarded to the best placed dog with CK who has been placed after the veteran CAC winner and is not already a Danish Veteran Champion. The reserve veteran CAC comes into force, if the veteran CAC winner is disqualified.

All the dogs that have been given a CK in the veteran class proceed to the Best of Sex class together with the CK dogs from the junior class, intermediate class, open class, working class and champion class.





The dog placed as 1st winner with CK also proceeds to the competition for “Best Veteran of the Breed” which takes place immediately before the competition for “Best of Breed” (BOB).

Best of Sex

Competitive class (*males and females are judges separately*)

In this competition, the dogs that obtained a CK in the junior class, intermediate class, open class, working class, champion class and veteran class take part.

The judge places 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th winner.

The judge awards the certificate (CAC) to the best dog, which is not already a Danish Champion (DKCH or DKCH(U)). (Dogs from the champion class and the veteran class also take part in the competition for the CAC). The CAC can also be awarded to dogs that are not among the 4 placed dogs.

A reserve CAC is awarded to the best placed dog with CK who has been placed after the CAC winner and is not already a Danish Champion. The reserve CAC comes into force, if the CAC winner is disqualified.

For some breeds, a working trial, a certain age, a certain hip dysplasia level or the like is required in order to obtain the CAC. For these breeds, the CAC is awarded to the highest placed dog that fulfils the demands for the breed in question. (Find the breeds and their special requirements under the group divisions in DKK’s show regulations).

Dogs that have already obtained the number of CACs required for the championship, but do not fulfil the breed’s other demands in order to obtain the Danish championship cannot be given more CACs. In such cases, the CAC is passed on to the highest placed dog in the competitive judging which is entitled to be given the CAC. The same rule applies for dogs that have obtained the last CAC for the Danish championship after the closing date.

It is the exhibitors’ duty to inform the ring staff whether their dogs are eligible to compete for the CAC according to the demands stated in the show regulations.

Note: Dogs that have not yet reached the minimum age for the last CAC for the title DKCH cannot obtain the title despite winning three CACs.

In this class the dogs also compete for the CACIB (international beauty certificate) and the reserve-CACIB (reserve for the international beauty certificate).

Among the dogs from intermediate class, open class, working class and champion class, the judge can award CACIB to the best dog and reserve-CACIB for the second-best dog. The CACIB winner is also given the title of FCI European Winner 2023. If the breed is among those provisionally accepted by the FCI and consequently not eligible for the CACIB, the title of FCI European Winner 2023 is given to the best among the dogs entered in intermediate class, open class, working class and champion class.

(Dogs from the junior class and the veteran class are not eligible for the CACIB/reserve-CACIB but can obtain placing as “Best of Sex” and proceed to the competition for “Best of Breed” (BOB).

Moreover, we refer to the Regulations for FCI Dog Shows at the FCI website.

Important – in case of doubt or mistakes:

In cases of doubt about whether a given dog is entitled to receive the CAC, the junior CAC, the veteran CAC, the J-CACIB, the V-CACIB and/or the CACIB or where a mistake may have been made in the ring, the exhibitor(s) involved must make a personal inquiry at the show office on the same





day in order to have the situation clarified. DKK is allowed to correct the result list subsequently, if it can be established that a mistake has been made in the ring.

The mistake can either be rectified on the day of the show or after the show in relation to the subsequent registration of the results. Implicated exhibitors/dog owners will subsequently be informed of changes made administratively by DKK. It is not possible to complain about such changes.

The dog placed as 1st winner in the “Best of Sex” competition proceeds to the competition for “Best of breed” (BOB).

Before the competitions for “Best veteran of the breed” and “Best of breed”, the females are judged in the same way and in the same order of succession.

When the judging of the females has been completed, the competitions continue as follows:

Best Junior of Breed

In this competition, the male and the female that were placed 1st with CK in the junior class take part.

The dog that is selected as “Best junior in breed” proceeds to the competition for “Junior Best in Group” which takes place in the main ring the same day.

The dog that is placed as “Junior Best in Group” qualifies for the competition for “Junior Best in Show” (JBIS), which takes place in the main ring on the last day of the show.

Best Veteran of Breed

In this competition, the male and the female that were placed 1st with CK in the veteran class take part.

The dog that is selected as “Best veteran in breed” proceeds to the competition for “Best veteran of the day” which takes place in the main ring the same day.

Best of Breed

Competitive class.

Note: Males and females are judged *together*.

In this class, the male and the female that were placed 1st in the Best of Sex-competitions participate.

The judge places the best of the two as BOB (Best of breed).

The dog of the opposite sex is awarded BOS (Best of opposite sex).

The dog placed as “Best of Breed” qualifies for the competition for “Best in Group” which is held in the main ring on the same day.

The dog that is placed as “Best in Group” qualifies for the competition for “Best in Show” (BIS), which takes place in the main ring on the last day of the show.

Breeder’s group

Enter online or on separate entry form before the closing date.

A breeder’s group consists of 3-5 exhibits of the same breed and variety, without distinction of sex, bred by the same person (same kennel name), even if they are not under his/her ownership.

The breeder’s group can only be entered by the breeder (owner of the kennel name).





The dogs must be entered for the show in the champion class, junior class, intermediate class, open class, working class or veteran class - and have obtained either Excellent or Very Good at the show in question. Minor puppies and puppies cannot take part in the group. If the breed is submitted to a trial in order to take part in the breeder's group, at least two of the dogs in the group must have obtained the required trial.

The group's homogeneity is emphasised in the judging, though without regards to whether the dogs are of the breed's different variants of colour. (Please note that only the variants of colour, size, and coat that according to the FCI Breed Nomenclature share the same CACIB can constitute a breeder's group).

Each breeder can only enter one breeder's group within each breed. It is the breeder's duty to obtain the dog owners' confirmation for their dogs' participation in the breeder's group.

The breeder decides which dogs should constitute the breeder's group among the entered dogs of his/her breeding who have obtained Excellent or Very Good at the show in question.

The judge selects the most homogeneous group. It is up to the judge to decide whether he/she wants to award the *honour prize*.

Only the best breeder's group of each breed will – provided that it has been awarded the *honour prize* – proceed to the competition for *Best breeder's group of the day*, which takes place in the main ring on the same day.

Progeny group

Enter online or on separate entry form before the closing date.

A progeny group consists of a sire or dam with 3-5 of his/her progeny (first generation, sons/daughters).

The dogs must be entered for the show in the champion class, junior class, intermediate class, open class, working class or veteran class and have obtained either Excellent or Very Good at the show in question. The sire or dam may, however, be entered for the show outside judgment. Minor puppies and puppies cannot take part in the group. If the breed is submitted to a trial in order to take part in the breeder's group, at least two of the dogs in the group must have obtained the required trial.

It is only possible to enter one group after the same sire or dam. The exhibitor must own the entered sire or dam. The owner of the sire/dam must obtain the dog owners' confirmation for their dogs' participation in the progeny group.

A dog can at the same show take part in a progeny group after both the dog's mother and the dog's father.

Other rules are like for breeder's group.

Brace class

Enter online or on separate entry form before the closing date.

A brace consists of a dog and a bitch of the same breed and variety and belonging to the same owner.

The exhibitor must own the entered brace.

The judge selects the most homogeneous brace. It is up to the judge to decide whether he/she wants to award the *honour prize*.

Only the best brace of each breed will – provided that it has been awarded the *honour prize* – proceed to the competition for *Best brace of the day*, which takes place in the main ring on the same day.





Best minor puppy of the day

The competition is open for all minor puppies (male and females) that have won best minor puppy in breed with VP.

The minor puppies compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Best puppy of the day

The competition is open for all puppies (male and females) that have won best puppy in breed with VP.

The puppies compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Best veteran of the day

The competition is open for all veterans (male and females) that have won best veteran in breed with CK.

The veterans compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Best breeder's group of the day

The competition is open for all breeder's groups that have won best breeder's group in breed with honour prize.

The breeders class compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Best progeny group of the day

The competition is open for all progeny groups that have won best progeny group in breed with honour prize.

The progeny group compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Best brace of the day

The competition is open for all braces that have won best brace in breed with honour prize.

The braces compete mutually, and the four best are placed.

Junior Best in group (JBIG)

In this class, the title "Junior Best in Group" is awarded.

The class is open for all dogs within the same FCI-group that have won junior BOB at the show.

The four best dogs are placed respectively as JBIG 1, JBIG 2, JBIG 3 and JBIG 4.

Best in group (BIG)

In this class, the title "Best in Group" is awarded.

The class is open for all dogs within the same FCI-group that have won BOB on the show.

The four best dogs are placed respectively as BIG 1, BIG 2, BIG 3 and BIG 4.

The best dog in show - Best in Show (JBIS)

In this class, the title "Junior Best in Show – the best junior dog of the show" – is awarded.

The class is open for all dogs that have won JBIG 1 at the show.

The four best dogs are placed as JBIS 1, JBIS 2, JBIS 3 and JBIS 4.





The best dog in show - Best in Show (BIS)

In this class, the title "Best in Show – the best dog of the show" – is awarded.

The class is open for all dogs that have won BIG 1 on the show.

The four best dogs are placed as BIS 1, BIS 2, BIS 3 and BIS 4.

