



Dear Judge

The judge's co-responsibility for the health and functional capacity of pure-bred dogs

Since the end of the 1990s, the Dansk Kennel Klub (DKK) has had special focus on the judges' co-responsibility for the health and functional capacity of the pure-bred dogs and the DKK has thus been a pioneering force in this important field which has over the years obtained increased international attention.

When you judge at shows organised by the DKK or the DKK's breed clubs or regions, we expect that you are conscious of your co-responsibility and we please ask you to focus on the following features:

- Breathing – all dogs should be able to breathe normally and easily, also when moving.
- Eyes – all dogs should have sound, clear eyes without signs of irritation.
- Bite and teeth – all dogs should have sound teeth and well functioning bite corresponding to the requirements of the standard.
- Condition/weight – no dogs should be overweight and all dogs should be in a good muscular condition.
- Skin – all dogs should have healthy skin without any signs of irritation.
- Coat – must follow the requirements of the standard without being so extensive that it troubles or prevents the ability to move freely and soundly.
- Movements – all dogs should be able to move in a breed specific manner without effort or distress.
- Behaviour – all dogs should have temperaments which allow them to function in the modern society. Breed typical behaviour is to be noted and accepted, but excessive shyness or any kind of aggression is unacceptable.

Exaggeration of breed typical characteristics is never desirable. Within some breeds there is a special risk that such exaggerations influencing health and functional capacity in a negative way. These breeds with their respective areas of risk appear from the attached list. When judging health and functional capacity of all breeds in general and these breeds of risk in particular it is essential that you use your experience and common sense and judgment. As you know, conditions that affect the dog's health in a negative direction are considered as serious faults.

For further information, we refer to the following documents available at:

<http://www.dkk.dk/side.asp?ID=2262>

- Breed Specific Instructions (BSI) regarding exaggerations in pedigree dogs (Nordic Kennel Union)
- FCI basic statement for show judges – dogs fit for their original function.
- FCI show judges code of commitment to the welfare of pure bred dogs

If you have positive as well as negative observations regarding the breeds that you have judged it will be possible to report this to the DKK Judges Committee. The ring staff has questionnaires for this purpose. Please fill in one form per breed to the extend you find it necessary. The form can be used for all breeds – not only the mentioned breeds of risk.

We thank you for your important contribution to keep our pure-bred dogs healthy and well functioning.

Yours sincerely
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BREED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

Breeds with special risks that exaggeration of breed typical characteristics can cause a negative effect on health and functional capacity.

FCI group 1	
Collie	<p>Mouth: Narrow lower jaw resulting in inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gums.</p> <p>Eyes: Excessively small, very deeply set eyes.</p> <p>Behaviour: Anxiousness, undue shyness.</p>
German Shepherd Dog	<p>Hindquarters: Over angulated, cow hocked hindquarters with instability in hocks.</p> <p>Top line: Arched and cut away in loin and croup.</p>
FCI group 2	
Boxer	<p>Breathing: Constrained breathing caused by overly short muzzle, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Skin: Irritation.</p>
Bullmastiff	<p>Breathing: Constrained breathing caused by overly short muzzle, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Skin: General skin problems as well as excessive amount of facial skin which can cause eye and eyelid problems.</p> <p>Hindquarters: Lack of angulation.</p> <p>Top line: Exaggerated height over rear, very steep croup.</p> <p>Type and size exaggerations can cause unhealthiness, lack of balance and incorrect construction.</p>
Dogue de Bordeaux	<p>General anatomical construction: Exaggeration of the standard points regarding the front, hindquarter angulation and the high croup which can cause unsound movement without drive and vigour.</p> <p>Eyes: Loose eyelids.</p>
English Bulldog	<p>Breathing: Constrained breathing caused by overly short muzzle, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Type and anatomy: Exaggerated type conformation and insufficient angulation of fore- and hindquarters might result in unsound movement/lameness.</p> <p>Face: Excessively short bridge of muzzle, excessively loose facial skin and loose eyelids can cause injury and inflammation of eyes. Overhanging nose roll can cause inflammations.</p>
Great Dane	<p>Fore- and hindquarters: Pasterns knuckling over, weak hindquarters.</p> <p>Eyes: Loose eyelids.</p> <p>Behaviour: Anxiousness, undue shyness.</p>



Mastiff	<p>Hindquarters: Too high at the rear, straight stifles and very steep croup may cause incorrect and impaired movement.</p> <p>Breathing: Constrained breathing caused by overly short muzzle, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Skin: Irritation.</p> <p>Eyes: Loose eyelids.</p>
Mastino Napoletano	<p>Skin: Too excessive skin in general, on head forming wrinkles surrounding eyes and/or oversized eyelids which may cause eyelids folding inwards or outwards - also unsoundness in lip folds.</p> <p>General construction: Incorrect construction of the legs and poor overall anatomy and conformation can cause unsoundness and discomfort of movement.</p>
Saint Bernard	<p>Skin: Excessive amount of loose skin, too loose lip folds.</p> <p>Eyelids: Loose, oversized, inverted eye lids.</p> <p>Head: Over dimensioned, too heavy.</p>
Shar Pei	<p>Skin: Excessive amounts, loose wrinkled, which may lead to eye, ear and skin problems.</p> <p>Mouth: The padding of the lower lip can fold over the teeth and interfere with the bite.</p>
FCI group 3	
Bull Terrier Miniature Bull Terrier	<p>Mouth: Narrow lower jaw with canine teeth going up into the roof of the palate.</p> <p>Skin: Irritation, and sparse coat without gloss.</p> <p>Eyes: Undersized eye openings.</p>
Norwich Terrier	<p>General construction: Tendency towards dwarfism resulting in apple head, protruding eyes and a tendency to dish face which can cause breathing problems.</p> <p>Movement: Excessively short neck and extremely short body negatively affecting movement.</p>
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	<p>Mouth: Lower canine teeth going up into the roof of the gum.</p> <p>Breathing: Constrained breathing caused by overly short muzzle, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Coat and skin: Sparse coat, skin irritation.</p>
West Highland White Terrier	<p>Skin: Irritation, exaggerated skin folds.</p>
Yorkshire Terrier	<p>Breathing: Pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Mouth: Poor jaws and dentition, lame tongue.</p> <p>General construction: Tendency towards dwarfism resulting in apple head, protruding eyes.</p> <p>Coat: Long coat. The coat must never impede movement or the development of good muscular condition.</p>



FCI group 4	
Dachshunds	<p>Front: Crooked forelegs.</p> <p>The ribcage: Too short, defect and deformed ribs and a short sternal bone.</p>
FCI group 5	
Chow Chow	<p>Breathing problems: Snoring and laboured breathing often with mouth constantly open, caused by insufficient room in respiratory channels and throat.</p> <p>Hindquarters: Inadequately angulated stifles and hock joints. Stifles and hocks knuckling over.</p> <p>Face: Excessive amount of skin embedding the eyes. Small eye lid openings.</p>
Pomeranian	<p>Coat: Exaggerated amount of undercoat in combination with faulty or deficient top coat causes lack of the elasticity characterizing a correct double coat.</p>
FCI group 6	
Basset hound	<p>Skin: Unsound and excessive amount of loose skin may cause inflammations in wrinkles.</p> <p>Fore- and hindquarters: Poor construction and inadequate ground clearance as a result of excessive shortness of legs.</p> <p>Eyelids: Too loose, oversized, inverted eyelids.</p> <p>Ears: Exaggeration of length of ears.</p>
Bloodhound	<p>Skin: Too excessive amount of skin, loose or inverted eyelids.</p>
FCI group 7	
Bracco Italiano	<p>Facial skin: Excessive loose skin may cause unsound lip folds and eyelid problems.</p>
Spinone	<p>Facial skin: Excessive loose skin may cause unsound lip folds and eyelid problems.</p>
FCI group 8	
American Cocker Spaniel	<p>Head: Overly short muzzle, too short rounded skull, bite problems.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding eyes and shallow eye sockets, profuse flow of tears, loose eyelids, unsound lip folds.</p> <p>Ribcage: Poorly developed short ribcage with short sternal bone.</p> <p>Coat: Exaggerated volume of coat, incorrect coat texture.</p>
Clumber Spaniel	<p>Construction: Exaggerated size and heaviness and unsound construction with insufficient angulation that may affect the movement.</p> <p>Head: Excessively heavy with an abundance of loose skin and loose eyelids.</p>
Flat Coated Retriever	<p>Eyes: Too deeply set.</p>

FCI group 9	
Boston Terrier	<p>General construction: Overly short body, roach back, diminutive tail, too short and flat in muzzle, heavy and coarse head.</p> <p>Breathing: Insufficient room in ribcage, pinched nostrils.</p>
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	<p>Breathing: Breathing problems with snoring sounds.</p> <p>Head: Overly short muzzle, very short rounded skull.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding eyes, with shallow eye sockets, loose eyelids, profuse flow of tears, skin folds showing sign of irritation.</p> <p>Movement: A deviant and unnatural pattern of movement.</p>
Chihuahua	<p>Mouth: Underdeveloped muzzle giving rise to faulty bite, dentition and jaws, inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gums.</p> <p>Tongue: Lamé.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding, set in shallow eye sockets.</p> <p>Hindquarters: Weedy, unsound in construction.</p> <p>Head: Open fontanel.</p>
Chinese Crested Dog	<p>Skin: Injuries caused by unacceptable removal of hair.</p>
French Bulldog	<p>Breathing: Problems which could result from overly short muzzle as well as pinched nostrils, insufficient room in ribcage.</p> <p>Face: Too short muzzle, protruding eyes.</p> <p>Proportions and construction: Overly short proportions in neck and back, insufficient angulation in fore- and hindquarters.</p> <p>Tail: Lack of visible, touchable tail.</p> <p>Skin problems.</p>
Griffon Belge Griffon Bruxellois Petit Brabançon	<p>Breathing: Insufficient room in ribcage, pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Face: Overly short muzzle can give rise to eye injuries.</p> <p>Movement: A deviant and unnatural pattern of movement.</p>
Japanese Chin	<p>Breathing: Problems caused by too small skull, pinched nostrils, too short ribcage.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding eyes in shallow eye sockets.</p>
King Charles Spaniel	<p>General construction: Poor, underdeveloped ribcage with a keel, bent front legs and feet turning out.</p> <p>Muzzle: Too short.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding eyes.</p> <p>Movement: A deviant and unnatural pattern of movement.</p>
Pekingese	<p>Breathing: Problems caused by pinched nostrils.</p> <p>Eyes: Protruding eyes.</p> <p>Nose wrinkle: Overhanging nose wrinkle obstructing nostrils and causing inflammation.</p> <p>General construction: Weak with poor ribcage, short sternal bone and bad muscle condition.</p> <p>Coat: Profuse, woolly.</p>



Pug	Breathing: Problems due to obesity/overweight, pinched nostrils, short and open ribcage with short ribs and sternal bone. Face: Overly short muzzle, excessive loose skin and hair on a nose wrinkle disturbing the function of the eyes as well as the nose. Eyes: Protruding eyes. Coat presentation: Trimming with scissors should not be practised.
Shih Tzu	Breathing: Problems caused by too small head, too short muzzle, pinched nostrils. Eyes: Protruding eyes. Mouth: Narrow lower jaw, poor dentition.
FCI group 10	
Borzoi	Mouth: Narrow lower jaw resulting in inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gums. Eyes: Deep set, small openings.
Irish Wolfhound	Mouth: Narrow lower jaw resulting in inverted canine teeth going straight up into the roof of the gums.