

# LE CANICHE

**Comments about standard**

# Proportions



## Medium build type dog

The length of the body is slightly more than the height at the withers, the height of the withers is the same height as the height of the top of the rump, the height of the elbow is  $\frac{5}{9}$  of the height of the withers. The chest is oval in shape going down to the elbows. The top line is level

**Square construction:**  
The poodle is not a 'cob' type dog.  
This should be penalised

# Proportions



**TOO SHORT IN BODY**  
**Square construction**

**No CAC – No CACIB – No BOB**

# Proportions



**TO LONG IN BODY**

**NO EXCELLENT  
NO CAC – NO CACIB  
NO BOB**

# Sizes

- **STANDARD:**

Between 45cm and 60cm, with an upper tolerance of 2cm.

The standard poodle should be a larger version of the medium poodle whilst maintaining the same characteristics.

**Over 62cms: Disqualified**

- **MEDIUM:**

Between 35cm and 45cms.

**(Do not favour the large miniature poodles).**

# Sizes

- **MINIATURE** : between 28cm and 35cms.

The miniature poodle should look like a smaller version of the medium poodle, keeping the same proportions as much as possible and not having any signs of 'miniaturisation'.

- **TOY** : Between 24cm (tolerance of 1cm less) and 28cms (the ideal is 25cms).

The toy poodle should look very much like a miniature poodle and the proportions should be the same as for the breed standard.

No signs of 'miniaturisation' should be accepted, only the occipital crest may be a little less pronounced.

**Under 23cms: Disqualified.**

# Top line

- The back is short. The top line is smooth and held well.

**The back must not rise up.**

**The backbone should not stick out.**

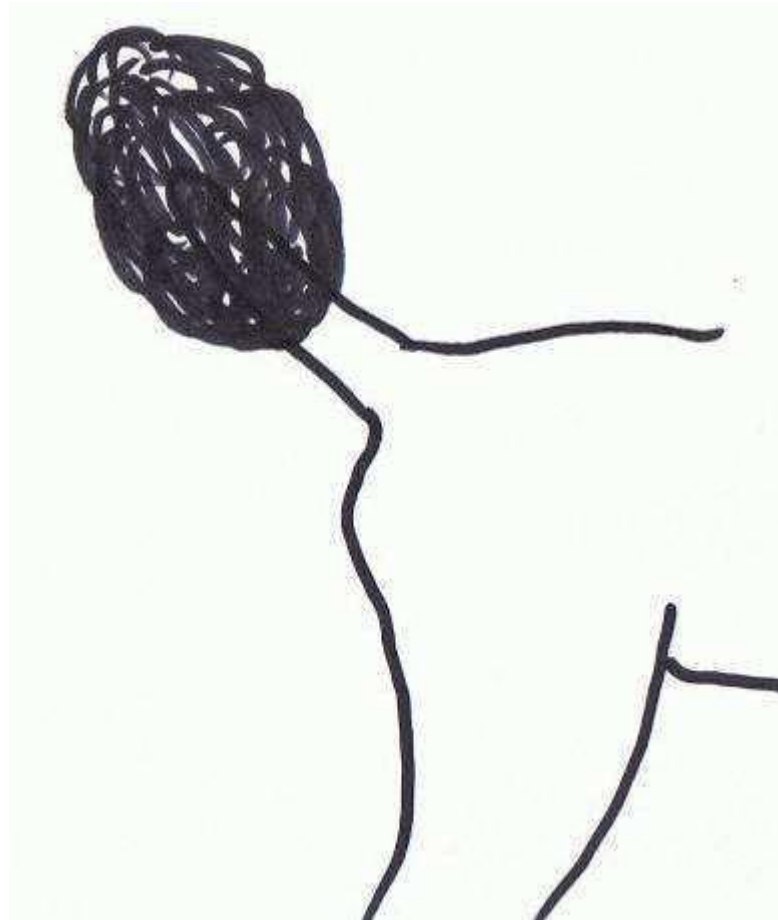




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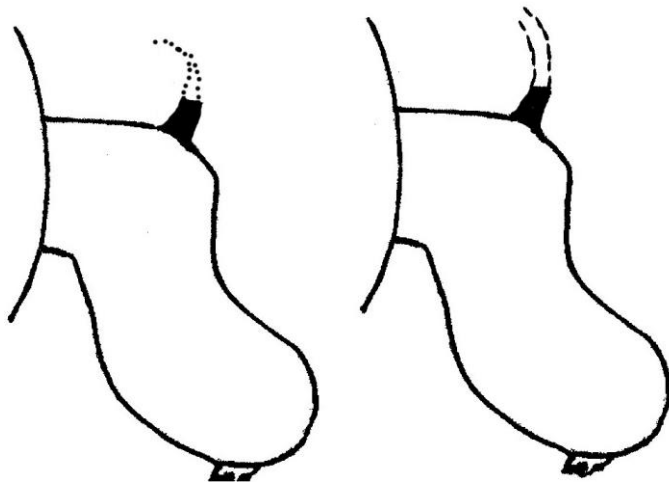
- Attached fairly high, in line with the kidneys

**A perpendicular terrier-type position is not desirable**

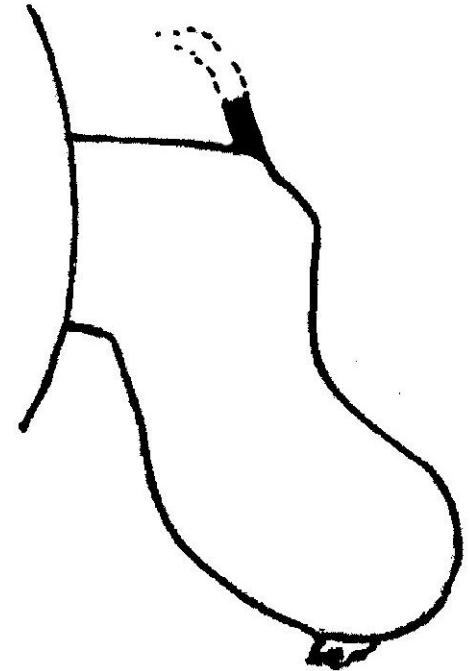




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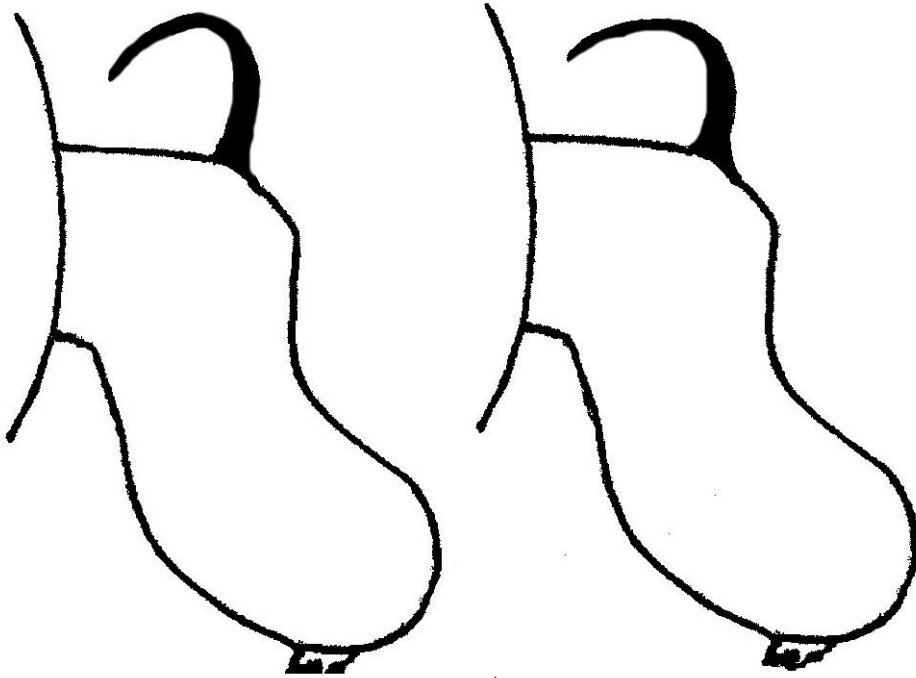


Perfect Tail  
**EXCELLENT**  
**CAC**  
**CACIB**

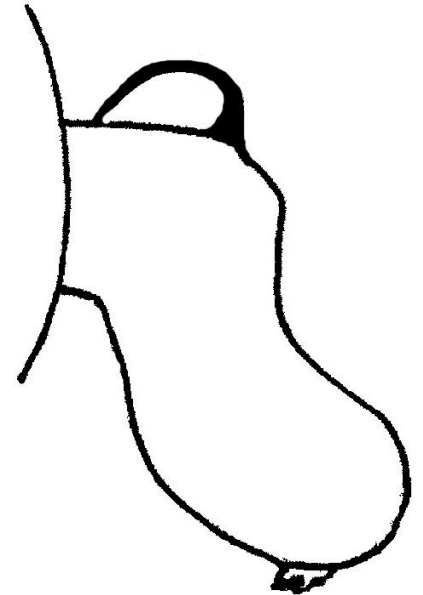


*Position too high like  
a terrier*  
**Only VERY GOOD**

# Position and carriage of the tail

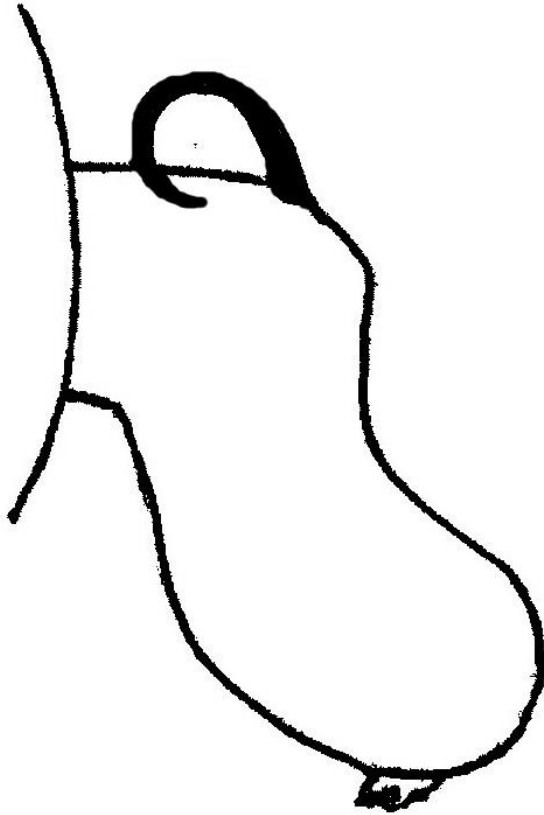


The two carriages are acceptable  
They can receive **EXCELLENT – CAC – CACIB**  
**and BOB**



Carriage not perfect  
only **VERY GOOD**

# Position and carriage of the tail



Bad carriage  
Only **GOOD**

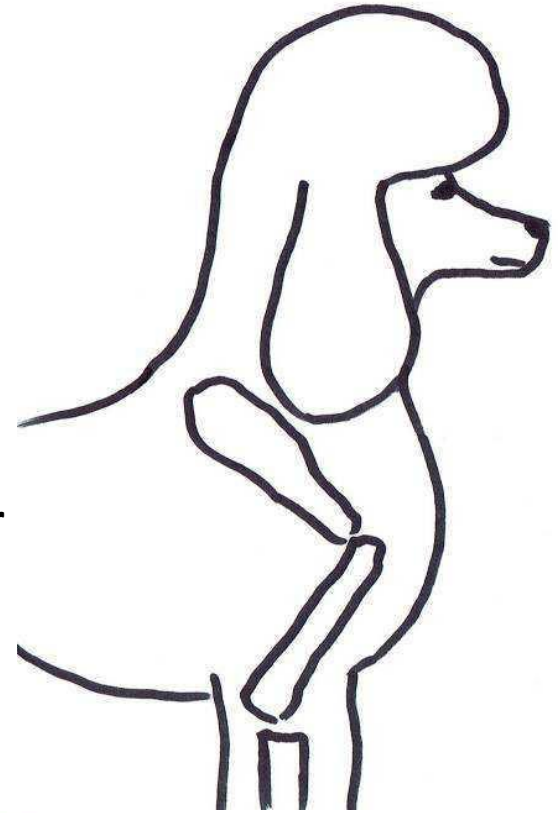


No acceptable<sup>1</sup>  
carriage  
**DISQUALIFIED**

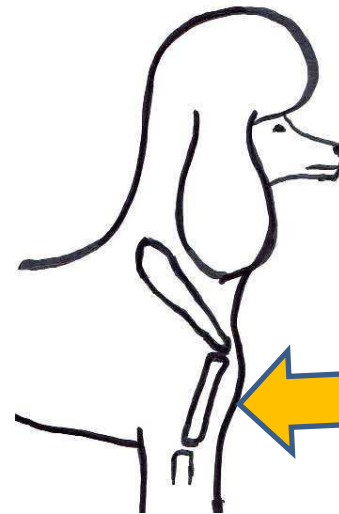


# SHOULDERS

The shoulders are slanting.  
The length of the humerus is the same as the length of the shoulder blade. The angle of the humerus and the shoulder blade should be around 110 degrees



Straight shoulder  
Lower ranking  
and/or a maximum  
of **Good** to be  
awarded



Good placing  
of shoulder  
blade but  
humerus too  
short and too  
straight.

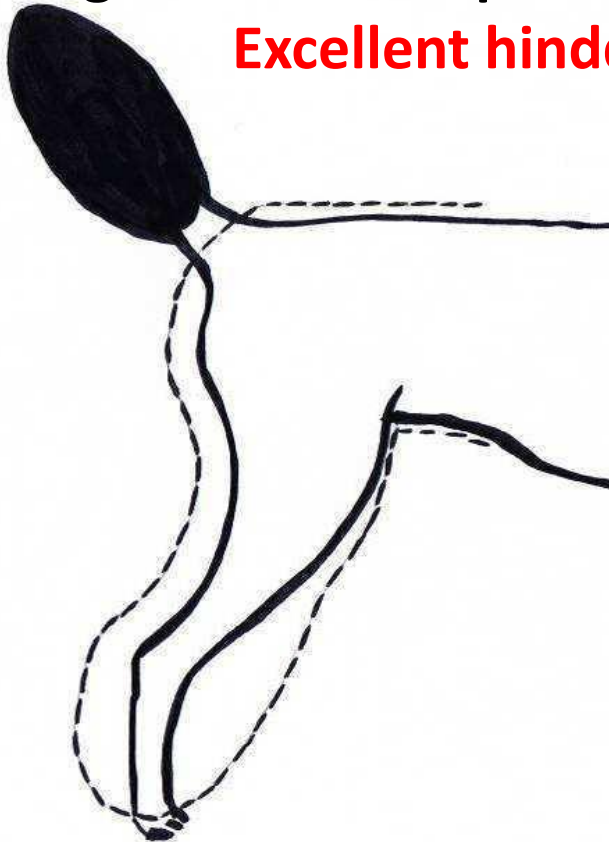
**Lower ranking.**

# Hindquarters

Well bent stifles.

The coxo-femoral, tibio-femoral and tibio-tarsian joint angles should be pronounced.

**Excellent hindquarters**



Hindquarters too straight.  
**Maximum Very Good**



Hindquarters over-angulated.  
**Maximum Very Good**



# HEAD



**General appearance:  
Elegant, rectangular in  
shape/lines, in proportion to  
the body.**

**The head should be well  
chiselled, not heavy but also  
not too fine.**

**A typical expressive head.**

# The head: Proportions and shape



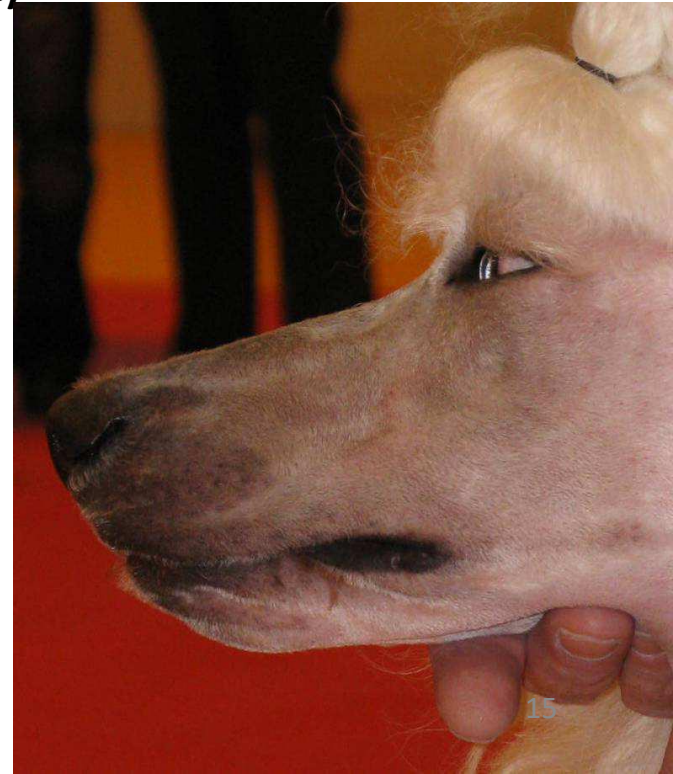
The length of the muzzle is about 9/10 of the skull.

The width of the skull is less than half the length of the head.

The occiput ridge is very pronounced (may be slightly less so for the miniature poodle)

**Shape:**

The lower shape of the muzzle is defined by the jaw and not by the edge of the upper lip.





# Examples of nice heads



# Examples of head faults



**Short forehead**  
**Wide skull**  
**Stop too pronounced**  
**No CAC – No CACIB**  
**Very good**



**Forehead a little long**  
**Eyes a little too far apart**  
**Stop not pronounced enough**  
**Not enough definition under**  
**eye sockets**  
**No CAC – No CACIB**  
**Very good**



**Eyes too far apart and too**  
**round which affects the**  
**typical poodle expression**  
**Good**

# Examples of head faults



**Eyes too round**  
**Cheekbones too pronounced**  
**Not well defined/chiselled**



**Eyes too round**  
**Eyes too pale**  
**Maximum GOOD**



**Eyes too pinched, giving  
a stern expression**  
**Maximum VERY GOOD**



# EYES

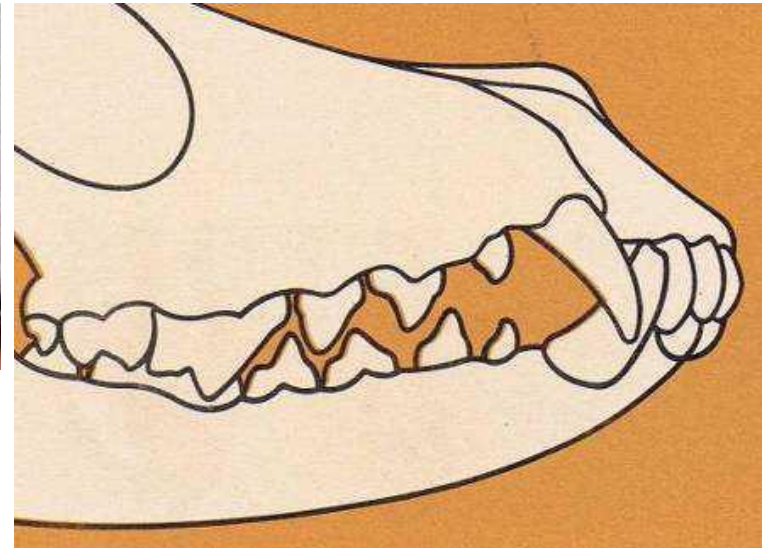


**Keen expression, placed at the height of the stop and slightly slanted.**

**Almond shaped. Black or dark brown.**

**In brown dogs the eyes can be dark brown**

# TEETH



**Perfect dentition**  
**Complete scissor**  
**articulation**

# Teeth faults



Missing one PM1 : **no penalty**



Missing one PM2 : **no penalty**



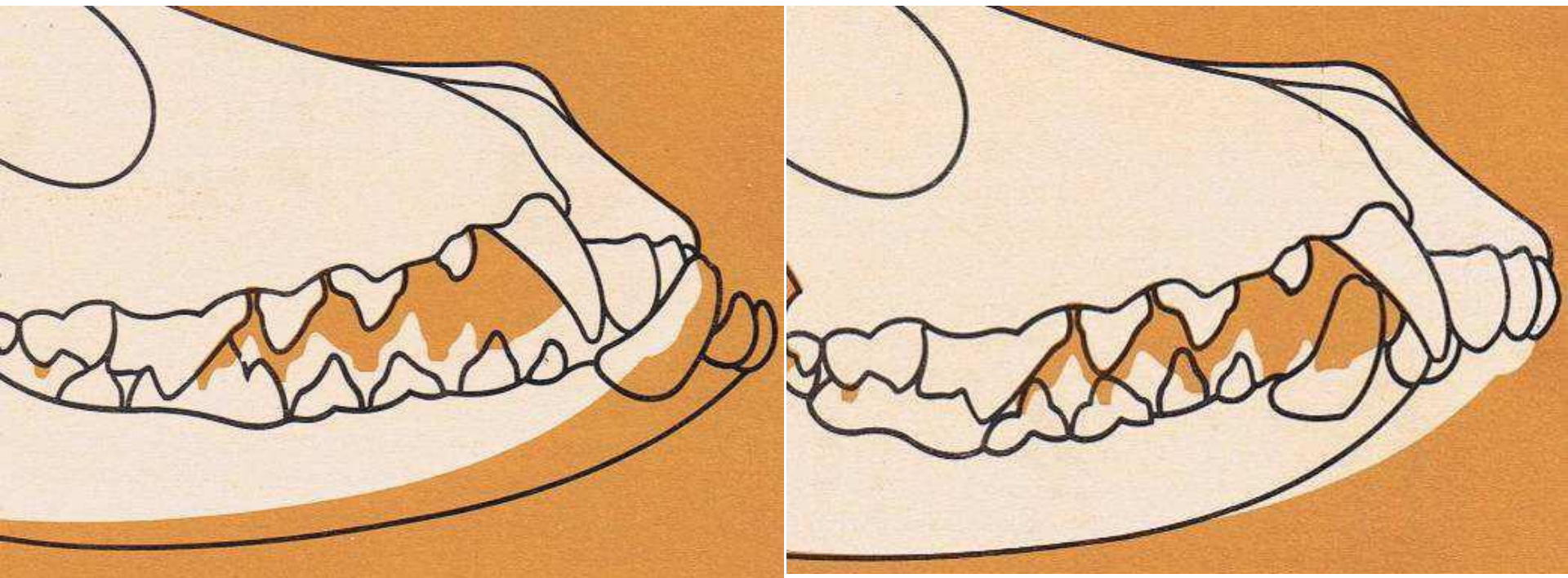
Missing 1 incisor:  
**DISQUALIFIED**

# Penalties for missing teeth

• One or two PM1	No penalty
• Three or four PM1	<b>No CACS-CACIB</b>
• One PM2	No penalty
• Two PM2	Serious fault <b>not Excellent</b>
• Three PM2	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• One PM3	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• One PM4	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• Three PM other than PM1	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• One incisor	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• One canine	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>
• One molar	<b>DISQUALIFIED</b>



# Teeth faults



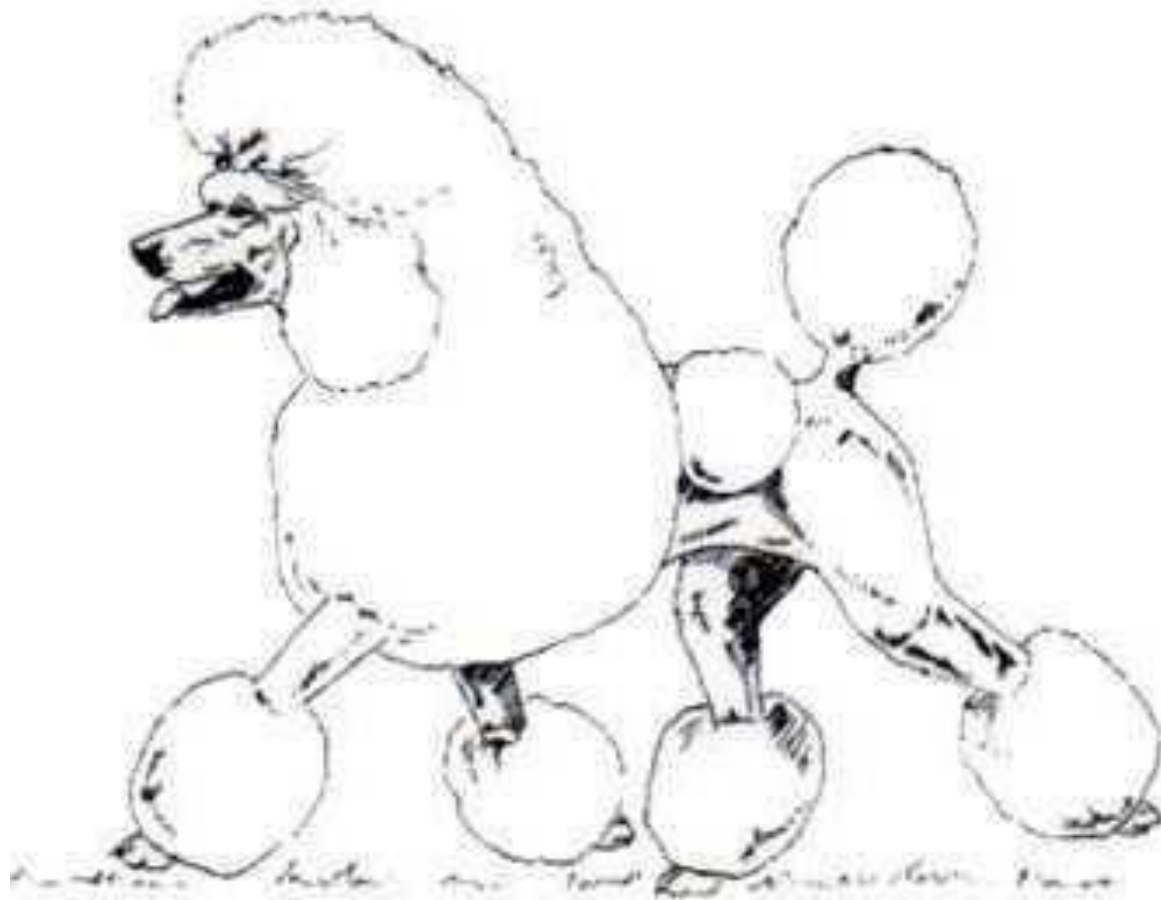
Overbite and underbite

**DISQUALIFIED**

Any problem with the placing of the teeth that could cause damage to the dog (e.g. convergent incisors) –

**DISQUALIFIED**

# The movement of the poodle



# Typical Movement

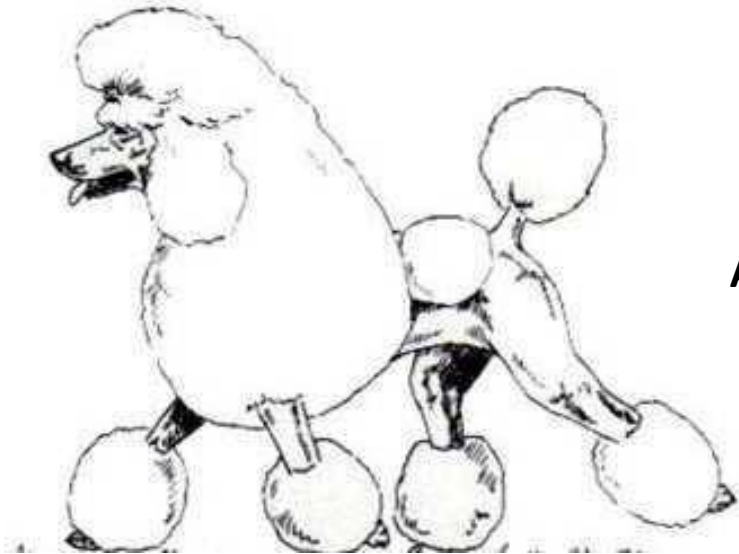


**The poodle has a light bouncy airy gait**

**At a trot the two legs that are diagonally opposite move one after the other (front left/back right then front right and back left)**



# Movement faults



Dog who ambles along (walking slowly, without purpose)

**No CAC or CACIB**



Stride too long.

A poodle should not walk like an Afghan hound.

**No CAC or CACIB**



Dog lifting up the front legs in an exaggerated manner

**No CAC or CACIB**

# Coat texture

- **Curly coat:** profuse, texture of fine wool, very curly, elastic and resistant to the pressure of the hand.

It must be thick; there should be lots of it, a uniform length, forming uniform curls.

**Faults: hair that is thinning, soft or wiry. No awarding of Excellent**

# Coat texture



**Corded hair**  
abundant,  
texture of fine  
wool, tight,  
forming  
individual  
cords that  
must be at  
least 20cm  
long.



# Poodle colours (uniform)

- **Uniform colour all over.**

5 colours: black, white, brown, grey, fawn.

Serious faults for all colours – indeterminate or uneven colour.

**NO EXCELLENT TO BE AWARDED.**

Some tolerance for young grey and fawn dogs whose colour isn't yet fully developed.

## **FAULTS LEADING TO ELIMINATION**

Dogs who are not the same colour all over.

Any white marks on the body or feet for dogs of any colour except white.



# Poodle colours (uniform)



White mark on a Black or a Grey  
**DISQUALIFIED**



# WHITE



**Must be uniform,  
pure white with no  
yellow tones**

**Eyelids : black**

**Eyes : black or dark  
brown**

**Lips and nose : black**

**Nails : between natural  
horn colour and black**

# BLACK



**Must be uniform,  
vibrant and non-  
diluted**

**Eyelids : black**

**Eyes : black or dark  
brown**

**Lips and nose : black**

**Nails : black**



# BROWN



**Must be strong, quite dark, uniform and warm**

**Beige and other pale browns are not allowed**

**Eyelids : brown**

**Eyes : black or dark brown, can be dark amber**

**Lips and nose : brown**

**Nails : brown**

# GREY



**Must be uniform, a strong shade, neither too black or too white**

**Eyelids : black**

**Eyes : black or dark brown**

**Lips and nose : black**

**Nails : black**

# FAWN



**Must be a uniform shade, one strong colour, ranging from light fawn to red fawn, including apricot  
No Champagne no creme (Disqualified)**

**Eyelids : brown (light or dark) or black**

**Eyes : black or dark brown**

**Lips and nose : brown (light or dark) or black**

**Nails : brown or black**

**Dogs that are light fawn should have as dark pigmentation as possible**

# PIGMENTATION

- **Skin: supple, not loose, with pigment.**
- **Poodles who are black, brown or fawn should have a skin pigment which matches their coat colour.**
- **White poodles should ideally have a silvery skin pigment**



# PIGMENTATION



**Lips, nose, lips, gums, palate, natural orifices, scrotum and pads of the feet should all have pigmentation.**

# Pigmentation faults

Nose partially without pigmentation

**MAXIMUM VERY GOOD**

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Nose without any pigmentation – **DISQUALIFIED**

# Poodle other colours

- Parti-coloured dogs, two colours
  - Black and white
  - Fawn and white
  - Grey and white
  - Brown and white

Predominance of white colour

# Poodle other colours



All these poodles for the colour can receive **EXCELLENT – CAC - CACIB**

# Poodle other colours

Some patches can appear on the white parts on the legs or the body, but they are not sought after



Correct patches no more

**Too many patches**  
**NO EXCELLENT – NO**  
**CAC – NO CACIB**  
**Only VERY GOOD**  
**or GOOD**



# Poodle other colours

- Poodles with mantle, tuxedo  
Predominance of a solid colour (Black or Brown) with white parts on the legs (**only white parts**)



# Poodle other colours

- Black with fawn markings  
Brown with fawn markings  
Mandatory fawn markings
  - above each eyes
  - on the cheeks and inside the ears
  - on the side of the muzzle
  - on the chest, around the scrotum in males and around the vulva in females

**ANY WHITE MARKING IS UNDESIRABLE  
DISQUALIFIED**

# Poodle other colours



**Excellent fawn markings on  
this photo**

**Fawn markings should not  
be charcoal or too pale  
NO EXCELLENT**

# Poodle other colours

- **Tricoloured**



Black, white marked with fawn

Fawn markings present at least on the eyebrows and around the scrotum in males and the vulva in females



# Poodle other colours

- Other pluricoloured dogs

Brindle and white

Brindle

# Colours : Disqualifying faults

- SOLID COLOURS

Any white marking on body and/or legs for all subjects other than white ones

- OTHER COLOURS

Dogs with coat of one colour, with a single isolated mark (mismarking)

Lack of harmony in the distribution of colours on the head

White patch surrounding the eye (pirate marking)

Whit patch surrounding both eyes

# Not colour for puppies

- In France when you have some not correct puppies in a litter they do not receive pedigree
- For example
  - Fawn puppy with other solid colour parents = no pedigree for the puppy**
  - Other colour puppy with solid colour parents = no pedigree for the puppy**
  - Solid colour puppy with other colour parents = no pedigree for the puppy**

# PRECISIONS CONCERNING INTER-COLOUR MATINGS IN POODLES

- Matings between basic colours (white – black – brown).
- Matings between these basic colours are no longer subject to requests for authorization.
- The french poodle club allows these matings for all sizes.
- Concerning matings with white, the CCF committee has some reserves.
- White Poodles with **Locus C** allele (like the Westie) : there is no problem.
- However for white Poodles which are genetically **sww**, i.e. homozygote for invasive spotting, it is probable that mating with black Poodles would result in harlequin puppies.
- We therefore encourage those breeders who wish to mate a white Poodle with a black Poodle to identify the genetic type of white and only proceed with the mating if the white is **Locus C** allele.
- The CCPCE considers that the mating of brown with white is of no interest whatsoever and strongly advises against it.
- However, the mating of black with brown could contribute positively to improve certain points. It is thus an interesting possibility but which should, by no means, become a habit.



# PRECISIONS CONCERNING INTER-COLOUR MATINGS IN POODLES

- These comments are given to enlighten breeders but we can never prevent some breeders from playing « apprentice magician » or from just using the stud closest to their home. This is not what we consider as « selection ».
- We have given precise instructions to our judges, to sanction all false colours in the following three colours : black, brown and white. There could be some specimens considered as black but having, in reality, a bluish hue which can be verified by checking the skin pigmentation.

# PRECISIONS CONCERNING INTER-COLOUR MATINGS IN POODLES

- Matings between the basic colours (Black – White – Brown) and diluted colours (Fawn – Grey).
- These matings are not authorized by the french poodle club .
- **Matings between fawn and black.**
  - Very pale coloured fawns are probably diluted. If they are **dd**, a mating with a black will give blue (not allowed in Poodles). If they are **cchcch**, there is no problem with a black. Such a mating may be considered but only after submitting a request to the Club's breeding commission and then to the SCC.
  - Moreover, the « champagne » specimens could be either strongly diluted fawn or false white.
  - Thus, the french poodle club is against these matings between fawn and black. There again it is a question of breeding policy in France and, like always, other countries can do as they wish. Again we wish to warn the « apprentice magicians » who play with mixing colours without knowing the genetics of their breeding stock.

# PRECISIONS CONCERNING INTER-COLOUR MATINGS IN POODLES

- **Matings between fawn and grey.**
- The french poodle club does not authorize such matings .
- **Matings between other-coloured Poodles with basic colours and/or diluted colours.**
- Such matings are not authorized in the Standard by the french poodle club.
- If such a mating may be considered by a breeder, the latter must submit a request for authorization accompanied by a complete folder explaining the motivation for such a project ; the request shall be studied by the Club's Breeding Commission and then submitted to the SCC Scientific Commission for a decision.
- **Blue Poodles.**
- As was stated during our meeting, a blue dog always has a blue nose – point confirmed by Prof. Denis in his book on colours in dogs.
- The other colours, called « blue », are in reality a variation of other colours which explains why they do not have a blue nose. We therefore confirm that a blue Poodle is not authorized. Other colours which you may refer to as « blue » are bad colours.

# Traditional Show Groomings

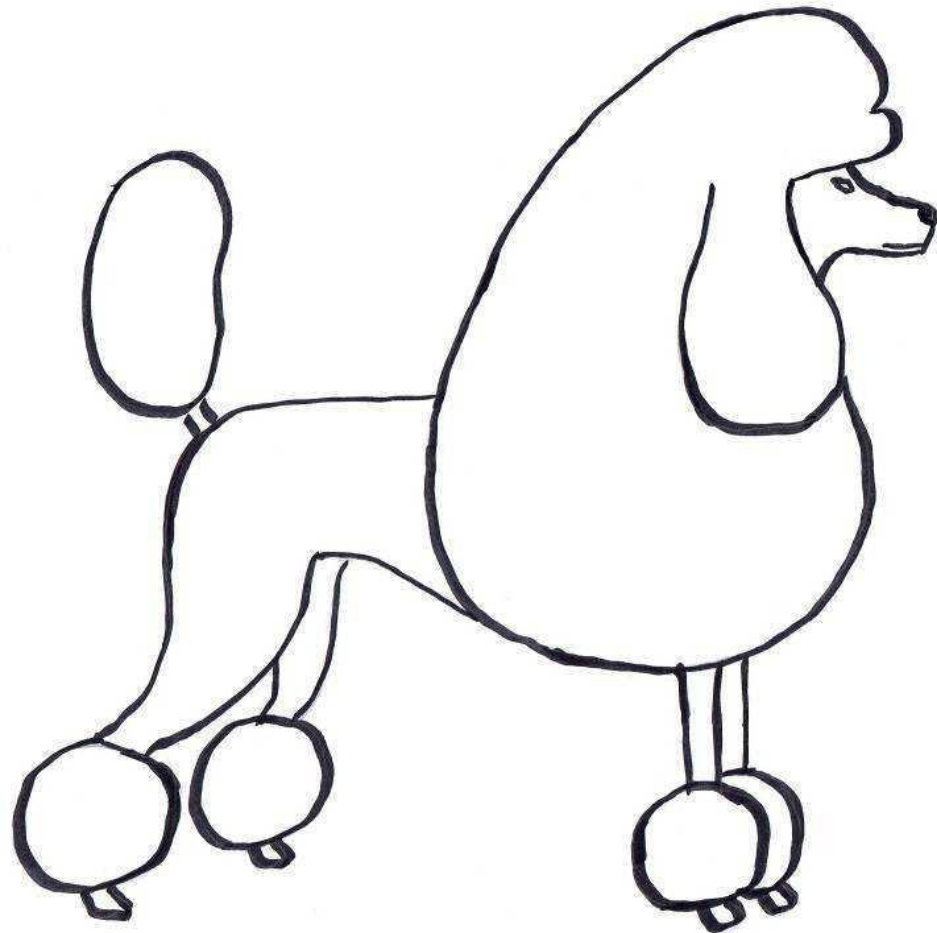
- The judging of a show poodle is not in any way judging a grooming contest. Over the top trims are to be discouraged. Whatever the trim it should not in any way influence the judging and ranking of the dogs.

**As stated in the FCI regulations, products that could change the texture or colour of the coat are not allowed.**

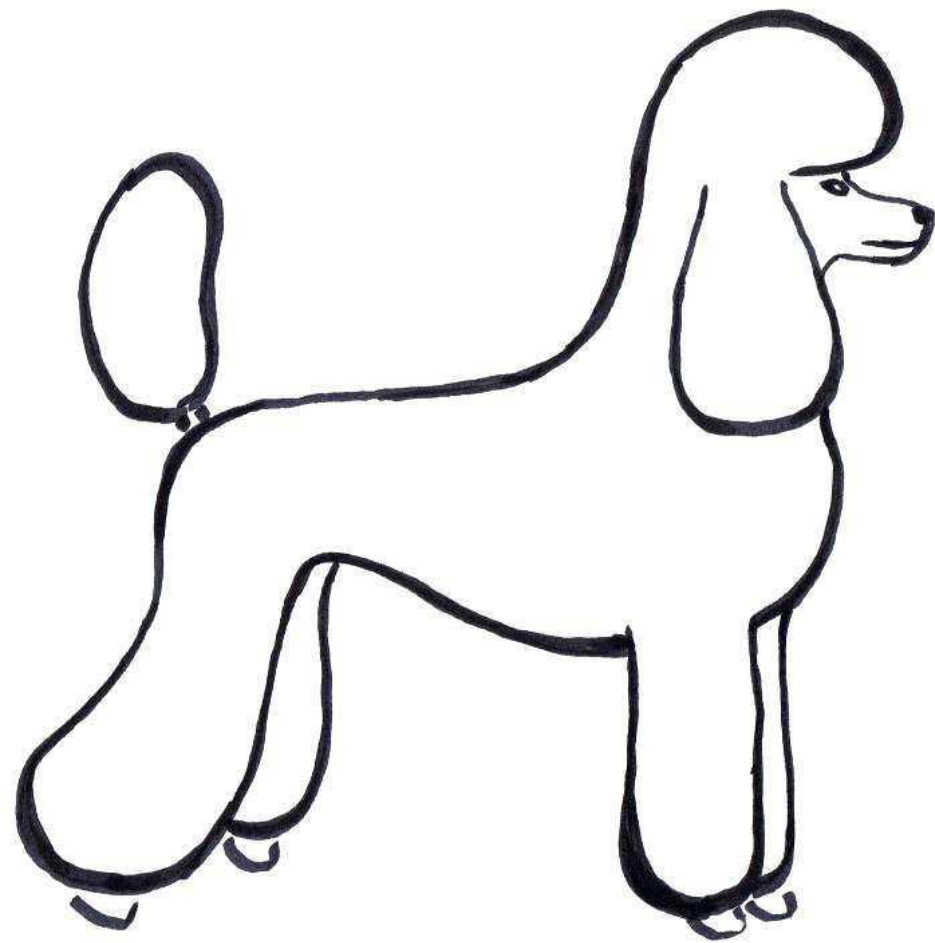
**Poodles who do not have a traditional trim cannot be judged but this does not stop them being used for breeding**



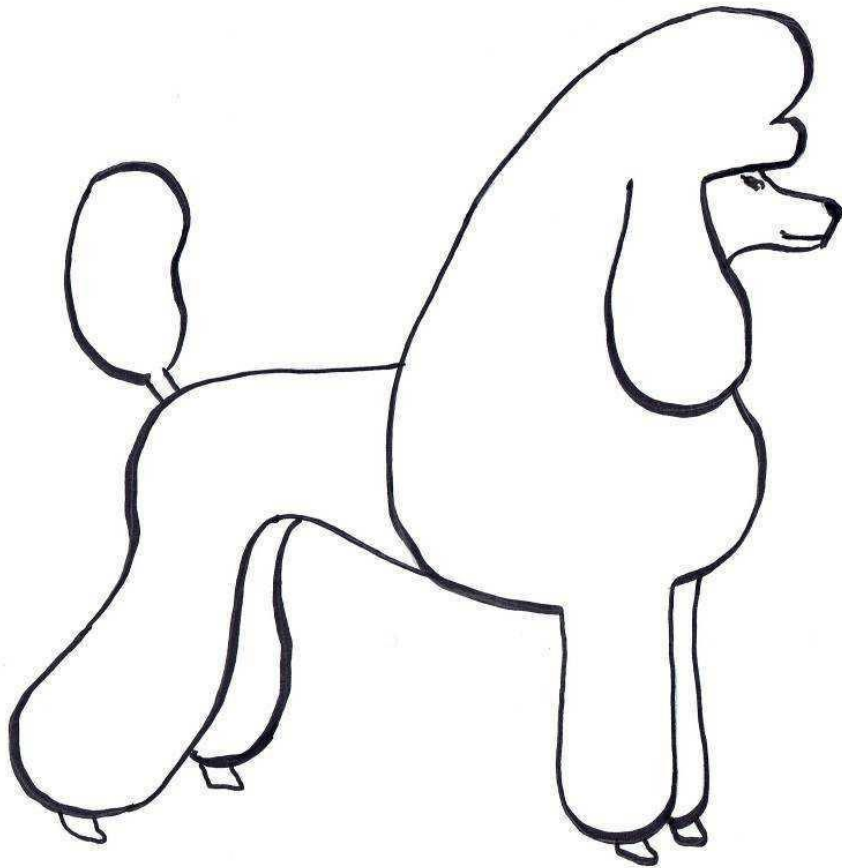
# Toilette en lion



# Toilette en Moderne

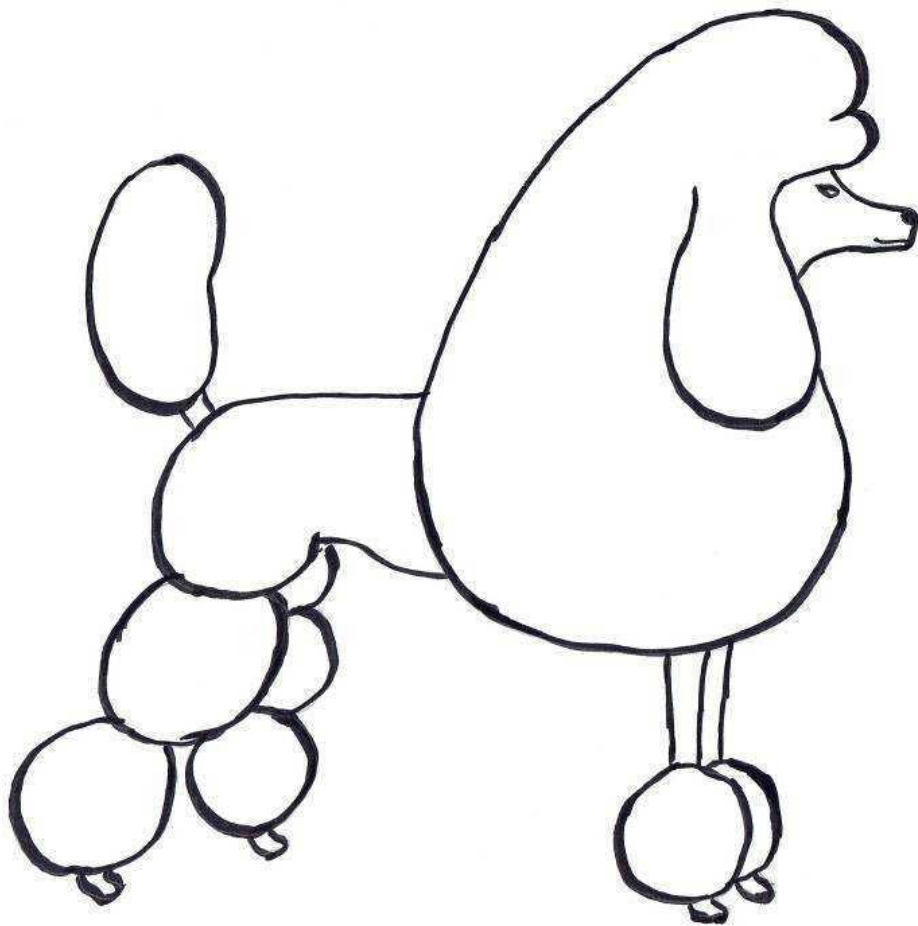


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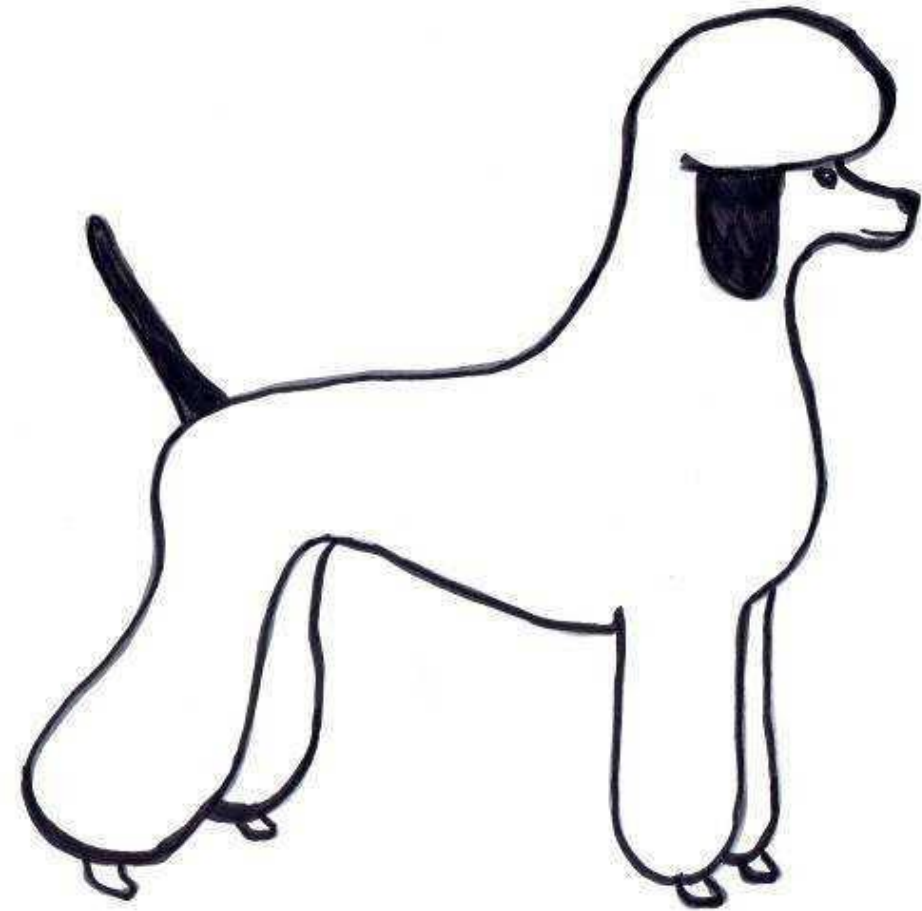




# Toilette Anglaise



# Toilette Scandinave ou Terrier clip





# Serious faults

- Eyes too big and round, sunken, not dark enough
- Ears too short (not reaching the corners of the mouth)
- Snipey or pointed muzzle
- Convex muzzle
- Roach or sway back
- Tail set on too low
- Croup falling away
- Rear angulations too straight or over-angulted
- Flowing or extendend gait
- Sparse, soft or wire hair
- Subjects with solid coloured coat : undefined or not solid colour
- Partially depigmented nose
- Absence of 2 PM2

**NO CAC-CACIB, MAXIMUM AWARD IS VERY GOOD**

# Faults leading to Elimination

- Aggressive or overly shy dogs
- Any dog clearly showing any obvious physical or behavioural problems will be disqualified
- Lack of type and particularly in head, hinting notably at a mixture with another breed
- Height exceeding 62 cm in Standard and less than 23 cm in Toys
- Absence of tail or naturally short tail
- Dewclaws or evidence of dewclaws on rear limbs.
- Any subject displaying signs of dwarfism : globulus skull, absence of occipital protuberance, very pronounced stop, prominent eyes, muzzle too short and turned up
- Median furrow practically inexistence
- Very light bone in Toys
- Tail completely curled
- **For dogs with solid colour** : any white marking on body and/or legs for all subjects other than the white ones.
- For dogs of another colour
  - Dog with coat of one colour, with a single isolated mark (mismatching)
  - Lack of harmony in the distribution of colours on the head
  - White patch surrounding the eye (pirate marking)
  - White patch surrounding both eyes.
- Nose completely depigmented
- Underbite or overbite
- Every tooth position which could injure the dog (for instance : all-positioned canine that touches the palate)
- Absence of 1 incisor or 1 canine or 1 carnassial
- Absence of 1 PM3 or of 1 PM4
- Absence of three or more PM (except PM1)

**DISQUALIFIED**

# CACIB and BOB

- **Grand Caniches – Standard Poodle**

- Noir – Blanc – Marron  
         Black – White – Brown
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs - 1 CACIB all colours

- - Fauve – Gris  
         Fawn – Grey
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs – 1 CACIB all colours

- - Autres couleurs  
         Orher Colours
- 1 CACIB

- **Caniches Moyens – Medium Poodle**

- Noir – Blanc – Marron  
         Black – White – Brown
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs - 1 CACIB all colours

- - Fauve – Gris  
         Fawn – Grey
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs – 1 CACIB all colours

- - Autres couleurs  
         Orher Colours
- 1 CACIB

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# CACIB and BOB

- **Caniches Nains – Dwarf Poodle (Miniature)**

- Noir – Blanc – Marron  
      Black – White – Brown
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs - 1 CACIB all colours

- - Fauve – Gris  
      Fawn – Grey
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs – 1 CACIB all colours

- - Autres couleurs  
      Other Colours
- 1 CACIB

- - **Caniches Toy – Toy Poodle**
  - Noir – Blanc – Marron  
      Black – White – Brown
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs - 1 CACIB all colours

- - Fauve – Gris  
      Fawn – Grey
- 1 CACIB toutes couleurs – 1 CACIB all colours

- - Autres couleurs  
      Other Colours
- 1 CACIB

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