

Judge Interview

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When and why did you become a judge?

After years of showing and breeding I thought I had an eye for a poodle. I judge since 2004. Hope poodle owners enjoy and learn something from my judging.

Which breed(s) have you owned and / or showed?

48 years ago I had Afghan Hounds. Since 1982 I am only with standard poodles, mainly browns.

Do you judge other breeds?

No

What do you look for in a poodle?

Elegance, nobility, lovely carriage in movement and a sweet temperament. A poodle should be like a model on the runway.

Do you mean some colors have bigger challenges than others do?

In general browns, apricot variations and silvers are not as good as the white and black poodles because of their low quantities. But from time to time I do see a few beautiful dogs in those colors. In the small sizes they are almost the same as blacks and whites but in the standard poodle size not yet.

What is your opinion on poodle clips, and can some clips hide faults?

On one hand poodle clips enhance the beauty of the poodle's coat and make them look very pretty when the groomer is talented. On the other hand they are a big obstacle for owners who have wonderful dogs but don't have the motivation to keep them in show condition. The terrier clip and modern clip help them a lot. Clips can hide faults when the dog is stacked. When moving you can see the "real dog"

What is your opinion about the Scandinavian poodles to day?

I think the Scandinavian poodles are of a very high quality. Nowadays when the communication between countries and breeders is so easy there is a lot of good mixture of blood from all over the world. This brings more genetic diversity and improves the look which makes the Scandinavian poodles even better.