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# Dorian Gray Kennels

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## Name and kennel name:

Georg Walther, Dorian Gray Kennels

## When and why did you become a judge?

My first breed was Poodles and I have received my judging license in 1989. At that time the Poodle Club did take the initiative and invited suitable candidates in accordance with their merits as breeders and club members.

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

I became a member of the Deutsche Pudel-Klub in 1969. Some years later I added Pomeranians to my kennel. To this day over 100 dogs of mine finished their championships.

## Do you judge other breeds?

I also judge Pomeranians, Pekingese, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniels, Keeshonds, Volpino Italiano, Japanese Spitz, German Spitz.

## What do you look for in a Poodle?

The most important trait in a Poodle is his disposition! A Poodle has to be a happy and outgoing dog, that moves proudly with lots of self-confidence, presenting his virtues.

Another keyword is balance! All parts of his anatomy have to fit together perfectly without exaggerations. This describes a Poodle of desirable type!

Further on you have a closer look when the dog is on the table. The first impression you get is his face. I like a lean head with dark almond eyes, nicely chiseled embodying noblesse and style.

Another important trait is movement! A good reach and drive are essential, as well as proud carriage and attitude.

The icing on the cake is the coat condition, grooming and handling.

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

In old times black embodied type, but nowadays you find top specimen in all colors! Still it is obvious that in some lines which where color bred, certain traits got stronger, others weaker. This refers to coat texture, feet, temperament etc. Unfortunately, some inexperienced judges prefer to put up black Poodles, when they are insecure.

## What is your opinion on Poodle Clips and can some clips hide faults?

At present we have five recognized show clips. As far as I'm concerned I like to see a Poodle in full show coat. In general, a full coat enhances the beauty of the exhibit. It adds the glamour a Poodle should embody.

At best grooming can camouflage a fault, but you can be sure that an experienced judge will detect the shortcomings under all that coat! From ringside you may get misled often about the true quality by a huge coat. You can't make a bad dog good just by means of grooming and lots of hair, but you can ruin a good dog by bad grooming and poor condition.

### **What is your opinion about the Scandinavian Poodles today?**

Since many decades Scandinavian Poodles rank within the very best in the World! The top Scandinavian breeders of today build their breeding programs on the dedicated work of breeders from the fifties and sixties. Many outstanding imports from England and America are the solid foundation of modern success in the Scandinavian Poodle World!