



SHORT GUIDELINE

ABOUT THE JUDGING SYSTEM FOR THE BREEDS OF THE GERMAN TERRIER CLUB (KFT) at International (CACIB) an NATIONAL All Breeds Shows and Terrier Specialties in Germany

1. Before start judging, the judge will get his „judge’s sheets“ with the catalogue numbers of the dogs to be judged by him. On these sheets the judge himself has to mark the grading, the placing and all titles and/or certificates that he awards. By undersigning all pages, the judge certifies that his notes are correct. They have to be done carefully because in case of doubt these notes will be decisive.
2. Each exhibit gets a written critique dictated by the judge to the ring steward. This critique should include the judge’s overall assessment of the dog and its quality; it should cover the main merits and faults of the dog. It should indicate the reason for the grading that the dog gets on that day.
3. In the competitive classes each dog is first judged individually against the breed standard and graded according to its quality:

Vorzüglich (V)	excellent	In general appearance an excellent specimen whose merits are great and whose faults are minor – a top quality dog
Sehr Gut (SG)	very good	A very good dog whose faults in structure and conformation are not really obvious
Gut (G)	good	A dog showing the main characteristics of its breed but with obvious faults; a dog that should not be bred from
Genügend (Ggd)	sufficient	Not very typical dog, maybe in bad condition
Disqualifiziert (Disq)	disqualified	Untypical dog, not showing the characteristics of the breed, or with overly shy / aggressive temperament, or having a disqualifying fault
Ohne Bewertung	cannot be judged	For dogs whose quality cannot be assessed, e.g. due to excessive playfulness, or lameness, etc. However, this does not apply to dogs with untypical temperament (see „disqualified“)!



4. The classes provided at our shows (first in all males then in all females) are as follows:

Jüngstenklasse	Puppy Class	For puppies from 6 to 9 months of age; each exhibit gets a short critique but no grading; the judge only evaluates it as - Very Promising (viel versprechend – VV), - Promising (Versprechend – VSP) or - Less Promising (Weniger Versprechend – WV). The puppies are placed, when they've got "Very Promising" and "Promising".
Veteranenklasse	Veteran Class	For dogs min. 8 years old (castrated dogs can be shown, but just in veteran class); critique, no grading but placing 1 – 4; there are 2 CCs / Res. CCs on offer in this class called "VetCAC", one offered by the KfT, one offered by the VDH; to the 2 nd placed dog can be offered the ResVetCAC by the KfT and by the VDH, the winners competes for Best of Breed and for Best Veteran in Breed.
Ehrenklasse	Class of Honour	For International Champions only; short critique, no grading but placing 1 – 4; the winner competes for Best of Breed.
Jugendklasse	Junior Class	For dogs from 9 to 18 months of age; each exhibit is graded (as described above) and the first 4 are placed (if graded „V“ or „SG“ only). There are 2 CCs/ResCCs on offer in this class called „Junior CC“(=JCAC): one offered by the KfT, one offered by the VDH. The JCAC(VDH)/ResJCAC(VDH) can be given to the class winner/the 2 nd placed dog if graded „V1/V2“; the JCAC(KfT)/ResJCAC(KfT) can be awarded to the 1 st /2 nd placed dogs if graded „V“ or „SG“. However only the class winner graded „V1“ will compete for Best of Breed.
Zwischenklasse	Intermediate Class	For dogs from 15 to 24 months; critique, grading, placing (if „V“ or „SG“) 1 – 4; the „V1“ winner can be awarded the CAC (VDH) and will compete for the CACIB (at CACIB shows only!)/CAC (KfT), the „V2“ dog can be awarded ResCAC (VDH).
Championklasse	Champion Class	For dogs min. 15 months of age bearing an official Winner- or Champion title; same procedure like intermediate class.
Gebrauchshund- klasse	Working Class	For dogs min. 15 months of age with working trial certificate; same procedure like intermediate class.
Offene Klasse	Open Class	For dogs min. 15 months of age; same procedure like intermediate class.

The **CACIB (only at CACIB shows) / CAC (KfT) class** can be assembled after all dogs in the above mentioned classes have been judged.

All „V1“winners out of the intermediate, champion, working and open class compete for the CACIB/CAC(KfT). After having selected that dog the judge chooses the ResCACIB / ResCAC (KfT) winner out of the max. 3 remaining dogs plus the „V2“ dog from the CACIB / CAC (KfT) winner's class.

The judge is free to award or to withhold any title or certificate, however if a dog has already been awarded one certificate (e.g. CAC (VDH)) in its class it would certainly not be wise to withhold the other possible ones to the same dog because all titles/certificates are of equal value.



At CACIB and specialty shows up to 8 dogs have to return for the **Best of Breed** competition into the ring:

- Both winners of the veteran classes with VetCAC,
- both winners of the honorary classes,
- both winners of the junior classes with JgdCAC and
- both CACIB or CAC (KfT) winners.

Best of Breed has to be selected out of all dogs in competition.
Best of opposite sex (BOS) has to be determined after this.

If Best Veteran and Best Junior do not result out of this competition, these will also be determined from the BOB competition.

Please take notice of some special rules prescribed by the German Terrier Club (KfT) concerning the teeth of the exhibits:

1. Incisors

In all our breeds a dog with one missing incisor has to be graded down one level (i.e. if the dog is estimated to be „Excellent“ it has to be graded „Very Good“, if the dog is in general „Very Good“ it cannot be graded higher than „Good“).

If two or more incisors are missing the dog cannot be graded higher than „Good“ – regardless of its other qualities.

2. Premolars

- In the following breeds up to two missing premolars are to be accepted without any depreciation (if not differently specified in a breed standard):
Airedale, Irish, Lakeland, Welsh, Parson Russell, Jack Russell, Russian Black, Bedlington, Irish Glen of Imaal, Manchester, Irish Soft Coated Wheaten, Kerry Blue, Scottish, Sealyham, Skye, Cesky, Dandie Dinmont and Brazilian Terriers.
- In the following breeds up to four missing premolars are to be accepted without any depreciation (if not differently specified in a breed standard):
Australian, Australian Silky, Border, Boston, Cairn, Norfolk, Norwich, Yorkshire, West Highland White and Japanese Terriers.
- In the following breeds up to six missing premolars are to be accepted without any depreciation (if not differently specified in a breed standard):
English Toy Terriers

If three (2.a.) or five (2.b.) premolars are missing the dog has to be graded down one level. If four (2.a.) or 6 (2.b.) or more premolars are missing the dog cannot be graded higher than „Good“, regardless of its merits.

The number of missing teeth has to be noted down in the critique.

Any loss of teeth by accident that has been officially certified on the dog's pedigree before the show can be accepted and should not be regarded as a fault.