



DCA TOP 30 Score Sheet

Armband #

First Impressions
1 (Poor) to 10 (Best)

Scale of Points for Evaluation Based on the Official Dachshund Breed Standard	Max Pts	Your Score
General Appearance Low to ground, long in body and short of leg, with robust muscular development. Well-balanced with bold and confident head carriage and intelligent, alert facial expression.	10	
Head Viewed from above or from the side, the head tapers uniformly to the tip of the nose. The skull is slightly arched, and slopes gradually with little perceptible stop. The eyes are almond-shaped and dark-rimmed. The ears set near the top of the head, not too far forward. The jaws are hinged well back of the eyes with powerful canine teeth and a scissors bite.	5	
Neck Long, muscular, clean-cut, slightly arched in the nape, flowing gracefully into the shoulders without creating the impression of a right angle.	5	
Trunk The trunk is long and fully muscled. When viewed in profile, the back lies in the straightest possible line between the withers and the short, very slightly arched loin.	10	
Forequarters The front must be strong, deep, long and cleanly muscled. The breast-bone is strongly prominent in front so that on either side a depression or dimple appears. The upper arm and shoulder blades are of equal length and sit at right angles. Shoulders lay well back over the withers. When viewed from the front, the thorax appears oval and extends downward to the mid-point of the forearm. The enclosing structure of the well-sprung ribs appears full and oval to allow, by its ample capacity, complete development of heart and lungs. The keel merges gradually into the line of the abdomen and extends well beyond the front legs. Viewed in profile, the lowest point of the breast line is covered by the front leg.	20	
Hindquarters Strong and cleanly muscled. The pelvis, the thigh, the second thigh, and the rear pastern are ideally the same length and give the appearance of a series of right angles. From the rear, the thighs are strong and powerful.	15	
Temperament Clever, lively and courageous to the point of rashness, persevering in above and below ground work, with all the senses well-developed. Any display of shyness is a serious fault.	10	
Coat <u>Longhair</u> : Sleek, glistening, often slightly wavy hair gives the dog an elegant appearance. <u>Smooth</u> : Short, smooth and shining. Should be neither too long nor too thick. <u>Wirehair</u> : The whole body is covered with a uniform tight, short, thick, rough, hard outer coat but with finer undercoat and facial furnishings.	10	
Gait Fluid and smooth. Forelegs reach well forward, without much lift, in unison with the driving action of hind legs. The correct shoulder assembly and well-fitted elbows allow the long, free stride in front.	15	

Scores to be tabulated by impartial team