

Beauceron Ratings in France

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Some of our members subscribe to the Bas Rouge and as they read the show results, they may wonder about the numbers sometimes added to the dogs' names. These numbers go from 1 to 6, with 6 being the highest rating a dog can earn. Here is an explanation of what those numbers mean:

0: Dog is registered on L.O.F. and not yet confirmed.

1: Confirm or confirmed: is given to a dog that has passed confirmation. Confirmation is the first evaluation a dog is given, at a year of age at the earliest. At that time, the dog only has a Certificat de naissance, he will be issued a final pedigree that will allow the animal to be bred if he is deemed conform to the standard and shows a stable temperament.

Several faults will prevent the dog to be confirmed:

lack of type
size above or under the limits of the standard
insufficient build and structure making the dog unable to work
cowhocked hindlegs with an angle over 150 degrees
tail curled up on back
lack of double dewclaws
color and texture of coat not conform to the standard
white spot on chest superior in size to 5 square cms
very light eyes
monorchid, croptorchid
prognathism with loss of contact
absence of three teeth or more (except for PM1)
dog very aggressive or very timid

2: Premier choix or First choice: goes to a dog that has been confirmed and has earned an excellent in temperament test. The dog must have received a Très Bon (very good) or an Excellent in conformation.

3: Excellent. The dog earned an excellent both in conformation and in temperament in a National Specialty Show.

4: Recommended on the appearance. The dog has been selected among the best dogs rated excellent (3) in a National Specialty Show and has also been rated A (free of dysplasia), see the caption dys. A on recent pedigrees.

5: Elite B. Recommended on the progeny. The dog is not rated 4 but is free of hip dysplasia and is rated for the quality of its progeny, see explanation that follows "6 - Elite A".

6: Elite A. Recommended on the progeny. The dog is rated 4 (on his own quality) and also on the quality of its progeny, see below.

The following criteria regulating the evaluation of a dog's progeny are:

The male's progeny is evaluated on animals produced out of a minimum of two females and a maximum of 5 females. His progeny must include a minimum of 8 dogs rated 4 and 6 dogs rated 3.

The female is evaluated on 5 offspring, with a minimum of 2 rated 4 and 3 rated 3.

N.B.: The above ratings do not apply to animals that are registered with no known background. Such dogs can only receive the rating 1 (confirmed) and the rating 5 if their progeny has proved to be of the quality described above.

New regulations now require that Cotation 2 – Premier Choix dogs be dysplasia free.

Also requirements for Elite A and Elite B have changed:

The male's progeny is evaluated on animals produced out of a minimum of 2 females and a maximum of 5 females. His progeny must include a minimum of 8 dogs of high quality: 2 rated Cot. 4 (recommandé) and 6 rated Cot. 3 – Excellent

The female progeny is evaluated on 5 offspring with a minimum of 2 rated 4 (recommandé) and 3 rated Cot. 3 - Excellent