

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ACCEPTABLE DAPPLE PATTERN AND UNACCEPTABLE DOUBLE-DAPPLE AND PIEBALD PATTERNS IN DACHSHUNDS

The parent club realizes that situations may arise in the conformation ring where it might be difficult for the judge to be sure if a particular Dachshund displays the acceptable dapple (merle) pattern, or the unacceptable double-dapple or piebald pattern. The pictures below are provided to help judges recognize the difference. Each of these patterns can occur on the smooth, longhaired or wirehaired Dachshund.

Please remember that the recommendation is to excuse Dachshunds with **white** anywhere other than on the chest, and that some dapples have very light areas that are not actually white.

Dapple Dachshunds: (**Acceptable**; described in the breed standard)



CHOCOLATE DAPPLE



BLACK-AND-TAN DAPPLE



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Please note that all of these dapples have areas that are quite light. The dog in the middle displays light areas that result from the merle gene, and also some places that are actually white. The white areas on this dog are acceptable because they appear on the chest. If such areas of white appeared elsewhere on this dog, they would not be acceptable.

Double-dapple Dachshunds: (**Unacceptable**; not included in the breed standard)



Piebald Dachshunds display markings similar to those of Beagles and Bassets. These markings are now acceptable according to the Dachshund breed standard, and the areas of white are quite easy to discern.

Piebald Dachshunds: (**Acceptable**; described in the breed standard)

