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|  | The poodle has a harsh and dense curly coat. For performance exhibitions, the owners frequently have their coats either naturally corded or have it in one of the traditional clips, cords, clips, puppy, english saddle, conventional and sporty. Cords are tight and of an even diameter but equal lengths. They may be longer on the mane, body coat, head or ears. Clips may be used as well. They are mostly used on topskull which may left free or held in place by elastic bands. To have a poodle in a puppy clip is to have the coat really long with the face, the feet and the base of the tail shaved. A pompom shall be left on the inside of the tail. It is the look  that we most think of when it comes to a poodle. The English saddle is a similar look with the only difference being the hindquarters are covered with a short blanket of hair except for a curved shaved area on each flank. The other exception is that each leg is circled with two shaved bands. The rest of the coat is left on the body but may be shaped for balance if the owner would like. For a continental looks the face, throat, feet and base of the tail are shaved. Then hindquarters are shaved with the pompons on the hips. There is a pompon on the end of the tail as well. The legs are shaved leaving anklets on the rear legs and puffs on the forelegs. Last but not least for the sports looks,again, the face, throat, feet and base of the tail are shaved. Again, there is also a pompon on the end of the tail. There's a coat on the top of the head that is shaped into a cap. The rest of the body of the dog is shaped according to the outline of the dog, but the coat of the dog may no longer be an inch long. The leg hair is the only exception. The coat color of the poodles is a solid and even color. For most clear colors are preferred but natural colors of variations is not outcasted either. The following are approved coat, nail, eye, and pigment colors:           apricot, black, blue, cream, gray, silver, and white with very dark eyes; black noses, eye rims and lips; and black or self colored nails; all shades of brown with dark amber eyes; liver noses, eye rims and lips; and dark nails. Apricot poodles may have this eye color and pigment orientation but is not liked by many people.            The average height of a toy poodle is about ten inches or less. Poodles walk in a trot that is effortless, smooth, powerful, and well coordinated. Their actions are light and springy with their head and tail held high. | | | | | | |  |
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