

# American Cotations

*Translated & Based from Le Club des Amis du Beauceron  
Adopted by the Working Beauceron Association (11.16.2022)*

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

A rating system similar to the parent club in France where it will be easy for fanciers to understand how a Beauceron has rated in exhibition with French judges by viewing its displayed cotation.

### Cotation 1 - Confirmé (Am. Cot 1)

1. Dog is confirmed by a judge and the results are recorded.

### Cotation 2 - Premier Choix (Am. Cot 2)

1. Subject Confirmed
2. 1 TB or EXC in Journée in Morphology
3. 1 EXC in Journée in Temperament OR Passed the CSAU or PT/JHD before 18 months of age
4. Passing Rating of Hip Dysplasia (pre-lim acceptable)

### Cotation 3 - Excellent (Am. Cot 3)

1. Subject Confirmed
2. 1 EXC in Morphology at Journée
3. 1 EXC in Temperament Test at Journée
4. Plus 1 TB or EXC in Morphology at an additional Journée
5. Verifiable Title or Working Certification
6. Official Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Ratings showing no signs of dysplasia

### Cotation 4 - Recommandé (Am. Cot 4)

### *Additional classes during Journée required*

1. Subject Confirmed
2. 1 EXC+ overall score at a Journée
3. 1 EXC or EXC+ overall score at a Journée
4. Verifiable Title or Working Certification
5. Dysplasia rating of Good or Excellent for Hips, Normal rating for Elbows.
6. Group gun shot at a Journée
7. Final Selection at a Journée

### **Cotation 5 - Elite B (Am. Cot 5)**

1. Confirmed subject having produced in 1st generation:  
Males: 8 listed descendants including two cotation 4s and six cotation 2s between a minimum of 2 litters, maximum of 6 litters.  
Females: 5 listed descendants including two cotation 4s and three cotation 3s in a minimum of 2 litters.
2. Genetic identification (DNA submitted to AKC)
3. Genetic Compatibility with Descendants (Confirmed via Embark, DNA, or Certified Pedigree)
4. Dysplasia Rating of Excellent or Good for Hips, Normal Rating for Elbows

### **Cotation 6 - Elite A (Am. Cot 6)**

1. Recommandé subject having produced in 1st generation:  
Males: 12 listed descendants including three cotation 4s and eight cotation 2s between a minimum of 2 litters, maximum of 6 litters.  
Females: 7 listed descendants including three cotation 4s and four cotation 3s in a minimum of 2 litters.
2. Genetic identification (DNA submitted to AKC)
3. Genetic Compatibility with Descendants (Confirmed via Embark, DNA, or Certified Pedigree)
4. Dysplasia Rating of Excellent or Good for Hips, Normal Rating for Elbows

## Definitions and Regulations:

### Definitions:

*Confirmed* - Dog has been presented to a certified judge in morphology at an American, Canadian or French Journée du Beauceron and was not disqualified.

*CSAU* - Certificat de Sociabilité et d'Aptitude à l'Utilisation

*EXC* - Excellent Rating

*Final Selection* - Dog has received a 1-4 placement in an adult class at a Journée with competition.

*JHD* - Junior Herding Dog title by the American Herding Breed Association

*Overall Score* - This is the combined score at a Journée of the temperament test and the morphological evaluation

*Passing Hip Dysplasia Ratings* - This is constituted by a passing rating given by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or the Société Centrale Canine at 24 months of age or older.

*Pre-Lims* - This is constituted as any health testing performed before the age of 24 months with a passing rating given by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or the Société Centrale Canine.

*PT* - Pre-Trial Test by the American Kennel Club

*TB* - Tres Bon Rating

### Regulations:

- Only dogs aged 12 months and up will be able to receive cotations.
- Dogs being presented for COT3 and above must be at least 15 months of age.
- Dogs which are sexually altered are not eligible to receive cotations.
- Ratings must be given by current Club les Amis du Beauceron certified judges. Any rating which was given by uncertified judges are null and void.
- All OFA results must be publicly available on OFA's website.
- SCC Health Ratings must be submitted to the Journee Committee at least 4 weeks prior to the Journee you are presenting your dog at.

- COT5 and COT6 will only be awarded at the Journée du Beauceron hosted by the Working Beauceron Association. Applications must be made at least 60 days in advance.
- Verifiable Title or Working Certifications include-
  - French Ring 1 -3
  - Mondioring 1-3
  - PSA 1-3
  - 2 Passing IGP Scores at the same level under 2 different judges
  - Herding (started or level 1) on any course/stock
  - 2 Passing Tracking Scores at the same level under 2 different judges
  - Current Search and Rescue Certification
  - Current Detection Certification

All title and certification forms must be submitted to the Journée Committee with your entry form for verification.