

Control

Above all, a good Dominant is always in control of themselves. They does not rant or rave and never punishes when angry. On the rare times that temper overwhelms, they walks away until regaining balance. After all, how can a Dom control their sub if they can't control themselves?

Creative

A good Dominant puts time, energy and creativity in the scenes. They are not satisfied playing the same games over and over and goes the extra length to come up with new and different ideas.

Human

The best Dominant knows they are humans. Realizes they will make mistakes and knows when to apologize. They know they won't be thought of as any less "Domly" because of an apology. On the flip side, they realize that others will make mistakes also, and even though they may punish for the mistake, they may accept an apology graciously and puts the event in the past.

Compassion

A good Dominant is compassionate. They cares about her sub(s), friends and family. Takes time to listen and respond to the needs of others. They aren't selfish and doesn't have the illusion that the world revolves around them.

Technique

A good Dominant works on their play technique. Knows how to use toys and practices frequently. Reads the latest books and talks to others in the scene..

Consistent

The best Dominant is consistent in their instructions and requests. Doesn't give the sub conflicting commands. Delivers equal punishment for equal offenses, and equal rewards when pleased. They are firm in their direction and does not waiver when faced with a difficult situation.

Thorough

An effective Dominant is thorough. Directs a scene from start to finish to better allow the sub to achieve subspace. They take away all distractions and decisions... telling the sub what position they desire, what needs they wants fulfilled, and how this is best accomplished.

Respect

A good Dominants respects themselves and others. Strives to always project themselves in the best possible light and expects the same from their submissive(s). They are well-groomed and takes pride in their looks.

Safety

A Dominant worth playing with is safe. They are aware of the damage they can cause a submissive and does their best to prevent harm. They knows first-aid and attends classes periodically to keep themselves updated.

Communication

A good Dominant is an effective communicator. Says what they mean and means what they say. They are specific and chooses words carefully. They don't rant, nag or whine because they know this shows a lack of control.

They states instructions in a clear, easy-to-understand manner.