

1925 CHOW STANDARD

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A peek into the past at the classic chows that graced the show ring during the Roaring Twenties when the breed was celebrated as a favorite of the rich, famous and high society.

This photo was taken shortly before the AKC Standard below became official.

Queensboro Dog Show 1922



AKC Chow Standard adopted 1925

HEAD – Large and massive, with broad, flat skull, well filled under the eyes, moderate stop, proudly carried, with characteristic scowl.

MUZZLE – Short in comparison to length of skull: broad from eyes to end of nose, and of great depth, The lips should be full and overhanging

TEETH – Strong and level

NOSE – Large, broad and black in color

TONGUE – A blue-black. The inside of the mouth should be of the same color

EYES – Dark, deep-set and of moderate size, and almond shaped

EARS – Small, pointed stiffly carried. They should be placed wide apart, on top of the skull, and set with a slight forward tilt.

BODY – Short, compact, well ribbed up, and let down i the

flank.

NECK – Strong, full, set well on the shoulders.

SHOULDERS– Muscular, slightly sloping.

CHEST – Broad, deep and powerful

BACK – Short, straight and strong

LOINS – Broad, deep and powerful

TAIL – Tail set well up and carried closely to the back, following the line of spine at the start

FORELEGS – Perfectly straight, with heavy bone and upright pasterns

HINDLEGS – Straight hocked, muscular and heavy boned

FEET – Compact, round and catlike.

COAT – Abundant, dense, straight and outstanding: rather coarse in texture, with a soft wooly undercoat. In the smooth-coated variety, the topcoat should be of about one and a half inches in length.

COLOR – Any clear color, solid throughout, or, with lighter shadings on ruff, tail and breaching.

SIZE – Chows should be massive and well proportioned

GENERAL APPEARANCE – Lion-headed, scowling, compact, muscular, short-coupled, dignified, and powerful with heavy off-standing coat

DISQUALIFYING POINTS – Drop ears: tongue red, pink or obviously spotted. Nose spotted or distinctly other color than black (except in blue colored Chows, which may have solid blue, or slate colored noses).