

BACK TO STANDARDS





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

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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 in 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 woolly 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).