

Chow Chow

Examine - on ramp

Height - Dogs and Bitches - 17 to 20".

Head - Large. **Eyes** - Medium, dark brown, deep set, almond shaped, set obliquely. **Ears** - Small, carried stiffly erect with slight forward tilt. **Expression** - Scowling, lordly, sober is very important. This scowl is formed by padded button of skin just above inner, upper corner of eye, with enough loose skin to form a frowning brow and a deep furrow between the eyes.

Wrinkles on muzzle do not contribute to this expression and are not required. **Tongue** - Blue-black. The edges of the lips, tissue of the mouth and gums preferably black. **Nose** - Reds, blacks, and cinnamons must have a solid black nose. Blues may have a solid blue or slate nose. Creams may have a range of nose color from black/brown solid pigment fading to pinkish pigment. **Bite** - Scissors.

Body - Square medium size with muscle and sturdy bone. Very little angulation when viewed from the side. Tail- Set high, carried close to back.

Coat- Rough or smooth. Both have undercoat.

Gait- very important. Stilted action, caused by the straighter rear assembly is best judged from the side.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which breaks at any point from its base to its tip or which is not carried stiffly erect but lies parallel to the top of the skull.
- The top surface or edges of the tongue red or pink or with one or more spots of red or pink.