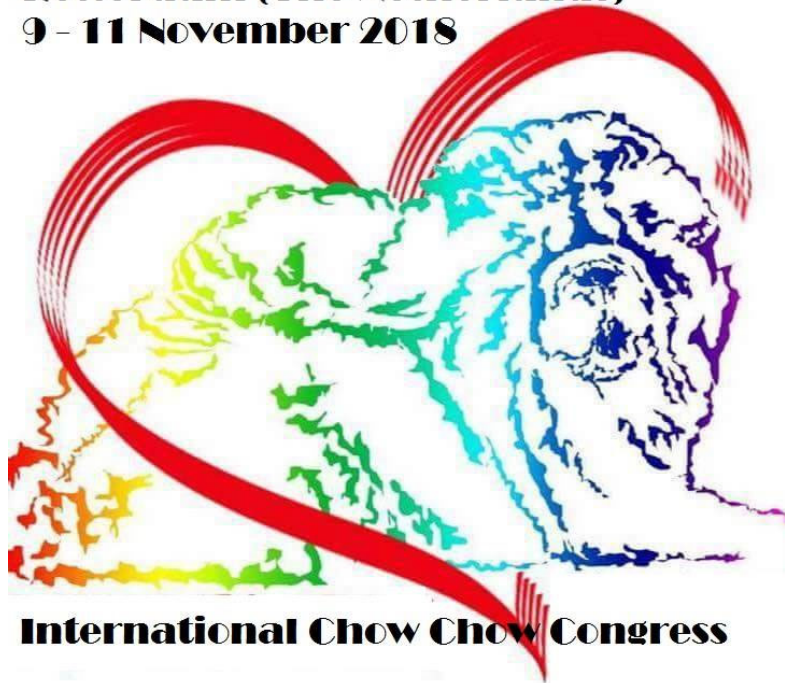


# 2018

## Petition

**Rotterdam (The Netherlands)  
9 - 11 November 2018**



**International Chow Chow Congress**

## Introduction

On the occasion of this international congress 2018 we took time to reflect on the current situation of our beloved breed. We send you our thoughts as a petition containing the points of attention for all, judges, clubs and breeders.

We breeders and lovers of Chow Chow breed all over the world ask that

- Judges should judge towards to the standard and not towards their feelings
- National chow Chow clubs promote this petition to their members, including breeders and judges

**Health must be preserved while maintaining the characteristics of the breed**

For more details, please refer to the dedicated [FCI standard document](#)



## NOSE, MUZZLE, LIPS, TEETH

- Open nose
- Colour of nose
- Correct proportion in muzzle and skull (40-60)
- Present skull (scowling expression typical of the breed)
- Squared muzzle
- Free of wrinkles on the nose
- Good stop
- Broad open nostrils
- With all dilutions the nose should be related to the coat, a black nose is always desirable
- Size of the teeth and pigment in mouth
- Lips must be black, in dilutions this is more difficult



## EYES, EARS

- Clear clean and healthy oval/almond eyes as dark as possible. Correlation on colour of eyes and nose
- Eyes not too deep
- Ears small, thick, well placed, upstanding, slightly forward tilted



Figure 1 Source: *The Complete Chow Chow*



## NECK

- Well arched neck which gives the chow proudness and dignity
- In harmony with the front chest
- With as little as possible loose skin under the throat



## BODY

- Chest wide and deep
- Well laid-back shoulders
- Short strong compact, well balanced body
- Squared well balanced with short loin
- Short hocks
- Well boned straight legs with cat feet
- Well up on toes



## TAIL

- High tail set carried tight to back following the spine at the start
- Well pronounced dip in the coat
- Tail high set and carried well over the back
- Not tightly curled
- Length of the tail should be in prop with body



## MOVEMENT

- Free and easy movement with a typical stilted gait behind
- Typical Chow stilted gate
- Good sound movement like a clock (pendulum)
- While judging has to be able to move in his own speed
- Parallel with a chows unique pendulum rear movement showing minimal pad
- Rear follows front placement
- In movement front paw not passing nose
- Legs staying straighter not cycling



## COAT

- In two varieties
  - A. smooths
  - B. long coated
- Double coated with a nice shine, consisting of a top coat coarse and stand offish in texture and a woolly undercoat.
- Good solid clean colours (black, blue, cream, fawn or red). It is not allowed to change the silhouette of the dog, just trimming the paws
- Typically, longer in mane, feathering, breaches and tail
- Top coat should not be soft and curly with have a good texture and not be overdone
- For the smooth: same as rough coat, no feathering
- For the smooth: tail should be in comparison to the coat
- Trim only the paws



## SIZE

- Height at the withers:
  - Males: 48 - 56 cms.
  - Females: 46 - 51 cms.
- Well balanced and square



## EXTRA ADVICE

- Angulations
  - Rear
    - There should not be a croup
    - The overall picture of the legs should be straight
  - Front legs
    - Should be straight from the shoulder to the floor
- Temperament
  - The chow must allow being touched
  - In judging,
    - Give the dog time, don't rush
    - Approach from the front, do not approach from the side
    - Be confident, do not hesitate
    - We recommend keeping one hand on the dog while assessing conformation
    - We advice to use a ramp during the judgments
  - Showing your dog should be fun. When showing your dog, stay relax in the ring so your dog will be relaxed also.
- Ribs like an egg. Well sprung not barreled
- Breeders and judges should be aware of the standard