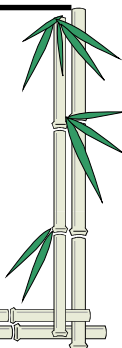




National Newsletter

Chow Chow Fanciers

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October - November 2000

We have 3 Specialties behind us now, CCFC National in Edmonton and Maple Leaf along with CCFC South Central Section's in ON are done. One Booster coming up Oct 28th here in BC.

We certainly hope to see people come out and support the last booster of the year. We are looking forward to having David Ross and Irene Robertson both from Scotland come and join the fun here.

The Top Dog awards were handed out at National, unfortunately we left the actual certificates in our Van back at Lori & Scot's house. Seemed our Van would not fit into the parking lot at the dinner. As Joan & Sol were leaving the next morning they followed us back to the Meadows house and picked theirs up. At the 1999 National in BC and now this 2000 National in Edmonton it has been the only time Certificates have been handed out at National in the 8 years that I have been on the Exec. of the Club. I do hope this will continue.

Those of you that were not at the dinner will find yours in with this Newsletter.

1999 Top Chow Awards

Top Winning Chow
(All Breed Points)
CH. JOSOL DEBAR E Z RIDER

Top Winning Bitch
CH. DOMINO LIBERTY MAGIC

Sire of the Year
CH. KNOF'S FOSTER AT JOSOL

Dam of the Year
SHERDEE'S CHARLENE

Breeders of the Year
ARLENE BURKEY & SOL & JOAN FALCHUK

Chow Puppy of the Year
CH. LISHA'S DYLAND

Chow Chow of the Year
(Breed Points)
CH. JOSOL DEBAR E Z RIDER

CCFC 2000 National Specialty

Well, as always the big event has come and gone very quickly. After hosting my first Specialty, all I can say is... WOW! What an experience that was! Though a very tiring experience, it was truly wonderful!

It was real privilege for Alberta to host this Specialty, especially given that it was the first one for the new millennium, and my first as a Show Chairperson. As our show slogan said, we did "Celebrate the New Millennium in Style!"

Our judges did an absolutely fantastic job - a big thank you to Vicki & John Schmidt, and Cheryl Myers Egerton for making this show such a wonderful event. The judges sure had a hard time choosing between all of the dogs that were presented at this show - they were all an excellent representation of our wonderful breed.

Thank you to everyone that helped in making this show such a great success! Without all of the support that we received, we could not have been so successful.

Thank you to chow fanciers Aaron & Judy Erickson and Joan & Sol Falchuk for coming to the show sans dogs just to show their support! Sol also did a wonderful job as auctioneer, and had the group in stitches several times throughout the evening! As

well, a big thank you to Harry & Suzanne, and my husband Scott, for keeping me sane throughout all the preparation for this event!

Finally thank you to all of the exhibitors for showing Albertans what wonderful dogs chows really are! I hope everyone had a wonderful time, and will hopefully consider returning again in the future!

Lori Meadows
Show Chairperson

Hi Suzanne

This black smooth that won in South Africa is named GURKANS UNDERBART AR KORT., C'hengtus Blue Lord X Gurkans Rött Är Sött. He has moved from Sweden to South Africa to live with Melite Grobler of Okzanna Chows as a 6 month old and before going there he was best Puppy of Breed in Sweden once and Best Puppy of Opposite Sex once.

Unfortunately I don't know the show, date or judge where he won in SA, but it was recently, he's just 9 months of age now. His picture can be found at my web site. He's 5 months of age in those pictures. My new blue smooth dog is a very lovely dog!!

Chow for now...Jessica

Dear Fellow Chowists,

Here we are, the National is over, things are now slowing down and here in B.C. we are now gearing up for our Booster at Lower Mainland.

Many thanks to Lori and Scott Meadows and their helpers as they did a wonderful job of organizing both the National and our General Meeting. We did have a couple of glitches. Many apologies for the certificates for top honours getting left behind. Suzanne has done such a great job of keeping track of points all year and doing up certificates that it was a real shame that they could not be handed out at the Dinner. Suzanne and Harry made sure they had them tucked safely away in their Van and at the last minute they ended up going to the dinner with our great hosts, the Meadows, as their Van would not fit in the underground parking and of course the certificates got left behind in the Van. I did not help as by the time I had to read out the names I got nervous and made a mess of reading out the honours.

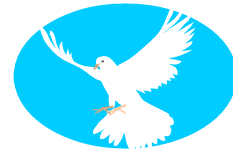
Congratulation to all of the winners again and thanks Suzanne for all your hard work. I think the show was still a great success and the dinner and auction were great.

Sol Falchuk was a great Auctioneer and he had great

items to Auction. I sure hope this helped to promote our Chows in the West and maybe the next National held in the West will be even bigger and better thanks to the great job done in Edmonton.

Thanks to you all for your support, I am sure Lori and Scott really appreciated you being there.

Kitty



Gone but not Forgotten

CH Sevenacres Cajun Sky O Mali, June 21, 1993, Ch Wyndy Acre's La Kruise x Leatherwood Sevenacres Oreo, Br: Kathleen L. Egan, Karen Cox, Ow: Kitty Egan & Joanne Parker

Mister Bears Lady Neyneve Jan 7/93, Mister Bears Snow Ball x Mister Bears Shirley Temple, Ow: Linda Smith & Mary Ann Jenkins

On a happier note Linda had a great show weekend out with her new Puppy **Shoh-Dees Ebony Stardust** was winners female, Best of Breed and best puppy in breed all 3 days. Ebony also got a group 4th and a puppy group on the first day. This show was held on Sept 2,3 & 4. Shoh-Dees Clearcreeks Cupcake was reserve winners female all 3 days.

CCFC National 2000

Sept 8th & 9th.2000 Results

John Schmidt
Beijing Chows
Yearling Sweepstakes

BEST IN YEARLING SWEEPSTAKES

Ch. Chrisma Solar Wind
Ow: Gail Forsythe
Br: Sherrie Determan &
Thomas Woods

Victoria Schmidt
Beijing Chows
Veteran Sweepstakes

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Ch. Terrilyn's Pooh Bear
Ow/Br: Terry & Linda Inch

BEST OF OPPOSITE VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Ch. Eryncroft's Mantricker
Ow/Br: Mary-Jane & Erin
Turnell

Mrs. Cheryl Myers-Egerton
Regular Classes

WINNERS MALE

Aruadh The Legend Is Back
Ow: Steven Warren & Susan
Kool; Br: Katherine
Langdon-Sparks/Stephen
Warren

WINNERS FEMALE

Sevenacres Angel at
Chinabar
Ow: Harry & Suzanne Staines
Br: Kitty Egan

RES. WINNERS FEMALE

Beshia's Baby Jane
Ow: Jack Post/Zerilda
Boleska; Br: Zerilda Boleska

BEST OF BREED

Ch. Sevenacre Leatherwd
Olympian (MBIS\MBISS)
Ow: Kitty Egan
Br: Karen & Mike Cox

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX & BEST PUPPY

Ch. Chrisma Solar Wind

BEST OF WINNERS

Sevenacres Angel at
Chinabar

AWARD OF MERIT & BEST CANADIAN BRED

Ch. Jodezi Rickshaw McGraw
(MBIS)
Ow: Terry & Linda Inch
Br: Joanna Parker/Yves
Paradis

BEST STUD DOG/GET

Ch. Beijing Chudleigh Chow
Ow: Zerilda Boleska; Br:
Victoria & Jane Schmidt

BEST OF ALTERED IN BREED

Ch. Beshia's Blazin' Kayla By
Chud CD
Ow: Lori & Scott Meadows
Br: Zerilda Boleska

Maple Leaf

Chow Chow Club

SWEEPSTAKES

Breeder/Judge
Christine Clucas,
Hiswin Chows, England

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

Pazzazz's It's a Good Thing
Br/Ow: Karen Tracy

BEST OF OPPOSITE

Northwind's Texas Mountie
Br: L & W Eyster
Ow: Judy & Ian Horne

Breeder/Judge
Carmen Blankenship, Tx,
Regular Classes

WINNERS MALE

BEST OF WINNERS

Shawood Chardonnay Chang
Breeder E. Woodcroft

WINNERS FEMALE

BEST PUPPY

Clos De Lion Hot Sauce
Breeder/Owner J & M Allen

BEST OF BREED

BEST CANADIAN BRED

Can. Am.Ch. Mi-Pao's Cream
Signature
Br/Ow: Paul Odenkirchen

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Ch. Mi-Tu's Kontessa
Br/Ow: Pat Robb

AWARD OF MERIT

Ch. Josol's McGiver
Br: Joan & Sol Falchuk
Ow: Debbie Howard

BEST OF ALTERED IN BREED

Josol's Rory
Br: Joan & Sol Falchuk
Ow: M Chong & A Hsuch

BEST OF OPPOSITE ALTERED IN BREED

Criscoken Black Button,
CCGC
Br: Magaret Crisson
Ow: Donilda Lackner

CCFC**South Central
Ontario Section**

Breeder Judge
Christine Cameron, CA
Regular Classes

WINNERS MALE

Ky Chings's Dallas Cowboy
Br: Susan. Hassett
Ow: C Carter & S. Hassett

RES. WINNERS MALE

Northwind's Texas Mountie
Br: L & W Eyster
Ow: Judy & Ian Horne

WINNERS FEMALE**BEST OF WINNERS****BEST PUPPY**

Cross B's Blackberry Cobbler
Br: Janet Burke
Ow: Lisa & K Silk

BEST OF BREED

Can. Am. Ch. Mi-Pao's
Cream Signature
Br\Ow: Paul Odenkirchen

BEST OF OPPOSITE

Ch. Mi-Tu's Kontessa
Br\Ow: Pat Robb

AWARD OF MERIT

Ch. Tai's The Rough Rider
Br: Owner C. D. Schlievert

**BEST OF ALTERED IN
BREED**

Ky Chings Pursuit of
Perfection
Br: C. L. Carter Ow: E.
Bernardo

**BEST OF OPPOSITE
ALTERED IN BREED**

Josol's Rory
Br: S & J Falchuk
Ow: A. Hsueh & M Chong

BEST IN BRACE

Ch. Ky Chings Rushing
Cowboy
Ch. Wong Chow's Bon
Wit D'Teller

STUD DOG

Ch. Aruadh Kialin George's
Revenge

BROOD BITCH

Ch. Wong Chow's Bon Wit
D'Teller

TURBO THE CHOW

by Michael

This is about my best buddy, "Turbo". He had no pedigree on paper, he won no trophies, he never got a ribbon and his picture was never posted on the net or printed in the newspaper. Yet, he had no equal.

I looked at an x-ray and listened to a kind Vet Friday last at 10:50 am. Turbo passed in my arms at 11am.

I am writing mostly because I am devastated and cannot imagine being without him. I grew up with dogs, have had dogs all my life and had to put them down before. Turbo was different.

I could never have imagined owning a chow chow and had no thought of getting one. Then Turbo found me on a

downtown Dallas parking lot in 1987. I was 37 and he was about 8 weeks. How he got there will forever remain a mystery. I took him home with me, leaving him there would have been a death sentence, and watched the paper in case an owner came forward. None did.

I then went about the task of finding him a proper home; he couldn't stay with us because Chows eat people, don't they? After a thorough search and talking to a lot of 'prospective' owners, I found the only one who could possibly care for the little guy right and give him the best home possible: me.

He worked his way into my life, my home and my soul. He was unlike anything I'd ever seen before and, without my knowing it, he became the dog I never had as a boy.

For 13 years he provided love, personality, loyalty and even protection. We had an armed intruder one night and Turbo faced the gun down and chased the guy half way to Canada. If he knew you, you were always welcome. If he didn't, you'd better stay on the porch or leave. He was MY dog and I never dreamed of such a relationship or that such could be possible. He gave me more than any human being ever has and his love never waivered.

I write because you're close and I need to 'talk' to some

one who understands. I hope I haven't imposed. It's just that I'm a 50 year old guy whose gut won't stop aching and who can't keep from crying, sometimes uncontrollably, over this particular loss. Something very special has been ripped out of me and it's going to take a while to get back to normal, whatever that is in his absence. No other dog ever affected me in such a way and I had always thought being devastated over the loss of a dog was a bit silly; until it happened to me.

He had a sensitivity I'd never seen in any other animal and he knew whenever I was hurting pretty bad. He would jump up on the bed or the couch or wherever I was and put one big paw on me. He always maintained that dignified, chest out pose that said 'this is at a dignified distance, but I'm here'. He would even tolerate my hugging him real tight and soiling his coat with my tears. This incredible dog saw me through the loss of both parents and an adoptive brother in addition to other painful situations. Once HE was satisfied that I was a little better, he'd go back to being the man in charge of the house and lay down in his spot.

Turbo wasn't a 'show' animal, and he wouldn't have been the prettiest in a contest. But when he would greet me by putting his head between my knees and wiggling all over, he was the most beautiful red

chow in the world. He was 'best of' in every category in my house.

Walkabout Girl

by Barbara Jorgensen

My cinnamon Chow Chow, Famous' Cinn City aka Miss Bubbles, was missing from May 4, 2000 until June 29, 2000. When I was thinking of what I wanted to write about this saga in the hopes of helping others, I realized there are two very different parts to the story. The first part is all the practical advice and tips I got about things to do to find my dog. The second part is all the practical and wildly impractical but very valuable advice I got about things to do to stay relatively calm and positive while she was gone.

I stopped by home over lunch one day to find my back gate standing wide open, my male Chow resting comfortably on the front porch, and no sign of my little girl. I did the usual things, looked all over the neighborhood, putt posters up around the neighborhood, visited the pound and the animal shelter, put an ad in the newspaper, and enlisted as many friends as I could to help me look for her. I was fortunate to have a good picture of her to make into a flyer. I now have suitable

pictures of both of them, just in case.

I posted to my Chow email list about my lost girl and got many great suggestions. I put flyers up in wider and wider circles as time passed.



Eventually, I was into my fourth hundred-run of flyers when Miss B came home. In addition to the flyers, I contacted and gave flyers to the branch post office to distribute to the carriers, to UPS and Fed Ex, to the local police station, recreation centers, churches, middle and high schools, shopping mall offices, individual stores, security guards, and pizza delivery men. Any place that I could think of where people gathered and anyone who drove or walked around the area got flyers.

I visited the pound at least every other day. They keep dogs for a three day minimum so it was important that I go a bit more often than their limit, just to be safe. I also visited the shelter regularly. I kept the newspaper ad running and responded to all reported sightings, even if they were a seemingly unreasonable distance away.

I searched the internet and posted Miss Bubbles' information to several lost dog sites. One I found early on was hosted by a woman who had lost her dog in 1997 and

was still looking. I remember thinking, "Well, I love my dog but three years is ridiculous!" Over time, I came to understand that as long as I did not know where she was and what had happened to her, I could not stop looking. I also knew that I could not sustain the level of anxiety, worry and just plain craziness I was in about my girl.

Several other email list members had used an animal communicator to help them find

lost dogs and it had worked. I ask you now to suspend any disbelief you might have on this issue for just a bit. The other folks were as cynical as could be at first, but reported finding dogs with this woman's, Morgan Jurdan, help. They firmly stated that finding their dogs could not be explained any other way. I called. The first thing Morgan said to me was that she could not tell me where to go find my dog. She started talking to me about getting and keeping a positive attitude. I was told to visualize Miss Bubbles at home with me, well and happy. I was to visualize a golden cord that ran from me to her and to work to make this cord thicker. By the time Miss B came back, I had a coaxial cable going!

Most of all, I had to work to stay convinced that she was coming back to me. Just as when I round the corner headed for work in the morning I do not doubt that the building will be there, so

I had to be certain that Miss B would be home again. Along that same line, it does not occur to me that I have to do anything to make the building be there. I needed to learn to trust the process and let go of



the idea that I had to do something to make Miss Bubbles come home. I had to do the footwork, the flyers and so forth, but the desperation and insanity were not helping. I forced myself to stay

home, to stop frantically looking. If I felt a strong urge to go out and look, I went, but I stopped going three times every day just because I thought I should. I stopped saying she was lost, but rather that she was on an extended walking tour, or "gone walkabout" as one of the Aussie list members said. I left her bowl down in the kitchen, her leash by the door. I made a medicine circle for her asking the earth and elements to help my girl. I did everything anyone suggested. Nothing was too "small" if it kept me focused in a positive direction. I don't mean to say that I managed to stay positive all the time, I didn't. When the negative thoughts, the worries, the nightmare visions would intrude, I forced myself to think of all the things about Miss Bubbles for which I

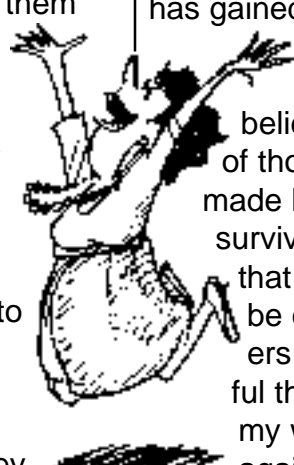
was grateful. Sometimes I wrote alphabetical gratitude lists, A for adorable, B for brave, C for cuddly, etc. right on through the alphabet. When folks inquired about her, I always stated with conviction that I was going to get her back, that she would be home again. Many people offered to pray for her, I always asked them to think positive thoughts about her return and pray along those lines. I always had flyers with me and asked everyone, from the grocery store checker on, to think positive thoughts. Did any of this help bring Miss B home or did it just help me stay sane? What difference does it make?

The first four or five weeks she was gone, I was getting phone calls every day or so from people who had seen her on a college campus which is on the other side of a huge canyon by my neighborhood. I was never able to see her when I went over to campus and the calls had stopped coming. About 7:30 PM on June 29th, I got a call from a man who said he had seen my dog on the golf course at the bottom of the canyon. I met him at the golf course, walked out to the end of it where we found Miss B still sitting. I put her leash on her and we came home. There is, however, a bit more to the story.

Morgan had sort of given up trying to get Miss Bubbles to

go up to anyone. She just wouldn't do it, which was consistent with her somewhat shy nature. She was instead "working" with her to stay put rather than run when someone saw her and to help her to find her way home.

The man who called me had hit his golf ball into the rough. When he looked up while retrieving his ball, he saw a dog backed into the bushes. He called his girlfriend over, and they tried unsuccessfully to get her to come to them and then left the golf course talking about what to do about the dog. By chance, they turned left out of the golf course which brought them up the side of the canyon into my neighborhood. They also just happened to turn left into the first street they came to. They saw one of Miss B's flyers on a telephone pole on that street and called me. Had they made any different turns, they would not have seen a flyer. I had been scheduled to leave town at 6:30 that evening to attend the Golden State Chow Chow Club's annual Speciality. I was not feeling well and was very busy at work so had decided I had to cancel. Had I not canceled, I would have missed the call. Miss B had never before stayed put when someone spotted her



and the place where she was sitting was about 100 feet away from the base of the only path up out of the canyon into my neighborhood.

She had gone from 51 lbs. to 36, had ticks all over her and a fresh, nasty abrasion from ear to ear across the back of her neck. When we clipped the fur back at the vet's the next day, it was obvious that she had worked her way out of a rope, chain or leash. Miss B was lucky. She suffered no other effects, is now free of ticks and has gained almost all her weight back. Chows are tough dogs and I believe that many years of thoughtful breeding also made her a dog who could survive this ordeal. I hope that our experience may be of help to other owners and am more grateful than I can say to have my walkabout girl home again.

And thou shall have dominion over all the beasts...except, of course, for the Chows

CANADIAN NATIONAL 2000 Sol and I are back home now after taking a trip to Edmonton to attend the National Speciality.

First and foremost we would like to thank our hosts Lori and Scott Meadows for being so good to us and helping us maneuver our way around Edmonton.

It was fun to meet new chow people, meet people that I've known from email addresses only and of course seeing some friends I haven't seen in quite awhile.

The trophy table was festively set up and the judge was as cheery, pleasant and patient as she always is.

In the evening we all got to enjoy a great dinner and an auction with many chow items to choose from to bid on. Lori and Scott deserve a standing ovation for all the hard work they did to make this a successful show. We wish we could have stayed longer but we have a family of dogs here to take care of and we do what we can.

We did overall have a good time but it was upsetting when it was publically asked at the meeting why we were there and didn't bring a dog to support the show. The funny thing was that on our drive from the airport to the show site we past a few pet shops and jokingly I said to Sol that maybe I should see if they had a chow so I'd have a dog to show up with. There are 3 reasons that we went to the National Speciality, 1 to support the club, 2-to attend the Annual Meeting (as Sol is Chairman of SCCFC and I am on the Standards Committee) and 3-to accept the Top Dog Awards which Harley had earned for us.

I was told at the dinner that the awards certificates were forgotten and asked for the names of dogs, breeders and owners of the winners. Then at the end of the evening after the dinner, after the thank-you's to the judge and the committee and after the auction as everyone was leaving and paying their auction bill. The names of the award winners were read off a piece of paper obviously not legible as I had to correct almost every name that was read.

As a member of the Chow Community and a member of the CANADIAN National Chow Club I was very disappointed with the lack of respect and acknowledgment given to the presentation of the Annual National Awards. Over my 17 yrs in Chows I have been to many award presentations and have never seen them treated in this manner. No matter who is to receive these awards if they are not going to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve what is the point in even having these awards. Anyone who has attended an American National show and Awards knows that this would not be tolerated by their National Membership.

This is no reflection on Lori and Scott, as I said they did a great job putting the show together and the show, dinner and auction were very successful.

Hats off to the 2 of you.

Joan
Josol Perm Regd

Joan had asked that her letter be printed as is with no editing whatsoever. That is what I have done...Ed

You will find the latest draft of the Breed Standard printed in this Newsletter. There is a Ballot sheet included as well. This is only a "Straw Vote" to see where everyone stands on the changes so far. This is **NOT** the official vote on the standard. If you vote "NO" on any section please let us know how you would like that section to read.

There is a ballot for a vote on a change to the constitution.

The Ballots for the Executive election are included. All ballots can be mailed in the same envelope please do put your return address on the envelope.

Lori Meadows is Secretary and Vickie Barrett will be Treasurer by acclamation, I know Lori will continue to do a great job for the national Club and Vickie will be a wonderful addition to the Executive.

Candid pictures of National 2000 can be seen at <http://chinabar.tripod.com/ccfc2000.html>

Thanks to Arron & Judy Erickson for taking pictures.

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Underlined Italics is totally new text.

~~Anything with strike through is being deleted from present standard.~~

Normal text is wording in the present standard that is staying.

Chow Chow

1. ORIGIN and PURPOSE

The Chow Chow is an ancient breed of northern Oriental origin. As a working breed in its area of origin, the Chow Chow was used to guard and hunt. Today the Chow is primarily a family companion dog.

2. GENERAL APPEARANCE

A ~~massive, cobby~~, powerful dog of *medium size*, active and alert, with strong, muscular development, and perfect balance. Body squares with height of leg at shoulder; head is broad and flat, with short, broad, and deep muzzle, the whole supported by straight, strong legs. *Tail carried well over the back.* Clothed in a off-standing ~~shining~~ *smooth or rough double coat, in the rough variety the head is accentuated by a ruff; Dogs to look masculine. Bitches to look feminine. When comparing the different sexes – allowance be made for bitches who may not have as much head and substance.* The Chow is a masterpiece of beauty, dignity, and untouched naturalness.

3. TEMPERAMENT

Dignified, with keen intelligence, independent spirit, aloof and reserved with strangers. Aggressiveness or timidity is undesirable. Because of its deep-set eyes, the Chow has limited peripheral vision and is best approached from the front.

4. SIZE

Average height of adult specimens is 40 - 51 centimeters (16-20 inches) at the shoulder, but in every case consideration of overall balance and type should take precedence over size.

5. COAT AND COLOUR

Coat

There are two types of coat, rough and smooth. Both are double coated.

Rough- the coat is abundant, dense, straight, and off standing; rather coarse in texture with a soft, thick, woolly undercoat. Coat and ruff generally longer in males, than in bitches. Tail well feathered. Texture and condition should be given greater emphasis than the length. There should be no obvious trimming or shaping except for the paws.

~~The Smooth – should have a harsh texture and, dense, smooth outer coat with a the same woolly undercoat, but the Smooth's outer coat is short and gives a sleek appearance. There should be no obvious ruff or feathering on the legs or tail. The Smooth Chow Chow is judged by the same standard as the rough variety with the exception of coat length~~

Colour

~~There are five basic colours, red, black, blue, cinnamon and cream. It may be any clear colour, solid throughout~~ *Clear coloured, throughout, with lighter shadings on the ruff, tail, and breeching except in the cream where darker shading may be present. Acceptable colours to be judged on an equal basis.*

6. HEAD

The head is large ~~and massive~~ in proportion to size of dog. *It is proudly carried, not over exaggerated as to make the dog seem top heavy, or to result in a low head carriage. Skull broad and flat: well filled under the eyes; moderate stop. Expression essentially dignified, lordly, scowling discerning, sober, and snobbish – one of independence. Excessive loose skin is not desirable.*

Muzzle is short in comparison to length of skull but *not less than 1/3 of head length.* Broad from eyes to end of nose and of equal depth. The lips somewhat full and overhanging, *but not pendulous.*

Teeth strong and level, with a scissors bite; should neither be overshot, nor undershot

Nose large and broad. ~~and black in colour.~~ *In blue or cream, black noses are preferred, but blues may have a slate coloured nose and creams may have a brown or liver coloured nose. In all other colours the nose must be black.*

Eyes dark, deep set of moderate size, and almond shaped, *pupils should be visible.*

Ears small, *thick, slightly rounded at tip, stiffly carried with a slight forward tilt, the inner corner of the ear to be in line with*

the outer corner of the eye. They should be placed wide apart, on top of the skull. This all contributes to the essential dignified lordly, discerning, scowling expression, one of independence.

Tongue is blue-black; the tissues of the mouth should approximate black. *A solid black mouth and gums are preferred.*

7. NECK

Strong, full, set well on the shoulders *nicely arched and of sufficient length to carry the head proudly, well above the top line when standing.*

8. FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders muscular, slightly sloping, forelegs perfectly straight, with heavy bone and upright pasterns, *placed well apart and parallel. Elbow joints set well back alongside the chest wall, elbows turning neither in or out. Feet, round, cat-like with thick pads, standing well up on the toes both front and rear. Dewclaws may be removed.*

9. BODY

Short, compact, *close coupled, strongly muscled, broad and deep.* Back short, straight, and strong. Chest broad, deep, *never narrow* and muscular, with well-sprung ribs *but not a barrel.* A narrow chest is a serious fault. Loins broad, deep, and powerful, and, *well let down in the flank giving an overall appearance of squareness. The topline is straight, strong and level from the withers to the base of the tail.*

10. HINDQUARTERS

Hind legs straight-hocked, muscular, and heavy boned. *Rear and front bone approximately equal. Stifle shows little angulation, hock joints well let down, must be strong, well knit, never bowing or breaking forward or to the side. Hock joint and metatarsals to be in a straight line below the hip joint. Feet same as forequarters. Feet compact, round, cat-like, with thick pads.*

11. TAIL

Set well up and carried closely to the back, following the line of spine at the start.

12. GAIT

Completely individual to *the breed.* Short and stilted because of a *straight stifle and straight hocks. Sound, straight moving, agile, quick and powerful, never lumbering. It is from the side that the unique stilted action is most easily viewed and assessed. The rear leg moves up and forward from the hip in a straight, stilted pendulum like line, with a slight bounce in the rump, legs extend neither far forward nor backward. There should be no roll through the midsection. Viewed from the rear, the line of bone from the hip joint to pad remains straight as the dog moves. As speed increases, the hindlegs incline slightly inward. Viewed from the front, the line of bone from shoulder joint to pad, remain straight as the dog moves. As speed increases, the forelegs may incline slightly inward but the front legs must not swing out in semicircles nor mince or show any evidence of hackney action. Somewhat lacking in speed, the Chow has excellent endurance.*

13. FAULTS

Overshot or undershot bites

A narrow chest.

14. DISQUALIFICATION

Nose spotted or distinctly any other colour than black, except in blue Chows, which may have solid blue or slate nose *and in creams, which may have a brown or liver coloured nose.*

Tongue red, pink, or obviously spotted with red or pink.

Drop ear or ears. A drop ear is one which is stiffly carried or stiffly erect, but which breaks over at any point from its base to its tip *or which lies parallel to the top of the skull.*

There is also a vote to change the Constitution re General Meetings. In the past there have not been enough members or Executive members present in anyone place to host the meetings. This change is just to allow the meeting to be postponed to the following year. In Canada with everyone spread out so far and the cost of travelling a factor it is very hard or almost impossible to have a General Meeting every year. This change will cover the CCFC Club in that event. Please do take the time to vote on this, all ballots should be mailed back in the same envelope and received by November 1 2000.

CCFC Election 2000 Official Ballot

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Kitty Egan

Judith Tulloch



Vice President

Suzanne Staines

Gail Forsythe

Corresponding Secretary

Linda Smith

Joan Falchuk

Please vote for one person only for each position
(President, Vice President & Corresponding Secretary)
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Ballots **must be received** by November, 1st, 2000.

1. Origin and Purpose

Yes No

2. General Appearance

Yes No

3. Temperament

Yes No

4. Size

Yes No

5. Coat and Colour

Yes No

6. Head

Yes No

7. Neck

Yes No

8. Forequarters

Yes No

9. Body

Yes No

10. Hindquarters

Yes No

11. Tail

Yes No

12. Gait

Yes No

13. Fault

Yes No

14. Disqualification

Yes No

V Meetings

2. Annual General Meetings

a. same

b. The annual General Meeting shall normally be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Chow Chow National Specialty Show at a time and place determined by the hosting committee. In the event of not achieving a quorum or the National Specialty is not held, the Annual General Meeting will be moved to the next year.

Yes No