

Chow Chow



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: Chow's are a very old breed, which may have come from the Artic Circle, migrating to Mongolia, Siberia and Northern China. Chow's date back to the 7th Century AD, when royalty owned Chow's for hunting, pulling sleds, and guarding. To the peasants, the Chow was a commodity that could clothe them and fill their bellies.

BREED APPEARANCE:

The Chow Chow is a small to medium dog with a height of 16 to 20 inches and weighs 40 – 70 pounds. He is aloof, powerful, sturdy squarely built dog with heavy bone. He is impressive with his lion like mane of plush dense fur with a wooly undercoat. His large head, gives the impression of scowling due to his expressive brows and the furrow between his dark brown almond shaped eyes which are deep set. His Ears are small thick triangular shaped, rounding at the tip and slightly tilted forward. His mouth and tongue are black. His tail is set high and curled tight to his back. His coat is either rough or smooth in colors of red, blue, black, cinnamon or cream.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

The Chow has a regal appearance, is devoted to its family members and has a great guarding instinct. Responsible breeding has led to a more stable breed, but do your research on this one!

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED? Aggression and dominance top the list of reason's to take a "pass" on this dog. The Chow is serious about all he does and requires lots of attention to training and socialization. He needs to be dominated over by his ENTIRE family, including the children!

Perfect Pet Rating



Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?

Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.

PLUSES: They are very loyal; good watch and guard dogs.

MINUSES: They are suspicious of strangers, stubborn, intolerant of mishandling and are very independent.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

The Chow is not a breed for the novice dog owner. They require dedication on the part of the owner, to train and socialize. Families with children, or families who are expecting to have children, should NOT own this breed!

DO THEY SHED?

Yes, lots! They should be brushed daily. They shed twice a year.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

With a diligent schedule of training and socializing, this dog can be okay with a child that is supervised and respectful of the dog. **EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!**

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

The Chow is a one dog family. However, with training they can learn to tolerate other animals in the household. They can also be very aggressive to strange animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

The breed tends to be laid back, but has stamina and endurance to hunt. This dog should be walked daily.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

Intelligent, but requires lots of fortitude to train. Please seek professional help with training and socialization!

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They are sensitive to anesthesia, heat and humidity. They get hot spots, allergies, and Entropion (the eyelashes turn into the eye). Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.