

Chinook Standard from A to Z

Athletic and sound in body and temperament

Back is strong and level

Bite is scissors or level

Body is well muscled and hard

Brisket reaches to or nearly to the elbow

Chest is moderately broad

Coat is a thick double coat lying close to the body

Coat-Tail: the tail is well coated, with moderate fringing that starts about four to five inches from the root of the tail

Coat-Trimming: The Chinook is shown naturally and trimming is to be severely penalized

Color must be tawny ranging from pale honey to a deep reddish-gold

Color-Dilution: Dilute tawny is acceptable but not preferred

Color-Markings: ears and muzzle darker than the body is desirable with black shadings being preferred. Black apostrophe shaped markings at the inner corner of each eye is also desirable

Color-Markings: Symmetrical white or cream to pale gold markings are acceptable on the cheeks, throat, chest, breeches, and underside but other markings are undesirable.

Croup is slightly sloping

Disqualifications: Any color other than tawny as described, any eye color other than brown

Ears are medium, v-shaped with slightly rounded tip

Ear carriage: Down ears are preferred but any ear carriage is accepted including mis-matched

Expression is intelligent, inquisitive and kind

Eye-Color: must be any shade of brown

Eye-Markings: black eye markings are desirable

Eye-Shape: almond

Feet are tight, oval in shape, with arched toes, webbing between the toes, and with strong nails

Forelegs have oval, moderate bone

Front feet may turn slightly outward when standing

Gait is smooth, easy and seemingly tireless

Head is broad, wedge-shaped and impressive

Hindquarters are muscular, moderately angulated and in balance with the forequarters

Loins are muscular with a slight arch

Muzzle is aquiline, wedge-shaped, and shorter than the topskull

Muzzle and **topskull** are almost parallel



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Neck blends smoothly into the withers

Nose is large and black

Pads are thick, tough, and darkly pigmented

Pasterns are moderate in length and slightly sloping

Proportion is slightly longer than tall

Prosternum is prominent

Rear dew claws must be removed while front dew claws may be removed

Ribs are oval and well-sprung

Shoulders have moderate laid back

Shoulder blade and upper arm are equal in length

Size is ideally 22-24 inches for females and 24-26 inches for male

Size: a slow maturing breed

Stop is moderate

Tail is moderately set just below the level of the topline and reaches to the hock

Tail is broad at base, saber in shape and carried in a graceful sickle curve when alert or moving

Topskull is broad and slightly arched

Tuck-up is moderate

Temperament is affectionate and playful, a willing worker and a dignified dog who may be reserved but never shy or aggressive

