

PART VI - ANNUAL AWARDS

The rules governing all awards of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. shall appear in The Chow Chow Club, Inc. CHOW LIFE at least once a year.

SECTION 1: APPLICATIONS

No application is necessary for any of the following awards with the exception of the Junior Showmanship Award and the Top Ten Owner/Handled Chow Awards. **Only Dog Show wins as recorded in the AKC Awards are counted.** Dogs need not be living to receive any of these awards. For the purpose of determining awards, the owner will be considered to be the owner of record as of December 31st. Should there be a change of ownership during the award year, it is the new owner's responsibility to notify the statistician in writing by January 31st. If there is no such notification, the statistician will consider the owner to be the owner of record as shown in the AKC Awards publication on the show published nearest to December 31st of the awards year.

Revised May 2, 1989
Revised April 4, 1993 revised March 27, 1994
Revised May 7, 1995
Revised April 2013
Revised April 22, 2019

SECTION 2: DETERMINATION OF POINTS FOR TOP TEN CHOW CHOWS

These awards are made in recognition of the accomplishments of the Top Chow Chows in AKC Show competition. They reveal the Chow Chows that have defeated the greatest number of Chow Chows or the greatest number of dogs in All-Breed competition and have risen to the top, over their competitors, in a 12-month period. The statistical period is from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year. All information used in compiling these statistics is obtained from the official records of the American Kennel Club as published by the American Kennel Club website. A Chow Chow must be owned or co-owned by a member of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. to be eligible for an award. Two tabulations of points will be recorded for each Chow Chow in the Awards System, Breed Points and All-Breed Points.

Breed Points will be earned for the total number of Chow Chows Defeated by placing Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex at AKC shows. One Breed Point is earned for each Chow defeated by placing Best of Breed. One Breed Point is earned for each class Chow and each champion of the same sex defeated by placing Best of Opposite Sex. In addition, if the Best of Opposite Sex is placed over a Chow Chow of the same sex who was placed Best of Winners, he or she shall receive one point for each class Chow Chow defeated, regardless of sex. In the event of a tie, the

dog and/or bitch who has the highest number of breed points with the least number of wins places highest.

All-Breed Points will be earned for TOTAL DOGS DEFEATED in Group, Best in Show, and Reserve Best in Show Competition at All-Breed AKC Shows. A Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex win at a Chow Chow Specialty Show, whether an Independent Specialty or held in conjunction with an All-Breed AKC Show, will have the number of Chow Chows defeated counted as TOTAL DOGS DEFEATED for the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex winners based on the number of Chow Chows defeated, as defined above in the Breed Point Section.

The Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, or Best in Specialty dog earns a point for each dog defeated in actual competition, excluding absentees and obedience entries. The winner of a Group earns one point for each dog defeated in that Group; the dog placing Second in the Group earns a point for each dog defeated in the Group less the total of the Breed that was first; Third in Group earns a point for each dog defeated in the Group less the total of breeds that were first and second; Fourth in the Group earns a point for each dog defeated in the Group, less the total of the breeds that were first, second and third.

In all wins, whether Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best in Specialty, or Group wins or placements, one point is deducted from the total dogs present for the winner himself. A dog does not defeat himself in winning a Best in Show. If after obedience entries, Miscellaneous Class, and absentees are deducted from a show's total entry there were 1000 remaining dogs entered – The Best in Show dog would receive 999 points.

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Revised March 27, 1994
Revised April 4, 2010
Revised April 28, 2012
Revised April 1, 2014

SECTION 3: THE TOP TEN CHOWS

A certificate plaque to be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. to the Number One Chow Chow. A certificate will be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. to the Number Two through Ten Chow Chows. The Top Ten Chows will be determined by the number of BREED POINTS earned by Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex placements as defined in Section 2.

Qualifications: Competition is open to ALL CHOW CHOWS, and awards limited to Chows owned or co-owned by members* of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.

* “Member” is defined as a member in good standing of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. on December 31st of the award year.

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Revised April 28, 2012
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SECTION 4: THE SUPREME CHOW OF THE YEAR

A special bronze trophy and a certificate plaque to be awarded to the owner(s) and a certificate plaque to the breeder(s) if they are not the same by The Chow Chow Club, Inc.

Qualifications: Competition is open to ALL CHOW CHOWS, and awards limited to Chows owned or co-owned by members of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. The Chow Chow which, from January 1 through December 31:

- accumulates the greatest number of BREED POINTS and ALL BREED points as defined in Section 2;
- places Best of Breed in at least one Chow Chow Regional Specialty Show, and;
- places Best In Show in at least one All Breed Show, and;
- is owned or co-owned by a member of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. and;
- is at least two years of age and has received permanent OFA certificates for hips, elbows, thyroid and patellas, CERF or OFA certificate for eyes and a CHIC number, providing all testing is completed within the awards year and OFA numbers and CHIC numbers are received by January 31st following the awards year.

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Revised April 6, 1997
Revised April 9, 2005
Revised April 20, 2008
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Revised April 4, 2010
Revised April 28, 2012
Revised April 27, 2013
Revised April 1, 2014
Revised July 23, 2017
Revised April 22, 2019

SECTION 5: THE TOP TEN ALL-BREED CHOWS

A certificate plaque to be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc to the Number One All-Breed Chow Chow. A certificate will be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. to the Number Two through Ten Chow Chows. The Top Ten All-Breed Chows will be determined by the number of

All-Breed Points earned by Chow Specialty Show wins, Group placements and Best in Show wins, and Reserve Best in Show wins as defined in Section 2.

Qualifications: Competition is open to ALL CHOW CHOWS, and awards limited to Chows owned or co-owned by members* of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.

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SECTION 6: THE PREMIER BITCH OF THE YEAR

A plaque and special bronze Trophy to be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Qualifications:

The Chow Chow Bitch which, from January 1 through December 31:

- accumulates the greatest number of BREED POINTS and ALL BREED points as defined in Section 2;
- places Best of Breed in at least one Chow Chow Regional Specialty Show, and;
- is owned or co-owned by a member* of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. and
- is at least two years of age and has received permanent OFA certificates for hips, elbows, thyroid and patellas, CERF or OFA certificate for eyes and a CHIC number, providing all testing is completed within the awards year and OFA numbers and CHIC numbers are received by January 31st following the awards year.

** "Member" is defined as a member in good standing of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. on December 31st of the award year.*

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Revised May 26, 2007
Revised April 20, 2008
Revised October 30, 2008
Revised April 4, 2010
Revised April 28, 2012
Revised April 27, 2013
Revised April 1, 2014
Revised April 22, 2019

SECTION 7: THE TOP FIVE BITCHES

A certificate plaque to be awarded to the No. 1 Bitch by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Points for CHOWS CHOWS DEFEATED will be earned by bitches placing Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex as defined in Section 2. One point is earned for each Chow Chow defeated for Best of Breed or one point for each class bitch and champion bitch defeated for Best of Opposite Sex. In addition, if the Champion Bitch is placed Best of Opposite Sex over a bitch that was placed Best of Winners, she shall receive one point for each class Chow Chow defeated, regardless of sex. If a Class Bitch is placed Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners, she shall receive one point for each champion bitch defeated and class Chow Chow defeated, regardless of sex. A certificate to be given to the No. 2,3, 4 and 5 Bitches, to be effective November 1, 2006.

Qualifications: The Chow Chow bitch which, from January 1 through December 31 accumulates the greatest number of CHOW CHOWS DEFEATED and; is owned or co-owned by a member* of The Chow Chow Club, Inc.

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Revised April 28, 2012
Revised April 27, 2013
Revised March 17, 2018
Revised April 22, 2019
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SECTION 8: TOP JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD

A certificate plaque to be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. This is a special award to encourage Junior Handlers of Chow Chows.

Qualifications: Requires a minimum of first in FIVE or more Open Classes in Junior Showmanship at AKC Licensed or Member shows held between January 1 and December 31 and who were at least 8 years old and under 18 years old at the time of each qualifying win.

- This award must be requested in writing by a member* of The Chow Chow Club, Inc.
- Only the Top Junior Handler to receive a half page in Chow Life.

Each Junior Handler that has received 10 or more points in AKC Junior Handler competition shall receive a Certificate.

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Revised May 25, 1998
Revised April 24, 2006
Revised April 19, 2008
Revised April 24, 2009
Revised April 28, 2012
Revised April 27, 2013
Revised April 22, 2019
Revised April 18, 2021

SECTION 9: TOP TEN OWNER/HANDLED CHOW AWARDS

Qualifications: The Top Ten Owner/Handled Chow Awards are based on competition at AKC Events. Points are accumulated by winning Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and Best of Winners and accumulated on a one dog/any eligible owner-handler basis. Best of Opposite Sex points to be computed in the same manner as in Section 2.

- Competition is open to all Chow Chows and awards limited to Chow Chow owner/handlers who are members of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. and are eligible for the AKC Owner Handled Series.
- Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.
- A certificate plaque to be awarded to the dog or bitch earning the most points as defined by the aforementioned rules will be awarded. A certificate to be awarded to the owner-handlers that place Two through Ten. The winner of the Owner/Handled Chow Award will be given 1/2 page recognition in Chow Life unless they have previously received any other free recognition in that year's awards issue of Chow Life. The names of the Top Ten handlers and their Chows in the Owner/Handled competition will be published in Chow Life effective with the 1996 awards year beginning November 1, 1995.

The notification of these wins must be submitted to the awards committee by January 31st following the awards year. A single dog may only be submitted one time. If the dog's winning record is submitted by more than one owner/handler, only the highest total will be used. In case of identical records, the one received first will be used.

The information submitted must include:

- The dog's name and AKC number

- The name and date of each show
- The placement awarded at each show
- The owner/handler(s) of the dog
- The number of points earned at each show
- The total number of points.

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 Revised April 2, 1990
 Revised May 20, 1991
 Revised May 25, 1992
 Revised April 4, 1993
 Revised May 7, 1995
 Revised June 2 1996
 Revised May 25, 1998
 Revised May 30, 1999
 Revised August 15, 2005
 Revised April 28, 2012
 Revised April 27, 2013
 Revised August 24, 2014
 Revised April 22, 2019
 Revised April 18, 2021

SECTION 10. BREEDER/OWNER/HANDLED AWARD

A certificate plaque to be awarded by The Chow Chow Club, Inc. for the dog and the bitch defeating the most dogs by going Winners Dog and Winners Bitch from the Bred by Exhibitor Class.

Qualifications: Competition is open to ALL CHOW CHOWS, and awards limited to Chow Chow handlers who are members of The Chow Chow Club, Inc. and whose dogs have won Winners Dog or Winners Bitch from the Bred-By-Exhibitor Class and were not Champions of Record when the dog was exhibited in the BBE Class. Points will be computed on a one dog/any breeder/owner/handler basis.

Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award. The winners of the Breeder/Owner/Handled award will each be given 1/2-page recognition in Chow Life unless they have previously received any other free recognition in that year's awards issue of Chow Life. In the case of a tie, total points for Best of Winners wins will be used to determine the positions.

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 Revised May 25, 1998
 Revised August 15, 2005
 Revised April 28, 2012
 Revised April 27, 2013
 Revised April 22, 2019
 Revised April 18, 2021

SECTION 11: COMPANION EVENTS AWARDS

Top Ten Obedience Chows:

The Top Ten Novice, Top Ten Open and Top Ten Utility (Utility/Versatility) Chows will be determined by the number of points earned in each level of Obedience competition.

Qualifications: Competition is open to all Chow Chows.

- A Chow must have three published scores for the year under two different judges. Dogs with one or two scores for the year will not be eligible for the Top Ten Awards.
- Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.
- The average of the top three scores in each level will be used to determine the Top 10 dogs at each level of competition. The dog with the highest average in each level will be the top dog in that level. Utility scores outrank Versatility scores.

The Top Ten Chows at each level will be awarded a certificate. The names of the Top Ten Obedience Chows at each level, and their owners, will be published in the awards issue of Chow Life.

The number one Obedience Chow Chow will be the number one Chow competing at the highest level of competition (#1 Utility, if none qualify then #1 Open, if none qualify then #1 Novice, and includes optional titling classes in reverse order earned). The number one Obedience Chow will

be given a plaque and 1/2-page recognition in Chow Life unless they have previously received any other free recognition in that year's awards issue of Chow Life.

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Revised April 1, 2014
Revised March 17, 2015
Revised April 22, 2019
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Top Ten Agility Chows

The Top Ten Novice, Top Ten Open and Top Ten Excellent Chows will be determined by the number of points earned in each level of Agility competition.

Qualifications: A Chow must have three published scores for the year under two different judges. Dogs with one or two scores for the year will not be eligible for the Top Ten Awards.

- Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.
- The average of the top three scores in each level will be used to determine the Top 10 dogs at each level of competition. The dog with the highest average in each level will be the top dog in that level. In the case of a tie, the highest individual score will be used to break the tie. If there is still a tie, the highest seconds under course time (SCT) or MACH (Master Agility Championship) points will be used.

The Top Ten Chows at each level will be awarded a certificate. The names of the Top Ten Agility Chows at each level, and their owners, will be published in the awards issue of Chow Life.

The Number One Agility Chow Chow will be the number one dog competing at the highest level of competition (#1 Excellent, if none qualify then # 1 Open, if none qualify then #1 Novice). The Number One Agility award winner will be given a plaque and 1/2-page recognition in Chow Life unless they have previously received any other free recognition in that year's awards issue of Chow Life.

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 Revised April 28, 2012
 Revised April 1, 2014
 Revised March 17, 2015
 Revised April 22, 2019
 Revised April 18, 2021

Top Ten Rally Chows

The Top Ten Novice, Top Ten Intermediate, Top Ten Advanced, Top Ten Excellent, and Top Ten Master Chows will be determined by the number of points earned in each level of Rally competition.

Qualifications: A Chow must have three published scores for the year under two different judges. Dogs with one or two scores for the year will not be eligible for the Top Ten Awards.

- Points earned from January 1 through December 31 qualify for this award.
- The average of the top three scores in each level will be used to determine the Top 10 dogs at each level of competition. The dog with the highest average in each level will be the top dog in that level. In case of a tie, the highest individual score will be used to break the tie.

The Top Ten Chows at each level will be awarded a certificate. The names of the Top Ten Rally Chows at each level, and their owners, will be published in the awards issue of Chow Life.

The Number One Rally Chow Chow will be the Number One dog competing at the highest level of competition (#1 Master, if none qualify then #1 Excellent, if none qualify then #1 Advanced, if none qualify then #1 Intermediate, if none qualify, then #1 Novice). The Number One Rally Award winner

will be given a plaque and 1/2-page recognition in Chow Life unless they have previously received any other free recognition in that year's awards issue of Chow Life.

Adopted April 1, 2014
Revised March 17, 2015
Revised April 22, 2019
Revised April 18, 2021

Other Companion Events Awards

A certificate plaque will be awarded to any Chow owned or co-owned by a member* of the CCCI earning a CDX or higher in Obedience; a Rally Advanced Excellent or higher in Rally; an Excellent Level, Time to Beat (T2B) or higher in Agility; a TDX or higher in Tracking or a Coursing Ability Advanced or higher in Coursing Ability tests.

A certificate plaque will be awarded to any Chow owned or co-owned by a member earning a title in all three disciplines of Companion Events (Obedience, Agility and Rally).

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Revised December 8, 2013
Revised April 1, 2014
Revised July 23, 2017

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SECTION 12: TRIATHLON AWARDS

The Triathlon Award will be awarded to the Chow Chow which gets a leg in obedience, a ribbon in conformation defeating other dogs and either an agility leg, or a CGC, or rally leg during the awards year. A certificate will be awarded to each Chow Chow owned or co-owned by a member of The Chow Chow Club Inc, which meets the above criteria.

Triathlon Award of Excellence: A certificate plaque will be awarded to any Chow Chow which completes titles in at least three different venues* (i.e. obedience, rally, agility, CGC or Trick Dog, FastCAT, etc. and/or conformation) during an awards year, providing the Chow Chow is an AKC Champion of Record or that one of the titles earned is AKC Champion or any level of AKC Grand Champion. At least one of the performance venues must be Obedience, Rally or Agility.

*A “venue” is considered to consist of closely related dog sports: i.e. FastCat & Coursing Ability are the same venue, CGC and Trick Dog are the same venue, all Obedience titles are of the same venue, all Scentwork titles are of the same venue, etc.

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Revised April 28, 2013
Revised March 20, 2016
Revised April 22, 2019
Revised April 18, 2021
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SECTION 13: HEALTH AWARD

A Certificate plaque will be awarded to the breeder and owner of an AKC Champion (conformation, obedience, rally or agility title) Chow Chow who is owned or co-owned by a member of the CCCI and has received all of the following health/temperament clearances:

- OFA Hip Certification
- OFA Elbow Certification
- OFA Patella Certification
- OFA Thyroid Certification
- OFA Eye Certification
- Canine Good Citizen Award

The award must be requested in writing by January 31st following the awards year and must include copies of all required certifications including the Canine Good Citizen Award.

Adopted April 23, 2006
Revised April 19, 2008
Revised March 17, 2015
Revised April 22, 2019
Revised April 18, 2021

SECTION 14: HEALTH AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

A Plaque or special award will be awarded to the breeder and owner of an AKC Champion (conformation, obedience, rally or agility title) Chow Chow who is owned or co-owned by a member of The CCCI and has received all of the following health/temperament clearances:

- OFA Hip Certification
- OFA Elbow Certification
- OFA Patella Certification
- OFA Thyroid Certification

- OFA Cardiac Certification by a Board-Certified Cardiologist
- OFA Eye Certification
- OFA DM Clear Certification
- Canine Good Citizen Award

The award must be requested in writing by January 31st following the awards year and must include copies of all required certifications including the Canine Good Citizen award.

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 Revised April 18, 2021
 Revised April 10, 2022
 Revised May 15, 2023

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SECTION 15: AWARDS PREPARATION

The responsibility of preparing the plaque awards and bronze trophies for the Supreme Chow and the Premier Chow of the Year, presented at the Annual Awards Banquet, shall be designated to the Chairman or designated subcommittee of the Awards Committee.

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 Amended April 6, 1997
 Revised April 27, 2013
 Revised March 17, 2015
 Revised July 23, 2017

SECTION 16: APPRECIATION AWARD

A certificate will be given to each retiring Officer and Director with a minimum of one year service in appreciation for his or her service to The Chow Chow Club, Inc. Any retiring Officer or Director with three or more years of service will be given a certificate plaque. Other positions that may be awarded are those that have served the club outside of board membership, including Chow Life Editor and the Statistician. A special award may be given to any Officer or Director that has accumulated service of 25 or more years. These Awards will list all offices held and the years served in each position. The Appreciation Chairman will supply this information to the Awards Chairman who will prepare these awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Records of the Chairman will be maintained and passed to the incoming chairman as they assume responsibility.

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 Revised June 2, 1996
 Revised April 27, 2013
 Revised March 17, 2015
 Revised April 22, 2019

SECTION 17: OTHER AWARDS

A certificate plaque will be awarded to those Chow Chows having earned a Gold or Platinum level Grand Championship, as designated by the AKC, who are owned or co-owned by a CCCI member in good standing.*

A certificate will be awarded to those Chow Chows having earned a Championship, Grand Championship, or Bronze or Silver level Grand Championship, as designated by the AKC, who are owned or co-owned by a CCCI member in good standing.* Certificates for Championship and Grand Championship will be available for download from the CCCI website in the Members

Only section. Hard copies must be requested in writing by January 31st in order to be delivered at the National Awards Banquet. None will be mailed.

A certificate will be awarded to those Chow Chows having earned titles in events not recognized elsewhere in these awards such as International Weight Pulling or Carting. The award must be requested in writing and must include copies of any certificates or other verification of the award by January 31st following the awards year.

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Revised May 15, 2023

SECTION 18: DUPLICATE AWARDS

A duplicate of any award may be requested by an owner or breeder at their own expense for the cost of the award and shipping.

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