



CKC Breed Standard
Lowchen
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General Appearance: Strongly built, active, well balanced and alert little dog whose presentation (i.e. coat and tail clipped in traditional lion clip) gives the “little lion” appearance.

Head: Short. **Skull** wide in proportion, flat between the ears, head carried proud and high. Well defined stop. Short, strong muzzle. **Eyes:** Round, large and intelligent, dark in colour. Unbroken pigmentation of eye rims, pigment to be in accordance with coat colour. **Ears:** Pendant, long and well fringed, set on level with the eye, close hanging. **Mouth:** Jaws strong, with perfect, regular and complete scissors bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaw. **Nose:** Black or brown according to coat colour.

Neck: Good length, proudly arched.

Forequarters: Forelegs straight and fine boned. Shoulder well laid back.

Body: Short, strong, well proportioned. Level topline. Ribs well sprung, strong loin with moderate tuck up.

Hindquarters: Hindlegs well muscled with good turn of stifle; straight when viewed from the rear.

Feet: Small, round.

Tail: Of medium length, clipped with a tuft of hair to resemble a plume. Carried gaily on the move.

Gait/Movement: Free, parallel movement for and aft, no hackneyed action.

Coat: Fairly long and wavy but not curly. Fine and silky. Clipped in the traditional lion clip.

Colour: Any colour or combination of colours permissible.

Size: Height 10-13 inches (25 - 33 cm) at the withers.

Faults: *Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.*

Note: *Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.*