The goals and purposes of this breed standard include:
to furnish guidelines for breeders who wish to maintain
the quality of their breed and to improve it; to advance
this breed to a state of similarity throughout the world;
and to act as a guide for judges.

Breeders and judges have the responsibility to avoid
any conditions or exaggerations that are detrimental to
the health, welfare, essence and soundness of this
breed, and must take the responsibility to see that
these are not perpetuated.

Any departure from the following should be
considered a fault, and the seriousness with which the
fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion
to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare
of the dog and on the dog’s ability to perform its
traditional work.

HISTORY
The Chinese Crested is one of several hairless breeds in
the world. They are believed to have evolved from
the hairless dogs of Africa. They were traded by merchants
and sailors and therefore were found in port cities
around the world.

The Chinese Crested enjoyed a temporary
popularity in the late 1800s and early 1900s in the
United States, then again became popular in the 1970s.

The Chinese Crested was recognized by the United
Kennel Club on January 1, 1995.

GENERAL APPEARANCE
The Chinese Crested is a fine-boned, elegant, graceful,
toy-type dog that comes in two coat types - Hairless and
Powderpuff. The two types are born in the same litter.
They are rectangular in proportion, and balanced to
allow for freedom of movement. The Chinese Crested is
fine-boned and slender, but not so refined as to appear
breakable; nor do they have a robust, heavy structure.

CHARACTERISTICS
The breed is gay, alert, playful and entertaining and
they serve as loving companions.

HEAD
The head is wedge-shaped and smooth, without excess
wrinkle, and presents a graceful appearance with an
alert, intense expression.

SKULL - Fairly long and slightly arched. The cheeks are
clean and flat. The stop is slight but distinct. The
distance from the occiput to the stop is equal to the
distance from the stop to the tip of the nose.

MUZZLE - Tapering, but not pointed, with fine, tight lips.

TEETH - A full complement of strong white teeth meet
in a scissors or level bite.

Missing, mis-aligned or primitive-looking teeth are
not to be faulted in the Hairless variety. Missing teeth in
the Powderpuff variety are to be faulted.

EYES - The medium sized, almond shaped eyes are set
wide apart. They are very dark in dark colored dogs, but
may be somewhat lighter in light colored dogs. There is
little or no haw or white showing. Both eyes must be
the same color. Eye rims match the coloring of the dog.

Serious Faults: Blue or very light colored eyes
Eyes of two different colors.

NOSE - Narrow, in keeping with the muzzle, and solid in
color. A dark nose is preferred, but any color pigment is
acceptable and varies with the color of the dog.

Faults: Partially pigmented or butterfly nose.

EARS - The uncropped ears are large and erect. They are
placed so that the base of the ears is level with the
outside corner of the eye. In the Powderpuff coat
variety, drop ears are permissible. Ear carriage must be
the same with both ears.

Serious Faults: One or both ears not completely
erect or completely drooped in the Powderpuff variety.

NECK
The long, lean, clean neck is slightly arched from the
withers to the base of the skull, and is carried high.

FOREQUARTERS
Shoulder angulation is 45 degrees to the point of the
shoulder, allowing for good reach. Shoulders are clean
and narrow. The elbows are held close to the body.

FORELEGS - The straight forelegs are long and slender,
and they are set well under the body. The upright
pasterns are fine and strong. Dewclaws on the forelegs
may be removed.

BODY
The body is rectangular in proportion. The topline is
level to the croup, where it slopes slightly. The loin is
light and there is moderate tuck-up.

The chest is fairly broad and deep, extending to the
elbow. The breastbone is not prominent. Ribs are well-
developed but not barrel shaped.
HINDQUARTERS
Angulation of the hindquarter must produce a level back.
HIND LEGS - The hind legs are set far apart. The stifle is firm, and the long second thigh sweeps smoothly into the hock joint. Rear pasterns are short. Dewclaws may be removed.

FEET
The hare feet are narrow, with elongated toes. Nails are trimmed to moderate length.

TAIL
The slender tail is long, fairly straight and tapering. It is set high and carried up or out, falling naturally when the dog is at rest.

COAT & SKIN
Grooming is minimal, consisting of only what is necessary to present a clean and neat appearance.

POWDERPUFF COAT TYPE
The Powderpuff type is completely covered with a double, soft, silky coat. The guard hairs are long and thin. The undercoat is short and silky. The coat is straight and of moderate density and length. The tail is completely covered with hair. Hair on the ears and face may be trimmed for neatness.

Excessively heavy, kinky, or curly coat is to be penalized.

HAIRLESS COAT TYPE
The Hairless type has hair only on certain portions of the body: the head (referred to as a crest); the tail (referred to as a plume); and on the feet, from the toes to the pasterns on the front feet, and from the feet to the hock joint on the hind feet (referred to as the socks).

The head crest begins at the stop and tapers off between the base of the skull and the back of the neck. Hair is permitted on the ears and face and may be trimmed for neatness. Two-thirds of the end of the tail is covered with a long, flowing feathering referred to as a plume.

Hair texture is soft and silky. It flows to any length. Placement of the hair is not as important as overall type. Areas that have hair usually taper slightly. Wherever the body is hairless, the skin is soft and smooth.

COLOR
Any color, or combination of colors, is acceptable. Disqualification: Albinism.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT
The ideal height range is from 11 to 13 inches. Dogs that are slightly smaller or larger may be given full consideration.

GAIT
The characteristic gait is elegant, agile, and smooth, with good reach and drive.

DISQUALIFICATIONS
(A dog with a Disqualification must not be considered for placement in a conformation event, and must be reported to UKC.)

Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchid.
Viciousness or extreme shyness.
Albinism.