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Subject: PSG: Re:sharp nose

Dear Cindy:

The phrase "Nose sharp with well-defined nostrils" has been in the standards for the poodle since the 1930's - first in the British and then adopted by the AKC, which, prior to 1959, meant automatic adoption by the CKC. The Canadian poodle standard remained essentially the same as the 1930' British one until sometime in the early 1970's. The current revision is only the third extensive one in CKC history.

Stanley Dangerfield, in his discussion of the points of the British standard, says,( after discussing the weak "snipey" muzzle and the lippiness of breeds such as the Bloodhound) "The sharpness of the nose is not of great importance at the moment, as I have never seen a poodle without this feature. However, like many other items in this standard it contains a useful reminder, and serves to prevent undesirable features from creeping into the breed." p. 19.c1954.

Not much help in defining "sharp nose".

In my opinion, "Sharp nose" is in contrast to the rather blunt, rounded nose that is found in some other breeds - scent hounds and some working dogs. It has no relation to a "snipey muzzle", which is a lack of length and depth in the lower jaw. To the touch, if you place the palm of your hand on top of the nose and run it over and down, there is a definite sharp edge. I know that the CKC standards committee discussed it and went about feeling noses for about a week, and came to the conclusion that yes, the poodle nose is sharp.

- > I have to ask again, what is a sharp nose? I am aware that it is in the
- >CKC standard, but it is not in the AKC standard.
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- > I have always questioned what this term means and why it is in the

>standard and I have never received any answer that has made sense. I just get the answer I got before.its been in the standard since 1975.

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> To me it is a contradiction, you can't have a chin and a sharp nose. They seem mutually exclusive.

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>I would really like a good explanation of what this means. If there isn't one, why is it in the standard?

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>Thanks

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>Cindy

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