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Mr. James P. Crowley, Secretary  
The American Kennel Club  
260 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10015-2407

Subject: Group Realignment – Chinese Crested

Dear Mr. Crowley,

As you may remember, we spoke on the telephone the Monday after the group realignment information hit the internet. Following your suggestion, the American Chinese Crested Club did poll its members and the results indicated a landslide preference to stay in the toy group. 138 members voted to stay in the toy group, 35 voted to transfer to the companion group. In light of this, and the fact that we were NOT consulted before this change was proposed, I would like to request, in behalf of the club, that this proposal be reconsidered and that the Chinese Crested, remain a toy dog – as described in the standard. “General appearance – A toy dog, fine boned, elegant and graceful.” This is a direct quote from the beginning of our standard.

In addition, our national specialty is already planned to coordinate with the toy specialties in Oklahoma in May of 2010 and 2011. Many of our local clubs plan their specialties in conjunction with local toy specialties. Although, these are problems that could eventually be worked out, (not sure how we would deal with the nationals already planned) it would be a financial hardship on the local toy clubs since Cresteds make up a large percentage of the entries at their shows.

I know that many of our members were shocked to see this plan because they called me for an explanation. Unfortunately, I was as mystified as they were. In spite of what has repeatedly been published, our club was not consulted before this proposal was made. Chinese Cresteds are not the largest – by height or weight – in the toy group. They were accepted by the American Kennel Club as a toy; we think of our dogs as toys and present them as toys. Please take our wishes into consideration before you make any final decision which would be detrimental to our lovely toy breed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue Klinckhardt-Gardner, President  
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.