



# Young Chow Chow

*Chow Chows are a powerful, sturdy and independent breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

## Arthritis

### Description

Arthritis is when a joint becomes inflamed, and is often associated with pain and/or swelling of the joint. The pain from arthritis occurs due to the damage to the joint from disease, daily wear and tear of joint, and strain against stiff joints.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** orthopedic examinations twice a year. Regular radiographs if signs develop. Your veterinarian may also discuss weight management as a preventive measure.

### Why Needed

Arthritis can contribute to:

- Pain
- Swelling
- Lameness
- Reduced mobility
- The need for surgery

## Diabetes

### Description

Diabetes mellitus is a serious medical condition where your pet cannot control their blood sugar levels due to problems with insulin production or function. Common symptoms include drinking and urinating more than normal, along with unexplained weight loss or gain.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** annual urinalysis and bloodwork to check blood glucose levels, liver and kidney function.

### Why Needed

Diabetes can contribute to:

- Liver and kidney damage
- Hyperglycemia
- Lethargy
- Cataracts
- Shortened life expectancy

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Chow Chows

### Included in the Essential Wellness Plan

- Orthopedic examinations twice a year\*
- Annual blood work

\*Part of the comprehensive examination

Plus the preventive care in each plan and 10% off on nearly all products and services

Consult your Banfield medical team for the best plan level for your individual pet.



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