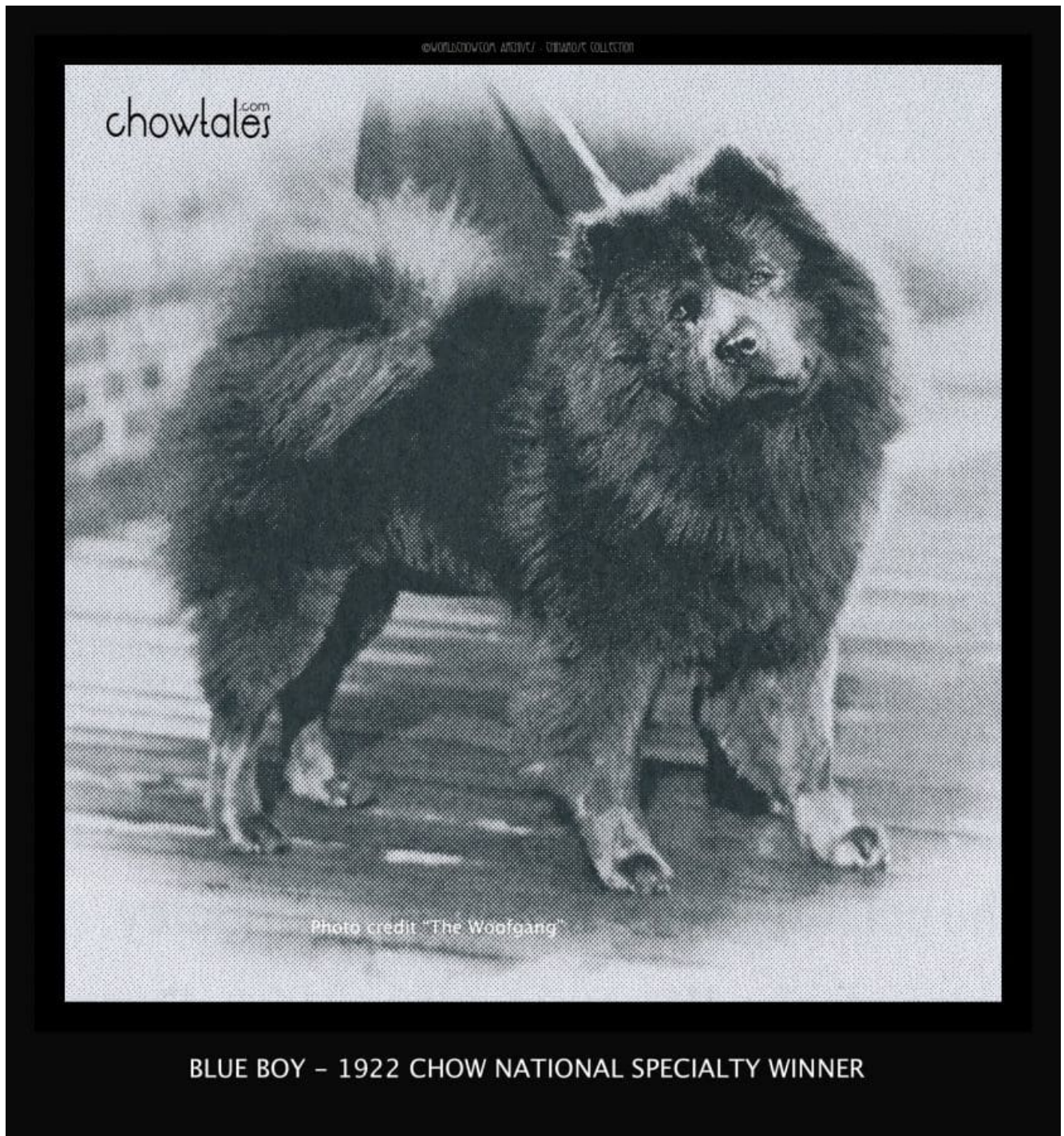


1922 CHOW NATIONAL WINNER- BLUE BOY- Very first blue chow to win this honor



Above is the only known photo of Blue Boy... and a lovely one at that . Photo Credit "The Woofgang"

This is one of those dog show tales that gives me goosebumps!

I can recall only too well watching many a newcomer to dog shows over my past 40 years in the sport, as they nervously exhibit their beautiful companion for the first time.....and literally WIPE UP the competition to win highest honors of the day. A great chow is a great chow no matter it's "social status", breeding..... or color. The quote below from the New York Times article conveys a real sense of this amazing day for Blue Boy's owner, Mrs. Evans.

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NEW YORK TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1922

Blue Boy Wins As "Best Dog" In Chow Show

**Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans's
Entry Makes Debut and
Is First Blue to Carry
Off Honors of Exhibit**

Miss Knapp Is Successful

**Mr. Wallace MacCommies,
Aided by Mrs. Wagstaff,
Judges an Unusual List**

With names like Hoy Soy, Choly Yang, Ching Foo, Ah Ching, Lu Yen, Chee Kee, Hoy Toy, Ming Toy, Lu Cheng, Hop Toy, Wan Lung, Yuen San, Chow Main, Chop Suey, Chin Chin, Choly Sing, Nap Poi, Snoo Kee, Pu Yi, Pah Li, San Toy, Lee Ming, Snoo Ki, Fun Yeng, Sun Ah Toy and Yaki Main, one would think they were reading a Chinese restaurant bill of fare or attending a conference of Chinese laundry owners, but neither is so. The mysterious Chinese names are those belonging to the chow chows that were shown at the specialty show of the Chow Chow Club of America yesterday at Madison Square Garden, where 105 chows were shown for competition.

The dogs were judged by Mr. Wallace MacCommies, president of the Chow Chow Club, who was assisted in the ring by Mrs. David Wagstaff, of Tuxedo Park. Mrs. Wagstaff did not show her dogs at this event.

The first class to be judged was puppy dogs, six months old and under nine months. This brought out a promising black son of the Great Smut called Choy. He was an easy first.

Eight dogs were shown in the class for puppy dogs from nine to twelve months old. Mr. John Richardson scored first with his Glenville Ah Ching, a bit on the small side, but full of type and quality.

Novice dogs had an entry of thirteen, with only three absentees. The puppy winner Choy again took first in this class.

American-bred dogs brought out an entry of fifteen. This class was a very hard one to judge, as the dogs were of many different types. First went to one of the largest blue chows seen in years, Blue Boy, owned and shown by Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans, of Hot Springs, Va., and the winner as best dog in the show.

In limit dogs the Cossack Kennels again scored with their puppy winner Choy. Second went to a newly imported one called Victorious of Tien H'Sia, owned by Mrs. H. Earl Hoover, of Chicago. This dog is only fourteen

months old and one of wonderful type, a bit out of coat, but almost perfect.

Open dogs (red) brought out an entry of eighteen. First went to champion Fang Hau Ki, owned by C. E. Libby.

In open dogs (any color other than red) first went to the puppy winner Choy, a black, owned by the Cossack Kennels.

Winners (dogs) brought out the blue chow Blue Boy, owned by Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans, and champion Fang Hau Ki II and the black puppy winner Choy.

The winner's rosette went to Blue Boy and the reserve to Choy.

Puppy bitches, from six to nine months old, brought eight promising youngsters. First went to Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Pah Li.

Puppy bitches, from nine to twelve months old, brought out a very high-class specimen in Ying Wu, owned by Mrs. V. O'Connell.

Novice bitches brought out five specimens, first and second going to the Cossack Kennels, Pu Yi and Yueykin respectively.

American bred bitches were very closely contested and the home bred Flame of Clairedale, owned by Miss Claire A. Knapp, won first.

The limit bitches brought out a wonderful class of dogs. First went to the Bainbridge Kennels' Champion Windholme Sky Hi. Miss Claire A. Knapp scored second with here Eye You of Clairedale.

Open bitches, red, brought out only two dogs, first going to Miss Evelyn Watson's Chin Chin.

Open bitches, any other than red, found seven dogs facing the judge. First was taken by a cream colored one, Cliff Eyrie Pah Li.

Winners bitches brought out Flame of Clairedale, Champion Windholme Ski Hi. First went to Miss Claire A. Knapp's Flame of Clairedale, and Champion Windholme Sky Hi took the reserve.

Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans, of Hot Springs, Va., won the silver trophy for the best dog in the show with her Blue Boy. This is the first time in the history of chow chow specialty shows where a blue dog won for the best in the show. What is more unusual is the fact that Blue Boy made his debut in the show ring and won the highest honors attainable. Mrs. Evans purchased Blue Boy as a puppy six weeks old and let him romp around the Virginia land.

For the best of the opposite sex Miss Claire A. Knapp won with Flame of Clairedale, which was bred and exhibited by the owner.

Around the judging ring were seen Mrs. Henry Morgan Tilford, Miss Annette Tilford, Mr. and Mrs. David Wagstaff, Miss Claire A. Knapp, Mrs. Adnah Nayhard, Mrs. M. C. Van Buren, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Adams, Mr. Eugene Byfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. Earl Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Appelton, Miss Evelyn Watson, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Downs, Mrs. Virginia F. Waller, Mrs. P. J. Devine, Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans, Mrs. William L. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. J. Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, Mrs. W. Hand, Master David E. Hand and Mr. Tex Rickard.

BELOW FIND ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE 1922 NEW YORK TIMES WHICH
GIVES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT BLUE BOY AND THE ENTIRE
ENTRY

BLUE BOY IS BEST DOG IN CHOW SHOW

Mrs. Evans's Entry Wins Highest Honors of Specialty Exhibition at Garden.

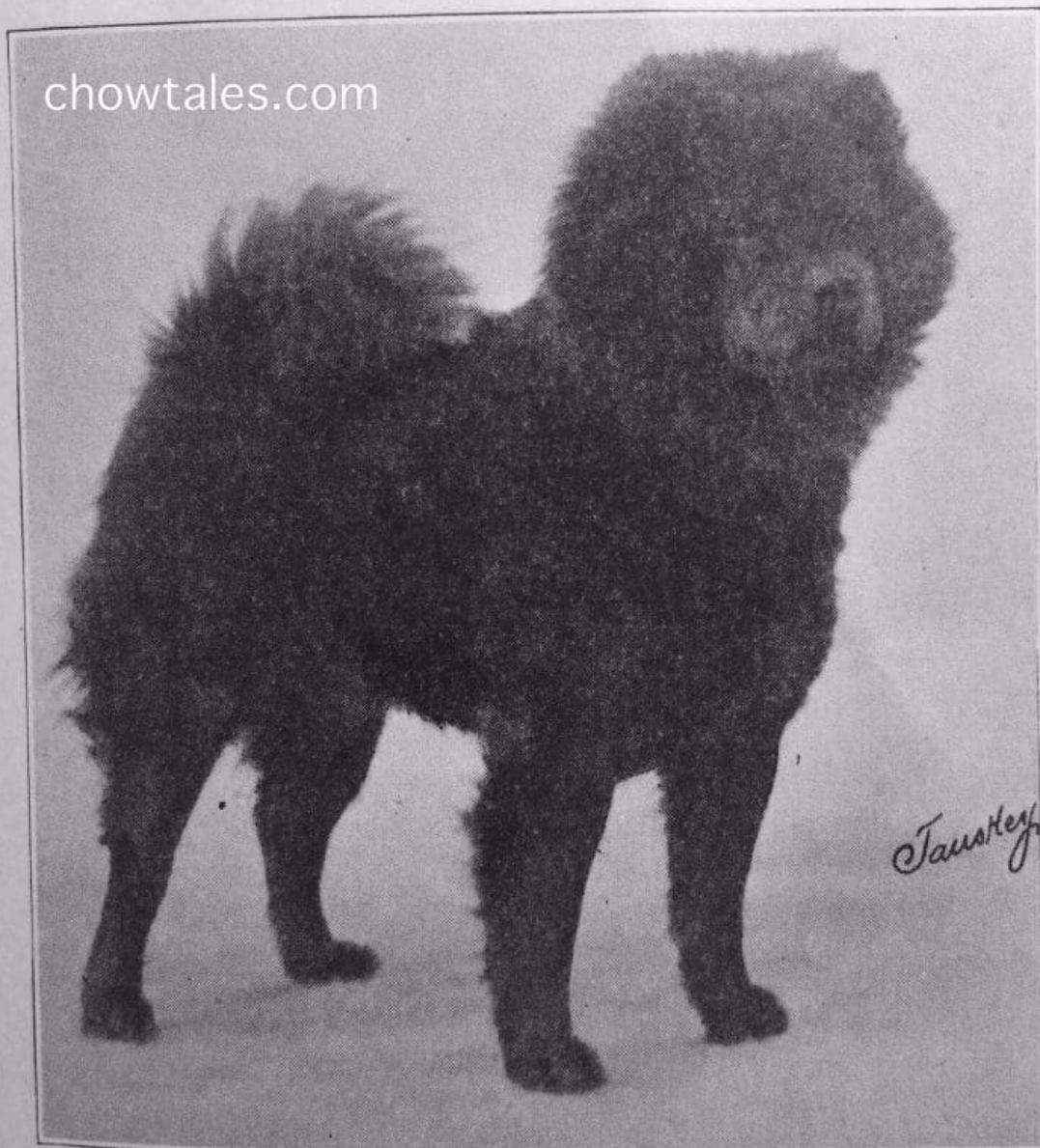
Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans of Hot Springs, Va., carried off the President's Cup and the accompanying ribbon for the best dog in the show with her blue chow dog Blue Boy at the third annual specialty show of the Chow Chow Club, held yesterday in the grillroom of Madison Square Garden. In the final judgment Blue Boy went against the Clairedale Kennels' Flame of Clairedale, a beautiful red bitch, which just before had captured winners in her division. The dog won over the bitch in bone, substance and coat, in the estimation of Wallace MacMonnies, President of the Chow Chow Club, who officiated as judge.

Nearly a hundred dogs were benched, a few less than at the club's exhibition of last year. Possibly the general average of the quality was not quite as high as a year ago, although there were numerous outstanding dogs shown, and the youngsters coming along are showing improvement over previous years. The general standard of the show has been raised remarkably within the last few years.

In the puppy dogs the Coassock Kennels' Choy came through to win in novice and limit classes. He met Blue Boy in the class for American-bred dogs and took second to the best in the show. In the open class the winner was C. E. Libbey's Champion Fang Hau Ki II. Among the bitches Flame of Clairedale won in American bred. In the open class for red Evelyn Watson's Chin Chin was the winner of the blue, and in the open class for bitches, other than red, the victor was Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Ryrie Fah Li.

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Flame of Clairedale, owner Clairedale Kennels.

Flame of Clairedale is two years old. She won in the limit class at the Garden last Spring, won winners, bitches, at Devon, and reserve to winners at several other shows during the outdoor season. She is considered a wonderful dog on her legs, with a body that is about perfect, but that would be better for a heavier coat.

The awards:

Class 1—Puppies, dogs, six months and under nine months—Won by Coassock Kennels' Choy; Mrs. P. J. De Vine's Min T'Sing, second; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Rejoice, third; Mrs. E. C. Drinley's Shi Lah, fourth.

Class 2—Puppies, dogs, nine months and not exceeding twelve months—Won by John Richardson's Glenville Ah Ching; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rivenburgh's Bergsusa's Boy, second; Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Fireracker, third; Mrs. Soliy May's Blm Boe, fourth.

Class 3—Novice dogs—Won by Coassock Kennels' Choy; David F. Hand's Lu Yen, second; Dr. J. M. Jones's Chee Kee Jr., third; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rivenburgh's Bergsusa's boy, fourth.

Class 4—American-bred dogs—Won by Mrs. Arthur Kelley Evans's Blue Boy; Coassock Kennels' Choy, second; Theodore B. Carver's Ju Pa Red Pad, third; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Huaky Wing Toy, fourth.

Class 5—Limit dogs—Won by Coassock Kennels' Choy; Mrs. H. Earl Hoover's Victorious of Tien H'Sia, second; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Radiant of Tien H'Sia, third; Coassock Kennels's Hop Toy, fourth.

Class 6—Open dogs, red—Won by C. K. E. Libbey's Champion Fang Hau Ki H.; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Husky Wing Toi, second; Joseph F. Davis's Wu Fang H., third; Coassock Kennels' Hop Toy, fourth.

Class 7—Open dogs, other than red—Won by Coassock Kennels' Choy; Hor Bina Kennels' Hor Bin Black Knight, second; John Richardson's Little Boy Blue, third; Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Blue Lion, fourth.

Winners, Dogs—Won by Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans's Blue Boy; Coassock Kennels' Choy, reserve.

- Class 8—Red dogs, bred by exhibitor—Won by Mrs. Robert Appleton's Husky Wing Toy; Clairedale Kennels' Min T'Sing Jr. of Clairedale, second; Her Binn Kennels' Hor Binn Confucius, third; Coassock Kennels' Hop Toy, fourth.
- Class 9—Other Than Red, Dogs, Bred by Exhibitor—Won by Coassock Kennels' Choy; Hor Binn Kennels' Hor Binn Black Knight, second; Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Blue Lion, third.
- Class 10—Puppies, bitches, six months and under nine months—Won by Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Pah Li; Coassock Kennels' Pu Yi, second; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Success, third; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Beauty of Tien H'Sia, fourth.
- Class 11—Puppies, bitches, nine months and not exceeding twelve months—Won by Mrs. V. O'Connell's Ying Wu; Mrs. M. Winn's Min Win, second; Mrs. Donald Roberts's Wing Typhoon, third; Mrs. Samuel Princess Chin H., fourth.
- Class 12—Novice, Bitches—Won by Coassock Kennels' Pu Yi; Coassock Kennels' Yueykins, second; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Hol Poi Lot, third; Ernest Bywaters' Fun Yeng Piggles, fourth.
- Class 13—American Bred, Bitches—Won by Clairedale Kennels' Flame of Clairedale; Leo Levy's Sing Lee Susa, second; Evelyn Watson's Chin Chin, third; Coassock Kennels' Pu Yi, fourth.
- Class 14—Limit, Bitches—Won by Bainbridge Kennels' Champion Windholme Sky Hi; Clairedale Kennels' Eye Yoa of Clairedale, second; Leo Levy's Sing Lee Susa, third; Evelyn Watson's Chin Chin, fourth.
- Class 15—Open, Bitches, Red—Won by Evelyn Watson's Chin Chin; Coassock Kennels' Yueykins, second.
- Class 16—Open, Bitches, Other Than Red—Won by Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Pah Li; Coassock Kennels' Pu Yi, second; Mr. and Mrs. Theo. W. Downs's Blue Lady Susa, third; Dr. William S. Davis's Wing of Night, fourth.

Winners. Bitches—Won by Clairedale Kennels' Flame of Clairedale; Bainbridge Kennels' Champion Windholme Sky III, reserve.

Class 17—Red. Bitches, Bred by Exhibitor—Won by Clairedale Kennels' Flame of Clairedale; Clairedale Kennels' Eye You of Clairedale, second; Coassock Kennels' Yueykins, third; Mrs. Robert Appleton's Hol Pol Lol, fourth.

Class 18—Other Than Red. Bitches, Bred by Exhibitor—Won by Mrs. M. C. Van Buren's Cliff Eyrie Pah Li; Coassock Kennels' Pu Li, second; Mr. and Mrs. Theo. W. Downs's Blue Lady Susa, third.

President's Cup—Best in Show—Won by Arthur Kelley Evans's Blue Boy; Clairedale Kennels' Flame of Clairedale, reserve.

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1922 CHOW CLUB BEST OF BREED

BLUE BOY

JUDGE— Mrs Wallace Mac Monnies (correct)

LOCATION— Grill room of Madison Square Garden NY (correct)

ENTRY— "nearly 100 dogs benched" according to NY Times article

BREEDER— Name

OWNER— Mrs. Arthur Kelly Evans

This was the first time Blue Boy had been shown. He was Mrs Evans pet

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INCORRECT RECORD

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