

**1930 TIME CAPSULE- CH. FAR  
LAND THUNDERGUST -3X National  
and Westminster winner**

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Mrs. McFarland of Farland Kennels  
with the 3 time National Specialty winner  
Ch. Farland's Thundergust

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## CH. FAR LAND THUNDERGUST HISTORICAL INFO

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- Am. Ch. Far Land Thundergust "GUST"
- Date of Birth: August 29, 1930 USA
- AKC Registration number: A787909 V48
- Black Male
- Sire: Ch. Clairedale Son Too
- Dam: Far Land Black Onyx
- Breeder: Mrs Wm MacFarland -FAR LAND KENNELS Camden New Jersey
- Owner: Mrs. Wm Mac Farland
- Sire of Ch. Far Land Thunderstorm
- Breeding goes back 3 generations to the famous Ch. Winsum Min T'Sing and Pusa of Amwell
- "Gust" was a 3 times National Specialty winner AND 3 times Westminster KC winner

Ch. Far Land Thundergust had a career that spanned many productive years, both in the ring and as a sire. His impressive show record includes those listed below. NOTE most of these major wins were given to this dog by judges who were esteemed Chow breeders of the day, competing in very large entries both at the National Specialties and the Westminster Kennel Club.

- **1933 CHOW CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREED** Madison NJ (Morris and Essex) – 112 entries: Judge Andrew Albright
- **1935 CHOW CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF**

**BREED**— Madison NJ (Morris and Essex) – 94 entries: Judge Livingston Osborne

- **1935 WESTMINSTER KC BEST OF BREED**— Entry of 72- Judge Dr. Henry Jarrett , chow pioneer whose Chestnut Hills chows were among the first in the USA
- **1936 WESTMINSTER KC BEST OF BREED** – Entry of 58 – Judge Mrs L.W. Bonney of the winning Tally Ho Kennels
- **1937 CHOW CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREED**— Madison NJ – 88 entries: Judge Mrs LW Bonney
- **1937 WESTMINSTER KC BEST OF BREED AND GROUP 1 WINNER** – 44 entries – Breed judge Mrs. A.F. Messmore (formerly Mrs Waller of the famous Sum Kennels)

Pedigree			
<div>BISS Amer CH</div> <div>♂ FAR LAND THUNDERGUST</div> <div>Black</div> <div>USA </div> <div>1930</div>	<div>Am\Cn\CH</div> <div></div> <div>♂ CLAIREDALE SON TOO</div> <div>Red</div> <div>1927</div>	<div>American champion</div> <div></div> <div>♂ SON OF MIN T'SING</div> <div>Red</div>	<div>USA CHAMPION</div> <div></div> <div>♂ WIN SUM MIN T'SING</div> <div>Red</div> <div>USA </div> <div>1911</div>
	<div>♀ FAR LAND BLACK ONYX</div> <div>Black</div>	<div>American champion</div> <div>♀ MOLLIE OF TING HAO</div> <div>Black</div> <div>1922</div>	<div>♀ SCARLETTA</div> <div>UK Champion</div> <div></div> <div>♂ PUSA OF AMWELL</div> <div>Black</div> <div>United Kingdom </div> <div>1913</div>
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**CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**

The DOG NEWS ARTICLE BELOW HAS A RAVE REVIEW OF THUNDERGUST AS A YOUNG DOG



went to Ch. Yang Fu King, owned by Mrs. W. E. Colburn of Chicago.

### The Southern Chow Specialty

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nice head, lightish in bone. Fourth, J. A. Johnson's Mee Lou Chong.

Limit bitches, any other color: Far Land Kennels' Black Lynx, first; a nice fronted and coated bitch. Second, the rather disagreeable Chang Chee; still refusing to be handled.

Open bitches, black: First, to Far Land Black Lynx. Second, to Peggy of Clairedale; lower on legs than Black Lynx, and not very agreeable to the judge. Third, to Chang Chee, whose disposition remained unchanged.

Open bitches, red: First, to Mrs. Baker's My Koloma Mitzie. Second, to Moosilauke Ting Ngo.

Winners bitches: The outstanding bitch was Woozy of Clairedale, and the purple rosette was hers. Reserve, went to Mrs. Baker's My Koloma Mitzie; in better coat and condition than Flaming Flower, but pressed very close in every other respect.

There were a number of classes for members of the Southern Chow Chow Club which were a little difficult to judge, as every entry received a prize and there were six, seven and eight entries in some of the classes, but finally this was done.

I was rather sorry that there were no brace and team classes, as I have always rather enjoyed the spectacle of a group of well-matched, good looking Chows in the ring together. As Mrs. Goodwin's dog, who was entered for specials only, was absent the award of Best of Winners automatically became Best in Show as well, so the competition was between the winning dog and bitch. They are both beautiful Chows, in very good condition. Each one has its faults, but has there ever been a dog bred that hasn't got them? I am sure that I have never seen one in the twenty odd years that I have been exhibiting, and I do not believe that anyone else has, either. I think that this is the time for me to say something about Thundergust, and let my readers, who have not been fortunate enough to see him, have an idea of what he is like. He is a beautiful, deep black, good bone, straight, front legs and cat-like feet; he was in good, hard condition and very sound. His head and expression are remarkable, a short broad muzzle, and a good, old-fashioned scowl above it. Mrs. MacFarland handled the puppy and must have spent many hours in training him, for he behaved very well for his age, much better than many of the grown dogs, and I think that perhaps Mrs. MacFarland feels repaid for the time she spent with the puppy. Thundergust bears a strong resemblance to his sire, Ch. Son Too of Clairedale, especially in

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Ch. Farland Thundergust,  
by Ch. Clairedale Son Too.



1931 Morris & Essex dog show  
Mrs McFarland & Ch. Farland's Thundergust

ABOVE ANOTHER STUNNING PRESS PHOTO OF THUNDERGUST AS A PUPPY



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Morris & Essex  
June 1931-

J.W. Mrs. Baribeau - Mrs. MacFarland  
"Farland's Thunder Gust"

1931 Morris & Essex show-3 Chow legends  
Mrs Wagstaff-Mrs Maribeau-Mrs MacFarland  
with Ch. Farland's Thundergust

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Circa 1937

Mrs. McFarland  
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See the markup around Thundergust done by the newspaper to mask just the dog. I was able to "rescue" this image by carefully sponging off with water!

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**FAR LAND  
THUNDERGUST  
&  
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM  
MACFARLAND**

FAR LAND THUNDERGUST, a black chow dog bred by Mrs. William MacFarland of Camden NJ, won the 1936 Westminster Dog Show award for Best of Breed in 1936. He topped that achievement by carrying the Best of the Non-Sporting group the following year.

WILLIAM MacFARLAND was born in NJ around 1864, and was living in Camden as early as 1910. In that year he and wife Emma lived at 612 [Benson Street](#). He worked as a livestock dealer and managed a livestock business, trading mostly in horses. At the time of the 1920 Census he was living in an apartment at 232 [Cooper Street](#) with his wife Emma. William MacFarland had remarried by April of 1930. He and his second wife Gladys, over 30 years his junior, and their son William, aged 7, were living somewhere near the city limits, in Camden's 13th Ward, which encompassed [Parkside](#) and much of Whitman Park, in a home valued at \$50,000... a huge amount at the time. He was by this time self-employed, operating in the livestock business. The MacFarlands started breeding and showing dogs, and specialized in the Chows breed. Their Son Too-Far Land Black Onyx won many shows, his son, Far Land Thundergust, as written above, won Best of Breed at the 1936 Westminster Dog Show and Best of Non-Sporting Group the following year. By this time William MacFarland may have passed away, as Mrs. William MacFarland is the recorded owner of Far Land Thundergust.



## **Camden Courier-Post - February 11, 1936**

### **MacFARLAND ENTRY WINS IN DOG SHOW** **Far Land Thundergust Victor in Chow Event at Westminster** **Event**

New York, Feb. 11.-A Camden entrant was one of the winners in yesterday's Westminster show at the Madison Square Garden, greatest of all events in dogdom.

Showing his best against the sternest kind of competition, Champion Far Land Thundergust, a beautiful, well conformed dog owned by Mrs. William MacFarland, Camden, carried off the best of breed award for chows.

"Gust" as he has come to be known amongst the exhibitors at this "world series" of American dog shows, was, in the words of rival handlers, "at his best."

While a large first-day crowd applauded his selection, the brawny, heavily-coated black son of Son Too-Far Land Black Onyx, now in his sixth year and cutting a wide swath among the chows, seemed to sense that it was his day. He went through his routine without flaw, his coat in such excellent condition that even laymen marked him out.

Only champions compete in this group, and one of them, Shanghai Chief, owned by Mrs. Barney J. Houston, Cincinnati, pushed Thundergust for the award.

But the Camden winner, bidding for his third Westminster ribbon, and fresh from his latest triumph as best of breed at Baltimore, was not to be denied.

The Westminster is, as customary, a three-day fixture. On Wednesday night six dogs who have gone triumphantly through the various breed and group competitions will be judged for the supreme honor, best in the show.

The dog which attained this peak last year is back in the running. It is Nunsoe Duc de la Terrace of Blakeen, a white poodle. In the last 30 years of the Westminster, only three dogs have been able to win the best of breeds prize two years in a row..