

QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND PLUMPIE



This beautiful image above is of Queen Alexandra of England posing with her dogs which includes "Plumpie" the chow. Circa 1880's-1920. Actual date of photo unknown-Library of Congress

A quick Facebook message to my friend Lis Taul in Denmark quickly connected these images below like puzzle pieces. There is no guarantee that the dog pictured in the image below is indeed "Plumpie" but there is just as good of a chance that this could be him. Either way these are both stunning images depicting both Royalty and Chows. Thank you Lis for the valuable feedback. Now I can keep my eyes open for more images of 'Plumpie'



Recently I discovered this image online.... and upon closer examination, lo and behold, at the bottom of the photo is a chow.

The information that was with the image above is as follows:

Russian, Danish and English Royal families gathered on the stairs of Palace Bernstorff in Denmark. Amongst others Tsar Alexander III and his wife Maria Fodorovna / Princess Dagmar of Denmark, King Christian IX of Denmark and his wife Queen Louise of Hesse-Kassel and Princess Alexandra of Denmark / Princess of Wales.

Vintage photograph by J. Danielsen, Osterbrogade 44
(Copenhagen). c 1892.



I enlarged the chow a bit more...could this be "Plumpie"?



And it just keeps getting more interesting. This photo with a chow has this caption on it. Fascinating stuff!!

1892 mourning for Prince Albert Victor "Eddy" (1864-1892): Princess Maud of Wales (later The Queen of Norway), ...and ...

The Princess of Wales (later Queen Alexandra)



FAMILY GROUP, WITH PLUMPY, GUMMY AND HUFFY.

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ABOVE IS ANOTHER PHOTO WHICH LOOKS TO BE TAKEN AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ONE ABOVE. [CLICK HERE](#) TO READ MORE ABOUT THE BOOK THIS IMAGE CAME FROM

The chow in this second book plate has a positive ID of Plumpy so we can be pretty certain both images now have an ID.

I discovered more information about "Plumpie" in Cassell's Family Magazine 1895 . Plumpie had least one litter that the Princess kept. Foxy (below) is one of Plumpies offspring

When the Princess is at Sandringham, she visits the kennels every day, accompanied by a keeper carrying two baskets full of bread. With her dress enveloped in a huge white apron as a protection against the paws of her friends, she proceeds to distribute the food amongst them, calling each dog by name to receive its share. Should any guests be present, they have to keep at a respectful distance from the Princess, for the dogs are very fond of her, and look upon strangers as possible sources of harm to her.

Foremost among the Sandringham dogs must be mentioned the red Chinese Chou-chou "Plumpie," who is the Princess's favourite, and has been her travelling companion for many years. "Plumpie" has three children, who delight in the names of "Buz," "Fuz," and "Foxey," and who share with their parents the special favours of the Princess.

Circa 1895 - Cassell's Magazine-England

This beautiful etching of "Plumpie" who was the cherished chow of the Princess of Wales, was unearthed while researching one of her puppies, "Foxie"

This discovery that the Princess not only had Plumpie but 3 of her children, plus a Chinese import was an amazing find.

The Princess
was later to
become
Queen
Alexandra



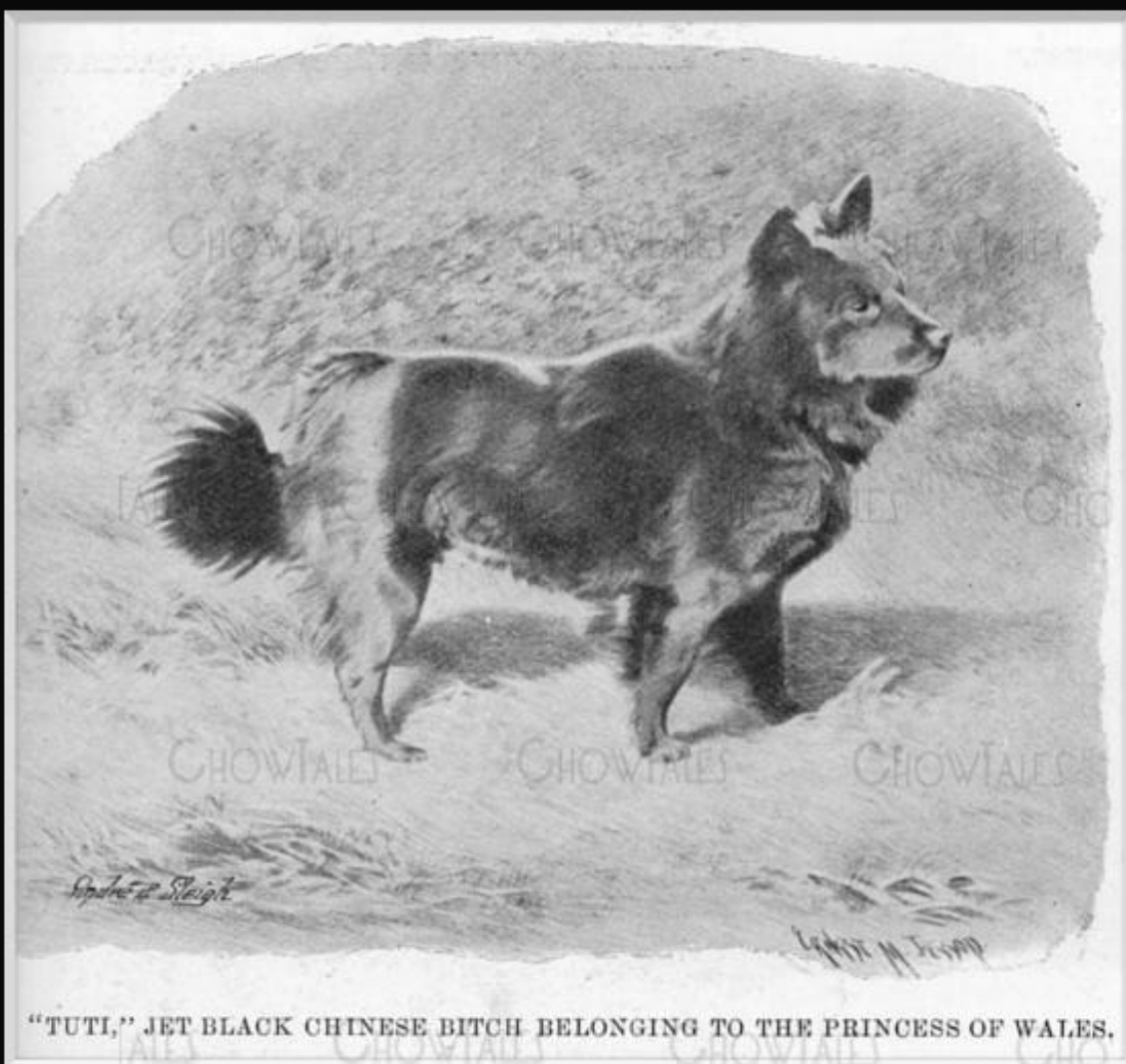
UPDATE June 26, 2017:

I recently purchased an article from THE SKETCH magazine in England, Circa 1894, featuring 2 more chows owned by the Princess of Wales. [CLICK HERE](#) to read bout these silverpoint etchings



"FOXLEY."

Circa 1894 THE SKETCH magazine - England
A rare silverpoint sketch of one of the Princess of Wales chows, "Foxey" by Ernest M. Jessop
From the private collection of Sandra Miller



Circa 1894 THE SKETCH magazine - England
A rare silverpoint sketch of one of the Princess of Wales chows, "Tuti" by Ernest M. Jessop
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