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THE CHOW CHOW—GEISHA OF EL-CHER
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Chow Chows

Chow Disposition, by A. Prinz

The editor has promised his readers a Chow Chow column beginning with this issue, and has picked on me to make good his promise. I have bred dogs only 35 years and Chow Chows in particular 9 years, so cannot claim to be an expert. However I shall try and give the readers such information as I think will help them to a better understanding of this interesting breed.

Chows originated in the northern provinces of China and have been bred there for centuries. If my memory serves me right, the first of this specimen was brought oversea by some officers of the English army of occupation, when England and the European countries occupied part of China during the boxer uprising. Shortly thereafter of course this breed appeared in America, and today we have overtaken England in the breeding of them.

Chows have the very unjust reputation of being vicious and treacherous, and the first thing a breeder is told when talking to the average person, is that while they like the looks of the dog they are afraid to buy one as they have been told that they cannot be trusted and particularly with children. As a matter of cold fact a Chow is a very affectionate animal and as gentle as any other breed, faithful unto death and would no more think of attacking anyone than the average person would think of committing a crime. It is quite true, he is very dignified and acts sort of stand-offish with strangers and does not like to be handled by them, but leave him alone and he will soon make up his mind, whether you are his friend and will show his approval of you in no uncertain manner. As to his qualifications as a companion of children, I fully believe there is no other breed of dogs that can compare with him. I have known cases where even old dogs never having seen any children or being handled by them have attached themselves to young babies so much that even the own mothers of the babies had to be careful handling them, while the dog was in the same room.

I shall endeavor in this and following articles, besides giving current news in Chowdom, to explain to the novice, the standard of Chows as adopted by the Chow Chow Club of America, the various types and the efforts of up to date breeders to improve upon their stock, and if I succeed in converting some people to the Chow fancy, I shall be amply repaid.

Chicago's well-known Chow Chow fancier, Eugene Byfield, has just returned from England with six new Chows for the Grasmere Farms, at Barrington, Illinois.

Heading the list is Rosalie of Ting Hoa, holding one English championship and considered one of the best dark reds in that country. Wyndham's Pearly Girl is another specimen recently declared best Blue Bitch at the recent Chinese Chow Club show at Olympia Hall, London, with her side partner, China Na Poo, who was awarded winners Black Bitch at the same show.

Another fine bitch is Pecknall Gwa Hoo, quite a winner herself and the dam of Sam Pam of Kang Shi, whose owner recently refused \$1,500.00 for him. Included in the importations are two pups, Chino Lionheart, a reserve champion at ten months, defeating some of England's best pups. He is said to be of marvelous type and a master showman.

The other pup is Bluett of Amwell, a blue puppy sired by Ch. Pusa of Amwell. Byfield expects to campaign these Chows himself on the Central States circuit next spring, where no doubt they will attract great attention.

They tell a story about Dave Davey who so competently handles and conditions the Manchoover Chows for Mrs. Earl Hoover, of Glencoe, Illinois, which illustrates the canniness of this old bird.

At one of the Mid-West shows where Mrs. Hoover's string of Chows was displayed, Davey gets his shoes shined, hops on a car and starts for the show building.

Rumor has it that he wears arctics in order that he won't have to get a shine more than once in a season and truth says that by accident he rode past the show building.

Upon remonstrating with the conductor, he was finally indignantly informed that he could not get his

money back but that if he cared to ride to the end of the line and back again, the conductor would return him to the show building, just a block away.

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