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Chow Chows

By JOHN P. SWEENEY

Blood

INBREEDING—Provides a process by which the good results of right crosses and the bad results of wrong crosses in selection are more apt to be retained and fixed permanently than if no in-breeding were practised. There are very few Chow breeders in the U. S. who should attempt to practise in-breeding, which does not necessarily mean parent and progeny, or brother and sister. First and second cousin breeding will steadily lift the in-breeding factor in a strain of dogs. The parent-and-get breeding is, of course, more potent and intense. Occasionally an in-breeding will net valuable results if not practised too often. It will seldom repeat, however, and a philosopher who had nothing but observation at his command once remarked, "Nature never rhymes her children, or makes any two alike." A breeder in order to practise in-breeding must be very cautious in the selection of his stock if he is to avoid fixation or undesirable characters. He has first to be well posted in the traits and characteristics of the ancestors of this stock. Genetics is a science which attempts to predict the results of a given cross, but this is only possible where the germ plasm of the parents is definitely known.

For a simple problem in in-breeding, suppose you bred a male Chow on four of his sisters. In a few years many hundreds of this progeny will hold a more inbred relation to the original male than a brother and sister, from an ordinary out-cross breeding, do to each other. This shows how many times you can intensify a fault and make it almost impossible to breed out when you practise in-breeding.

Now for you folks who have inbred males we can offer one advantageous use to which they can be put. If you take a very good inbred male and breed him on

random-bred females, you can raise the quality factor of the resulting progeny about 20%. This is called "top-crossing." This has been worked out by geneticists today and, in fact, they are over enthusiastic about the possibilities it offers in breed improvement, not particularly in dogs, but in fields where it pays off economically. In genetics, a hybrid is the result of two parents crossed which are unlike each other in one or more heritable characteristics. We add that they be of the same breed, of course. This hybridizing offers a chance for breed improvement in Chows where in-breeding has been practised, and we state frankly that 99% of the in-breeding in Chows has been a terrible mistake.

Our illustration this month is the newly crowned champion bitch, Ah Lee Hi Princess, owned by A. L. Hallender, of St. Louis. Her sire is Ch. Lu Tang's Ski Hi, and the dam Wah Lai. She is a litter sister to Mr. Kuhlmann's Ku Kee, which is also very near the title.

Kennelography

SAN DUNE" is the kennel name of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas DeVoy, of Crown Point, Ind. Mrs. DeVoy has been in Chows for 10 or 12 years and has shown unusual ability in her matings of them. Like many other folks around Chicago, the DeVoy's bought some of their early stock from Mrs. W. E. Colburn, an early adherent of Brilliantine. Mrs. DeVoy brought to Chicago a best-in-match puppy in her San Chee Nee, a son of Ch. Chino Pong Yo, about 1934. She duplicated this feat again in 1938 with her Chinaman's Chance, a son of Ch. Ski Hi. She produced the winners bitch at the International last year, under Mrs. Bonney, in her San Diana, a daughter of Cassia Chin Shan ex a Ch. Ming of Ventor daughter. This one is the dam of her two fine red

males, Chinaman's Chance and Chinese Clipper. She produced winners bitch at Gary a couple of years back in her On Lee, a Ch. Chino Pong Yo daughter, and this same bitch is the dam of the winners dog at this year's International, under Mrs. Baer. San Lee of San Dune is sired by Cassia King Kaidu ex On Lee. We do not mind telling the Chow fancy that Mrs. DeVoy and Mrs. Schmidt, whose kennelography we mentioned last month, are to our opinion the two breeders in this area who will do the breed the most good in these current years and can well be started on adjudicating. Mrs. DeVoy, in fact, is judging her first show at Indianapolis three days after you receive this article. San Dune Kennel is located on the Lincoln Highway, just north of Gary, Ind.

Thunder

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Walter Reeves, of Canada, placed the Chows here and put up another worthy candidate to the ranks of champion. Mrs. N. P. Schmidt's Linnchow Sheik Too is the honorable candidate which was crowned. He won four points at St. Louis last month. In bitches Mrs. Iltis's Fu Lee Wing took the honors.

Davenport, Ia.—Alfred Mitchell, of terrier fame, judged the Chows here and placed the same two dogs that won at St. Paul. This show finished the bitch also, so they both enter the ranks of championship. Fu Lee Wing was best of winners at Cincinnati under Mrs. Baer a year ago spring.

The Mid-West Puppy Match Association held its spring meeting in the Bal Tabarin of the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, on April 23rd. The Chow section was judged by Alf. Mitchell. Livingstone Osborne's 3-months-old male won the baby class non-sporting, and later in the show won the group, any age. He posed like

a statue; his sire is Mr. Osborne's Blue Coat, which has been in training for the obedience classes.

The Indiana Hills Kennel Club held its puppy match at Benton Harbor on March 26th, with a fine entry of over 100 puppies. Best puppy in the show was Mrs. Chamberlain's Too Fu, a 10-months-old Chow. His sire was a grandson of Ch. Clairedale Son Too, and the dam is a daughter of Brilliantine. Mrs. Chamberlain recently lost this dam, Brillo, a daughter of Ch. Muchow of Manchoover. She had 13 points to her credit.

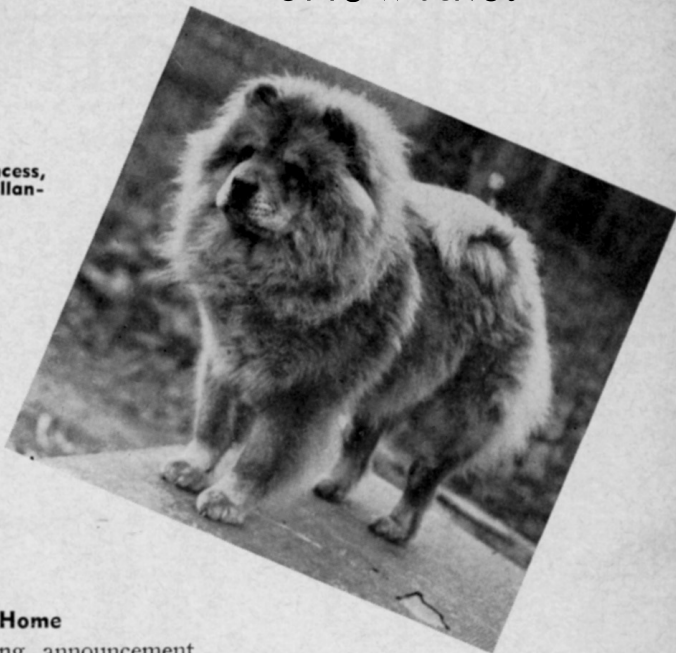
Pittsburgh, Pa. — James Trullinger judged the Chow entry here and liked John Steed's Steed's Sensation for winners dog, and the same owner's Steed's Sandra Sue for winners bitch. The latter is a daughter of the winners dog. Best of breed was Miss Kaiser's Ch. Oke Doke.

Atlantic City—Miss Katherine Kandra placed to winners dog Robert Smith's Black Budda of Whang Poo, Winners bitch went to Hallowell's Princess.

Foreign

SOUTHAMPTON, England—Best dog here was Mrs. Charlesworth's Yong T'ching of Wangyn, and best bitch was Miss Rose-Inness's Lady Ursula.

Ilkeston, England—Mrs. Stamp's Chin Foo of Silverways was best Chow, best non-sporting, and best entry all breeds at this show. This is the fellow that did so well at the recent Cruft's show.



Ch. Ah Lee Hi Princess, owned by A. W. Hallander, St. Louis, Mo.

Radio Fido Home

THE highly interesting announcement that the police dogs of Sydney are to go about their business of crime detection and search for lost persons with a radio strapped to their shoulders suggests intriguing ramifications of this unique idea. Why couldn't the dog that persists in strolling about town on his own be outfitted with one of these contraptions that would haul him back to home and mother when he strolls too far! Or, if perchance the dog catcher is about, Fido could be notified accordingly.

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