

1880-1906 Timeline & AKC Studbooks – Earliest American Chow History



ABOVE IS A RARE PHOTO OF CHOW AND POMERANIAN JUDGING IN THE EARLY 1900'S AT THE MINEOLA DOG SHOW IN NEW YORK

Below you will find a timeline I created of the earliest chows, breeders and importers in America . The first 3 entries show some conflicting information as to who the first chows shown might have been. My research in antique publications, AKC, and newspaper records have produced different results so I put them all here for here for you read along with my personal research notes.

Following the outline are actual clippings of the earliest stud book entries and winners from the AKC Gazette through 1906 when the Chow Chow Club of America was formed. This has been a wild and crazy labor of love tracking all this info down and trying to make sense of it! I have more to add to this page so stay tuned!!!

1880-1899

- **1880** LAGER BEER was supposedly the first chow shown at the 4th annual Westminster KC – *CURATOR NOTE: (from an article by Charles G. Hopton early breeder/exhibitor/judge)*
- **1883** *CURATOR NOTE: First year a chow was entered at the Westminster KC according to Westminster history on their site...no name given and I'm still searching*
- **1890** TAKYA was the first Chow Chow exhibited in America (after Lager Beer?), by a Miss A. C. Derby. Takya took third place at the Westminster Kennel Club show that year
- **1896** Westminster KC (from New York Times clipping) Mrs. J. L. Kernochan's Chinese dog "CHOW CHOW" wins 3rd place [CLICK FOR NEWSCLIPPING](#)
- **1896** A chow named COLUMBUS shows in the Miscellaneous class owned by Charles J. Wohlander, San Francisco winning 3rd place (per San Francisco Newspaper May 21, 1898)
- **1897** 2 Chows shown in San Francisco KC show. COLUMBUS wins 1st place. Shown again in 1898-1899 4 Chinese imported chows shown. Names SULTAN, CHOW, CARIT and GYP.
- **1899** 4 Chinese imported chows shown. Names SULTAN, CHOW, CARIT and GYP.

1900

- *CURATOR FIND: 4 chows I recently discovered being shown entered in AKC stud book – CHAW (San Francisco), CHIN CHIN (Boston), JUDY (Tanforan) , PI WEI (New York)*

1901

- **DR. AND MRS HENRY JARRETT** obtain their first chow puppy YEN HOW from a San Francisco exotic animal show

and import 6 or 7 more chows from China. The Jarretts establish the CHESTNUT HILLS KENNEL, the first Chow kennel on east coast

- 3 Chows were exhibited in New York . Names SINGAPORE and HONG KONG Shown by W.P. Burden, and WANK, was owned by Mr. Fred Senn

1902

- The Jarretts' puppy YEN HOW wins in Philadelphia . Credited by many sources as the first American Chow Champion of Record. Yen How-Parents unknown CURATOR FIND: I see that *Yen How* was still entered after 1903 in *Miscellaneous Classes* (not the Chow classes in the AKC stats below which may explain the confusion. A Newspaper of the period called *Yen How the little Chinese terrier* if in fact this is the same Yen How [CLICK FOR NEWS CLIPPING](#)
- The Jarretts' import a bitch named ILLSWUNGA , from the English kennel of MRS FABER, sired by the great CHOW VIII
- MISS MARGUERITE LEWIS exhibited 2 chows named CHAH and YARTA. Yarta was a daughter of the English sire SHYLOCK who is a very influential dog in U.S. pedigrees.

1903

- The American Kennel Club officially recognizes the Chow Chow breed
- A number of new chows and exhibitors arrive on the scene...see AKC show results and registrations below

1904

- BLUE DRAGON KENNELS of Mr and Mrs Charles E. Proctor imported another son of "Shylock" named "Chinese Chum.

Many write that Chinese Chum, not Yen How was officially the first Chow Champion in America (in 1905) AKN

1905

- “Chinese Chum” becomes the first American Champion to sire a Champion -“Night of Asia”

1906

- “Chinese Chum ” wins Best of Breed at Westminster Kennel club in keen competition
- The first [USA STANDARDS FOR THE CHOW](#) were penned and published- authors unknown
- The CHOW CHOW CLUB OF AMERICA was formed. Belgian Princess Montglyn was president
- Dr Jarrett served as Secretary of the Chow Chow Club for its first 35 years



BELOW FIND OFFICIAL EARLIEST CHOW REGISTRATION & WIN RECORDS CLIPPED FROM THE AKC STUD BOOKS. THIS IS ONLY WHAT I HAVE FOUND SO FAR AND WILL ADD OTHERS AS THEY SURFACE.

1897 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alaska (Esquimaux). W. W. Weare. V. H. C., reserve, Chicago.
Bang. J. F. Ames. 1st, Oakland.
Black Prince (black pug). Andrew Laidlaw. Equal 1st, Boston.
Chin Chin (**Chow Chow**). Mrs. J. L. Kernochan. 2d, New York.
Ching (**Chow Chow**). B. W. B. Bell. 1st, Los Angeles.
Chiquita (Mexican hairless). Mrs. S. M. Parker. 2d, St. Louis.
Daisy (Spanish silk poodle). G. A. Heymann. V. H. C., reserve,
New York.

1898 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ah Sin. C. C. McLean. Res., Chicago.
Beauty. H. M. Jones. 1st, Boston; 3d, New York.
Bismarck. Fred Hoppe. 3d, San Jose.
Brownie. E. McPhillips. 3d, San Francisco.
Chang. H. G. Sinnott. 2d, New York.
Chief. J. J. Kennedy. 1st, Oakland.
Chicita (Chihuahua). Mrs. M. O'Connor. 2d, Chicago.
Chihauhau. W. T. Dickerman. 2d, Oakland.
Chiquita. J. Kaufmann. 1st, San Francisco.
Chow. R. Spreckels. 2d, San Francisco.
Chow. Mrs. Croughton. 3d, Victoria.

1899 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

MISCELLANEOUS.

Beauty (Mexican). Mrs. R. W. Evans. 2d open, Joliet.

Beppo (English Spaniel). Miss E. McMaster. Equal 1st open, Joliet.

Brock (English Spaniel). Mrs. L. Northam. Equal 1st open, Joliet.

Columbus (Chow-Chow). C. J. Wohlander. 3d open, San Francisco.

1900 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

Sultan (Chow-Chow). Mrs. A. F. Chamont. 1st open, San Francisco.

Fox (Chow-Chow). C. E. Coxé. 3d open, Philadelphia.

Gyp P. (Chow-Chow). D. E. Peterson. 3d open, San Francisco.

BENCH SHOW WINNINGS FOR 1900.

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CHOW CHOW

Chaw. E. Tooker. 1st open, San Francisco.

Chin Chin. I. Braggrotti. 3d miscel., Boston.

Judy. Mrs. G. A. Fack. 1st open, San Francisco.

Pie Wel. Mrs. Bond Thomas. 1st miscel., New York.

1901 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

CHOW CHOW.

Chin Chin. Mrs. W. Farquhar. 1st open (miscel.), Chicago.

Choh. Miss M. Lewis. Res. open (Ladies'), New York.

Chow. E. Tooker. 1st open, San Francisco.

Lee Fat. J. J. Norton. 2d open, San Francisco.

Lee Thin. Mrs. G. E. Norton. 3d open, San Francisco.

Yen How. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, Philadelphia; 2d open (Ladies'), New York.

1902 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

CHOW CHOWS.

Choh. Miss M. Lewis. 2d open, New York.
Chow. Edwin F. Tooker. 1st open, San Francisco.
Chin. A. D. McTier. 1st novice (miscel.), 1st open (miscel.),
Montreal.
Hu Yu. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 2d open, 1st (local) open, Philadelphia.
Li. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 3d open, New York.
Me Konl. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 3d open, 2d (local) open, Philadelphia.
Slou. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 4th open, 3d (local) open, Philadelphia.
Wai Ho. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 2d (local) open, Philadelphia.
Yen How. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, New York; 1st open
(miscel.), Atlantic City; 1st open, Wissahickon; 1st open
(Ladies'), New York; 1st open, 1st (local) open, Philadelphia;
1st open (miscel.), Lawrence.

1903 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

CHOW CHOWS.

Chob. Miss M. Lewis. 2d open, New York.

Chow. Edwin F. Tooker. 1st open, San Francisco.

Chin. A. D. McTier. 1st novice (miscel.), 1st open (miscel.), Montreal.

Hu Yu. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 2d open, 1st (local) open, Philadelphia.

Li. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 3d open, New York.

Me Konl. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 3d open, 2d (local) open, Philadelphia.

Siou. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 4th open, 3d (local) open, Philadelphia.

Wai Ho. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 2d (local) open, Philadelphia.

Yen How. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, New York; 1st open (miscel.), Atlantic City; 1st open, Wissahickon; 1st open (Ladies'), New York; 1st open, 1st (local) open, Philadelphia; 1st open (miscel.), Lawrence.

BITCH.

ILSWINGA (74,450).—Mrs. H. Jarrett, Philadelphia, Pa.
Breeder, Mrs. Faber. Whelped August 22, 1899; red.
By Chow VIII., out of Carrots.
Winnings.—1st Open, Wissahickon; 1st Limit and 1st
Open, Atlantic City, 1903.

CHOW CHOWS

DOG.

YEN HOW (74,111).—Mrs. H. Jarrett, Philadelphia, Pa.
Breeder and date of birth not given; red.
Winnings.—1st, New York; 1st, Philadelphia, 1903.

1904 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

CHOW CHOWS.

- Ah Ching. Mrs. C. H. Bean. Res. open, New York; res. open, Atlantic City; 3d limit, 3d open, Wissahickon; 1st limit, res. winners, Haverford; 3d open, Philadelphia.
- Black Cloud. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 1st puppy, 2d novice, Philadelphia.
- Chah. Miss M. Lewis. 3d open, New York.
- Chinese Chum. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 1st novice, 1st open, New York; 1st open, Buffalo; 2d open, res. winners, Atlantic City; 1st limit, 2d open, res. winners, Mineola; 1st open, Brighton Beach; 1st open, Englewood; 1st open, 1st winners, Haverford; 1st open, 1st winners, Philadelphia.
- Chow. W. A. Vincent. 1st open, Chicago.
- Culey. J. O'Neill. 2d open, Newport.
- Elephant's Child. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 1st novice, 2d open, res. winners, Philadelphia.
- Hong. Mrs. D. de Barrows. 1st open, San Francisco.
- Ilswunga. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, 1st winners, Atlantic City; 2d limit, 2d open, res. winners, Wissahickon.
- Kong. D. de Barrows. 2d open, San Francisco.
- Nan Ling. J. W. T. Kerr. 1st novice, 2d limit, Haverford; 3d puppy, Philadelphia.
- Night of Asia. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 2d puppy, 3d novice, Philadelphia.
- Red Idol. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 3d open, Atlantic City; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st winners, Wissahickon; 1st open, 1st winners, Mineola.
- Yang Shi. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st novice, Wissahickon.
- Yarta. Miss M. Lewis. 2d open, New York.
- Yen How. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, Pittsburg; 1st open, Franklin; 1st open, Rochester; 2d open, Buffalo; 1st open, (miscel.), Sharon; 1st open, Newport; 1st open, Middletown; 2d open (miscel.), Brattleboro; 1st open (miscel.), Danbury; 1st open (miscel.), Frederick City.

CHOW CHOW

DOG.

RED IDOL (79,244).—Mrs. Henry Jarrett, Philadelphia, Pa. Breeder, A. Cust. Whelped July 22, 1901; red.

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By Fuffboo, out of Shive Hinth, by The Dongal Cratur, out of Fanqui, by Prince Kung, out of Empress of China; The Dongal Cratur by Chow VIII., out of Carrots; Fuffboo by Kotuko, out of Chumye, by Baboo, out of Yung Yung; Kotuko by The Dongal Cratur, out of Fanqui.

1905 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

CHOW CHOWS

DOGS.

CHINESE CHUM (88,301).—Mrs. Chas. E. Proctor, New York. Breeder, H. Sawtelle, Melksham, England. Whelped October 22, 1901; red.

By Shylock, out of Red Princess; Shylock by Mephisto, out of Berolina, by Chow VIII., out of Dodviatus; Mephisto by Chmro, out of O'Lang San.

Winnings—1st open, New York; 1st limit, Atlantic City, 1904.

NIGHT OF ASIA (88,505).—Blue Dragon Kennels, Larchmont, N. Y. Breeder, Mrs. Chas. E. Proctor. Whelped February 4, 1904; black.

By Chinese Chum (88,301), out of Nyko Ky, by Chinese Junk, out of Chinese Daisy, by Mi Mas, out of Ho Chow.

Winnings—1st open, Pittsburg and 1st open, Buffalo, 1905.

CHOW CHOWS.

open, 1st winners, Braintree; 2d limit, res. open, Philadelphia.

Light of Asia. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. res. puppy, New York.

Lula. Mrs. B. Wolfrum. 2d limit, 2d open, res. winners, White Plains.

Night of Asia. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 1st novice, 2d limit, 2d open, res. winners, New York; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st winners, Pittsburg; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st winners, Buffalo; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st winners, Brooklyn; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st open (bred by exhibitor), 1st winners, Mineola; 3d open, Philadelphia.

Red Idol. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 1st open, 1st winners, Atlantic City; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st winners, Wissahickon; 2d open, res. winners, Philadelphia.

Teddy II. J. P. Hildorfer. 3d open, Newcastle.

Thackeray Soda. Dreamwold Kennels. 2d open, res. winner, Braintree.

Yangshi. J. O'Neill. 1st open, Newport.

Yen How. Mrs. F. F. Dale. 1st open (miscel.), Providence; 2d open (miscel.), Boston.

3d novice, Brooklyn.

Culey. J. O'Neill. 3d open (miscel.), Providence; 2d open, Newport.

Demon. C. M. Cressman. 1st novice, 1st winners, Haverford.

Dodo. Z. H. Phillips. res. novice, Brooklyn; 1st novice, 1st limit, 1st winners, Brighton Beach.

Elephant's Child. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. res. limit, res. open, New York; 3d limit, 3d open, Pittsburg; 3d limit, 1st open, Mineola; 3d limit, 3d open, White Plains; 1st limit, 1st winners, Danbury.

Fl Fl. C. M. Busch. 1st puppy, New York; 1st puppy, 1st novice, res. limit, 2d open, Mineola.

Golden Gleam. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 3d puppy, New York; 3d novice, Pittsburg; 2d novice, Buffalo.

Ilswunga. Mrs. H. Jarrett. 2d limit, 2d open, res. winners, Wissahickon; 1st limit, Philadelphia.

Kwang Su. Mrs. R. H. Davis. 1st novice, 1st limit, 1st

CHIHUAHUAS.

Prince Lucy. Mrs. M. Johnson. 1st open, Top Spaniel, N. Y.
Tasso. Mrs. W. H. Forest. 2d open, New York; equal 3d
open (miscel.), Brooklyn; 2d open (miscel.), Paterson.

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Ah Ching. Mrs. C. H. Bean. 2d open, res. winners, Atlantic
City; 3d limit, 3d open, Wissahickon.

Black Cloud. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 2d novice, 3d limit, 3d
open, New York; 1st novice, 2d limit, 2d open, res. win-
ners, Pittsburg; 1st novice, 2d limit, 2d open, res. win-
ners, Buffalo; 1st novice, 2d limit, 2d open, res. winners,
Brooklyn; 2d limit, 2d open (bred by exhibitor), 2d
open, res. winners, Mineola; 1st limit, 1st open, 1st win-
ners, White Plains; 2d limit, 1st open, res. winners, Dan-
bury.

Cairnsmuir Ching. G. M. Carnochan. 2d novice, Mineola.

Chinese Chum. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 1st limit, 1st open, 1st
winners, New York; 1st open, 1st winners, Philadelphia.

Chop. M. Busch. res. novice, New York.

Chop Sticks. Mrs. C. E. Proctor. 2d puppy, 3d novice, New
York; 2d novice, res. limit, Pittsburg; 3d novice, Buffalo;
3d novice, Brooklyn.

1906 AKC STUD BOOK ENTRIES

THIS IS THE YEAR THE CHOW CHOW CLUB OF AMERICA WAS FORMED

CHOW CHOWS

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Winnings—1st open, New York; 1st limit, Atlantic City, 1904.

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Cairnsmuir Ching. G. M. Carnochan. 2d novice, Mineola.

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