

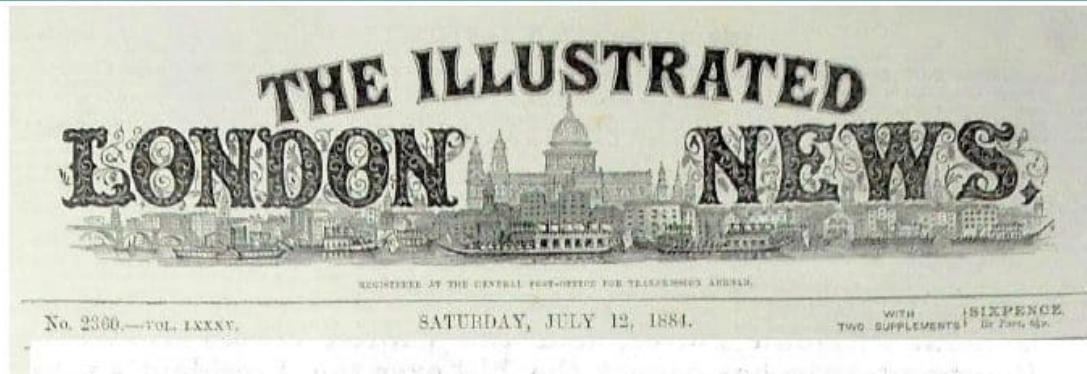
**1884 FOCUS ON EDIBLE DOG OF
CHINA**

IT'S CHOWTIME ... LITERALLY



LONDON WAS ABUZZ WITH THE EDIBLE
DOG BEING EXHIBITED AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE

SOURCES: ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS 1884, 'THE GRAPHIC' 1884 and MORE



CHINESE EDIBLE DOG AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

I'm over the moon excited about this article which has taken me some time to collect all the bits and pieces as well as hours of research. These 5 pages contain some of the most important proof of the chow breed (or the Edible Chinese Dog as they were known) in the infancy of it's new found show career outside of China.

I have even rooted out part of the show entry for the "Foreign Class" of dogs mentioned at the 1885 Crystal Palace Dog show as well as a few images and stunning etchings of the dogs in attendance . Chows were shown in the same group as Dingos!



CHINESE EDIBLE DOGS.

At the Crystal Palace Dog Show of the Kennel Club, which was noticed last week, there was a class of "Chinese Chow-chow," in which four male dogs and five females were entered. Two of the females, Papoose and Peridot, owned by Lady M. O. Gore, were offered for sale at £500 each. The two males represented in our Illustrations are a black and a red animal, named respectively Chow III. and Chow IV.; the former, owned by Mr. C. F. M. Cleverly, is two years and a half old; the latter was born in 1877, and belongs to Mrs. F. Porter. These won the first and the second prize in their class. We have no precise information concerning the rule by which Chinese gastronomy is directed in selecting for human food certain varieties of dog, and rejecting others; but it is supposed that many of the lower class of people in China will readily eat any flesh of that kind. The name of "chow-chow" seems fearfully significant, but it really has a different meaning. Stews and broths are the chief culinary preparations, for which any savoury flesh may be used, with plenty of rice. The gelatinous parts of fish, such as the fins of sharks and the maws of other species of fish, are in much request to thicken and flavour the Chinaman's soup; but a still greater dainty is the *bêche-de-mer*, procured from Torres Strait, and the most highly esteemed of all is the nest of the sea-swallow, which is composed of a mucilaginous sea-weed found on the coasts of Java and the Malay Archipelago. The Chinese epicure has a refined though peculiar taste; and some of his dishes, though none of dog-flesh, may now be tasted at the International Health Exhibition.



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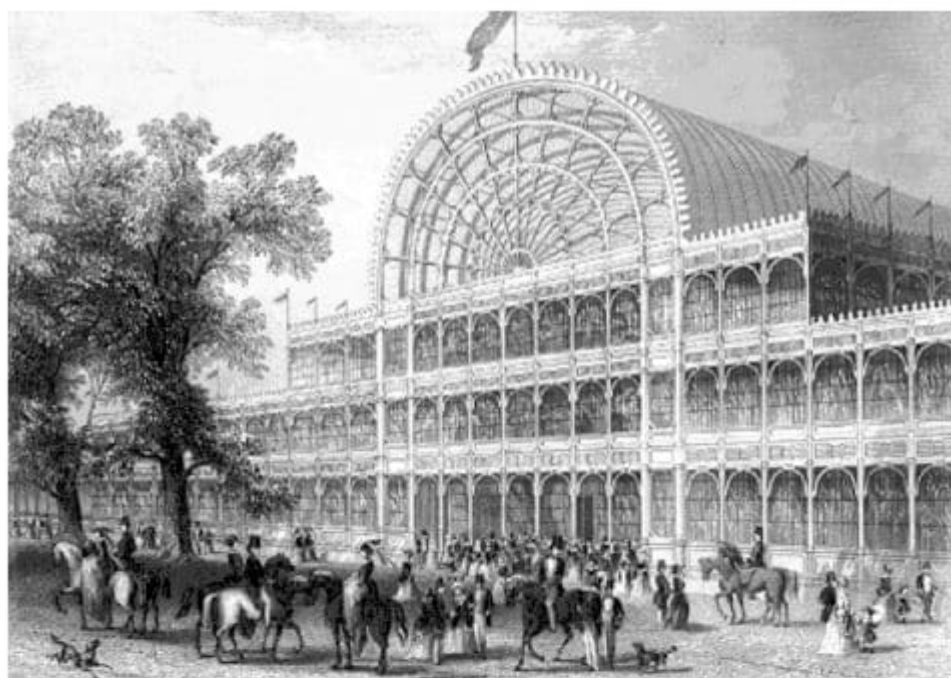
PERIDOT IS ONE OF THE DOGS PICTURED BELOW

Mentioned above as one of the show entries



**PAPOOSE also mentioned as
an entry in the above article
MAUDE EARL PAINTING**





ABOVE IS THE CRYSTAL PALACE IN LONDON WHERE THE SHOW WAS HELD

BELOW I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY FOUND A PARTIAL CHOW ENTRY FROM THE 1884 SHOW WHICH WAS IN ARCHIVES OF "THE KENNEL CLUB" IN THE U.K.

NOTE THE BREED WAS LISTED AS BOTH THE CHINESE EDIBLE DOG & THE CHOW CHOW IN THE FOREIGN DOG CLASS....THE DINGO IS IN THIS CLASS TOO.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR (12,144) (Chinese edible dog).—Mr. W. K. Taunton's, 86, Hatton-garden, London, E. C. York, 2nd (foreign class).

CHOW III. (16,246).—Mr. C. F. M. Cleverly's, Oaklands, Gipsy Hill, Upper Norwood, S.E.; date of birth, December, 1881; breeder and pedigree unknown.
Crystal Palace, 2nd, July.

CHOW IV. (16,247).—Mrs. Fanny Porter's, St. Margaret's, Twickenham (late Lady M. A. Gore's); sire and dam unknown; date of birth, about 1877.
Crystal Palace, 1st, July.

CHINESE CHOW-CHOW.—Dogs: 1st, Mrs. F. Forter's *Chow IV.*; 2nd, C. F. M. Cleverly's *Chow III.* Bitches: 1st and 2nd, Lady M. O. Gore's *Papoose* and *Peridot*.

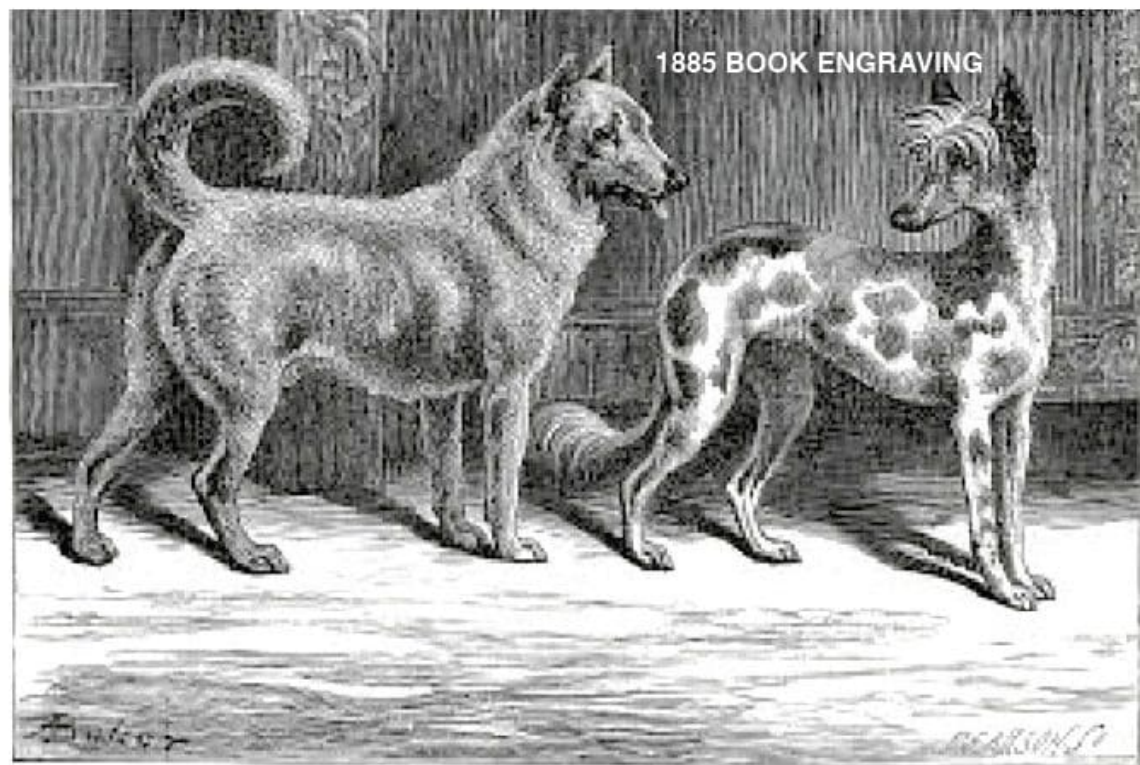
PAPOOSE (16,248).—Lady M. O. Gore's, Fenwick Hall, Whitechurch, Salop; breeder, owner; date of birth, September, 1879.
By *Chow* out of *Peggie*.
Crystal Palace, 1st, July.

PERIDOT (16,249).—Lady M. O. Gore's, Fenwick Hall, Whitechurch, Salop; breeder, owner; date of birth, June 10th, 1883.
By *Canton* out of *Papoose*.
Crystal Palace, 2nd, July.

1884 ILLUSTRATION IN
"THE GRAPHIC"



1885 BOOK ENGRAVING



The Chow Chow or Chinese Edible Dog—The Crested Chinese Dog.

