

1890 TIME CAPSULE — CHOW VIII — HE SET THE STANDARD



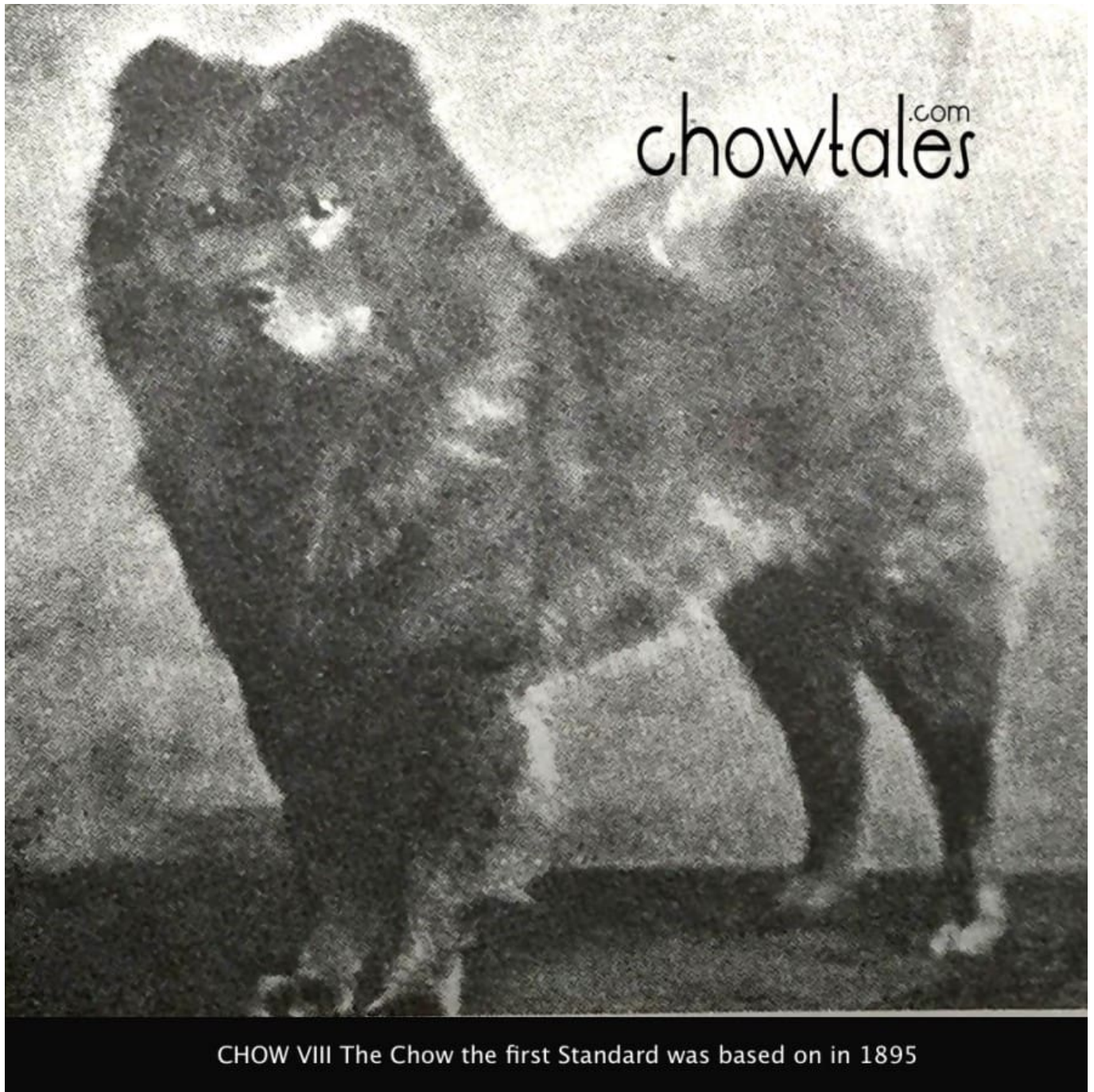
This very rare photo of CHOW VIII was taken from a book and I restored a high resolution version for the archives. The antique etching below was most likely based on this photograph



ENG. CH. CHOW VIII HISTORICAL INFO

- **CHOW VIII was born in China, Oct 1890**
- **Imported to England in 1895 by Miss Bagshaw**
- His parentage and breeder are unknown
- **He was the first of the breed to gain a championship title in England.**
- Chow VIII stood at stud for £3 3s
- **Considered so perfect that the original Standard for the breed was written using his conformation points.**
- Though an almost perfect specimen, CHOW VIII was reported to have a temperament that was sharp and changed owners a number of times

- He was sold to Mr. Temple of the Leyswood stud, having first passed through the hands of a Mr. Sprengel.
- Chow VIII was benched at a London show in 1897 and a sensation was caused when he was purchased by J. V. Faber for £100
- References to his date of death state 1905 (15 years old)



BELOW THIS IS THE ORIGINAL STANDARD FOR THE CHOW PENNED IN

ENGLAND, BASED ON CHOW VIII

The year of this first Standard was dated 1895 and the first 1906 American Standard was also based upon this historic document below

— Chow Chow Club. —

The first General Meeting of the Club was held on July 1st 1895 at 66, Carlisle Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W.

Present: Mr. W. R. Temple (in the Chair) Lady Granville Gordon, Mr. Arthur James, Mr. G. Fitzwilliam, Mr. Janvrin Dickson, Mr. Burgess, Miss Sasella, Miss Armyne Gordon, Mr. Onken, and Mr. Janvrin Dickson.

After Discussion, the following Scale of Points was unanimously adopted

— Scale of Points of Chow Chow —

Head. — Skull flat and broad, with little stop, well filled out under the eyes.

Muzzle. — Moderate in length, and broad from the eyes to the point (not pointed at the end like a fox.)

Nose. — Black, large, and wide. (In cream or light coloured specimens, a pink nose is allowable.)

Tongue: — Black.

Eyes: — Dark and small (In a blue dog light colour is permissible.)

Ears: — Small, pointed, and carried stiffly erect. They should be placed well forward over the eyes, which gives the dog the peculiar characteristic expression of the breed — viz, a sort of scowl.

Teeth: — Strong and level.

Neck: — Strong, full, set well on the shoulders, and slightly arched.

Shoulders: — Muscular and sloping.

Chest: — Broad and deep.

Back: — Short, straight and strong.

Loins: — Powerful.

Tail: — Curled tightly over the back.

Forelegs: — Perfectly straight, of moderate length, and with great bone.

Hindlegs: — Same as forelegs, muscular, and with hocks well let down.

Feet: — Small, round, and cat-like, standing well on the toes.

Coat: — Abundant, dense, straight, and rather coarse in texture, with a soft woolly undercoat.

Colour: — Whole-coloured black, red, yellow, blue, white, etc: not in patches (the under part of tail, and back of thighs frequently of a lighter colour).

General Appearance: — A lively, compact short coupled dog, well-built in frame, with tail curled well over the back.

Disqualifying Points: — Drop ears, red tongue, tail not curled over back, white spots on coat, and red nose except in yellow, or white specimens.

N.B. Smooth Chows are governed by the same scale of points, except that the coat is smooth.

The following officers were elected: — Mr. W. R. Temple, Hon Sec; Mr. Burgess; Hon Treasurer; Lady Granville Gordon, Mr. A. James, Mr. Fitzwilliam, Mr. Janvrin Dickson, Miss Casella, Miss Bagshaw, Miss Armyne Jordau, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Janvrin Dickson, and Mr. Onkew on the Committee.

It was decided, with a few minor alterations, to adopt the rules of the St Hubert Schipperke Club.

It was also agreed that the Club Specials should consist of Silver and Bronze Medals.

Lady Elena Wickham, Miss Armyne Gordon, and Mr. Carlton Bowper, were elected members of the Club.

The Club now consists of twenty five members, and the subscription is fixed at a guinea per annum.
W. R. Temple. Hon. Sec.

Charlotte Sawville Gordon.
July 17. 1875.

"Chow VIII" belongs to Miss E. Bagshaw, of Prestonbury, King's Road, Clapham Park. The breeder and pedigree are unknown. "Chow VIII" has won First Prizes at the Kennel Club's Shows, Crafts, Bath, Birmingham, Brighton, Amsterdam, &c.



CHOW CHOW, "CHOW VIII"
Property of Miss Bagshaw

SOURCE: CHOW100 A BOOK CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE CHOW CHOW CLUB IN ENGLAND

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Chow VIII very rare 1895 postcard