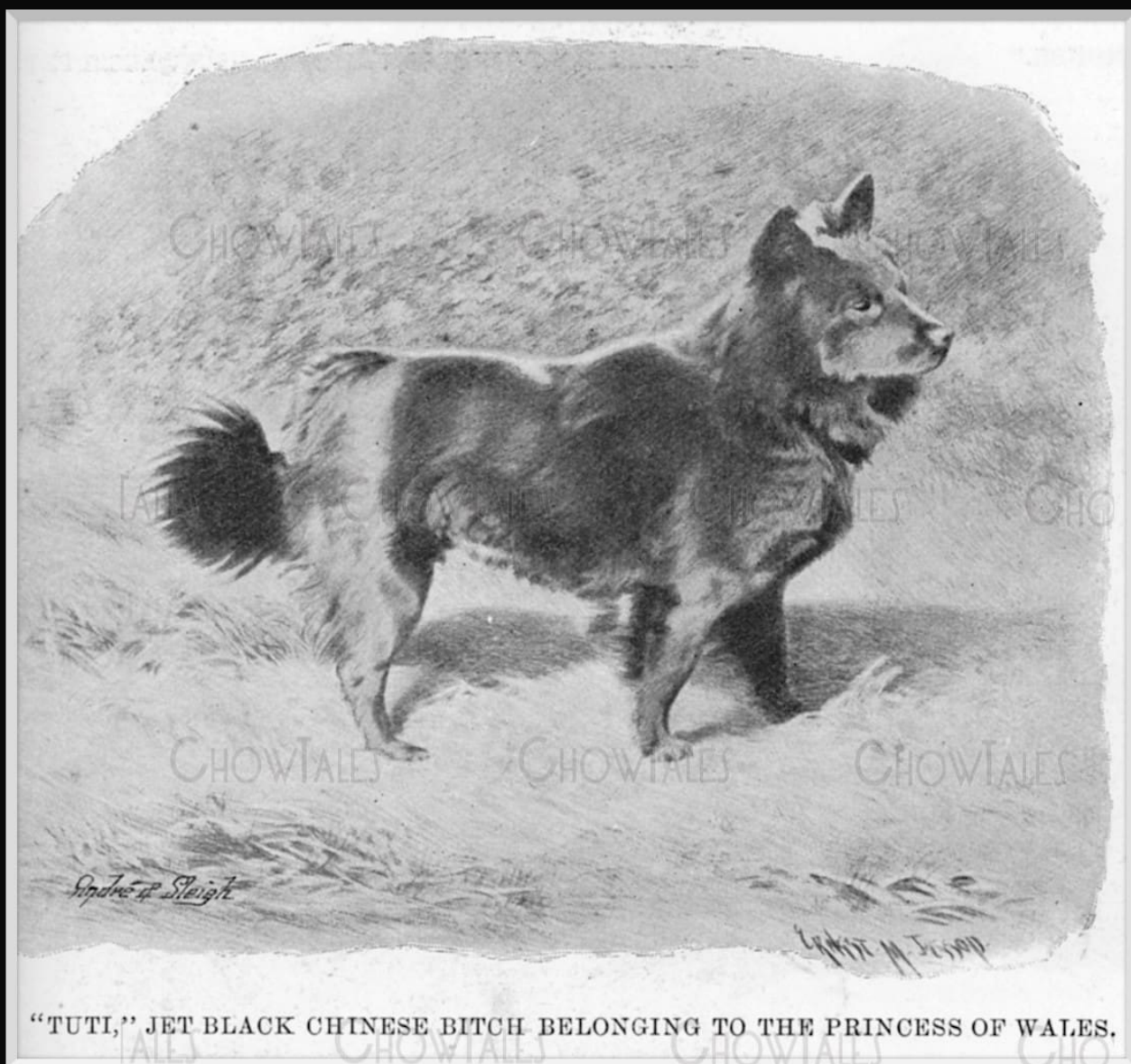


# 1895 ARTIST Ernest M. Jessop-silverpoint etchings of 2 chows owned by the Princess of Wales



Circa 1894 THE SKETCH magazine - England  
A rare silverpoint sketch of one of the Princess of Wales chows, "Tuti" by Ernest M. Jessop  
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Every time I unearth one of these elusive "oldest of the old" puzzle pieces in our British chow history I feel as though

the lottery has been won. I purchased this single page from THE SKETCH magazine (England) to get a better look at this article and of course the 2 photos depicting Chows owned by the Princess of Wales. The Princess (Later Queen Alexandra) also had a chow by the name of Plumpie pictured at the bottom of this article and featured at [THIS LINK](#)

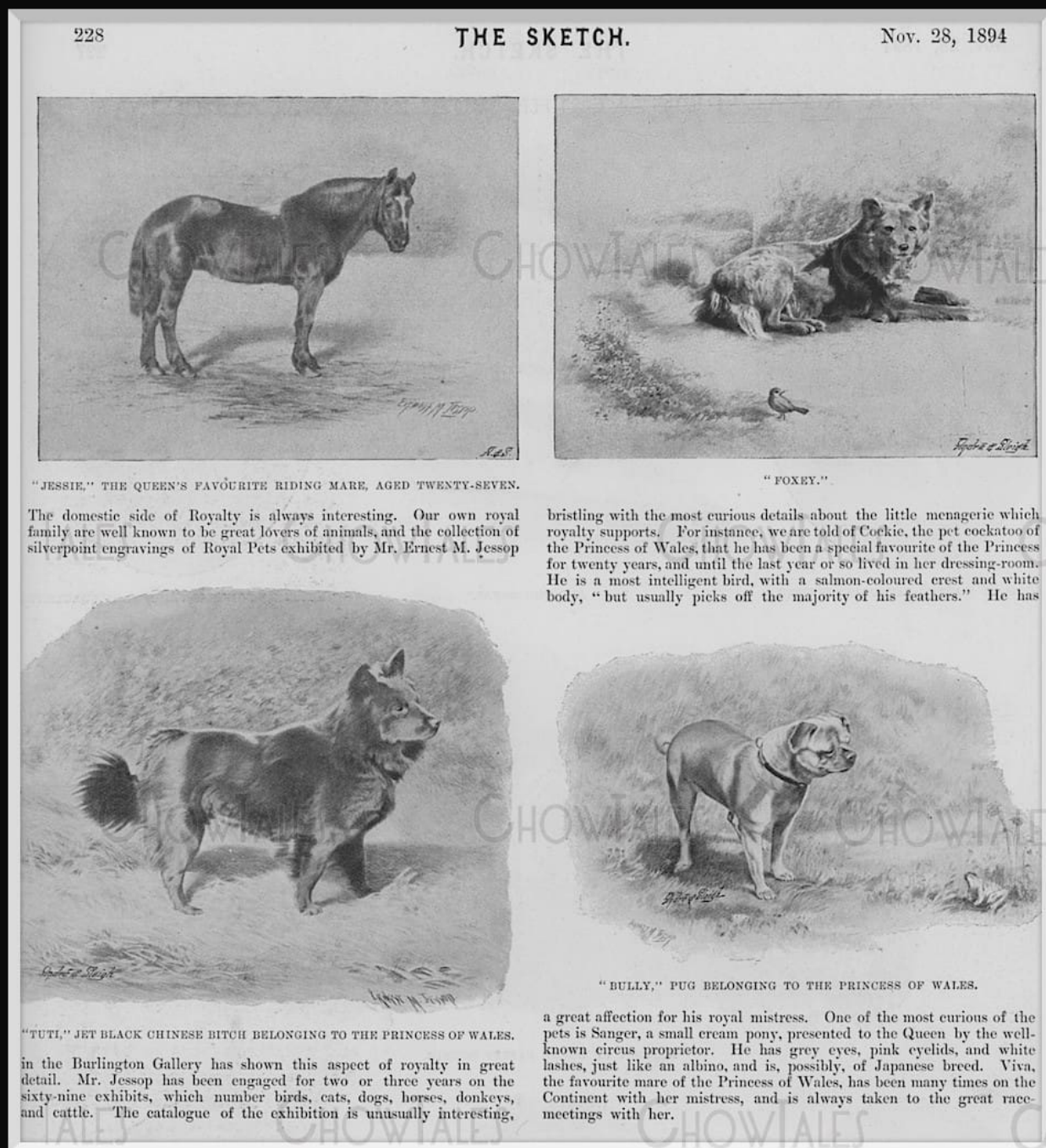
The discovery of these additional 2 chows that the Princess owned, besides Plumpie, was an incredible find.



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I have been searching for a biography on the artist , Ernest M. Jessop with little luck, however there are many mentions and examples of his illustrations in everything from books, to magazines and periodicals. He must have been a well respected artist to have been commissioned to create 64 silverpoint

etchings of the Royal Family pets.



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BELOW IS A PHOTO OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA WITH ANOTHER OF HER CHOWS



NAMED "PLUMPIE"



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WHILE RESEARCHING FOXIE'S NAME ....ANOTHER BIG BONUS FIND WAS  
ADDED TO THE ROYAL "FAMILY TREE"..SEE BELOW

When the Princess is at Sandringham, she visits the kennels every day, accompanied by a keeper carrying two baskets full of bread. With her dress enveloped in a huge white apron as a protection against the paws of her friends, she proceeds to distribute the food amongst them, calling each dog by name to receive its share. Should any guests be present, they have to keep at a respectful distance from the Princess, for the dogs are very fond of her, and look upon strangers as possible sources of harm to her.

Foremost among the Sandringham dogs must be mentioned the red Chinese Chou-chou "Plumpie," who is the Princess's favourite, and has been her travelling companion for many years. "Plumpie" has three children, who delight in the names of "Buz," "Fuz," and "Foxey," and who share with their parents the special favours of the Princess.

Circa 1895 - Cassell's Magazine-England

This beautiful etching of "Plumpie" who was the cherished chow of the Princess of Wales, was unearthed while researching one of her puppies, "Foxie"

This discovery that the Princess not only had Plumpie but 3 of her children, plus a Chinese import was an amazing find.

The Princess  
was later to  
become  
Queen  
Alexandra

