

**1901 Dr. Kinyoun receives 2
smooth coated "Chow" dogs
from China**



DR. KINYOUN'S PETS, NIP AND CHOW.
Two Chinese Dogs at the Marine Hospital Posing for a Free Press
Photographer.

Circa 1901 -Two Chinese Chows brought home by Dr. Kinyoun
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Here is an incredible photo accompanied by this article describing the details of these two beautiful Chinese “chows”, which the esteemed DR. KINYOUN obtained as a gift from a sea captain while acting as quarantine officer at Angel Island, Cal.

While the dogs may not seem like the modern chows of today, they are described as having dark black mouths and tongues with a head similar to a fox. Other writings from the period describe the heads of smooth chows in a similar matter, including descriptions of “Chinese Puzzle” owned by Mr. Taunton . A Shar Pei relative could also be in play here such as the Chinese Han Dog or Chinese Chongqing dog. This photo is a rare picture indeed, into the type of Chinese dogs being imported, very very early on in breed history.

Also note that Dr. Kinyoun mentioned donating these two dogs to the Smithsonian . In researching the Doctor further, I see he did donate a number of animals to the Smithsonian Zoo for exhibit. Needless to say, I am checking with the zoological department to see if they have on record if they ever housed these lovely dogs. Enjoy the article and my apologies for the parts that are faded too much to read.



Han Dynasty dog sculpture



Mr. Taunton's black chow bitch "Chinese Puzzle"

A PAIR OF PECULIAR PETS.

Two Chow Dogs at the Marine Hospital—A Favorite Article of Food in China.

QUARTERED at the United States Marine hospital grounds, and close-guarded from possible capture by enterprising butchers, is a fine pair of frisky Chow dogs, the property of Dr. J. J. Kinyoun, surgeon in command of the hospital, who obtained them as a present from a sea captain while acting as quarantine officer at Angel Island, Cal. The donor happened to overhear the doctor remark one day that he would like to possess an animal of that kind, and the first thing he knew two Chow puppies were brought to him from across the sea. They have since been growing and thriving in San Francisco, and arrived in Detroit only last Monday, by express.

Nip and Chow, to which names the youngsters respond, are a very lively, intelligent-

beggars and other poverty-stricken people found chiefly in Canton, where they are a favorite article of food. The color is most invariably shades of yellow, or slate blue, though there are some of these. They possess very wavy coats, somewhat in the shape of a lion's mane, and carry their tails much the same way.

It is a fact that the Chinese residents of other parts of China regard the Chow dog as a very savory article of food, a close rival in this regard to the rat, rodent and horseflesh. It is a fact that Chinamen will eat, and without any ill effects, meat that has been poisoned by Englishmen and Americans. The flesh of horses that have died of diseases of all sorts, are

looking pair of canines of the fox type. They are about 5 months old, and it is probable that they have attained their growth, being about the size of an ordinary full-grown fox, though shorter in the body and stouter of limb. They are both handsome and rather distinguished-looking specimens, Nip being a pretty black in color and Chow an equally attractive yellow dog. The head is strikingly like that of the fox, and the Chows carry their bushy tails curled over their backs. The most remarkable characteristic of the strangers is the purple-black lips and tongues, giving them the appearance of having just finished a feast of mulberries—and of having eaten too much.

The Chow is a native of China, and is

who infest the streets of all large cities. A superstition attaches to the flesh of dogs and cats, especially black ones. It is considered eminently nutritious, and is recommended by the doctors as a wholesome and invigorating diet in the summer season, as well as a general preventive against disease.

Dr. Kinyoun is thinking of presenting his dogs to the Smithsonian Institution, where they would no doubt be a feature of the zoological department. There are very few dogs of this breed in America. Dr. Kinyoun's pets, Nip and Chow, are very playful, winsome fellows, and there is no doubt the breed will become popular in this country as it becomes more understood.