

1914 WOMANS CULT OF THE CHOW

During a time when women had few rights, dog shows were one of the few places where women “took the leash” so to speak and were the breeders, and exhibitors of some of the finest examples of Chows in our breed history....though it took some time before they were given the right to officiate as judges and be active kennel club members.

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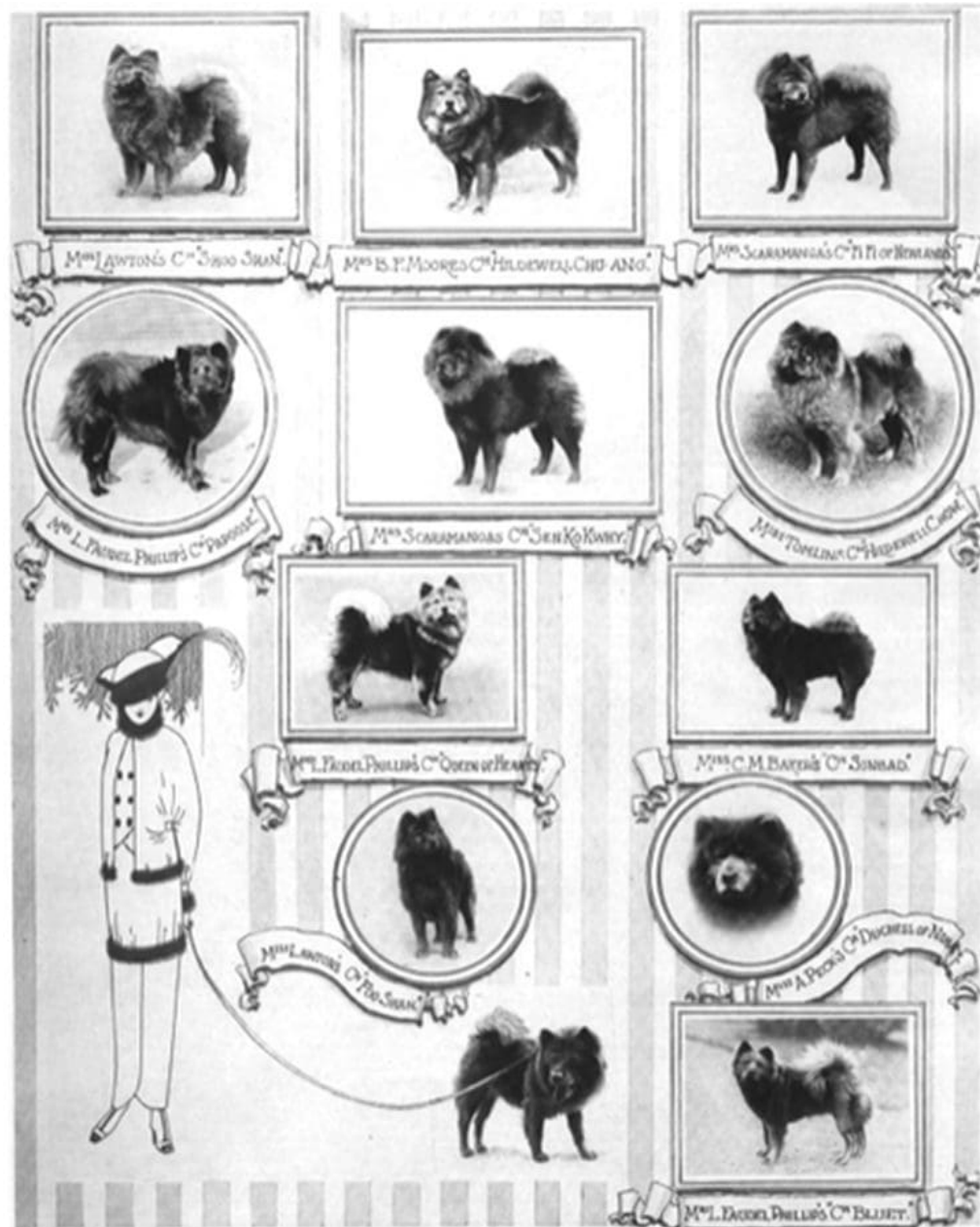
IT WAS A WOMAN'S WORLD..AT LEAST IN THE 1914
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WOMAN'S CULT OF THE DOG: No. X.—THE CHOW.

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The Chinese wonk has gained the name of chow (food) from one only of his many virtues, for he is an invaluable adjunct to life in China, not merely on the menu. He is used in packs to hunt the wolf; he lends himself admirably to draught purposes; his magnificent coat lines opulent winter garments; he is the keenest and most discriminating of watch-dogs, and the most unswervingly faithful and intelligent of house friends. To unite in one beautiful person hunter, conveyance, friend, guardian, food, and clothing distinguishes the chow above all other canines. He is the dog *par excellence* for London life: reticent (he never barks without justification), patient, dignified,

no clamourer for great exercise, Oriental in his mistrust of strangers and confidence in his own people, and gifted with such acute hearing and alert mind that he is the best burglar-protection going. It was just twenty years ago that the chow first obtained due show recognition, and in 1895 the Chow Chow Club was first formed. Then came the Provincial Chow Club; and the latest important society in his interest is the Chinese Chow Club, of which Lord Lonsdale is the President. It is interesting, as denoting the chow's personal charm, that all the chief dogs in England and America are owned by ladies.

Below I have enlarged the images of each of these chows, who along with their breeders were very important to the early history of the breed in England









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