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THE CASE OF THE MISSING SPECIALTY

SOURCE: The Dog Fancier September 1923

For years the records have shown “no Best of Breed records available ” for the 1923 Chow National Specialty which was slated to be held in Chicago Ill. in November 1923. There was a recorded entry of 98 with the Judge being chosen as Dr. William S. Baer

I recently discovered in the September 1923 issue of The Dog Fancier a short paragraph on page 23 which shed light on the case of the missing winner....because there was NO winner OR specialty.



Some political muscle flexing was going on that actually caused the Chow Club to pull out of the venue along with a few other clubs. Be sure to see the article in it's entirety attached on the second page as well as a 3rd article written that gave the clubs a good scruff shaking over the entire matter. Very interesting stuff

Quoting from the highlighted area in The Dog Fancier attached below

“...Such as the disgraceful case which took place in Chicago last week when the Pekingese Club and the Chow Club, who had actually paid their money into the treasury of the Specialists Club Show of Chicago, which is to be held in that city next November in aid of the Crippled Children's Home, demanded the return of their money and bolted the show, deciding not to support it when they found their nomination for superintendent was not elected.

How does it strike you? And the question arises, why will they not show unless they have their own nomination? Is it not time to legislate?”

And even more was written about the Chow, Pekingese, Police Dog and Boston Terrier Clubs pulling out of the show. This article in OCTOBER 1923, the month before the show was to be held laid it on the line about taking away entries from the the show which was to be a disabled children's fundraiser

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show to be held in Chicago, November 24th, 1923, by the Allied Specialty Clubs of the West, in other words, the Western Specialty Clubs. Now, friends, as you know the Chow Chow Club, the Pekingese Club and the Police Dog Club withdrew from us because their nominations for superintendent was defeated. Then later, to hit us harder, the Boston Terrier Club withdrew also. Now you have it perfectly clear, have you not? We had undertaken to give this show in aid of the Illinois Colony Club. This club devotes its energies in this vicinity to the help and aid of dependent children that are crippled and have no means of support with no known relatives to help them along. It would be extremely difficult to find a cause that could possibly come nearer to our heart, and one that, dog show or no dog show, should appeal more to our sympathies. It affords you a double opportunity, one is to come along and have a rattling good time, bring your dogs and accomplish some winnings, and again, help this great cause. They do say, according to Billy Shakespeare (or was it Jane Cakebread) that "Mercy is twice blest, it blesses him who gives and him who receives." You may win prizes galore, the gold that tarnishes, cups, silk and satin ribbons, sinkers, (medals), and the what not wherewith to adorn your den, and to the little crippled kids, you will with your entry give some little ray of sunshine to an otherwise overcast day of life. If you win in the ring well and good, if you get the gate, well the other end of it just described should be sufficient a prize to induce you to come along. And listen, Buddy

