

Alice Brady 1920's Silent Film Star



Alice Brady 1920's Silent Film star and her Chow puppy.
Autographed portrait in the private collection of Sandra Miller

What a thrill it was to discover this stunning studio portrait of Alice Brady with her chow puppy and the icing on the cake..ITS AUTOGRAPHED!!! The original was quite faded and yellowed but I was able to bring forward most of the detail, beginning with a 1200 DPI scan and then retouching in Photoshop. This wonderful woman was not only a talented actress but a champion for abused dogs through her founding Tailwagger Foundation (succeeded by Bette Davis) and worked to help provide dogs for the blind in Los Angeles. All in all this photo was an outstanding find!!



Alice Brady was one of the foremost actresses of stage and

screen at the time of her death in 1939.

Millions laughed at her portrayal of nit-witted, fluttery bejeweled society women. But these same millions, weeping at her sincere enactment of the role of the mother in the picture "In Old Chicago" (1937), applauded when she received the Academy Award for her supporting part.

She served as president of the national humane animal society called the Tailwagger Foundation. Her work in finding homes for lost dogs was famous.

So was her wardrobe. Brady's lavish dress became a sort of trademark. In one moving picture contract she had to agree – and not a bit unwillingly – to spend \$75,000 a year on clothes.

Her fatal illness [not named at the time] started weakening her during filming of her final movie, "Young Mr. Lincoln," and ended a career marked by more than its share of bad luck.

In 1930, ready to star in Eugene O'Neill's nine-act "Strange Interlude," Brady suffered a nervous breakdown. In 1938, she broke her ankle while performing in the film "Goodbye to Broadway."

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PLAN DINNER 98 TO AID BLIND

Film Stars to Appear at Gala
Affair at Cocoanut Grove
November 16

With more than 7000 blind people in California in need of aid, the Tailwagger Foundation, 6363 Hollywood boulevard, Hollywood, and the National Eye Dog association Saturday announced plans to provide blind persons in the state with trained Shepherd dogs. There are 1000 blind persons in Los Angeles county alone, officials announced.

In order to provide funds for the purchase and training of dogs, a "Master's Eyes Dinner Dance" will be staged at the Ambassador hotel Cocoanut Grove on November 16. Motion picture stars are expected to appear with their dogs at the affair.

The committee in charge of the dance includes Governor Frank F. Merriam, Dr. Rufus von KleinSmid, Alice Brady, Leland