

CIRCA 1920'S -1940'S CHOW SCRAPBOOK AND ALBUM donated by Mike and Ruth Kepner



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Feast your eyes on 134 PAGES of fascinating chow history,

stud dog cards, clippings, personal photographs with handwritten notations, along with some real surprises to this curator..... compiled years ago by American chow breeder Muriel Knapp,years later inherited by Mike and Ruth Kepner of Sunnyoak Chows, now in the care of ChowTales.

Muriel Knapp's collection has an amazing array of chow memorabilia revolving around a couple of key breeding lines which seem to be at the core of her own personal chows. One of those dogs/lines being record breaking [Ch. Yang Fu Tang](#). Above/below is a photograph and clipping from the album, an ORIGINAL 8x10 from "Tubby's" owner the celebrated Louise Seamer, showing Yang Fu Tang's funeral/trophy room. This image is handwritten on the back by Louise herself and personalized to Muriel. Another dog Muriel kept many records and notes on was Tubby's infamous grandfather [Ch. Choonam Brilliantine](#), the \$10,000.00 chow.

Int. Ch. Yang Fu Tang Dead

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*"All Hail the King.
The King is Dead!"*

AMERICAN and Canadian Champion Yang Fu Tang died Sunday, July 12, from a heat prostration following the protracted heat spell which had gripped Chicago for over a week. His owner, Mrs. Louise Seamer of Chicago, is grief stricken over Tubby's death.

Ch. Yang Fu Tang, bred by Art Hoffman of Milwaukee and purchased by Mrs. Seamer, undoubtedly built up the most outstanding show record of any Chow which ever lived. He had been Best in Show twenty-two times; won forty-three Groups and gone Best of Breed of sixty-five occasions. His last appearance in the ring was at the Chicago Kennel Club event this year, where he topped the breed and saw four of his get take Winners and Reserve in both sexes.

Tubby was whelped October 10, 1929, and was rapidly building up a producing record which promises to be as noteworthy as his bench career. He has to his credit at this time six champion sons and daughters and a number of others that are well on the way. His loss to the Chow fancy is immeasurable.

There are the only two you can cut / Muriel Knapp
them up as you can mail them. R1 - Box 133
Ball Creek Ark.
Feb 1941



Champion
Mu Chow
Ginger.
Puffy's Daughter

CH. MU CHOW GINGER

Chow, h. light red, bred by Mrs. Muriel Knapp, Cleveland (N. of Lorain-
town), St. Paul, Minn.; owned by Mrs.
W. A. O'Leary, River Falls, Wis.
The pedigree is a bit unusual but in-
dicates a good outbred pedigree. Thru
the sire's sire of course, is introduced

Ch. MU CHOW GINGER, sired by	Ch. Hong Fu King
Ch. Yang Fu Tang	Ch. Hong Fu Queenie
Linette Tang	Ch. Chie Apple Bloss
Ch. Chie Lin Chie	Ch. Hong Long King
Ch. Hong Long King	Ch. Hong Long King
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the Brilliantine blood: Int. Ch. Chooan
Brilliantine appears twice in the fourth
generation, once in the fifth.
The dam on the other hand is closely
bred if we consider that Ch. Hong Kong
King appears as three of the four great
grandfathers. This introduces T-Sing blood,
which has run strongly as a separate
bloodline for the last 29 years.
Ginger took her points last year at
St. Paul, Waterloo, Chicago; this year
Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis and the
Chicago All Breed Show.


THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
BREEDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

CHOW CHOW ————— MU CHOW GINGER


BRED BY MRS. L. M. KNAPP HAVING BEEN AWARDED
15 POINTS IN WINNERS CLASSES UNDER THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES IS A

CHAMPION OF RECORD



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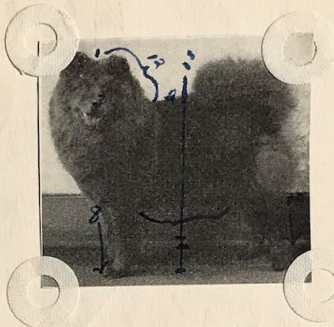

SECRETARY

Above is a Championship Certificate belonging to the original owner of this scrapbook, Mrs Muriel Knapp.



12 - hip bone to tip bone across back of base of tail - 6 1/2 inches
 14 - nose from nape of neck to top of head 8 1/2 - 10 inches
 15 - length from floor to center back 17 1/2 inches

This is not Sonya - just a picture for numbers



Snout from between eyes to tip 3 1/2 inches

14 - tail 12 inches long
 15 - standard disposition show in America!

- 1 - between ears - 4 inches
- 2 - nape of neck to base of tail - 15 inches
- 3 - between ears to end of snout. 6 1/2 inches
- 4 - between eyes 2 1/4 inches
- 5 - end of snout 2 1/2 inches
- 6 - between ears when ears are down - 4 in.
- 7 - " " " ears up - 2 1/4 inches
- 8 - length of front leg - 9 inches
- 9 - breadth between front legs - 6 1/2 inches
- 10 - length of hind leg from 13 inches
- 11 - length from front to back leg 9-10 inches



Heather Bane



Mc Elroy's Son
 as a puppy
 out of Pomeranian

Yellow Puffy
 as a puppy
 out of
 Red Puffy

YES, ITS MAGNIFYING GLASS TIME! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET A CLOSER

heartfelt THANK YOU to Mike Kepner and an old chow friend from Minnesota, Mary Jo Brouillard, for getting this treasure back into chronological order and arranging to have it shipped to Oregon. I'm so excited to be connected to Mary Jo again after all these years. Big THANKS also to another dear friend Linda Love Banghart for pointing Mary Jo in the direction of ChowTales Archive! There is much more work to do, researching the backs of the real photographs for dog and people identifications and handwritten notesI can't wait to start the detective work!!!

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