

CIRCA 1931 Southern Chow Club – Trophy promoting blue and black breeding

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CHOW DOG SHOW IS SLATED TODAY

Sixth Annual Affair Of Kind
To Be Held On Lawn Of
Maryland Country Club

TROPHIES ARE OFFERED Blue And Black Types To Vie For Honors In Special Class On Program

Rivaling the competition for the best-of-bred prize at the Southern Chow Chow Club's sixth annual dog show today at the Maryland Country Club will be the contest for a \$400 trophy offered to the best blue or black chow in the specialty show.

Mrs. Ruth Adams Baer, of Baltimore, club president, explained last night that blue chows for centuries were held sacred by the Manchurian monks and not until 1850, when some Englishmen acquired a few outcasts and smuggled them home, were any known in Europe.

Development Retarded

She added that the rigorously selective breeding necessary since that time to preserve the color of the coat has worked against the development of a blue chow, usually as sound in general conformation as the red chow, which is in the majority.

Although blue and black chows frequently take the blue ribbons in their classes, it is seldom, Mrs. Baer said, that blue or black triumphs over the red in the judging for best chow chow in the show. To promote the breeding of blue and black chows, as sound in

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bone, short in back and well ribbed up as topnotch reds, a trophy is being offered for the second time this year and has drawn a large entry of the odd color dogs, Mrs. Baer added.

Trophy Is Flagon

The trophy, a flagon made out of an elephant's tusk with a silver lip, handle and base fashioned in the shape of an elephant's head, feet and trunk, must be won five times for permanent possession. Mrs. Adnah Neyhart, of Boston, has the first leg on the trophy, her blue homebred entry Li Ti having won the cup last year.

Of interest for chow fanciers will be the test of domestic breeding against that of the English. A number of chow chows imported from England will be benched at the Maryland Country Club today. If none of them is selected for the best-dog-in-the-show prize, the trophy going to a home-bred instead, domestic breeders will chalk up another victory. A red home-bred, Wyndcrest Donne, owned by Miss Katherine J. Kandra, of Asbury Park, N. J., won last year.

To Open At 10 A. M.

More than \$3,000 in trophies will be awarded to winners at the show by Mrs. L. W. Bonney, of Flushing, N. Y., who will judge the 138 entries. The show is to open at 10 A. M. and close at 5 P. M. It will be held under tents on the lawn of the club.



CIRCA 1931 SOUTHERN CHOW CHOW CLUB'S 6TH SPECIALTY

This very interesting article announcing the Southern Chow Chow Club's 6th annual regional chow specialty show, interviews club president Mrs Baer of Baltimore Maryland . A

trophy is being offered promoting more blue and black chow breedings. The last name will be very familiar to many east coasters of the United States, as her husband [Dr. William S. Baer](#) who is best remembered as an innovator in hip and spine surgery, and an imaginative experimenter in the treatment of infection and arthritis, and as the founding chairman of orthopaedics at Johns Hopkins University who trained some of the outstanding practitioners of the 20th century.

The Baer's and their Moosilauke Kennel were some of the earliest pioneers in the breed, importing many of the first top quality English chows to America. Mrs Baer also was the breeder who escorted the now famous 10,000 chow [Ch. Choonam Brilliantine](#) by ship to to America in 1925 (Photo of Mrs Baer and Brilliantine below)

CHOONAN TRAVELS FIRST CLASS



BELOW IS A VERY RARE PHOTO OF MRS. BAER WITH TWO OF HER CHOWS
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MRS. WILLIAM S. BAER
Mrs. Baer is shown with two
of her famous chow dogs

