

Emil Jannings - Actor and his love of Chows

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1920 EMIL JANNINGS WITH PUPS
STAGE AND SCREEN

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I'm so glad I sat on writing about this actor for a while because recently I found an incredible treasury of photos in an online archive depicting Emil Jannings at home with his chows and family in Austria. What could have been a post with just one photo of unknown puppies with the actor turned into a photo essay of the passion this man had for the breed the press described as his "Polar Chow Dogs". The only other chowist I know besides myself who has a copy of this photo above in their collection, is Mary Counihan, a Chowtales contributor.

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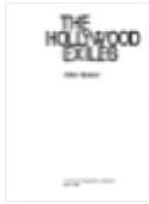




Emil Jannings (23 July 1884 – 2 January 1950) was a [Swiss](#)-born German/Austrian actor and the very first actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor. Back then, actors received one Oscar for multiple films and Jannings won for *The Way of All Flesh* (1927) and *The Last Command* (1928). The Award is exhibited in the Berlin Film Museum.

BELOW IS A SNIPPET REFERRING TO ONE OF EMIL JANNING' CHOWS BY NAME "GILGI"

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John Baxter - 1976 - Snippet view - [More editions](#)

He owned several **Chow dogs**, including Gilgi, a Hollywood aristocrat whose ownership could be traced back to Rudolph ... Josef von Sternberg remembered Jannings as **Emil Jannings** enjoying Hollywood life to the full with Greta 40 The ...

BELOW IS AN INTERESTING SNIPPET REFERRING TO THE JANNINGS
GIVING GRETA GARBO A CHOW

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Rilla Page Palmborg - 1931 - Snippet view

She had a **chow dog**, Fimsy, given to her by Ruth **Jannings**, **Emil's** daughter, when she left for Europe. There were also Polly the parrot and two little black cats. "The cats were her favorites. They were two little alley tramps

BELOW ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THE JANNINGS GIVING CHOWS AWAY AS
FAREWELL GIFTS TO FRIENDS

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Jannings fürchtete sich vor der fremden Sprache und packte die Koffer. Die Chows-Chows verschenkte er zum Abschied an den Freundeskreis: an **Greta Garbo**, Lubitsch, Kraly, die Frau des Kollegen John Loder. Als **Emil Jannings** am Mittag des 15. Mai 1929 am ... He gave away his **chow** chows as farewell gifts to his friends: to **Greta Garbo**, Lubitsch, Kraly, and the wife of his colleague John Loder.