

Jean Hersholt actor and chow exhibitor



Jean Hersholt...a name I had not heard of before I purchased 2 original studio photos (above and below) .

As it always seems to go, my research on a single actor usually leads me far off the beaten path... I could keep digging for months! Jean Hersholt is one I will continue researching and adding to his fascinating story. He and his

wife had many interests including as I discovered....

exhibiting chows at dog shows. You will see some of the snippets below from shows that I found via Google searches.

He is most recognized today for his role as Shirley Temple's grandfather in "HEIDI" , as well as memorialized every year at the Oscars when the [Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award](#) is given out.

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JEAN HERSHOLT 1930'S ACTOR
WITH ONE OF HIS CHOWS

SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA-

Jean Pierre Hersholt (12 July 1886 – 2 June 1956) was a Danish-born actor who lived in the United States, where he was

a leading film and radio talent, best known for his 17 years starring on radio in *Dr. Christian* and for playing Shirley Temple's grandfather in *Heidi*.^[2] Asked how to pronounce his name, he told *The Literary Digest*, "In English, *her'sholt*; in Danish, *hairs'hult*."^[3] Of his total credits, 75 were silent films and 65 were sound films (140 total); he directed four.

Hersholt's large collection of Hans Christian Andersen books is now in the Library of Congress. He translated over 160 of Andersen's fairy tales into the English language. These were published in 1949 in six volumes as *The Complete Andersen*, this work is "... rated as *the* standard translation, being one of the best" in English.^[6] Hersholt was appointed a knight of the Order of the Dannebrog in 1948, partly due to this endeavour.^[7]

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The chows that Jean Hersholt owns are a good deal more snooty than Mr. Hersholt but their soft faces resemble his.

...PEOPLE LOOK LIKE THEIR PETS

After years of marriage, a man and his wife often come to look like each other. During their long association, they have picked up each other's typical habits of gesture and expression. This is probably what causes many amazing marital resemblances.

More amazing and harder to explain are the resemblances shown on these pages. These people all look like their animal pets. The reasons for this

phenomenon are obscure. Possibly people instinctively choose pets whose appearance complements their own. Perhaps there is some deeper spiritual affinity which prompts the choice. Only one immediate reason suggests itself: most people are natural mimics and when posing for these pictures, their urge to imitate may have become so strong that it caused them subconsciously to reflect their animal companions.

THIS TEXT GOES WITH THE ABOVE PHOTO FROM LIFE MAGAZINE 1937



JEAN HERSHOLT IN HIS MOST MEMORABLE ROLE WITH SHIRLEY TEMPLE IN 1937 "HEIDI"



BELOW ARE A FEW OF THE CHOWS I HAVE FOUND SO FAR THAT WERE

SHOWN BY THE HERSHOLTS.

GREENACRE FI FI SAN in the last snippet was bred by Mr. E.K. Lincoln who was a famous actor and director of the day and owner of Greenacre Kennels

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Best of winners and best of breed to Mrs. Jean **Hersholt's Kai Wu**. ... A news note that should be of interest to the **chow** fancy all over America is that X-Quiz-It Kennels (Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Krupp) have recently purchased the entire Isbell ...

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1, Soong Kai of Carthay, Mr., and Mrs. J. E. Howlett. **Chow** Chows Best of Breed — LedgeLand's Koon Kan, Gordo Kennels. (Dogs) Jr. ... Buddha, X-Quiz-It Kennels; 2, **Kai Wu**, Mrs. V. **Hersholt**; 3, Schell's Ufong Sing Prince Lin. Mr. and Mrs.

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Best of winners and best of breed to Mrs. **Jean Hersholt's Kai Wu**. This beautiful dog was wonderfully handled by Robertson, the well-known handler, who has not been in the show ring much of late, his business keeping him away from the ...

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A black dog, Pomfretto Gorgeous Smut, was reserve winners. Mrs. **Hersholt's** Greenacre Fi Fi San was winners bitches ; reserve bitches to Harley Wright Smith's Blue Beauty of East Gate. A news note that should be of interest to the **chow** fancy ...

THIS CLIPPING FROM A 1927 NEWSPAPER REFERS TO MR. HERSHOLT
SHOWING A CHOW HIMSELF

Francis Bushman will show some Great Danes as will Jack Holt. Kenneth Harlan is sponsoring some little game Cairn terriers and Jean Hersholt is showing Chow, Oriental dogs.

Arthur Rankin will show some of the finest Whippets in America.

Mr. Isabell, well known dog fancier of Van Nuys will exhibit his famous Chow Chow champion "Yuan Chu of El Cher."

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