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*Nell & the Dogs.*

## “NELL & THE DOGS”

Circa 1900 England - A Gibson Girl  
with her wagging Chow



We've come a  
LONG WAY baby!

Look at the corseted  
waist on this beautiful  
girl...I just want to take  
a deep breath for her.

This photo is an  
amazing study on  
period costume as  
well as a wonderful  
example of one of  
the very early chows  
in England. This looks  
to be a deep dark  
red so popular then.

chowtales.com



## RESTORATION- Circa 1900 England Gibson Girl and her dogs

This photo came to me with a number of issues I needed to address, such as permanent fingerprints on the right side of the photo and bad fading in the same area. A crop to focus in on the subject matter helped a ton but hundreds of minute scratches needed to be healed out of the image.

Once I fixed the damaged areas I brought “Nell and the Dogs” back to life through multiple layers of contrast and highlight adjustments. I just can’t get over that hourglass waist and how tight her corset must have been to achieve the ideal “Gibson Girl” look of the times. The chow seemed distracted and what a long tail he has as he waves it in the air. My guess is this dog is either a Chinese import or one-two generations away from it at most. This is a great example of the earliest roots of our breed outside of China

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