DOGS OF TO-DAY

No. 15. THE CHOW CHOW

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CHAMPION YUNG CHENG OF AMWELL is just three years old. Her sire being the celebrated dog CHAMPION PU AN OF AMWELL, and her dam the cream CHAMPION LI CHIN OF AMWELL. Owner: The Author, Lady Fauwel-Phillips, Balls Park, Hertford.

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There is no more attractive dog than the Chow. He was first known in this country about sixty years ago and he has become one of the most popular of the non-sporting breeds at the present time.

PU VI OF AMWELL. Half sister to Ch. Yung Cheng of Amwell and now 9 months old. Photograph taken when she was three months old. Her sire is Ch. Peng Tse of Amwell and her dam Ch. Li Chin of Amwell. Pu Vi has been shown five times this year and has won four firsts and five seconds and six special prizes. Owned and bred by the Author.


The first Chow was brought into this country by Lord Lonsdale from China. The Chow is found in various colours, red, blue, black, cream and fawn, the two first-named being the most popular colours. Good blues are very rare and only one cream Chow has ever become a full champion up to now in this country. One of the most important peculiarities of this breed is the black tongue.

The Chow makes a perfect housedog, clean, quiet and well behaved in every way, and he requires very little exercise. He is definitely a "One man dog" and cares only for his master or mistress, though even then he is never demonstrative and will never bark or jump up to welcome his master. He will just get up, wag his tail, then go solemnly back to his place; never, by any chance does a Chow become a lap dog. He dislikes sofas and cushions and prefers to lie on stone or wooden floors and he will look with disdain at a pillow or rug.

The reason for this may be the very thick coat which the Chow has for his protection. He revels in really cold weather and his great delight is to roll or play in the snow. He is a hardy strong dog and, if properly cared for, he will live to a good old age. My experience is that the Chow is not in his prime until he is 7 or 8 years old and I have known some to live until 15 or 16.

To keep a Chow in good condition, he should be brushed and combed every day and occasionally given a good bath when his coat is changing. A Chow will seldom get lost, as he...