

# DONWELL" Chow Chows

Owned by

**Mrs. Wheldon, Skelton Grange,  
York**

AS one enters the lovely grounds of Skelton Grange, one is acutely conscious that here is every material condition to bring unflinching joy to the heart of a dog; and as one meets and talks with Mrs. Wheldon, one is equally and increasingly aware that although she is a fancier who has found fame quickly, she is primarily a dog-lover, and most of all a Chow enthusiast. So it was no surprise when Mrs. Wheldon said to me: "You must not expect to see a big kennel of Chows. I have only nine, and I do not see myself ever having a dozen, as my Chows are purely a hobby"; and she added with a smile, "That, to me, is the true delight of them!"

A hobby; yes, but what a hobby! Every Chowist



**CH. NICLOS MARKSMAN.**

knows that there are three champions in this kennel. But before it housed that trio of celebrities, the "Donwell" kennel caught my keen attention early last year, when I saw a lovely young dog called DONWELL RED SON OF LENNINGBOY, a real old-type, leonine Chow, a born aristocrat of his breed. A broad skull, naturally tilted ears, a strong jaw finishing a massive headpiece, and a scowl which does not come off, no matter in what position or expression he is caught. And another notable Chow that was at Skelton Grange before the champions went there is CHOONAM LAO MO, who is unique among her sex, for she is the only litter-sister



**CH. SWEET JEDWORTH.**

of Ch. Choonam Hung Kwong. The four glorious puppies on this page are her first litter, and if that box-full were a lucky dip, well, anybody could pick a winner. They are by Choonam Chong Li. Another of the beautifully typical bitches (there are four of them) in this kennel, is a daughter of Ch. Rochow Dragoon.

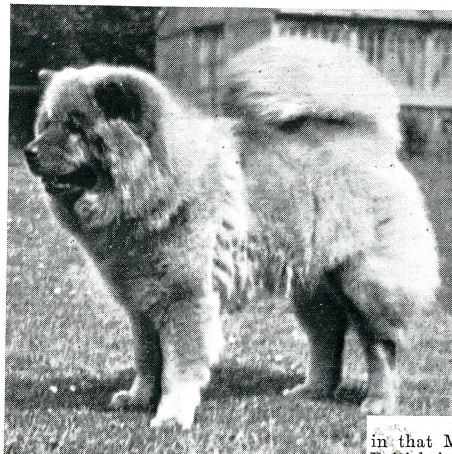
Champions need no describing, especially when they are champions which everybody knows. CH. YUNG



**FOUR DONWELL PUPPIES, by CHOONAM CHONG LI ex CHOONAM LAO MO (litter sister to Ch. Choonam Hung Kwong).**

CHENG OF AMWELL was a purchase made from Lady Faudel-Phillips last year; and CH. SWEET JEDWORTH was bought from Mr. Wight much about the same time, and when that fancier gave up his Chows. These are the other two of the four bitches at Skelton Grange, and the quartette emphasise a remark which Mrs. Wheldon made: "It is my aim to breed puppies of really first-rate quality from my champion stock." And the aim is a sure one, for shots like these do not miss targets.

Four months ago, Mrs. Wheldon bought CH. NICLOS MARKSMAN from Mrs. Nicholls, and when I remind myself how many American Chowists wanted to buy this dog, I realise how fortunate our fancy has been



**CH. YUNG CHENG OF AMWELL.**

in that Mrs. Wheldon secured him and kept him for British breeders, this purchase making the fourth dog, including two champions, that Mrs. Wheldon has in her kennel from Mrs. Nicholl's noted kennel of "Niclos" Chows. Marksmen and Red Son are both at stud to a few approved bitches. Sometimes, too, there are puppies to dispose of, but Mrs. Wheldon breeds from her bitches only once a year.

What a fortune could be made from this kennel! But it is not the fortune it could make, but the fortune it gives—the fortune of endless pleasure; that is what the "Donwell" Chows mean to their devoted owner.