

WWI Showing Chows and dog breeding during the war years

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Note the Chow
photo in the
upper right
corner and the
sign by the
largest spinning
wheel
says "Chow"

“A TOY spaniel muffler—a chow jersey—a Pekinese stocking,” are now common terms in the Royal Academy of Art, London. The academy has been turned over to the Red Cross and is being utilized in connection with the British Dogs’ Wool Association. Dogs’ wool is being collected, spun and knitted into garments which are said to be warmer and softer than sheep wool. The idea of spinning dogs’ wool is not new, but never before has it been carried out on so large a scale.

chowtales.com

This attached article written for Best in Show Daily, is absolutely fascinating, telling of the challenges Chow breeders had during WWI showing and breeding their dogs.

The article’s author states, “I’d always assumed that pedigree dog breeding and showing had been forbidden during war. So

many times I'd read in various breed books of the tight rationing of food and about whole kennels being 'put down' simply because there was nothing to feed them. However, this doesn't appear to be entirely true."

..[CLICK HERE](#) to read how the Chow breed managed to thrive and rise above all odds thanks to the tenacity of the English breeders during the ravages of war in Europe.