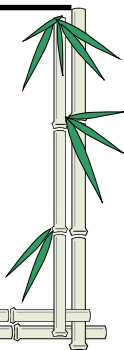




National Newsletter

Chow Chow Fanciers

of Canada



April 2001 - May 2001

Easter is here and Mother's Day is coming soon. Don't forget to hide those Chocolate Bunnies totally out of the reach of your Chows and other fur creatures. If Doggies find them it can be an expensive trip to the Vet.

I am sure a Great Time was had by all at this year's US Chow National, results of which are on page 5. Things in England and Europe continue to be bad with Foot and Mouth being the reason to postpone this year's Crufts Dog show. Our best wishes for all over there and we certainly hope this can be cleaned up in good time. It makes our problems within Canada's animal world seem small.



One of the items on our agenda for this year is to create a list of judges that you the members would like to see judge the National. This list will be made available to the group hosting a National, however they would not be obligated to hire a judge from the list. The list would just be a helpful tool for groups when planning a National. Please submit the names of 3 judges who you feel would be knowledgeable about our breed. If possible submit names, addresses, phone numbers and any other pertinent facts.

Ex: Mr. John Doe

Address_____

Phone number_____

Judged Chows in what countries_____

Any other breeds they are eligible to judge.

Cost-if known and any other pertinent information. From any submissions made we will compile a list to be made available to anyone hosting a National. All names we receive will be handed to whoever is hosting a National for

their use. Again this is only to be a guide and a help. Thank you for submitting any information you can. If you only have one judge's name you would like to submit this will be most welcome.

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Our new Chow Standard will be sent out sometime in May for an official vote from our members. The results of the straw vote were very helpful thank you to all who sent them in. After the vote is completed and there is a 2\3 majority the standard will then be sent on to CKC for publishing and approval. It will be nice to get this finished this year. A lot of hard work and dictation went into this and thanks to all the membership for their suggestions and help.



Judging Chows

by Mona K Selbach.

I got my first Chow in 1963, showed my first Chow in 1966, bred my first litter in 1972, and finally in 1982, I was passed by the Norwegian Kennel Club to judge Chows at Championship show level. Today I am passed to award certificates in approx. 50 breeds – with more to come.

Being for many years the only active breeder judge of Chows in Norway, has given me much of the responsibility of teaching other judges about Chows and how to judge them. We have a unique breed compared to most other breeds in our Spitz Group (FCI Group 5), and thus it is important to tell the judges what is so special about our breed and how to maintain our breed for the future.

One problem that has come forward, is the Authorities of the Common Market wish to alter everything about the different breeds that they think is abnormal – or not as sound as they, themselves, think it should have been. Which means for instance Cocker Spaniels might have ear problems, then breeders should try to breed Cockers with standing, not hanging, ears, to give a simple explanation to the problems. Of course Chows have also caught the eyes of the Au

thorities, and straight back legs and deep set eyes are their main targets in Chows. Some judges these days seems to just look at eyes or angles in back legs and forget about the rest of the Chow, although type, and type again, should be their main concern. If the type is not right, you cannot put up a Chow to win although it might have dry eyes and/or lots of angles in the back legs. If we loose type, we will loose the Chow, and the result will be a dog that hopefully still has a blue tongue, but apart from that, could be any Spitz breed, for instance a Finnish Spitz.

I therefore think it is very important for the judges to have a “picture inside the head” of a Chow Chow who can be a sample for what we want a Chow to look like. For the judges in Norway I have used GB Ch. Ukwong King Solomon as a sample. Probably quite a few Chows would have been OK to use, but everyone in Norway know about “Solly”s wins. He has type, size and balance. And balance is utmost important: depth of body compared to length of legs, length of back, the arched neck, the tail set, strength of head and bone, all add to the



overall balance of the Chow. The Chow should be well built, solid, but not overdone in any direction.

True Chow Chow gait is really a problem for most judges not used to Chows. You very often hear judges say: “This and this Chow really moves well”. Very often I feel that the movement of these special well moving Chows would have been more correct for a German Shepherd than for a Chow. The stilted gait where the action comes from the hip with little action in knee or hock is seldom seen these days, and I really feel the judges have to be very aware of this and do their best to help maintaining this unique characteristic of the breed.

I think the judges play a very important part when it comes to the future of a breed. What they put up in the ring today, will most certainly be the mothers and the fathers of the Chows of tomorrow. Although Chow breeders know what they like and know what they are breeding for, Champions and winner titles are vital to get your studs used and your puppies sold. It is very important for breed clubs to keep close contact with the judges and inform them about things that need special attention in the ring. Of course there is the standard to be followed, but I cannot see any harm in the breed clubs helping the judge to fill the frame as correctly

as possible. And the judge in his turn, should report back to the club and breeders if he finds problems that seem to be increasing.

In Norway today these items are according to the breed club, important for the judges to pay attention to.

* The balance of the Chow. Quite a few of today's Chows in Norway have too short legs compared to the length of the body – or too long bodies compared to the length of the legs. But if the body is too long compared to the length of the legs, the Chow would not be up to the size required in the standard. It is important to the judges to be aware of these problems and choose the well balanced Chow if they otherwise think two exhibits are equal.

*The Chow should be an active dog, it is not right when the dog drags himself around the ring. The Chow has pride and dignity, you can not achieve this with a "come help me and die" type of Chow. Exhibitors sometimes excuse their Chow to me in the ring, and say they are sorry he or she is so lively. I do not think they should be sorry, they have a happy healthy lively Chow, what is wrong about that!

*The angles in the front and the length of the upper arm. Quite a few Chows today seem to have lost the

angles and length of the upper arm, thus you lose the lovely arched neck, the good fronts and the head is carried between the shoulders and not on top of them.

There will always be points concerning the Chow judging that might be improved, but I feel as long as the judges, clubs and breeders keep in close contact and exchange views and keep a firm eye on the standard, we are on the right track to maintain and maybe improve our beautiful breed.

The St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs

by Arlee Yoeger

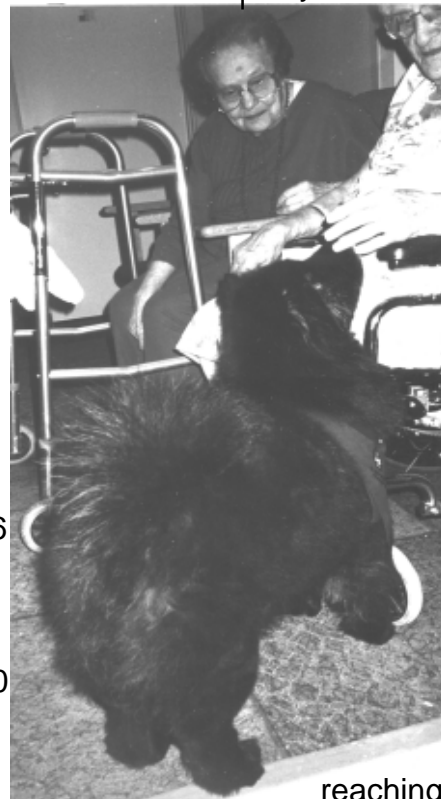
The St. John Ambulance began its first Therapy Dog Program in Peterborough ON in June 1992 with 6 dogs and eight handlers. In 1996 there were 1600 dogs across ON visiting 40,000 people regularly. The ultimate goal is to have a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Group attached to every St. John Brigade in Canada.

Large numbers of seniors are spending more time in long term facilities, often with very few visitors and minimal contact with the community. This is where the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog come in.

Any dog may be tested for this program, be it purebred or mix breed.

All volunteers have been screened and sanctioned by the St. John Ambulance and all dogs have been tested for temperament, checked for health and cleanliness.

Each volunteer visits the same people on the same day of the week, with the



same dog so that a bond develops between that person and the dog.

Through this program, volunteers and nursing staff have witnessed many times some of the wonderful things that the love of a dog can do.

The hand of a stroke patient reaching out to touch the dog, the emotion shown by the confused and the calming of the erratic, always amazes everyone involved.

The common observation that all volunteers report is the genuine delight that appears on a residents face when the dog enters the room. Rigid facial features soften into a smile, with eyes that sparkle and hands that reach out to embrace "their dog."



Dog. The first on being a Bronze Medal acknowledging 100 visits to St. John Senior Home. This past December, she was the first St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog in Alberta to receive a Silver Medal for 200 visits to St. Josephs. A great accomplishment for a great working team. Cole and



In May 1995 the first pilot program for St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs outside of ON was introduced to Medicine Hat AB. There are now over 20 Therapy dogs visiting in many nursing homes and the Medicine Hat Hospital. Presentations about the program have been given to schools and the Medicine Hat College, we do public relations in the local mall and participate in the Medicine Hat Stampede Parade, as well as the trade show in the fall.

In 1995 a black Chow Chow registered as Cole (Staggs Little Fluffy Tuffy x Staggs Little Tasty Spice) was one of the original dogs to qualify as a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog. Cole a 7 year old girl still visits St. John Senior Home in Medicine Hat on a weekly basis with her owner Marlene Nadeau. Cole has earned 2 awards as a St. John Ambulance Therapy

Marlene.

Last summer I mentioned that my girl, Sevenacres Sound The Alarm C.D. T.D. has passed the St. John Ambulance Canine Good Citizen test to qualify as a Therapy dog. She completed her eight week training and is now working as a certified St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog at the Central Park Lodge Senior Home and in Medicine Hat Hospital.

Again I thank Kitty Egan for the wonderful little chow. She is 10 + years, still working and now can add St. John

Ambulance Therapy Dog to her titles.

We are so blessed to have two working Chow girls in the program.

Our Hearts are with the Breeders and Owners of these Chows that have tken the journey over the Rainbox Bridge.



BEIJING LADY TIFFANY, 1988 to 2001, Can\Am.Ch Lioning Handsome x Liong Beijing Lady, Br: John & Vickie Schmidt. Ow: Vickie Barrett

LOHAN JUMPING JUBILEE JEWEL, 1988 - 2001, Am\Can\InterNat\Nat.Ch. Lohan Nicolaas (BISS) x Leatherwood Dark Markie, Br\Ow\Douglas Johnston & Leonard Hanson.

LOHAN EBONIE CASSANDRA 1989 -2001, Can\Am.Ch. Lionheart Warrior (BISS\BIS) x Am\Can Ch. Lohan Ebonie Charr-Daye. Br\Ow\Douglas Johnston & Leonard Hanson.



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**Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000**

Income:

Membership Dues:	800.58
1999 National Specialty	200.00
2000 National Specialty	150.00
2001 specialty donation:	50.00
Interest:	1.35
 Total Income:	 1166.93

Expenses:

Newsletter:	300.00
Correspondence:	0
Club Recognition Fee:	103.50
Dogs in Canada Listing:	131.61
Service Charges:	1.17
 Total Expenses:	 536.28

Balance at Beginning of Year:	1735.27
Net Gain:	630.65
Closing Balance:	2400.92

Included in the club balance is \$335.39 for chow rescue fund and \$50.00 donation for the 2001 Specialty Float.

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." --
James Thurber

"You enter into a certain amount of madness when you marry a person with pets." --
Nora Ephron

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." -- Ann Landers

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." --
Robert A. Heinlein

US Chow Chow National Results

Best In Sweepstakes
JiDi's Walk'n In Fuzzy Paw Prints Owner: Tim Malueg & Dale Hafner

Best Of Opposite in Sweepstakes
Sunburst's Black Ice. Owner:Harvey & Penny Kent

Best In Veterans Sweepstakes
Ch. Westwind's Peach Fuss Owner: Tim Malueg & Dale Hafner

Best of Opposite In Veterans Sweestakes
Ch. My-Sam's Irish Miss. Owner: Barbara & Michael Bakert

Regular Classes
Winners Dog
Los Cerros Top Contender. Breeder/Owners: Myrna Milligan & Cody Milligan & Pamela Schmied

Winner Bitch
Ridgecrest Florida Custom Breeder/Owners: Cindy Luoma & Gloria Glisson
Dam:Lanzui's Limited Edition



US 2001 Chow National Best of Breed

CH. VIP's P-Chi Keen Owner: Bambi Walden

Best of Opposite

CH. Sylvan Heights First Sergeant. Owner: Barbara & Bill Boggs, Ed Harbert & JoAnne O'Brien

Some Sage Wisdom

by Vickie Schmidt

In the last 18 to 20 years, I have learned many things from my Chows. One really big lesson is that there are certain Chows who can never put together. Miss Wicket could be with any male but no females. Missy could live with any female or male. My boys were the best dads in the world and took an action role in raising their pups. Except for Mort, who hated pups. His attitude was "What the hell is that and where did it come from?" Wilson and Win Two would happily raise his pups for him. Wilson never cared who fathered the pups, he would be both Mom and Dad and Baby-sitter to any and all of them. One of the last things Win Two did before he died was to help me raise a litter of 10 Rottie pups, whose Mother I rescued from euthanasia. Win Two checked out all the potential owners and decided who got which puppy. As usual, he was a 100 percent accurate. He thought the Rottie puppies obedience, sharing, playing, respect and love. Pretty good for an old Chow.

When it comes to leaving all your dogs together (4 or more) when you are not there - I wouldn't even consider it. Mostly because if a stranger shows up to read a meter, sell you something, religious

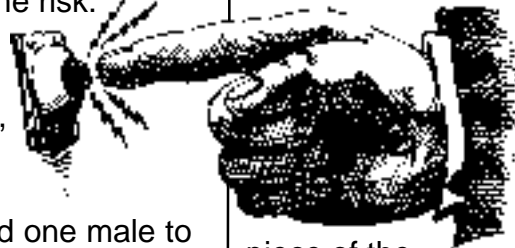
group or whatever - all the dogs get excited and fights can happen as you never know what a stranger will do. It is not worth the risk.

When I am away for extended periods, I kennel my crew by twos.

One female and one male to each pen. They all play together for their daily exercise etc. but even out here in the country, too many people find their way to our door. Am I paranoid - you bet! I have seen way too many incidents happen that could have been avoided if people would just use their common sense.

As far as creating good temperament? Well - if you do your homework and go back 10 - 12 generations in your pedigrees and talk to people who actually knew and had hands-on relationships with the old ones - that a great start. Other than that, how you raise a pup is a large part of their personality. As you know, pups show their various traits very early. I would spend hours hanging over the whelping pen watching and goo-gooing over the wee ones. They would quickly form alliances etc. and the girls would show the boys who was boss. I have had many Chows over the years whom I never had to raise my voice too, let alone my hand. They know by tone of voice "Mom" is not happy or

worried etc. Were they spoiled - Absolutely!! What's the point of having them if you can't spoil them!



When it comes to show dogs, well, that is another

piece of the pie. John and I decided long ago that shows weren't a priority and if we had a good show day, fine - if not, well that's the breaks. Every breeder has their own style and their own way so what works for one doesn't always work for another.

At New Years, John and I brought home Mulder from Nancy's house. Mulder was born here 5 years ago and his Mother and Sister still live here. We were worried about how he would take to being back in the West as far as climate, different surroundings etc. Fortunately for us it took all of 30 seconds for his sister and his Mother to recognize him and they ran around happily.

I took a month before we were comfortable letting him play with Opus who is now the King of the kennel. Mort, of course, didn't really notice or care unless they ran him over chasing around the yard. Mulder plays outside with the rest of the Chows everyday but lives in the house. He still needs time to get used to Alberta cold, but more than that, he is good company for

me as John is working in the USA. Mulder is very protective when strangers come to call and he has a good relationship with Bob, the Cat (get it - Bob Cat - John named him), so everyone is happy. Except for Nancy who is missing her boy. Three Chows were just too much for her to handle.

Interesting article on ESP. The experts can put whatever label they want on it, but I still believe that animals do sense seismic activity etc. And, of course, we all know that some animals are so smart that they need very little training. Poor Mort doesn't exactly fit in that category. I would hate to have to rely on Mort if there was a fire - he wouldn't notice till it got to hot !!



What a weekend for "Ollie", a new International Championship and 2 BIS.

MBIS & MBISS Can Ch Sevenacre Leatherwd Olympian

Owned by Kitty Egan and handled by breeder Mike Cox

Friday, Roger Pritchard

WD, BOB, Group Two and Reserve BIS Veteran

Saturday, Bertha Newbill

WD, BOB, Group One & BEST IN SHOW and Reserve BIS Veteran

Sunday, L.T. (Bud) Haverstock

WD, BOB, Group Two & BEST IN SHOW VETERAN

Aaron and Judy Erickson, in SK had a wonderful start to their new show career on "Pebbles", **Sevenacres Millenium Dream**
Sire: MBIS, MBISS CAN Ch. Sevenacres Leatherwd Olympian (MBIS\MBISS)
Dam: Chowsrus Sevenacres Orianna.

Two Puppy Groups, her only competition was Terry and Linda Inch with Ch Jodezi Rcikshaw McGraw (MBIS). "Ricky" and Terry won a group 2 and a Group 3. Nice weekend for the two Chows!

GETTING YOUR DOG'S BACK BACK INTO ACTION

If your dog decides to stop jumping up on the furniture, it may be the result of your outstanding training, or, more likely, it's a sign that your dog has developed a back problem.

"An animal who is in pain, has trouble going up or down stairs and/or can't jump up on furniture may have a back problem," said Kansas State University veterinarian Dr. William Fortney.

Fortney said most dog back problems are disk problems. The disk is a shock absorber between the vertebrae bones. However, when these disks degenerate, they put pressure on the nerves, creating a "pinched nerve." Or, they can interfere with the nerve impulses being sent down the spinal cord. Without complete nervous system support, advanced cases may leave a dog wobbly at first, and later paralyzed in its hind limbs.

Dogs with short legs and long bodies are most

affected by disk problems. Commonly affected breeds include dachshunds and basset hounds, among others. Fortney explains early detection is the key to treating back problems. The best, least risky treatment is strict rest.

"Unlike humans, we can't lie dogs on their backs and put them in traction. But strict rest, with no jumping allowed, is best for the animal."

In advanced cases, the veterinarians may decide to do surgery to remove the

affected disk. Fortney explains that back surgery is generally costly in terms of financial bills and the associated risks that go with it.

The earlier the procedure is done, the higher its success rate. "It's like spinal cord injuries in people. Once paralysis sets in, the success rate declines rapidly, and some veterinarians elect not to take their patients to surgery," Fortney explained.

Early detection and treatment gives most dogs a good prognosis to recover from back problems without a hitch. Rest, TLC, and even a "dog wheelchair" can help. These contraptions are used to keep animals recovering from surgery rolling with a two-wheeled cart beneath their hind legs. The carts also may be used as a support for animals with permanent spinal cord damage, who are not good candidates for surgery.



"Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." -- Unknown
 "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man."
 -- Mark Twain

"Things that upset a terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane."
 -- Smiley Blanton

"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise."
 -- Unknown

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