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Kitsey, Herr Hans, Gluck and Laurel Fluffie - Mismarked Pomeranians

And how they affected the Breed Standard.

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Kitsey born November 9th 1889 is perhaps the most important mismarked Pom ever. She was the dam of the first brown champion Ch Tina and her litter sister Viva (1894) and earlier in 1892 Aigburth Queen.

This dear old lady, with her muzzle frosted with age, was about 10 years old in the photograph - date established by two factors - her daughter Tina was titled in 1899 and it is known that Mrs Hicks took Kitsey for a day out in 1899 to a Toy Dog Show. Her husband Mr Hicks noted in his book of 1906 that Kitsey won 1st place in the Brood bitch class at this show. This photograph may even have been taken to commemorate this occasion - Kitsey seems very proud of her two famous daughters.

In her heyday Kitsey was a winner at Leeds in 1891 and at a Toy Dog show in 1892 before her maternal duties commenced. Her own dam, a black Pom named Lady Daisy, was a Cruft's winner in 1891 and 1893.

Kitsey was registered as a black and white but as you can see she had a white chest and feet. Bred by Mr Kunkel she was sold to Mrs E. J. Thomas and then re-sold to Mrs Addis (Aigburth) of Liverpool and then to Mrs Hicks with whom she remained for the rest of her life. Aigburth Queen was the dam of Aigburth Prince, the sire of Ch Haughty Prince and gt grandsire of Ch Shelton Sable Atom - so in this way Kitsey

lives on in the deep ancestry of most of today's top Poms.

This rare image of Kitsey is from my own private collection, made even more special for me as this postcard mailed in 1904 was sent to a close neighbour of my own Grandmother who owned a blue Pom in 1904. Perhaps she even saw this card - how neat is that!

The next photograph is of Mrs Wearing proudly posing with her three Poms, two are black with white markings. Both Poms were perfectly acceptable for the original 1892 Breed Standard. I believe one of the two was Herr Hans who is recorded as being born 'about 1892' of unknown parentage and his breeder was also unknown. Described as having a sable tail, with white chest. He was 2nd at the Toy Dog Show in 1893. He was often used at stud and sired black Poms such as Mrs Dyer's Sweep and Zaida shown around 1899. Herr Hans was the gt grandsire of Ch Afon Gem.

Gluck of Rozelle, bred by Miss Hamilton the first President of The Pomeranian Club, was born in 1891 he was black, white spot on chest, white tips to three feet - this seems to have been the most typical form of mismark. Poor Miss Hamilton had used the most popular stud of the time Ch Black Boy with her prized white Garda-Booh-Wooh who had gained a first at Crufts earlier that year and instead of the anticipated parti - colour a mismark was born. It seems there was originally a prevailing thought this colour liaison may produce parti's but that usually was not the case. Gluck disappears out of history after receiving an equal 2nd place at Birmingham in 1892.

An important mismark was 7lb Laurel Fluffie as she was the dam of the famous Ch The Sable Mite born in 1902. Mrs Parker describes her as black marked with white producing good wolf sable pups but her black pups were usually mismarked with white. However nobody could underestimate her role in breed history due to the impact of her son Sable Mite.

It is just as well that Mr Hirst had faith in his Laurel Fluffie!