



Interestingly, in a New York Times article about this show it explained that Champion classes were now a thing of the past and had been replaced by 'winner's prizes' - called Championship Awards with Reserve Awards being given to the dogs in second place in case the winner was disqualified.

Nubian Rebel next turns up at the First Bench Show of the Ladies Kennel Association December 22nd 1901 at Madison Square Gardens where he won the Alexandra Star (donated by the English LKA) for The Best Toy. He was also Reserve in a competition there for a gold souvenir offered for the 'Best Specimen judged by Mr Mason'.

Meanwhile in 1900 Mrs Hartley Williamson formed the American Pomeranian Club along with a fellow enthusiast Mrs Frank Smythe (Swiss Mountain Kennel). Reviews of APC Shows in 1911 and 1915 make it clear that Mrs Williamson was the founder of the Club and Mrs Smythe had always been the President.

February 1901 The American Kennel Gazette (AKG) recorded 20 Pomeranians and their owners with two more Poms registered in April.

The American Breed Standard of 1916 was the same as the British Standard of 1909. However a comparison of the American 1900 standard and the 1892 UK standard differs in areas. Most noticeable is that black and tan was a permissible colour in the UK and was omitted in the US standard - however, both the US & UK standards mention the correct nose colour for a black and tan.

My records list 46 AKC registered Pomeranians as of 1901 but a study of the early records will undoubtedly reveal more.

Examples of Lakewood Poms representing 1901- 1906 era - Lakewood Prim (above left)

below left - Lakewood Feather and below right Lakewood Ladas



1901 To 1910



At the 27th Annual Westminster K.C. Show on February 12th 1903 there were 4 classes for Pomeranians. Limit Dog or Bitch was won by Mrs French's Ashton Merry Scamp. Open Dog/Bitch (over 8lb) was won by Ocean Prince. Open Dog (not exceeding 8lbs) won again by Ashton Merry Scamp and Open Bitch (not exceeding 8lbs) was won by Mrs Coomb's Nun Nicer. 2nd in both Limit and Open Dog was Fox Hills Dandy who did a little better later on in 1905 shows.

In December 1905, The Toy Spaniel Club of America held their show at the Waldorf Astoria, it was hailed as a 'society' event and noteworthy spectators included Mrs John Jacob Astor (whose husband, along with his Airedale, went down with the Titanic). The Pomeranians made quite an impact and it is reported, 'as a class attracted more attention than any other exhibits. They were a fine lot and Mrs Reginald Mayhew's Ch Fox Hills Dandy was 1st in Open, placing over Miss Anna Sands' Haughty Mix. In the Winner's class Dandy was first and Fox Hill's Imp was Reserve.

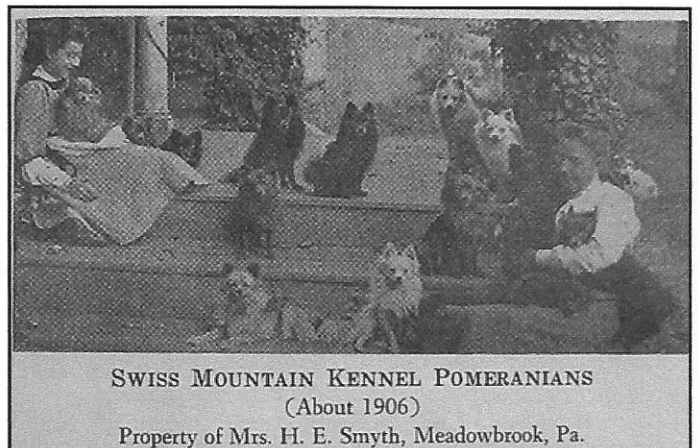
February 15th 1906 - the Westminster entry was unusually high. Beautiful Billy imported from England in January by Mrs Brookfield won Winner's Class with Redcroft Darkie (a son of Fox Hills Dandy) owned by Mrs McDonald of Toronto in Reserve - photo left. Endcliffe Fascination, an imported rich brown, five year old bitch continued her European winning streak by placing first in Winner's Class.

At the Westminster Show February

10th 1909 Dashing Dilly (over 8lb) won Winner's Class for dogs - quite an achievement as he had only arrived from England on the previous Sunday. Pom Patch Lulu won Winner's Class for bitches.

In December 1910 the American Pomeranian Club issued a press release announcing the date for their very first show. The article confirms the Club was formed 10 years earlier and mentions Mrs Frank Smythe was the President. Miss Anna Sands, the President of the Ladies Kennel Association of America was on the Bench Committee and C.M. Olgen of E.23 rd St was the Superintendent and Secretary of the forthcoming Show and all enquiries for the forthcoming show were to be directed to him.

At the Westminster Show of 1911 (won by a Scottish Terrier called Tiekle Em Jock purchased for \$15 from a butcher at the Leadenhall Meat Market in London) the cup for Best Toy Pomeranian went to Mrs G S Thomas's Pom Endcliffe Raven, the Best Toy Any Breed Cup went to Mrs F McLane's Sweet William and Best Team of any Breed of Toy was awarded to Swiss Mt. Kennel's Banner Nubar & Messenger Boy.



FIRST SPECIALITY SHOW OF THE AMERICAN POMERANIAN CLUB

January 11th 1911 was a very special day for Pom enthusiasts - in the sun-parlour of the Waldorf Astoria, between the hours of 10am-10pm, the first Breed Speciality Show was held.