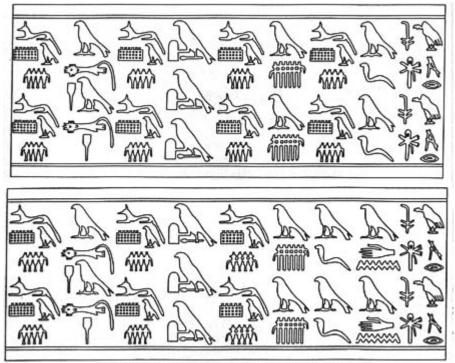
An Early Dynastic Cylinder Seal



Seal impressions from the tomb of Horus DEN (Umm el Qaab - Abydos) from W. Kaiser in M.D.A.I.K. 43, 1986 p. 115-119 (cfr. also G. Dreyer in M.D.A.I.K. 43 p. 33-43 + plates)

The recumbent dog inpw is *Anubis*; his standard epithet is written underneath: inpw inpw hnt(i) (i)mntjw foremost of the westerners.

The cylinder seal contains the list of five royalties. (Horus, representing the power of kingship is part of each name.)

n^r-mr King Narmer, *fighting cat-fish*;

(hrw-)^ch³ King Aha, fighting Horus;

 $\int \underline{d}(t)$ King Djet, *Horus the snake*;

dn King Den, *Horus who strikes*;

 $\neq \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\sim} mwt-(n)sw(t) mr-nit$ Queen Merneith, mother of the king, beloved of Neith. (Neith was an early war-goddess.)