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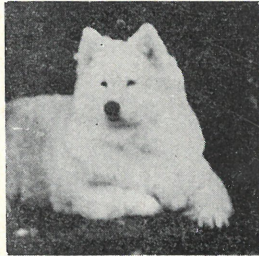
*Peace on Earth . . .  
. . . Good Will Toward Men*

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## Samoyeds

By Vera Lawrence  
610 Colusa Ave., Berkeley 7, Calif.

Once again we greet you with that grand old wish for "A Merry Christmas "to each and every one of you—and may the coming New Year bring you much of happiness.



Our first story for you concerns a Sam whose escapades and troubles could be those of many of your own, I am sure. It's a delightful story from Mel Fishback, who writes; "The photo reproduced here at first glance, shows only what appears to be a lot of huskies in harness . . . but if you'll look closely there's a Sam (or at least his eyes, nose and feet) flopped out in front of them. He is Zima Shubah, known more commonly as "Shu" in his home country where he is a town landmark, sitting in the Zima Kennels' truck as it grinds around the hills of Nevada City. (California).

Shu is an oversize, overweight Sam with a lot of history. We owned his sire and the litter brother of his dam, so we almost feel that he was Zima-bred. Actually, we took him as a five-week-old pup for a stud fee. When we chose him from among his nine littermates, we had great plans for him; he was to be show dog, lead dog, and in all ways "Sam Supreme". He began disillusioning us at an early age, and by the time he was a year old we wondered if he'd ever be good for anything at all.

This dog probably had more bad luck than any dog we've known. Anything that could happen to any dog, happened to Shu. He turned out to be allergic to bee stings. He picked up foxtails in places where no dog had encountered a foxtail for years. He got stuck behind gates. He got tonsillitis, and as soon as he was over that, he got enteritis. He swallowed a stone while playing with his sister, and nearly died before the veterinarian discovered the offending object while taking his temperature. (That



Season's Greetings  
from  
Ardcliffe Ice Storm  
and Helene Irving  
Winchester, Massachusetts

"SHU — the SAM,  
with his racing  
Siberian Team-  
mates. At the Sled  
is trainer — Lee  
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City, California



rock was two inches in diameter, and "set a new record for size", according to the vet!) Every time Shu visited the hospital for another series of shots, probings, tests and observations, he came back more sour on life and more leary of humankind. By the time he was six months old, absolutely NOBODY could touch him except us unless he was forcefully restrained and prevented from snapping.

Shu was "shown" once, and ridiculously enough, scored highest in the fun-match at which we exhibited him. Lee handled him, and simply clamped him in a standing position while he was examined. Shu was so afraid he simply froze with his eyes shut and his tail clamped down. Physically he was a nice enough pup, but mentally, he was a mess. This fun-match at the time, seemed to end all possibilities for Shu, because the next time he went out in public we could not walk in a straight line . . . he tried to hide under our feet as we went along.

The first few times our "prospective lead dog" worked in harness were even more disappointing, because we felt there was no reason why a dog that was shy of humans should worry about running in a team. He did not worry at all—he simply would not work, and would throw himself back and skid along when the other dogs were travelling full speed. His litter sister—a cast-off pup given to us at three months—was leading, but Shu was not holding up his end of the job at all. It took several months to snap him out of his stubborn ways in harness.

Though he improved as a team dog, we still had our doubts about what would happen in a crowd. We found out, soon enough—at his first race. By the time Lee was ready to start on the course, Shu was a trembling mass of jelly. His first step across the start line was in the direction of the car, and single-handed from wheel position he dragged the whole team off the trail twice before Lee could finally get them



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started in the right direction. I could go on for a long time describing our embarrassing experiences with Shu . . . We still have them, too, but not the same species, thank heaven. Between one and two years of age there were strange changes in him. Instead of growling and cowering at people who looked into the car, he developed nerve enough to sneak over to the window and stare at them. He began watching kennel visitors instead of crawling into his house and barking at them through the cracks in the wall. He even accepted two or three regular visitors to the extent that they could pet him with one hand.

We lost our lead bitch "Teese" the summer after we moved north, and that winter we had no way of hauling wood except for Shu and two Siberian pups. I don't think a more un-prospective leader lived than Shu, but he at least knew what a harness was. He became a lead dog that winter, and through endless repetitions learned to go ahead, keep the line tight and turn when he was told. He hated every minute of it, but he at least knew what a harness was, he started and finished a race in lead, shaking and trembling at the start and finish, but running tail-up on the trail.

It was the following spring that we walked out of a store and found Shu hanging his head out of the tail-gate of our station wagon, being petted and fondled by a complete stranger. The stranger talked and handled him a lot the same as Lloyd Van Sickle did—Lloyd was the first "outsider" Shu ever approached voluntarily—and small wonder, for he was Alta Van Sickle's uncle Lewis Hawkes who had worked with Lloyd and the old Mason Samoyed team for many years. His manner of speaking and touch-

ing dogs probably reminded Shu of an old friend. At any rate, this occasion proved to be the end of the "shy in the car" routine. The devil himself would be welcome in Shu's vehicle nowadays.

Last winter Shu became relegated to a position back in the team for a brief spell, as we trained another leader more suited to that responsible position as king dog, and so he ran at point, the only Sam among all the huskies and very content with his job. He was only slightly disgusted when the new lead dog began losing condition, quitting on the job, and he had to take over lead position again. Heading up an outfit composed of four silly pups, and two "green" adults, he was faced with more crowds than he'd ever seen, giving dog-sled rides at a ski area—and he never blinked an eye. On the contrary, he did something we never thought we'd see him doing; he wagged his tail at every "dude" that came up to the sled!

We began getting pretty swell-headed about this dog. In a race last March he brought his husky team home at a dead run, when some teams were finishing at a tired trot. The next day squashed our pride considerably, but it finished up Shu's Jekyll-Hyde transformation completely. Halfway along the race trail at Arnold, he deliberately disobeyed a command just like any other "wise" lead dog, got the team and sled away from Lee, and went for a joyride down to the finish line. When he arrived there, he led the team in circles among the crowd for about ten minutes, until the race manager Jim Allen finally caught him and held him until his very disgusted driver came tramping in to claim his team. To cap the day, he turned in a first-class sloppy per-

formance in the lead-dog contest, looking for all the world like a stubborn, sulky Sam, but definitely NOT a shy one.

The picture shows Shu with the huskies at the start of the "dude trail"—the picture taken by one of his admirers following a tour of the old area.

I don't think Shu is anything special as Sams go—he is a pet now, but for his first few years, he was a kennel dog. He is not a particularly good Lead dog . . . the miracle is that he is a lead dog at all. The biggest miracle of all is that the same dog that used to crouch if a child approached, just recently entertained two small boys in his own house—30 inches by 30 inches—without showing any signs that he wanted to be anywhere else. He is too tall and light to make much of an impression as a show dog, and we expect him to be outrun by his team-mates in harness this winter. But there isn't a Sam (or any other dog) in the country we'd swap him for, including any one of the dozens of dogs we've had in our own kennel.

One thing I'd like to say is that we are no fancy dog-trainers. We don't have much knowledge of how to give a dog confidence or break him of shyness. We just treated

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him as if he were completely normal throughout the four years it took Shu to become normal in his relations with other humans. We've run across a lot of people who felt they had a "hopeless" dog and wanted to dispose of it, and Shu is our living example of why we always tell them to give their dog a chance—a long chance—to help himself. There is a lot in a dog's mind we don't know about and I don't suppose dogs can change overnight any more than we can."

And that brings to mind, folks—Have you seen the recent 12 page booklet on SLED DOG CONFORMATION—published by Lee and Mel Fishback? It is spoken of as a Guide to Working and Show Faults in Arctic Breeds—and is well illustrated with those clever pen and ink sketches for which Mel is well known. Price of the Booklet is \$1.00 per copy. It may be obtained from the editors at Nevada City, California.

ATTENTION, PLEASE! To those of you who read the notes in September WKW—I call your attention to the fact that an error crept into Page 22—par. 2—Seems there are a couple of lines missing, and it's otherwise goofed up. This should read—"This pair, (Patricia Obi and her son Kurgan Obi), shown consistently, won Best Working Brace in Long Beach show in 1930." In 1931 I bought Yancey's Daughter from New York, after she had won a puppy class at Westminster. She had produced a few champions during the years—is an excellent mother who always wants to mother every new litter that arrives. Some time after his arrival in the United States, Snow Frost was bred to Yancey's Daughter—and during



"Rokandi of Drayalene" shown winning Best of Breed and third in Group at Richmond. Judge—Wm. Ackland, owned by Helene and Layard Spathold.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

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the next few years they produced the winners Ch. Kara Kol, Ch. Tangara, Lady Frost of the Arctic, Taz, Summer Frost and other well known Sams.

CORRECTION NO. 2—Rather, this is a RETRACTION. A recent letter from our National Secretary of the SCA, Mrs. Evelyn Anderson—brings the startling news that an article sent me and published as though having come from her—is a complete misstatement. Because the envelope bore Mrs. Anderson's name and address as Secretary of our Club, and because I was told it was from her—I accepted it in good faith, and so made the publication.

A recent personal letter from Mrs. Anderson's advises this is not so—She wrote—"I would like you to make a retraction in WKW. I do not know how you secured a copy of that letter from Jean S. Brown, R.N. of Englewood, Colorado, but I never sent it to you. Perhaps she did herself—She never gave me permission to send it to anyone for publication and I wouldn't want her or anyone else to think I would do something like that without their permission.

I wish I knew who was sending things around the country and using my name.

I am trying to find out who put my name to an article on H.D. in Dog World also.

I have never written anything to anyone regarding it. I do not feel that I am qualified enough to have an article printed in a large publication on my view on the subject."

And so, in making this retraction, I can only say that I am sorry if the article as written, has caused anyone any trouble or embarrassment—The question is—who is making use of the Secretary's name, and under the SCA address—in sending out communications not authorized for use by her?

I accepted this item and published it in good faith—am in hopes that the culprit may be apprehended before more harm is done. Thank you, Mrs. Anderson for calling this to our attention—V. L.



JOLI NANTU  
John and Lila Weir, Owners  
Seattle, Washington

The delightful picture shown above is of the John Weirs' Joli Nantu—fondly called Smudge. It was taken during the Weirs' trip to the California Specialty show in October. Mrs. Weir tells that this is the way Smudge rode most of the 3,000 mile trip—on the trunk. She could see so much better that way, although before the trip was over, her dam Nan-Nuk had discovered its advantages and from then on it was a race to see who would get there first.

"This picture shows Smudge out of coat" wrote Mrs. Weir—but it also shows her typical expression of alertness and attention.

Besides Smudge and Nan-Nuk, the Weirs had Happy along with them and they all took it like troopers. While guests at the Spatholds' in Irvington, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Weir met several California Sam fanciers, also spent an evening with Mrs. Agnes Mason, where they enjoyed seeing movies of many of her early Sams. It will not be soon forgotten, says Lila. In So. California they were the guests of Billy Tucker—and dinner



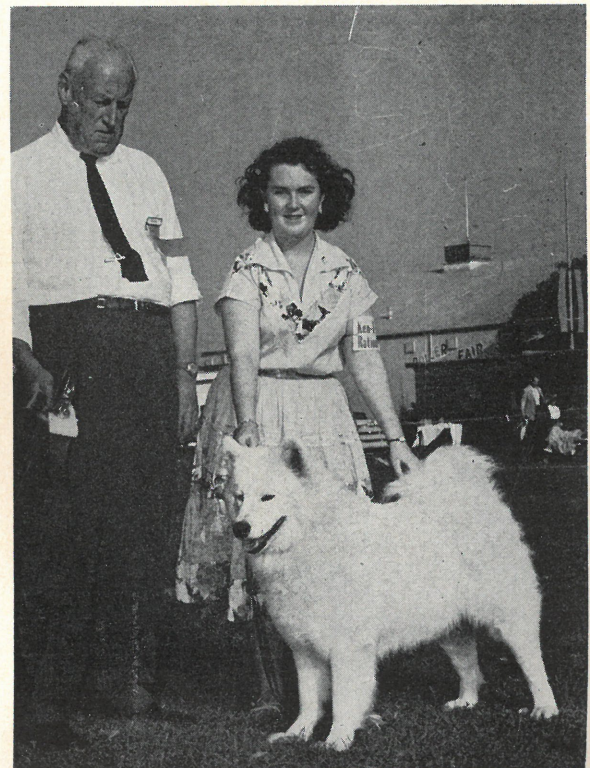
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guests one evening at the home of Chuck and Gene Burr, where they met Ed. and Gertrude Adams. At the banquet and Specialty at Maria-Obispo, they met many of the Sam folks they had wanted to meet—Bob and Dolly Ward, Ken and Lloyd Bristol, Vera Kroman, Elliott Colburn, Betsy Wyman and many others. It was a real Samoyed vacation and the hospitality of all will be long remembered.

We have been told that the North West Div. SCA is NOT giving its National Specialty until 1964 when its turn comes around (the 4 Divisions of the Sam Club of America rotate in giving these National Specialty shows). Right now the North West Div. is planning a Division specialty for '61—sponsored by its own local group. This will be in conjunction with the Olympic Kennel Club All-breed show to be held possibly in Renton, Washington late next summer. Mrs. Weir writes—"Plans are for a gala affair with lots of trophies and an area for the Sams to congregate all day". Further information will be sent us later.

The NW Division meeting was held on Sunday, October 16, when the officers for 1961 were elected as follows—"President John Weir; 1st Vice Pres. Mr. William Beattie; Publicity Director, Lila Weir; Sec. Treasurer, Mrs. Christine Beattie; 2nd Vice Pres. Byrant Isler, National V. P., Kenneth Kolb; Nat. Board of Governors, Mrs. Georgia Gleason and John Weir, North West Div. Board of Governors, Dorothy Kolb, Walter Simpson, Harvey Emerick, Hazel Emerick, Beverly Brown, Maxine Collinge and Irene Isler.

Have just received the very sad news that Goldie Klein and Marie Mueller of Seattle,



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Washington, have lost their famous champion Polaris Pan. This fine fellow was Winner of Best of Breed at the 1955 National Specialty Show.

Champion Polaris Pan made this win over 97 Sams at that time. Among his many other wins was a first in the Working Group Pan was sired by Kikmik of Oceanside out of Tod-Acres Starlet.

Sincere sympathy is offered his bereaved owners, who cherished him as a most beloved pet, companion and show dog.

In sending in a subscription order to Western Kennel World, Mrs. Wilma Armstrong of Omaha, Nebraska writes that they have only two Sams at present, which they are working as a brace in Obedience work—and to date they are doing very well.

They are males out of the same litter out of Taz and U. S. Snowland lines. Their names are Karluk and Tooruk, coupled with the name of North River. Their sire is Samara's Snow Boy, Filut of Sammar ex Ch. Sweet Missy of Sammar. The dam is Miss Nancy, by Katina's Kotton Kandi Kid ex Sno-White Susie of Yukon.

Tom and Lucy Schneider of Ell-Tee Kennels in Indianapolis, proudly present the picture of their Ch. Elkenglo's Jola, 1958 winner of the Wimundstrev Stud Dog Trophy.

We are glad to report that the long seige of illnesses etc, which the Schneiders have sufered during the year, have in NO WAY trimmed down the number of their Sams at Ell-Tee, nor have they been denied the necessities of life due them.

Wish we could have given you the picture in color of Mrs. Helene Irving's lovely Ardcliff Ice Storm (Stormy) making much of that precious little baby shown with him—he is Mrs. Irving's young nephew.

It's been many years since Mrs. Irving's Nieko of Snowland's picture used to bring messages to WKW folks—but "Stormy" is doing his best to be a good will ambassador.

#### NEWS FROM "WOODSAM"

We welcome a new advertiser for our Christmas issue, Mr. Robert J. Wood of the Woodsam Kennel of Chittenango, New York. We note that "Woodsam" breeds only a

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few Sams, mostly for their own use for the Arctic Sled Dog races.

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"Woodsam" is looking forward to the coming sledding season—and they have been spending the Fall days in training for the races. Mr. Wood writes: "We have been training with 15 or more Woodsam Sams in a team on our Crosley chassis. Have to load the chassis down with a half ton or so of weight, for with that many dogs to keep control of at one time, takes weight to hold them down. Doing it in this manner, all can be trained at once. They make our 1-3/4 mile training loop in an average of about 6 minutes—so should make real time on a light sled when the snow comes.

This year Mr. Wood's daughter, Gayle, will be moving up out of the Jr. Division into the 5-dog team class, and the young son, 9 year old Ronnie will be driving a 3-dog team, while Jack Campbell will be driving a big team of Woodsam Kennel Sams in the big races. Jack will be driving from 7 to 11 dogs, depending on trail conditions of the particular races. We plan on taking in the big race at St. Agathe Que as well as the International race at Barrie, Ontario, and a few of the big races here in New England States, and spend the rest of the sledding season at Exhibition work with our teams".

#### FACTS CONCERNING PEDIGREES OF OUR SAMS

By Juliet T. Goodrich

The pros and cons of in-breeding and its not very clearly defined variant line-breeding, remain, as they always have been, subjects of debate. Geneticists, authors of books on animal husbandry, and perhaps less positively, those who write on dog breeding, are generally found to be on the pro side, with the practical breeder very uncertain. Dog breeders often seem to have a dash of the gambler in them, and enjoy taking a chance by breeding to the latest "flyer".



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Meanwhile, the run of the mill pet owner views inbreeding with suspicion, if not superstition, because of human taboos.

In spite of the arguments throughout the years, how much do most of us really know about in-breeding? How much has it been practiced in dogs—in our breed? What have the results been?

Occasionally we see a pedigree of some highly advertised winner in one of the very popular breeds. He may have had a record in Best in Show wins, and we note that he is intensively in-bred. Another time, we receive the confidence of an unhappy fellow breeder who has come to grief with an in-bred litter. The dog breeder, compared to the live-stock breeder, is at a disadvantage in the matter of experimentation. Little pigs go to market as a matter of course.

Little puppies go to good homes—so we hope. Any practice which causes puppies to be produced that are too much sub-standard to be acceptable as pets, poses a difficult, even a heart-breaking problem.

The subject remains intriguing, however, and perhaps we could get some light by considering it historically, noting which of our earlier dogs were somewhat in-bred, noting what sort of progeny they produced, and also how their remoter descendants have fared in the breed, though this last is controlled by so many other factors as to be of little value. Nor is any of it really scientific. To make it so we should have to use controls, dogs who were completely outcrossed. We should have to obtain records of the number of litters produced by those we did study, the number of good



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and poor pups, proportionately. All this is lost in the shadows of the past. Still, it might be fun to go ahead in a casual fashion, taking such data as we turn up for what it is worth.

The early Samoyeds from Russia and Siberia direct, or retrieved from the Polar expeditions, were, with a few exceptions, little related, for they had been collected from different areas, and we are told, varied considerably in type. These dogs were bred together with the idea of unifying this type, and in this way, quite a few of the first champions were made. Many of these with their relatives, and of course their ancestors, are in the breed today, but in varying proportions, for it soon became apparent that some produced better than others. Naturally these were used more, and so line-breeding began.

Very important among these early dogs—for there hardly could have been a Samoyed breed without him—was Nansen. He was a son of two of the very first dogs brought into England, Musti and Whitey Petchora. Musti was snow white but poorly pigmented, Whitey Petchora was cream colored. I know little about them otherwise, but Nansen seems to have received the good traits of both, or anyway the good inheritance factors, for regardless of what came later, Nansen was a great producer. Ch. Pearlene, by two other very early imports, Russ and Kvik, was the first female champion of the breed. The names of these two dogs appear in every pedigree in England and the United States. There were necessarily others among these founders of the breed, but we shall take them up as we come to them in the pedigrees. Antarctic Buck, however has to be mentioned here and now. Antarctic Buck had originally been an expedition dog, but was brought into England from Australia



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by Mrs. Kilburn-Scott in 1908. The breed had increased considerably in numbers by this time, but there was still a lack of breeding stock, and a need for more size and vigor. Antarctic Buck had in him an amazing dominance for these qualities. Where it came from we cannot know. It seems to have been something more than the mere "hybrid vigor" that geneticists talk about as being brought about by an outcross. Antarctic Buck did not live long, dying of distemper, though not before siring outstanding litters. The most famous of these was the all male litter from Kviklene, daughter of Nansen and Ch. Pearlene, — Southern Cross, South Pole, Mezenit and Ch. Fang.

Among the early Samoyeds in whom we find line-breeding is Ch. Antarctic Bru. I am looking at a picture of him in "The Samoyed", an interesting book gotten out by the Samoyed Association of Great Britain. Bru was born in 1915, yet, judged by his photograph, he could step into the show ring today and do the breed credit. He had an excellent carriage, correct conformation and a look of absolute soundness. His coat was not as long as required today, and as a consequence he looked somewhat leggy, and it is likely that he was not pure white. However, he won seven challenge certificates, the equivalent of two and a third English championships, and well deserved them. Bru was by Southern Cross, from Antarctic Buck's famous litter mentioned above. His dam was Zemla by Nansen out of Alix, and Alix in turn was a granddaughter of Nansen's and Pearlene's, giving Bru a neat, line-bred pedigree, with Antarctic Buck on the top line as an outcross. The next question is, what did Ch. Antarctic Bru produce? Not as much as we should expect. Perhaps the war had something to do with that, for he was three, when it ended, and there were difficult days after it was over. The mating which seems to have made the greatest impact upon the breed was that to his niece, Vilna. Vilna was by Bru's full but older brother, Rostoff, her dam was Hecla. Hecla's sire was a survivor of the Duke of Abruzzi expedition, who was mated to Pearlene. So now we have a quite intensively line-bred pedigree, with Southern Cross repeated, and Nansen, Alix and Pearlene all coming in more than once, some of them several times. Of the progeny, Starsun Bru of Farningham was the most bred from. We find his name in a good many pedigrees of his day. He is not carrying on strongly, however. Zemla, named for her grandmother, is also in existing bloodlines, while Noosa is strongly,

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This outstanding young son of the all-time great Yurok, was first shown at Richmond, California, June 18th, 1960, where he went 2nd and Reserve, and Best Local Dog in Show. He won his first point at San Rafael, California, July 3rd, and less than ninety days later, finished his Championship at Reno, Nevada, September 25th. On October 3rd, at Santa Maria, California, he won the Samoyed Club of America Specialty, from the classes; at Tulare, California. BOB and 4th in group. As of the 26th of November, he has won 14 BOB, with 7 Group Placements. Shown with Breeder-owner-handler Jean M. Blank, 3715 Sundale Road, Lafayette, California.



Jean M. Blank

3715 Sundale Road

Lafayette, California

though rather remotely line-bred in the ancestry of the great English Taz. Decendants of Antarctic Bru, from other bitches, appear in other pedigrees, but not in positions of importance. He produced no English champions. One daughter became a champion in the U. S. the beautiful Ch. Olga of Farningham. Her name is still to be found in a few of our current bloodlines. As a producer, Vilna seems to have done rather better. She was bred to Ch. Fang, and though the breeding was not quite so close as that to Antarctic Bru, it put Antarctic Buck into even a stronger position. From this mating Vilna had a son, American Ch. Tobolsk, to whom some of Antarctic Buck's great qualities of vigor and substance seem to have descended. We have all heard of what Ch. Tobolsk did to improve the breed in this country, and in spite of the influx of later imports, we still find his name in some important pedigrees.

Mustan of Farningham, by Southern Cross and Hecla, was Antarctic Bru's more than half brother, and even more closely related to Vilna, because Hecla was the dam of both. Having Antarctic Buck as grandsire on one side and Houdin on the other, it was not possible for Mustan to be as closely bred as Ch. Antarctic Bru. In fact, such line-breeding as there was in him all came through Ch. Pearlene. Why Mustan of Farningham should have made so much stronger an impression upon the breed than did his near relatives, Antarctic Bru and Vilna, is one of the unsolved problems of breeding. Some of the credit for Mustan's greatest son, Ch. Kara Sea, must necessarily go to others—Snow Cloud, Ch. Zahra and Ayesha. However, Mustan is in the pedigrees of other fine dogs. He was sire of Ch. Loga of the Arctic, by a bitch wholly unrelated to the dam of Ch. Kara Sea, and though he does not hold the position of honor on the top line of the pedigree, he is strongly line-bred in the ancestry of the English Taz, and even more so in that of Taz's intensely dominant grandson, Am. Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz. In fact, the combination of Antarctic Buck and Houdin seems to have carried something of special value to the breed.

To produce Ch. Kara Sea and his litter sister, Ch. Tehita, Mustan was mated to Zahrina, who was by Ch. Zahra, a son of South Pole and a famous dog in his own right. Zahrina's dam was Frona, a daughter of Snow Cloud. Snow Cloud was also a son of South Pole, giving Ch. Kara Sea two doses of the influence of Antarctic Buck on his dam's side to add to the one on his sire's, which is more than we have found in any dog so far. Frona was a daughter of Ayesha, an import from the island of Nova Zembla,



THE SLED WAS SMALL but the Team was Willing. Mrs. Luther Burket of Weaverville with Karan Sea and Lasson Shalopie a 1932 snapshot.

within the Arctic Circle. Ayesha was white with very black points, and this whiteness and these black points she transmitted to her progeny. Mated to the very beautiful dog, Snow Cloud, Ayesha produced two outstanding daughters, Frona and Ch. Nada. Nada we shall return to later.

On account of his great show record (he had twenty on challenge certificates) Kara Sea was more bred from than any dog before his time. What did he produce?

Ch. Kara Queen surpassed her sire in the number of challenge certificates won—twenty three. She was out of Arctic Echo, a daughter of Ch. Kieff, and was slightly line-bred through Snow Cloud, also in the pedigree of Ch. Kieff. Ch. Kara Queen apparently left no progeny.

Ch. Marcia of the Snows was by Edelweiss, a litter sister of Am. Ch. Storm Cloud. In this pedigree, Snow Cloud and Ayesha are both line-bred but far back. Ch. Marcia did produce progeny, but it does not seem to have made much impression upon the breed.

Ch. Leader of the Arctic was a son of Ch. Winter, another of Kieff's daughters. Winter has Zahra, Snow Cloud and Ayesha in her pedigree, so that her son by Kara Sea is moderately line-bred. Ch. Leader of the Arctic has carried on through his progeny both in England and the U. S.

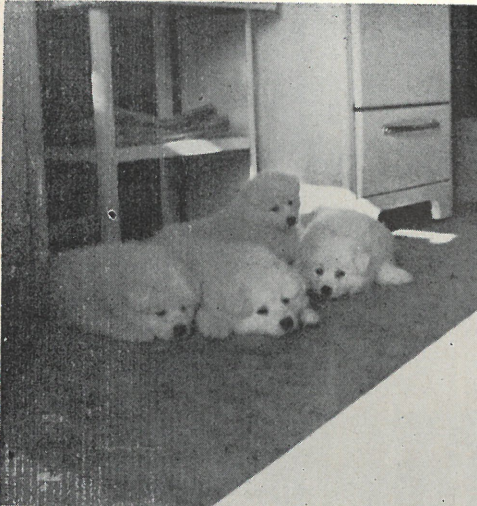
Ch. Tiger Boy, later English and Am. Ch. Tiger Boy of Norka, was a son of Van Dyke's White Heather. His pedigree was line-bred through Snow Cloud and Ayesha. Ch. Zahra does not appear in it, but when Tiger Boy

was mated to a daughter of Zahrina's, by an unrelated dog, three famous champions resulted. Ch. Surf of the Arctic, Ch. Riga of the Arctic and Ch. Kosca of Kobe. Kosca of Kobe, later bred to a daughter of Peter of Kobe produced the outstanding Ch. Dimitri of Kobe. Tiger Boy had some good ones in the United States and can still be found through them in some of our pedigrees, but mostly we have him through his better known English descendants.

Am. Ch. Siberian Nansen of Farningham of Snowland, and Buck of the Glacier have no line-breeding in the first four generations of their pedigree. They do in the fifth generation. Their dam, Pinky of Farningham, was from rather a different bloodline from any we have considered before. I wish there were time and space to study it. Buck of the Glacier had at least one very good champion daughter, in England, Siberian Nansen, mated to Ch. Storm Cloud's daughter, Vida of Snowland, produced well in the American Snowland strain. He had several champions to his credit, some of them outstanding, and their descendants are to be found in many American pedigrees today.

Karabelle of Kobe, alone of all the champions sired by Kara Sea, was strongly line-bred. Her dam, Princess Judy, was a full sister of Ch. Kosca of Kobe, and so not only was she Kara Sea's granddaughter, but she was descended from Zahrina on the other side of her pedigree. Bred to her nephew, Ch. Dimitri of Kobe, Karabelle carried on. She produced a fine dominant daughter, and further down the same line we find Ch. Destiny of Khatanga, one of the most closely bred of the more recent champions. Destiny was the first Samoyed to make his championship after World War II.

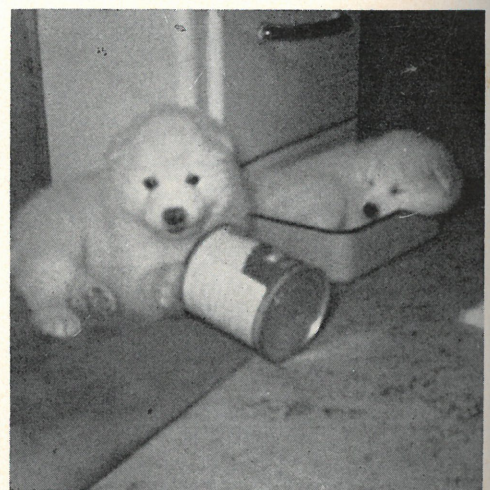
In going back to Ch. Viking, we go back a long way. He was born in 1911. Viking was pre-Ayesha, pre-Houdin, even pre-Antarctic Buck. He had a long coat and was white. His pigmentation seems to have been at least fair, his eyes dark. He was mated to Princess Feodorovna, whose sire was Snow Cloud, by South Pole and Oussa. Oussa went back to Musti, and also, which was rather unusual, to Sabarka, the very first Samoyed to come into England. Princess Feodorovna's dam was Nastja, daughter of Viking's dam, Alix. So, though Viking himself was little line-bred, he fitted in well with Princess Feodorovna, and we find in their son, Ch. Keiff, exactly the same in-breeding percentage which we found in Ch. Antarctic Bru, though, because of Viking and Oussa, there is quite a variation in the individual ancestors. Yes, and also there was Antarctic Buck once in each



1. Now for a Snooze



2. We shouldn't be up here.



3. OK—What's for eating?  
1952 Snaps of Crissy's pups by Bori.

pedigree as an outcross. We know a good deal about Ch. Kieff, that "he was not as stylish as Ch. Antarctic Bru, but whiter", that he had a beautiful coat, which he passed on to his progeny.

Ch. Kieff was born in 1916, so he grew up as the war ended. He was a good deal bred from. A daughter, Ch. Sea Mist, was for a time the reigning champion of the breed. Her dam, Debe, was a daughter of South Pole, so Sea Mist was line-bred from him, and consequently from his sire, Antarctic Buck. It is interesting to note that this great bitch did not have Ayesha anywhere in her bloodlines. In spite of her many show engagements, Ch. Sea Mist found time for several litters. She did not produce champions, but she was granddam of Ch. Snow Chief of the Arctic and Ch. Tiger Boy. Through them we find her name in many of our best known modern pedigrees.

Another famous daughter of Kieff's was Ch. Winter, whom we mentioned as dam of Ch. Leader of the Arctic, by Kara Sea. Ch. Winter had South Pole on both sides of her pedigree and Ayesha on one.

A son and a daughter of Kieff's came to the United States. These were Am. Ch. Donerna's Barin and Donerna's Tsilma. Their dam, Ivanofna, was line-bred from Antarctic Buck, so it would seem as if they should have had a considerable influence upon the breed in this country. Barin did have a brilliant show career, but he seems not to have been very dominant. However, both names still appear in American pedigrees.

Ch. Sea Foam was probably the most influential of Kieff's off-spring. His dam was Ch. Nada, by Snow Cloud and Ayesha. As Nada was a sister of Frona, Ch. Sea Foam was slightly related to Kara Sea. He had Snow Cloud on both sides, Ayesha on one. He was slightly less strongly line-bred than his sire, Kieff, but was a good dog and a good producer. A daughter was Ch. Edelweiss, a son, Am. Ch. Storm Cloud, whose daughter, Vida of Snowland, had such an important influence on American bloodlines. Before leaving England,



*Czar of Pacifica, First in the Working Group under judge Mrs. Moulton. Paul Astry, owner-handler, sends Season's Greetings with this merry quote from the A.K.C. standard, "The big white dog carries in its face and heart the spirit of Christmas the whole year through."*

Storm Cloud was mated to Nadine of Kobe. Their son was Peter of Kobe, famous as one of the great producers of the breed.

We have come a long way down several lines, and perhaps this is a good place to stop. I know I have omitted many names, which should have been included, but I seem to have gone down a line of least resistance, which has led me among the great of the breed. What have we found out? Have we discovered two, differing and even slightly contradictory, tendencies? There has been no actual in-breeding at all,

only a very little very close line-breeding. There has been slight to moderate line-breeding in almost every pedigree we have examined. This may have been quite unintentional. In a smallish breed there is inevitably a shortage of superior breeding stock, and the few great champions and efficient producers are much used; their progeny soon become doubled up. I shall leave the decision on this subject to my readers, after thought and investigation of more modern dogs. Meanwhile are you going to in-breed—? Am I? I don't know."

The nice looking bitch shown and owned by Rennie and Maxine Collinge, is a daughter of Ch. Ken-Dor's Sky Komish out of Ch. Dushka of Cedarwood. She is just two years old—"was slow to mature", writes Mrs. Collinge—but is now starting a show career which should take her to the top in short time. Following her WB win at Renton, Washington under Judge Louis Murr, Shoina again placed Winners Bitch at Tacoma, Washington, October 2, under Judge Kenneth Dyer.

Her next show appearance is scheduled for the Everett, Washington show on November 20.

Note—In writing to Mrs. Collinge recently, I used a sheet of note paper bearing the picture in color of two pups sitting on a block of ice—and gave an explanation of the identity of the pups because so many folks from time to time have asked about them. In reply, Mrs. Collinge told me the following: "About 2 years ago a friend of mine in Tacoma found a darling picture of 2 Sam puppies, in a dime store, which she bought and gave to me. The only words on the picture were—"Made in Japan". I supposed that meant the frame, but I gave up in trying to find out who the puppies were. Now—they are the same as the picture on

**CHU-SAN'S SILVER FOLLY**



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**John and Betty Selsor**

348 Seaforth Court Pacificia, Calif.

**Hearty Christmas Greetings  
and  
Best Wishes for a Happy 1961!  
to ALL from**



**MAR-VIR-LOU SAMOYEDS**

Virginia and Walter Belikoff

822 Pearl Street

Plymouth, Indiana



KEN-DOR'S MISHKA SHOINA  
Winners Bitch at Renton, Wash., Aug. 2  
Handler—Dorothy Kolb  
Owner—Rennie and Maxine Collinge of  
Woodinville, Washington

your writing paper! And I was so pleased to find who the pups were. Of course I am very familiar with the name of their dam, as she is a back of Shoina—as dam of Lord Trelawny of White Tundra. So thank you for answering a long-standing (unasked) question for me.

And for any who may be interested, the pups were sons of Lenore Thomsen's Trebor Teckof of White Tundra (a litter brother to Mrs. Mason's late Ch. Chum) and their dam was Winter Dawn, daughter of my Lensen of Snowland and sired by Mrs. Mason's Silver Spark of the Arctic.

And for those who might be interested in pedigrees—Winter Dawn was a litter sister to the well known late Snowy Dawn (Elizabeth Wyman-owner), Lensen's Snow Chief, Lensen's Snowbird, Northern Chieftain and Snow Ranger, bred by myself in Berkeley.

One of the pups in the picture was Swiss Snow of White Tundra, who was the be-

loved pet of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ritter of Oakland, California for some 12 or more years.

The picture was painted at the famous Romaine Studio in San Francisco and was published by Standard Arts of Berkeley, California for note paper, cards, calendars etc for many years.

Lord Trelawny of White Tundra was the son of Winter Dawn and sired by the Jack Englert's Ch. Kara's King Karol II of Fresno.

Lord Trelawny, called "Tawny" was owned by a young enlisted man in Uncle Sam's Navy during the 1940 war years.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I offer our readers the story written for our Christmas WKW by Miss Juliet T. Goodrich of the Snow Shoe Hill Sams. (On page 8)

It gives authentic and understanding information on our background Sams and their influence on our present day Sams.

For future issues of WKW it would be possible to present pictures of some of these famous dogs with our Sam news, if you will advise me of which pictures you would want to see. Of course it will probably be necessary to obtain permission from our friends across the seas to use these pictures. First, however, I must have your requests—and of course they will be presented in number of requests received for certain Sams.

That sturdy looking Sam with Miss Goodrich's greeting is a puppy named Tsilma of Snow Shoe Hill. She is a daughter of Snowland Keena Frost whose picture, as a senior puppy, has appeared on our pages for several months.

Tsilma was 10 months old at the time the picture was taken. She is spoken of as a "rascal", in which she resembles her lovely mother.

#### GLACIER KENNELS OF JUNEAU, ALASKA SENDS GREETINGS

How I wish I could offer you this picture of Frosty King of Glacier Kennels as it came to me from his owner, Agnes Findlay of Juneau, Alaska.

It is the most beautiful thing in natural colors, that gorgeous white dog against a snow covered mountain with the blue sky beyond—is absolutely breath-taking!

Another picture shows "a GLACIER PUP trying to make his Holiday Greeting reach across the miles to all Glacier Samoyeds in Canada and the South '48"—and of course



A Glacier pup trying to make his Holiday greetings reach across the miles to all Glacier Sams in Canada and the South '48'—and to all Sams and their owners.

to all Sams and their owners everywhere."

We also present Glacier's Alaskan Lucky Lady, dam of many of the Glacier Sams living in the South '48'. She is by Frosty Nannuk ex White Way's Sisero's Beaux. Mrs. Findlay writes that during the time they went south for their daughter's marriage in June, John Weir, President of the Northwest Division, Samoyed Club of America, came up and took care of 7 grown Sams, 8 three weeks old pups, besides the boarding kennel. Oh yes—not forgetting "Fillett Mignon" the ten month old bull calf! Lots of work—but John Weir was "lucky" for the



Glacier's Alaskan Lucky Lady (Frosty Nannuk ex White Ways Sisero's Beaux) Dam of many Glacier Samoyeds now living in the South '48'.

Boarding Kennel had only a few visitors at the time.

However, since then there has been a full house most of the time—24 at one time. That really means work for the Findlays as they pick up and disinfect everyday—sterilize feeding pans etc.

August brought another litter of pups that the Findlay's had to take care of themselves, as the mother refused to have anything to do with them. What a task!

Glacier now has Samoyeds in Florida, New York, Maryland, Virginia, Minnesota, Montana, California, Whitehorse, Canada, besides all over Alaska, and one is waiting to leave for Colorado. The latest one was purchased by Lawrence Rockfellers in New York.

There was an average of 75 to 200 visitors every week last summer—with people from just about everywhere—including Sweden and Japan.

In concluding Mrs. Findlay says—"the mountains all around us are covered with snow—but so far we have only a trace of snow with temperature no lower than 28".

The picture of Frosty Boy was taken at Mendenhall Glacier.

(See that lovely picture of Frost King on another page).

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

To  
All Our Friends



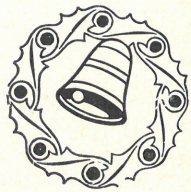
"Wani"

And

Walter and Jackie Gradt

508 W. Center St.

Itasca Illinois



A Merry Christmas to All  
and a  
New Year of Happiness  
from  
**Ru-Lares Samoyeds**

Ruth and Larry Soper

2394 Stanford Place

Santa Clara, Calif.

In presenting the picture of Ch. Yorza, Mrs. John May says this has been a lonely year for both of them, for Dr. John and Kadra both left them during the year.

Mrs. May calls attention to the oil painting on the mantle—it is of Ch. Yorza and was painted by her friend Ardath Chamberlain (also no longer with us). Mrs. Chamberlain had given it as a dog show prize.

Had an enjoyable letter from Mrs. Walter Gradt (Jackie) from Itasca, Illinois with lots of news and many many pictures to look at. She spoke of having gone with the Mr. for a drive up to Ripon, Wisc., where they visited the Cains, and petted Frosty and her nice little white "teddy bears" on October 9. The Cains have such a lovely place and were having a grand time taking care of so many puppies (see Cains' ad in November WKW). Mrs. Gradt says the pups are really beautiful, sturdy ones, and should be of real show quality. Thanks, Jackie, for your letter and sharing those pictures with me.

Incidentally, Jackie told me something which might be of help to any of you in an emergency—such as if your Sam should suddenly develop stiffness in legs or other joints on cold or rainy days.

Her Wani, some time ago, suffered from severe rheumatism. The Vet. prescribed certain pills which relieved her of the trouble. Last March, however, she acted stiff, as if the old trouble was returning—and, there were no pills!

So, to quote Jackie—"I broke one of MY metecortine pills in half—and gave it to her. A couple hours later she was running the yard having a grand time—No stiffness, at all.

The picture shown here shows Mrs. Jean Brown's Chirinda of Singing Trees (a grandson of Int. Ch. Gogolev Corbesky, England's "biggest all-time winner") and a little 'flirt' named Mistaya of Singing Trees (Ch. Glazier of Singing Trees ex Reynold's Keysh, bred



Chirinda of Singing Trees (a grandson of Int. Ch. Gogolev Corbesky) with Mistaya of Singing Trees. Owner—Jean Brown, Englewood, Colorado.

by Mrs. Grace Goodman). In the picture Misty and Roo are with us at famous Red Rocks Park, an outdoor entertainment center for top summer musical performances under the stars, near Denver.

Both dogs are experienced air travelers and campers. In Yellowstone Park "Roo" felt he needed to defend us from the many bears, so much so that we put a double chain lead on him. "We hope "Misty" does as well in point competition as she has in her 2 puppy matches", writes Mrs. Brown.

GREETINGS FROM TEXAS

Shown in the John Morony's greeting this year is a "very special" young Sammy named



Alexandra of Marylake and Petite Lizette send Christmas Greetings from The Moronys of Alamo, Texas

Vickie—she's particularly special to young Fred who owns her mother. Mrs. Morony says "Vickie" has personality plus. Vickie's mother is Alexandra of Marylake, and her sire is Davidson's Serata.

Serata is also the sire of two 4½ months old Marylake puppies named Handsome and Happy—whose dam is Petite Lizette of Marylake.

The column picture shown above, shows two of the Marylake mothers of the pups—not in excellent coat at present—but that's to be expected just now.

These two are Alexandra, better known as "Mouse" and Lizette.

Mrs. Morony writes that Happy and a sister Gwen, took Best Brace at a Rio Grande Kennel Club puppy match early in November.



A CHRISTMAS MEMORY  
from Mrs. John May and Ch. Yorza, Trenton, New Jersey

Mrs. Morony had just returned from North Carolina where she got her first look at her handsome six months old grandson, Donald Michael McKeown! She hadn't planned on showing the pups the following Sunday—but daughter Catherine had them bathed and in such beautiful condition they were ready—and best of all—Won! Congratulations.

P. S.—Many thanks, Elizabeth Morony for the swell boost for December WKW in your excellent Texas News Letter.

It was several months ago that I promised you the story of how 15-year-old Shirley Keepers brought in her racing team of Sams, winning 1st placing Novice team at one of the early season races of the year. The race was a long distance race of approximately 10 miles. Our picture shows the team in operation with Shirley at the controls—the youngest person to run at Big Bear in competition against adult drivers.

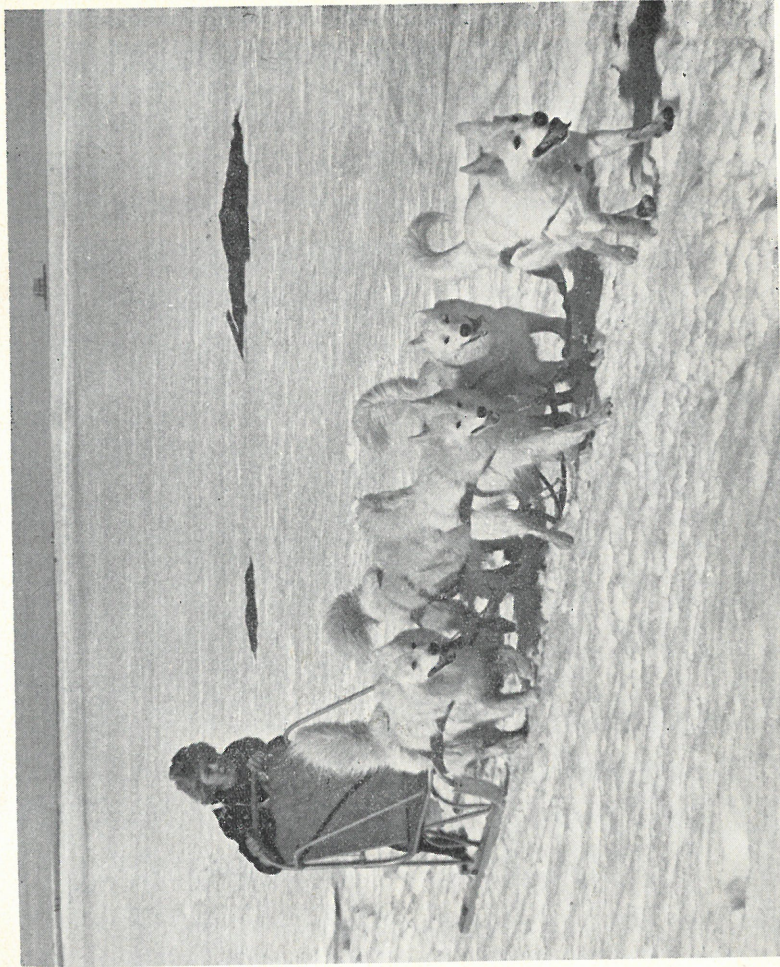
On the way she ran afoul of a half-submerged barrel, breaking the hook on the sled attached to the gang line. The dogs broke loose. Shirley then had to run down the dogs and figure out a way to lash the dogs back to the sled in order to continue on her way.

She could have called in help of some of the adult handlers, as there were "spotters" along the trail. We show a picture of the team on the way in from Big Bear, a beautiful sight to see what can be done by youngsters with their Sams. Although everything turned out beautifully, with Shirley being presented her well-earned trophy by Ken Bristol at the banquet. Mrs. Keepers admits that she would never willingly send Shirley out on such a race with any other dogs than Sammites.

Mrs. Keepers sends us the news about having met Dr. and Mrs. Phillips of Exeter, Calif. The Keepers were giving dog-sled rides for the School Carnival to raise funds at Oakhurst. Dr. and Mrs. Phillips (two of our earlier Sam Club members) came to Oakhurst for a visit. "Mrs. Phillips went right over to our Susie and Lancer, and spotted their Kobe bloodlines immediately. In fact, she would have bought Shirley's "Susie" if possible, but like my "Katie" no price could take them from us. "I do hope that "Katie" is well on the way to recovery from poison inflicted by a type of mountain ticks.

I hope to have information on this for you at a later time.

That delightful picture with Beverly Ward's greeting, is of Shirley Kelly's Snow King—a picture she took herself. His Whiskering companion, the young pup is Oni-Agra's Ploute, called Pie. Snow King is sired by Elkenglo's Plumer ex Stara. "Pie's" parents are Kobe's Oni-Agra Chief of Encino ex Siskie of Lassie, bred by Ralph and



SHIRLEY KEEPERS  
Bringing Home the Team at the Big Bear  
Race—1959 Edison Photo.

the Sams at the Spot Show put on by the Southern Calif. Samoyed Club. The judging was all based on a point system, and WITH HANDLERS OTHER THAN THEIR OWNERS showing them. It was a most interesting trial—no one knew who this particular dog was—He was handled at the Spot Show by Peggy Gillette (daughter of our Sam Club Pres. and Mrs. Marie Gillette, who is at present studying in California).

Ciancy has won 2 major shows, beginning with his first AKC point show at Long Beach in an entry of 44 Sams under Judge Wm. Kendrick. The picture shown here, was taken at the Glendale show under Ernie Ferguson.

The lovely fellow shown in this issue is Mrs. Laura Poirier's imported Laika Ken Sailor from England, bred by Mrs. Glendell of the Laika Kennels in England, he was shipped at 4 months of age in February and went straight through to Detroit on the B.O. A. C.

This fellow has had a good show career, starting at 5 months, when he won his first Puppy match, going best puppy. At 7 months, Sailor won his first 2 championship points. At 8 months, he entered his second point.

Beverly Ward owners of Oni-Agra Kennels in Gasport, N.Y.

Mrs. Shirley Kelly, a long time owner and rider of Western Show horses, began professional horse portraiture several years ago. After her purchase of the Sam, Snow King, she has gone all-out in photographing Sams. We'd say, she caught a fascinating picture here.

Mrs. Ward tells of a recent sale of a 2-year-old lead dog—Oni-Agra's Warrior, to a former Navy Pilot—now postmaster of Prattsville, N. Y.—Mr. Richard Smith. He and his 14-year-old daughter hope to vie for winners in the Novice Division race with a Samoyed team. Warrior is by Elkenglo's Plumer out of Kuleka of Encino.

#### MEET CLANCY!

Clancy, registered name, Kazan of Kentwood (Ch. Starctic Storm ex Winter Trails Kazanna), who entered the recent Glendale, Calif. Kennel Club show, in an entry of 22 Sams, went from the classes to W.D., BW and on to Best of Breed, under Judge Ernie Ferguson. Clancy's handler was his owner Dolly Ward.

Clancy has always shown a promising career, from the time he placed High Point Samoyed under the 5 Samoyed specialists, Joe Scott, Verla Davis, Bob Ward, Billy Tucker and Gertrude Adams—who judged

show at Pontiac, Mich.—going Best of winners and taking 4 points under Judge A. Rosenberg, who remarked that Sailor was one of the finest Sam pups he has ever judged. At 9 months, his 3rd show, he was again Best of Winners, and this time he went on to Best of Breed over 3 champions. At 10½ months, he entered in Puppy class at the Canadian Sam Club Specialty. Took his class, then Winners dog, BW and on to Best of Breed—then on to Best in Show. (Specialty)—making his first 5 Canadian Points. The entry was 26 Sams—7 champions. Then followed appearances at various other shows, going Winners with 1 point at each.

In February, he entered at Westminster in New York, again taking Best of Breed when his kennel Mate, Int. Ch. Sue, C.D. took Best Opposite. "Sailor" has 2 Majors but only one counts as they were made under the same Judge. He has won well over the required number, but needs that one more major to make his championship.

At home, Sailor is in training as a new lead dog for Mrs. Poirier's sled team—so that Int. Champion Princess III may be retired.

Sailor stands 22½ inches tall—weigh 69 lbs. Has a beautiful heavy coat, head and shoulders which are hard to "fault".

Mr. and Mrs. Poirier are proud to own such a splendid grandson of English and American Ch. Americ of Kobe, who before going to Wychwood Kennels in New York, was top winning Sam in Great Britain in 1956—continuing his winning after reaching the States.

Who knows—the New Year may bring another famous line import (a girl)—to be a kennel mate for Sailor and his pals.

REMEMBER THE DAYS OF GAS RATIONING?

Those were the days when Sams really worked for their board. Note the series of six pictures shown here—one of which appeared in an issue of WKW of many years ago—with this story—"A two-wheel cart

A STORY IN PICTURES

with very long light shafts, drawn by two jaunty young Sams—big Led of Snowland and his pal, "Sneggy" (Snegurochka of Farningham) trotting along, plumes waving, 11 months old baby Bert Taylor tucked in the box built in the back of the cart—groceries in the big clothes basket in front, brave little Jean Taylor, the baby's mother, panting along holding on to the rope that led to the lead dog's harness.

That is the story of how one young mother, then living in Maryland, met the days of gas rationing—a story in pictures shown here—a story of bravery, ingenuity, necessity and the two Sammy help-mates.



4. Both speak to the Grocer for "Tid-bits"



5. "Now this package of bones you must not touch 'til you get home" says the grocer. "Yip" says Sneggy.



6. It is February and a thaw has left puddles everywhere. Sneggy doesn't like to soil her feet. Led is slow and panting on the return lap of the journey.



2. Starting Off At a Good Clip.



3. Continuing the Trip — 11 months old Bert still in his buggy. "The outgoing is always speedy and eager"



1. Hitching up — Led of Snowland and Snegurochka (Sneggy). Sneggy stands quietly in harness.

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This would have been a swell spot for that Ad that someone forgot to send us!

Time to plan for 61!

Now is the time to plan for our 1961 Sammy spot in WKW—but to keep going, we MUST have more ads. One inch at \$4.00 isn't too much, I'm sure, to help spread the news about your, and my Sams. So do write me for information, won't you?



Champion "Khan" — Zaysan of Krisland. Mrs. G. V. Fitz Patrick, owner. Richland, Washington.

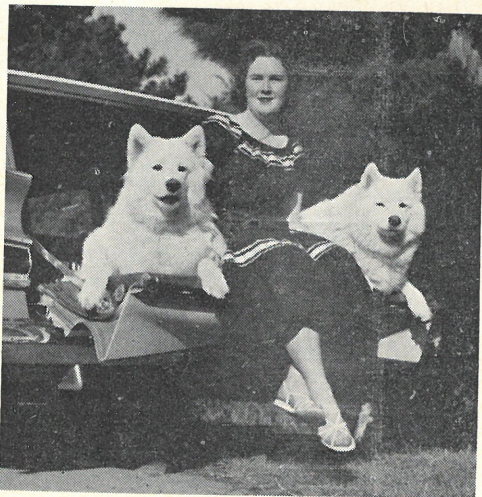
The picture shown here is of Frances Fitz Patrick's Ch. "Khan"—Zaysan of Krisland—the young Sam that was more or less responsible for renewing a certain photographer's trust in dogs he was most dubious—as he had just had a tough afternoon session trying to photograph a dog of another breed.

Khan proved a most well-behaved fellow—no trouble at all in spite of the bench being so narrow the dog hung over on both sides—he even sat still while they turned the bench completely around. The photographer said he had never seen anything like it. It is the same wherever he goes with his folks, everyone loves this sweet fellow.

Khan has not been shown much this summer, but has won several Bests of Breed trophies and a Group placing.

Khan's new love is Mrs. Fitzpatrick's granddaughter who will be with them for Christmas.

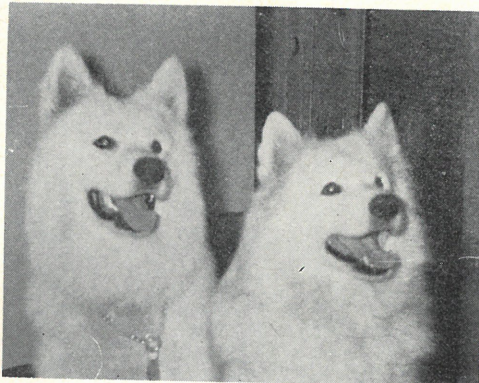
That litter of 8 pups born last December are all in good homes now—except two that



Ready for the show . . .  
. . . Sue-Z-Q, Alice Thomsen and Perry.

they kept, Timur and Shalarmar (Shelly) of Sam O'Khan.

They did very well in the shows they attended this summer as puppies. Timur went Best of Breed and placed in the Group at Spokane and took the Group at Walla Walla.



CH. STORMY WEATHER OF BETY BLUE (age 11) and his son, PRINCE KAZAN  
Owned by Ron Johnson  
Seattle, Washington

#### SAMS AS COMPANION DOGS

Mrs. Vi Johnson of Seattle, Washington sends a picture of Ch. Stormy Weather of Betty Blue, now 11 years old, with Prince Kazan, owned by her son Ron. Kazan is Stormy's son, now a year and a half old. He is the Sam that went to the Rose Bowl last January 1 as the mascot of the Washington "Huskies". He has become a "wonderful" dog, with the same type disposition as his sire. He is quite a big fellow, weighs about 80 lbs. now. He's known all around as a most lovable fellow and is photographed by friends all around. Ron takes him about everywhere he goes—even spent a day at a sorority house.

Stormy, his sire, still is a lovely fellow and no one would guess he is 11 years old—he weighs between 63 and 65 lbs.—nicely within our Standard!"

#### NEWS

Drayalene has had a very active 1960, attending many shows and entertaining many out of state Sammy enthusiasts, among them John and Lila Weir of Seattle, Washington. Rokandi (pictured), an illustrious 3-year-old son of Ch. Yurok of Whitecliff and Ch. Silver Crest's Sikandi has continued to garner a noteworthy show record attaining 4 Bests of Breed at Richmond, Salem, Vallejo and Redding, which also included 3rd in group placements at Richmond and Redding. Rokandi's dam, made one ring



This was Snow Ranger of Los Gatos, Calif.  
Anyone have any news of him?  
Born 1939

appearance this year where she went Best of Opposite Sex to Rokandi at Redding. Ch. Sikandi had duties of a maternity nature this fall, having whelped the first litter sired by the SCA National Specialty winner Ch. Shoshone of Whitecliff, who is owned by Mrs. Jean Blank. The litter consisted of 4 males which are 6½ weeks old and being the small litter it is, will enter new homes in the next month well spoiled and properly lectured in the mischievous pranks and antics all good Sam puppies should know, having been taught by the master prankster, who is officially known as Rokandi. A new doggy resident at Drayalene is "Bar-Cea's Dorka of Drayalene", a 2-month-old daughter of Rokandi and Barbee's Miss Dolli (Ch. Cmak II of Whitecliff ex Tammy the White Beauty) and bred by Gilbert and Jody Barbee of Hayward who will apply for PCD membership soon.

From Plymouth, Indiana we have a delightful letter from Mrs. Virginia Belkoff, who tells us—"My three Sammy girls, Ch. Lady Tanya, Ch. Joza and their mom, Ch. Zada, are in fine fettle and doing their part in making friends and influencing people toward the breed. I give talks on Pet Care and Obedience Training at schools, clubs and before Library groups, and the girls accompany me. They never fail to create something of a sensation. Their marvelous dispositions and the way they respond with big Sammy grins, to the mauling of the children, is always a revelation to the grown-ups present. I am always amazed on reading comments on Sams who do NOT have good disposition and mis-behave in the ring or on the show bench. Where are they? I never see them. I never feel the slightest hesitation to put out a hand toward a Samoyed or to assure a child that "it won't bite". Zada, the grand old lady of Mar Vir-Lou, age 11 years, mothers everything. At this writing she is watching over two little great grandsons like a mother hen—she washes them until they wince but they have the cleanest ears and bottoms too of any puppies hereabouts. Zada, at 11 years, is as sound as they come with a gait like rippling rhythm. She could still make 'em sit up and take notice in a show ring, and she is the boss where her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are concerned. She is very tidy, can't stand to see things lying around so she puts them away by burying them. Result—our yard is a booby trap—you never know when you step out how far down you are likely to go."



CH. GLACIER OF SINGING TREES  
Best of Breed at 1959 International  
in Chicago  
Mrs. Jennette Gifford, owner

**SAMOYED CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is 10 years old**

THE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE: TO PROMOTE THE SAMOYED BREED THROUGH THE EDUCATION OF ALL ITS MEMBERS IN BREEDING, RAISING, TRAINING AND EXHIBITING OUR BREED: TO PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP AND CO-OPERATION AMONG SAMOYED FANCIERS: TO PROMOTE THE EXHIBITING OF SAMOYEDS CONFORMING TO THE IDEAL TYPE AS RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

In the ten years since our Preamble was first printed in Western Kennel World, the members of Southern California Samoyed Club have done their level-best to live up to it, and by and large the records show they have done so. There never has been any period of inactivity.

Members have of course come and gone. The 1960 roster stands at sixty with eight charter members still actively participating.

WKW has been very generous with SCSC these past months, but we would like to recap the years of our existence briefly for the benefit of its Christmas number readers throughout the world.

Ten years ago with this issue charter members of SCSC recorded for posterity pictures of the Samoyed dogs they owned. For our tenth birthday gift to ourselves and Samoyedom we print for your pleasure and education pictures of the dogs we now have, some of whom are direct descendants of the first group.

The first activity of the charter members was to take over a large bunkhouse on the Norman and Alta Hill property in Arcadia, and rebuild it for a recreation and meeting place. It was used for about seven years until the property was sold. SCSC thinks this may be one secret of its success—it had a place of its very own to meet.

The Samoyed Rhythm Team was organized and these twenty-four blue and white uniformed members with their immaculately clean and well-trained Samoyeds have literally been seen by hundreds of thousands of people as they marched in parades, at hospitals and childrens' homes, and over a dozen times at Los Angeles County Fair—the largest in the United States. During these years dogs and members trained weekly under the direction of Warren Stephens, SC's first president, now an Obedience Judge.

SC is directly responsible for what today is known as the Big Bear Valley Sled Dog Derby. It held a fun meeting in snow at 8000' Big Bear Valley seven years ago, inviting other Samy owners to attend. The impromptu races were so immediately popular it was decided an annual event to be called a 'Derby' would be held with all northern breed work dogs participating. This successful experiment in inter-breed group activities is one of our ways of showing good sportsmanship.

In 1957 and 1960 it conducted public appraisals mis-called Spot 'Shows' at which any Samoyed which appeared was put through a rugged point test. These were not competitions. They were attempts to reach unknown dogs and owners in an effort to instill proper care and breeding knowledge. Even to the skeptical we have proven that people can be told their pets are not up to par if it is done in the proper manner.

Currently the Club is attempting to evolve a common-sense, workable, voluntary program to curb CHD among its members' dogs through X-Ray and education, with certificates to be issued for compliance. We are going out of our way to keep this from ever becoming a witch-hunt.

A Puppy 'Progress' Contest throughout the calendar year of 1960 is being conducted, this for any puppy six months' old as of 1/1/60, or any time later, owned by any

California resident and campaigned only in California. We regret the response has not been as great as anticipated. Applications, retroactive to 1/1/60, will be received up until the last California dog show in 1960. You may contact the Contest Clerk, Mrs. Ginny Boggs, 907 Arcadia Avenue, Arcadia.

Throughout the ten years of its existence SCSC has sponsored Samoyed entries at every spring show at Pasadena and many times the fall show also, usually under the able chairmanship of charter member Mrs. Alta Hill. Because of its always different and unusual benching decorations provided by the club, entry gifts, beautiful trophies through fourth in each class, luncheon served to exhibitors, etc., Pasadena has come to be known as the 'Friendly Show'. We work hard to make it that way. Ordinarily the Samoyed entries at the spring show run from 40 to 50 dogs.

Our 1960 president has been charter member Joe E. Scott, who has actively worked for and attended practically every single monthly meeting these past ten years. Because of his intense love for and interest in the breed, he is now a qualified AKC Samoyed Specialty Judge. Other 1960 officers have been Larry Pavlu, 1st VP, Margaret Keepers, 2nd VP, Vera Kroman, Sec. and Dan Storey, Treasurer.

Following are brief remarks by the owners of the Sammies pictured in our Christmas gift to you:

(1) "Verla's Faith", owned by Joe E. and Norma Jean Scott of Arcadia, known as 'Suzie' by her many friends or formerly as 'Sassy Suzie', being now a rather self-reliant little girl. She is proud of her heritage, being a daughter of Verla's Royal Rogue ex Snowball of Big Bear, from a Breeder well known by all, Mrs. Verla Davis. She claims two mistresses and two masters—Jeannie and Kathy Scott as well as Joe and Robbie Scott. Suzie's biggest claim to fame at the moment is her many friends which she has won through her bubbling personality.

(2 & 3) "Verla's Blizzard of the Igloo", "Cozy" the cat, "Verla's Mittens of the Igloo" are owned by Verla Davis of Paramount, who writes, "Mummer brought an odd looking puppy (Persian kitten) to me today and said 'That's a No-no'. I smiled and wagged my tail and said 'Mummer, its white, its longhaired but it smells, uh, well, peculiar.' But Mummer said 'Bliz, its a tiny baby for you to protect and love' so I let the fool thing nurse (it really feels nice—those little feet pushing while the little mouth pulls), while my daughter Mittens looks on somewhat nonplussed; but I'll explain later to her that Sammies love and defend all Mummer's 'No-no's'. She says we are the Christmas spirited dogs—so, a Merry one to you.

(4) "Verla's Mr. Bart of Dunrovin" sired by Tyak of the Igloo. Dam is Smoski's Cindy. Born 11/18/59. (Called Mr. Bart). His foster parents are Eric and Audria Michel of Los Angeles. Descended from such champions as 'Herdsman's Faith', 'Gay of White Way', 'Czar Nicholas', 'Petrol Lebanof', 'White Way of Kobe', etc. Breeder, Verla Davis.

(5) Jackie says "This is Shasta, whelped

10/31/58, Sire — Lightning of Westridge Manor, Dam — Dunn's Princess Victoria. Shasta came into my life when he was six weeks' old as a Christmas present—so he truly represents the Spirit of Christmas all year round. He is named after the composer, Shostakovich, and is a 'mountain' of pleasure to me and to many who meet him. He has graduated from high school (first course obedience) and is starting to college." Owners, C. W. and Jacqueline Kidner of Pasadena.

(6) "Ch. Thunder Boy, out of Master of the Moonrise ex Nadinka, is owned by Harold and Bee Large of Arcadia. Thunder has the most wonderful temperament and without a doubt is one of the sweetest natured males I have ever seen. Of course, I could be prejudiced . . . maybe. Show record: 1st in Group, Glendale '58, 3rd in Group Santa Barbara '58, many B.O.B. last year. He has many promising progeny to his credit."

(Note: Master of the Moonrise, or 'Nicky', Ch. Thunder's sire, owned by Warren Stephens of Baldwin Park, passed away during 1930. He was shown in the original pictures ten years ago.)

(7) "Czar of the Northern Lights", owned by Ray and Pearl Williamson of South San Gabriel, is better known to all his friends as 'Misty'. He is a flashy youngster, not yet three. This stylish son of Ch. Thunder Boy ex Frostina of the North, is climbing fast toward his championship. He has gained 11 points, 2 Bests of Breed and 4th in Group in nine starts. He went B.O.B. at San Gabriel in April, B.O.W. at Pasadena in June, B.O.B. and 4th in Group at Orange Empire, Ontario in July. Ray and Pearl are justifiably proud of their wonderful 'Misty' and we in the South expect even finer thing in this handsome boy's future.

(8 & 9) "White Cloud" Kennels, 2107 Wollam St., Los Angeles (Owners J. L. Williams and Sons) presents three generations of sound and true to type male Samoyeds, currently being campaigned. Pictured from left to right are "White Cloud's Chico, b. 8/28/56, "White Cloud" (Freddie), B. 8/22/55, and "White Cloud's Chico Star". "White Cloud's Chico" went Reserve Winners' Dog under Leo Wilson, Judge and editor of England's "Dog World" at the 10th Anniversary SCSC sponsored Pasadena Show June 1960.

The second picture again shows "White Cloud's Chico" and to his right, introducing from England's finest blood lines, is "Snowdown of Carwood", B. 12/27/57, who was purchased from the "Carwood Kennels" of Ripley, Darby, England, and is soon to be campaigned to her championship.

There will be a litter of White Cloud's and Starnika's puppies available about December 20th, 1960."

(10) Litter sisters "Dutchess II" and "Silver White Blaze", by Royal Dynasty in Silver ex Silver Charm of the Igloo, born 9/9/58.

"Dutchess and Silver, sister Samoyeds, loved each other and possibly that was the sustaining factor, for these two were first owned by two young people who knew nothing about the care of dogs. When these two came to their new owners, Bob and Kathy DiGiovanni, of El Monte, shy, cowed and unkept, they found another love and the care and affection Sammies were born to receive and give. So see us now. Aren't we lovely? See what love can do? We all wish you a 'Loving Christmas'."

(11) IN MEMORIUM. "Ch. Verla's Prince Comet. Born 4/17/47. Died 12/11/57. Owned by the Hill family of Arcadia. "Ch. Verla's Prince Comet, all-time record holder

for the Samoyed breed, having won two National Specialty Shows as well as being the first male Samoyed to go Best in Show, has gone to Doggy Heaven but will not soon be forgotten by his breed. He finished his Championship on April 18, 1948 on his first birthday. He was the top winning Samoyed until his retirement at the end of 1956. Nine years of Best of Breed and Group placements kept his breed in the eyes of the public. He won over more dogs of his breed than any other Sam—including his one win over 100 Samoyeds at the First National S.C.A. Samoyed Specialty Show in June 1950. He was never shown outside the State of California where the competition has always been the stiffest of anywhere in the country. Some of his progeny are: Ch. Shirley's Spurway Comet, Ch. Sammise Princess Kamy and Ch. Sleighbells' Snowdrift. He is sorely missed by his family, the Hills of Arcadia. (Note: Ch. Verla's Prince Comet's picture appeared in the WKW December 1950 issue).

(12) "Ch. Shirley's Comet, son of the famous Ch. Verla's Prince Comet, resides with his family Alta and Norman Hill and Barbara Schriver in Arcadia. Now in near retirement, he lounges around enjoying all the pleasures of a gentlemen of his age. He says sharing his abode with two pesky poodles hampers his style somewhat, but the poodles do furnish a few laughs to his uneventful days."

(13) On the left is Kosmo of White Frost, Born 9/17/59. On his right is his mother, Dorka, Born 1/7/58. Kosmo was sired by Ch. Kamo of White Frost, Dorka, called 'Pola', is out of Frosty Stellar by Ty-Czar of White Frost. Both are owned by Lawrence Pavlu and Daniel Storey of Altadena.

(14) IN MEMORIUM, Ch. Nimbus of Antartica, C.D. Born 5/9/49. Died 4/16/59. He was owned by Catherine Stover of Altadena. At two years of age he was brought to this country by Vera Compton of Baldwin Park from the Antartica Kennels in London, soon thereafter acquired his C.D. and in August 1954 his championship. During his lifetime he sired some 125 progeny. Among the 'great' dogs in his background are White Fang of Kobe, Peter of Kobe, Snow Stara of



In Memory of "Desi" — Alice Thomsen

Kobe, Prince Serge of Kobe, Magnus of Kobe, English champions.

While displaying plenty of vim and vigor, usually he was extraordinarily kind with children. Dan Stover, his master, has this to say, "If all the tears of homesick little boys had fallen on Nimbus' fur at one time, he would have been sopping wet". The story—Dan and Kay for years were supervisors at a children's summer camp in the mountains. Those nights, away from home for the first time, were lonely times for fearful little boys. Nimbus seemed to know how to comfort them. He would edge close to them, wag his tail gently, they would put their arms around his shaggy neck and cry desolately into his fur. Gently he would lick away their tears—.

(15) Sascha and Norbu are the owners of Vera Kroman of Temple City. Printessa Sascha of Taimyr (on the left), born 5/8/52, is a product of the older "Verla" dynasty from which sprang Ch. Prince Comet and so many well known Southern California dogs. She is the daughter of Verla's Teton Star, owned by Fred and Louise Corder of Temple City, whose picture appeared in WKW ten years ago. Teton died in his sleep last July, aged 13. \*\*\* This means that WKW has now carried the pictures of three generations of one dog and for future reference pictures speak as loudly as words. Sash was named by two second generation Russian youngsters who said Sascha meant Susie. Afterwards we found out it really means Alexander, but who cares, we love her and we like her name.

Norbu, son of Sascha and Ch. Nimbus of Antartica, born 8/30/55, carries in his veins the acknowledged to be best bloodlines of all Samoyedom. He is an extrovert if there ever was one.

(16) "This fine dog is Shasta, another son of Ch. Nimbus of Antartica, C.D. and Silver Shasta of Thunderhead, owned by Mrs. Vesta Trafton of Inglewood. Being an LPT keeps his owner so busy she cannot spend all the time she wishes with him. This picture was taken while on vacation at Big Bear Valley near the location of our annual Dog Derby.

(17) IN MEMORIUM, Lucky Star of Snowland, owned by John and Dorothy Carita of LaPuente. Born 11/2/56. Died 8/29/60. 'Lucky' was cut off in the prime of his life from delayed shock after an apparently successful operation for the removal of anal glands. He will long be remembered for his truly gentle, lovable ways that endeared him to all who knew him. He was Ch. Thunder Boy's first born son out of Lady Nikita, and but for an unfortunate accident that broke his foot at the 1958 Glendale show, would probably have been the first of Thunder's progeny to have been a champion. He is now sleeping in Pet Haven Cemetery in Gardena. His show record was phenomenal; he won two five point shows in a row—San Fernando and Glendale 1958, and one 3 point show and Best of Breed at Hemet. Lucky was always handled splendidly by Barbara Schriver."

(18) The Caritas also have Silver Star of Snowland, born March 13, 1960, son of 'Lucky' and Kashu-O-Kaleponi, owned by Tandy and Jean Mackenzie of Los Angeles. In this young son of their beloved Lucky the Caritas are finding surcease from sorrow, and all indications are that he will be able to follow his father's footsteps in the ring. Lucky must have been the dominant parent in this breeding, for Silver, they say, is as nearly a duplicate in looks and habits as it is, we almost said 'humanly', possible to be.

(19) "This picture of White Rocket from Sno-Ko was taken in August 1960 when he was 4 months old, shortly after the return of his owners, Jeff and Jean Johnson of Arcadia, to California. He was born in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington, son of the Johnsons' White Christmas of Asti (Christie) and 'Nicky' owned by a Mr. Kirkland of that city. Christie remains in the north and Jeff and Jean are looking forward to 'Rocky' as the future champion from Snohomish County."

(20) IN MEMORIUM, Star Kharkov of Lucky Dee, owners—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boggs. Born 9/22/54. Died 9/9/60. Of an unclassified skin infection, Star was the son of Ch. Bunky of Lucky Dee ex Ch. Modette of Lucky Dee. He had earned 12 points toward championship and 1 leg in obedience. The members of SCSC extend their sympathy to our Ginny for the loss of her very dear and lovable companion.

(21 & 22) Pictured are two of the five Samoyeds registered in the name of Thomas C. and Shirley A. Mellon of Los Angeles. The first shows Snow Moon, b. 9/11/58, daughter of Ch. King of the Snows Drujak II and their own King of the Snows White Jasmine, in the ring at San Diego, August 28th when she won First in Open, Winners' Bitch and Best Opposite under Judge Fremont.

The second dog is Chief Snow King out of Siberian Snow Skipper ex Snow Miss, b. 5/18/56. Chief was the first Sammie the Mellons acquired and from their love of him has come an interest that has become an avocation. Chief is the father of several youngsters commencing to make names for themselves in the ring.

As this article was being written, Tom Mellon suddenly passed away September 19th 1960. SCSC herewith extends condolences to Shirley and shall sorely miss his presence in our membership ranks. Mr. Mellon was the 1959 President of the Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America.

Following are the names of other 1960 members of SCSC, whose dogs are not pictured: Martin and Cordie Ackerman of Santa Rosa; Sally Beck of Los Angeles; R. Breckenridge of Lawndale; Robert and Jean Bryan of Temple City; Evaline Cupper of Sepulveda; Patricia Daniels of Sylmar; Joseph DaRos of Monrovia; Billie Engle of Gardena; Clyde and Dolly Fraiser of Rosemead; Minerva Fuller of Pasadena; Norman and Charlotte Johnson of LaHabra; Margaret Keepers, formerly of Redondo Beach; Frank Kreuper of Arcadia; Virginia Martinez of Lawndale; Kenneth O'Brien formerly of Long Beach; Barbara Olson and Judy Sharp of Torrance. Hon. Member Dr. Ivan Peterson of Pasadena; Lillian Powell of West Los Angeles; Vincent and Holly Rossi of South Pasadena; Kenneth Schreyer of Alhambra; Barbara Schriver of Arcadia; David Stover of Altadena; Hon. Members James and Allie Scott of Pasadena.—V. Kroman.

A Story From The Old Scrapbook,  
dated May 1939

The Mason Samoyeds "Mush On"

A rare sight met the gaze of the several hundred interested spectators that lined the streets of San Francisco, California several weeks ago, when a sled team of five glistening silver white Samoyed dogs, driven by their trainer, Bill Thompson of Sunnyvale, "mushed" through the city on their way home to Sacramento.

These dogs, owned by Mrs. A. E. Mason of Sacramento, although previously just family pets, entered training a few weeks prior to this exhibition, and quickly learned the ways

of their forbears, the sled and reindeer herding dogs of the Arctic Circle, the Samoyed dogs of northern and western Siberia.

The huge sled drawn by the dogs belonged many years ago to Mrs. Mason's father who used it with his team of Huskies in snow-covered Alaska.

When the idea of racing a message in this unusual way, from Mayor Rossi of San Francisco to Mayor Monk of Sacramento, was first presented, the question of how the sled could be pulled through the snowless streets was easily settled by mounting it on four small coaster wheels.

Only one who has attempted to train a group of alert, live-wire dogs to keep their minds on only one thing at a time, can realize the marvelous feat that was accomplished when these Samoyeds "mushed" full speed ahead through the crowded streets, paying no attention to anything about them, following closely their leader, Tinka, who in turn kept close behind a motorcycle officer who "broke trail" that the team might go through without a hitch.

When asked how she became interested in Samoyed sled dogs, Mrs. Mason said: "In the beginning, I have always loved dogs—and when I beheld a Samoyed for the first time, I knew I should never be satisfied until I possessed one of these gorgeous creatures."

Immediately, Mrs. Mason took steps to fulfill her desire, and searched out breeders of these dogs—with the result that she soon became the possessor of a tiny Samoyed puppy—a cuddly ball of snow-white fur, beady black eyes, and moist friendly kisses. This pup soon acquired the name Czar Nicholas Lebanov though to his own folks he was always "Nick."

From a hardy young puppyhood, Nick grew into a splendid fellow, the foundation stock of the Mason Kennels. While living at the Sacramento City home, Nick "took in" a few of the dog shows, winning ribbons and championship points here and there—and acquiring for himself a host of admirers and friends.

Some time later, Dascha of Laika, a nice young bitch from an outstanding Eastern kennel, came out to be a companion for Nick and his owners.

How the young fellow did strut—somehow he even seemed to become more handsome than ever—and when, some time after, a nest full of babies arrived, Nick's pride knew no bounds. But his interest did not last for long—it must be admitted.

During the weeks that Dascha was taking care of the babies, Nick, I am sorry to say, took to visiting around—teaching himself tricks that nearly brought trouble upon his head. He took a fancy to a certain young lady Airedale next door, and learned how to unlatch the hook on the back door of her home, thus setting her free—and together they spent many a fine hour. When her family learned how he accomplished the rescue feat, a different mode of fastening the door was employed. Then he learned to open the unlocked front door. However, not until the day the Airedale's owner saw the door-knob turn, and a white face peer into the room, did she realize how that feat was being accomplished. Thereafter the front door was locked, much to Nick's disgust.

Among other things, Nick learned to sing, and will grant a request for a song at any time. His technique is very good, though I regret to say, he's not always on key. For his performance, Nick jumps upon the piano bench, runs his fore paws up and down the keys, singing as he plays—head thrown back for all the world like some famous prima donna. Oftentimes his pals, he has several of

them now, join him on the chorus—a mixed quartette, emitting doubtful harmony.

Another of Nick's accomplishments which gave him much pleasure in his early days, was, that he learned to draw the small wagon bearing his young mistress, Aljean Mason and her friends around the streets about their home.

The kennel increased in numbers, for a young son of Nick's called Petrof Lebanov, was kept for show competition.

During the past year (1938) Mr. and Mrs. Mason bought a lovely ranch home about eight miles from Sacramento, where they have established a Samoyed kennel unequalled in Western United States.

Mrs. Mason's delight in her dogs spread to the desire to see them do the work for which they are instinctively fitted—the work common to their veteran ancestors—that of sled-pulling. Some of their number had already proven their worth as herding dogs.

Another litter of puppies arrived to Dascha of Laika, with Ch. Jack Frost of Sacramento, their sire. Of this group, Mrs. Mason kept Varka, who has become an outstanding "lead dog," Silver Queen, and Checka—all typical Sams, now about eighteen months of age.

A visit to the kennels at lilac-bordered Winding Way, located at the top of a hill overlooking vast fruit and nut covered ranch



*Kazan of Kentwood, known as Clancy (Ch. Starctic Storm ex Winter Trail's Kazanna) goes Winners Dog and Best of Winners for three points and on to Best of Breed in an entry of 22 at Glendale Kennel Club under judge Ernie Ferguson; owner handler, Dolly Ward.*

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orchard, will prove to anyone, that Samoyeds are not only beautiful, friendly to humans, but to their own kind as well.

An old barn with clean cement and wood floors has been converted into a splendid kennel house for the dogs. Nearly a dozen separate stalls are in use or under construction into individual sleeping pens. At the present, the large floor space is left open to the dogs in the daytime, from where they run into a huge wire-enclosed paddock outdoors.

Dinnertime in the kennels is a sight well worth seeing. Seven grown dogs and 4 young dogs in one large pen, dogs and bitches together, patiently awaiting their dinner. An anxious low cry is uttered here or there upon the arrival of Mrs. Mason and her helper, who bear a huge sack of fresh meat-covered bones, lamb or brisket or others of such type. When the sack is opened, there is no pell-mell rush—instead, each dog steps up and receives his portion, then takes it to a chosen corner in the clean straw scattered about—or upon some old rug, where for the next ten or fifteen minutes, the sound of much bone-crunching fills the air.

As each dog finishes, he is given a generous allowance of prepared dog food, which he eats unmolested. Should one dog attempt to overstep his bounds, by thrusting an inquisitive nose into another's chosen spot, a low growl reminds him he is trespassing, and he retreats in good order. The usual procedure is to give bones after meal, sometimes only meat is given. Sometimes dinner consists of hamburger mixed with a portion of shredded wheat and Tioga, blended with a bit of vegetables or broth. About once a week the diet is of some excellent grade of canned dog food, but Mrs. Mason feels that nothing keeps the dogs in such good condition as fresh red beef or lamb, or meat covered bones.

At night, when dinner is over, the five pens in use at present receive their occupants, who retire in peace and evident contentment to their wooden straw-filled beds, which are built up in the old mangers about two feet from the floor.

One such pen houses Nick, Dascha and Checka; another, Frost and Varka; another receives the gorgeous year old Rikki (White Way of Kobe) recently imported by Mrs. Mason from England; Nianya, the lovely daughter of Ch. Nansen of Farningham of Snowland, and Vida of Snowland, and Silver Queen.

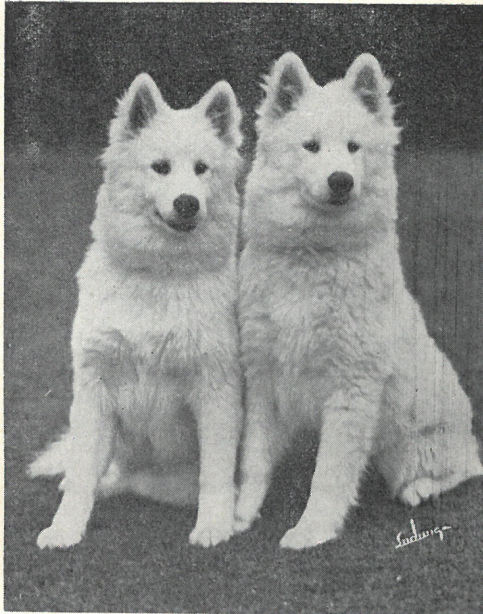
Still another pen receives the young pair recently imported from the Arctic Kennels in England, White Phantom of the Arctic and Silver Spark of the Arctic.

Two beautiful puppies, Rita and Cleo, daughters of Nianya and Checka, have the run of the grounds, with sleeping quarters in a corner of the house.

A day full of charm and thrills was given me, beginning on a certain foggy, chilly morning with frost on the grass and roads, trees and shrubs dripping with jewels of mist. There was a nip in the air that urged the dogs and their young mistress, eleven year old Aljean Mason, into action.

Her first move was to bring out the dog sled, and after turning it on its side so that the dogs, once in harness, would not dash off before everything was ready. The chain to which they must be fastened was next placed in position on the ground. The dog harness was then brought out through the pen, where bedlam suddenly broke loose as each dog raised its voice in anxiety lest it be left behind.

Varka, the lead dog, was harnessed first—his chain snapped into position at head of the line. Patiently he waited while "Rikki" and Frost were fastened just behind him. At the



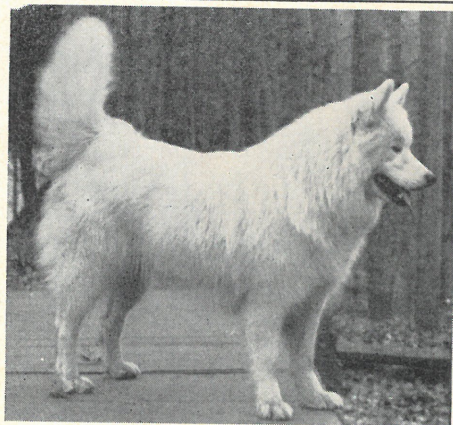
6 Mo. old Los Laika Puppies Ninya and Lery, Mrs. Lillian Wheeler, owner.

"wheel" position were placed the two who have the hardest work to do—and who are particularly suited for it—Nick and Dascha.

During the harnessing, Varka was told oft-times to "tighten the line" and "hold it Varka." All the while, a salvo of anxious barking of the dogs showed their impatience to be off.

An assistant stood by the dogs to keep them steady, and to see that none became mixed up in another's chain. Then Aljean ran to upturn the sled, crying "all right, Varka," "go Varka," as she leaped to position at the controls, and away sped the team down the green-hedged driveway, running madly, for pure joy in the sport—yet obeying every command uttered by their young driver—"Gee Varka" causing him to make a right turn, and "Haw, Varka" a left turn. In a very short time they had passed from sight, though their voices and that of their young mistress were borne back on the crisp frosty air.

A mile or so from home, a right turn in the highway brought them again into view, as they dashed past the scattered trees and shrubbery bordering the roadside. There they presented a picture of arresting beauty—and



SNOWLAND KEENA FROST  
**SAMOYEDS of SNOW SHOE HILL**  
 Puppies Occasionally, Selected Breeding  
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 Land O'Lakes Wisconsin



Thalina Corbesky - An Australian picture sent to us by Barry McManus.

had by this time steadied down to a space-killing gait. Across the intervening distance, a sudden call of "Gee Varka" was heard, which brought that splendid dog into a right turn in the road, forming the last lap of the journey, and as they dashed up to us on the home-stretch, with heaving sides and dripping tongues, we noted the look of unfeigned happiness in the eyes of these friends of mankind, as they awaited further orders from their young mistress. We were convinced that the blood of their veteran sled-dog ancestors ran full in their veins, and no amount of domesticity can quite destroy that instinct of this truly great working-dog breed.—V. Lawrence

THOUGHTS

By Gertrude Adams

"We were delighted to read of the recent Best Dog in Show win made by Ch. Kim Winterland — a grandson of my all-time favorite, Ch. Rainier. Some day, with the help of others, I hope to compile a list of his many successful descendants. From that one mating to Ch. Suzanne, he has left a very long list of winners, and it is going to continue. His son, Raicer, is living in Indiana, enjoying the wonderful treatment Lucy Schneider gives him. Also with him there is his grandson, Suzanne's Sumokoff. Raicer produced Lucy's young winner, Ch. Raibar Ruler, who has sired her latest promising puppy, Luzanne, who is now winning. "Smokey" produced Ch. Kim, owned by Betty Katz, and Lucy's Cendree — well on her way to her championship.

"The Gillettes' Ch. Twig and his descendants have Raicer and Ch. Rainier in their pedigrees also.

"In California they are too numerous to mention here without danger of slighting some. However, the descendants of the Lucky Dee breeding of my Raicer and Ch.

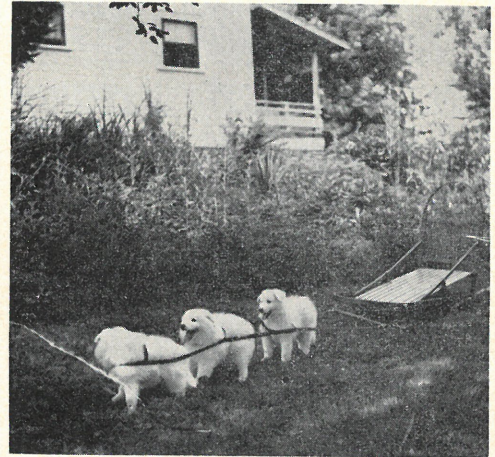
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Modoc includes all of Helene Spathold's winners, Chs. White Beauty, Sikandi, Rokandi, etc.

"Betsy Wyman has every reason to be proud of "Raini", as have you, Vera, the right to be proud of Snowy Dawn whom you bred, and the Wards of "Raini's" sire, Ch. Starchak — and also Agnes Mason — bred Starchak and Suzanne, who helped.

"All of this goes to prove one of my theories — a great stud dog doesn't always have to be a great show winner to contribute lasting excellence to the breed."

Mrs. Adams reminds us that the Ch. Suzanne Memorial Trophy is a 9 Generation pedigree of the Winning Bitch, as reported in the Bulletin. The Winner keeps the Pedigree, it is not the property of the Samoyed Club of America, it belongs to whomever wins it!

A happy note from Betty Wyman tells of her enjoyment of Western Kennel World. She speaks also of having been walking with Nona on the beach at Santa Barbara and of meeting and "swapping notes" with another Sam lover, who also was walking a Sammy bitch. It was found that both of



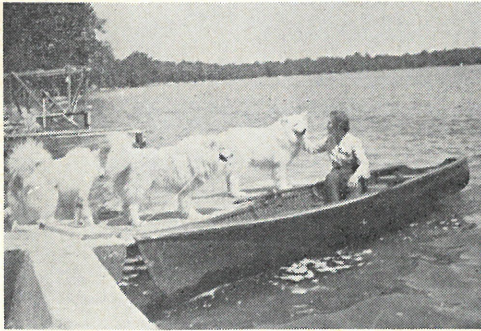
Ch. Suzanne of White Way  
*Christmas Wishes*

from

**LOS LAIKA SAMS**

Ed and Gertrude Adams

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Mrs. Herbert Smith, Ont. Can. "This snap was taken many years ago. These dogs are Pure Loika strain. Ch. Barin was their grandsire. Two others were visiting around in the neighborhood.

their dogs were related, his Sams' mother was Nona's grandmother, and Strazha was the grandfather of both of them! And that, dear folks, means I must learn more about them!

I am happy to be able to present a greeting to all from Alice Thomsen of San Francisco, who sent us pictures of a "happy trio" along with one of Sue-Z-Q shown as winners bitch at the National Specialty show at Santa Maria, October, 1960—She was also WB and BOS at Petaluma—Nov 12. She now has 10 points including both majors.

The picture of Viesna's Desi, is a loving memorial to him by his owners, Ethel and Joan Lee who miss him sadly.

The picture was taken at Del Monte in May 1960—when Desi, handled by Alice Thomsen went WD—taking a 4 point major.

A sudden illness cut him down unnecessarily.

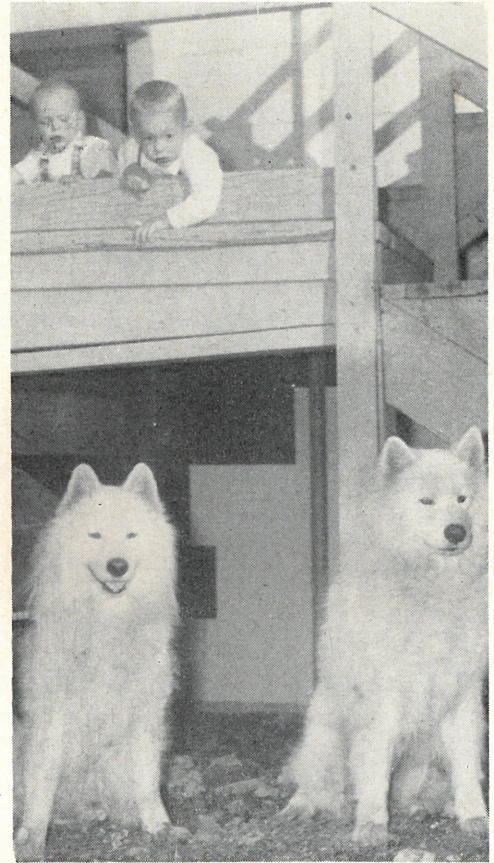


VICTOR OF TOP ACRES

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all at Top Acres Kennels, Ruth B. Young, Medway, Ohio.

From Mrs. Ruth Bates Young of Medway, Ohio, comes the lovely picture of her Victor of Top Acres. He is by Ch. Barney Boy of Arbee (Voltorn of Snowland of the famous Snowland Kennels of Mrs. Harris, and out of Daisey Mae of Arbee.)—Victor's Dam is Kobe's Dusya of Encino from Mrs. Tucker's kennels in Encino. He is a grandson of the late Ch. Starchak, C. D.

Mrs. Young plans to show him next year - Finished Sparklette of Top Acres with 4 majors - is the 7th Ch. for Sparkle Plenty of Arbee—and the 30th for the late famous Martingate Snowland Taz. Sparklette is the dam of Luchow's Pride of Top Acres, owned by Jan Mitchell of N.Y.C. the Reserve Dog



Greetings from . . .

. . . The Bennetts  
Gene, Barbara, Danny, Brian, Jiggs and . . .  
. . . Frosty Too!



Frosty King at  
Mendenhall Glacier  
Glacier Kennels  
Juneau, Alaska

show, and followed this with a BOB and a Major at a Virginia show — and the BOB at Bronx.

Sprint of Top Acres, owned by Fred Shaw of Springfield, Ohio, also a grandson of Sparkle Plenty and Barney Boy — finished his championship during the summer with 3 majors. Dusya picked up 2 majors this summer, his first times out.

We are grateful to Mrs. Blank for taking the Christmas cover to enhance ALL Samoyeds. Her absorbingly fascinating story of "Shonie" follows:

#### THE STORY

of  
CH. SHOSHONE OF WHITECLIFF  
*By Jean M. Blank*

Ch. Shoshone of Whitecliff, by Ch. Yurok of Whitecliff ex Ch. Nakomis of Whitecliff, was born May 28th, 1958. He was the only male in the litter, and, from birth, he gave promise of excellent quality. So, it was with considerable reluctance, that I decided to allow him to be placed as a pet with a family who had long been promised a Sam puppy.

When he was about eight weeks old I delivered him to his new family in the Northwest. Could I have then foreseen that this beautiful puppy was to become a pawn in a neighborhood feud, and the innocent victim of a cruel and ignorant campaign directed against pure-bred dogs, I would have rushed him back home, and this story would never have been written.

I saw Shonie (as he is called) again when he was eleven months old, and, was delighted to find that he was developing into the beautiful dog I had anticipated. However, his owner confided that the situation at home had been anything but happy since the day he and his family had proudly carried their little white Teddy Bear home from Portland, where they had met me to take possession of the puppy. It seems that until the advent of Shonie, the canine population of the small community in which the owner's occupation required that he live, had been entirely mongrel.

The family was given to understand immediately, that they had overstepped the bounds of established status and they were met with a wall of cold relentless resentment. In the months that followed hatred and envy grew to astonishing proportions. The owner told me that from the beginning, he had been involved in bitter quarrels with his neighbors over the puppy, and all because the puppy was a pure-bred registered dog, whose sire and dam were Champion "Show dogs". The owner told me, that in addition to many acts of both physical  
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#### ATTENTION: All Sammy Owners!

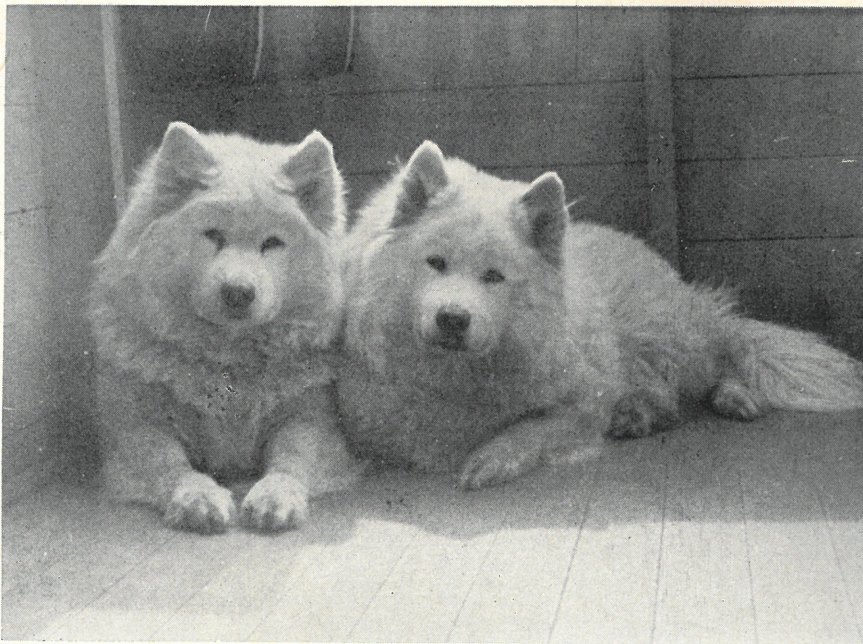
Have just received word from Miss Ada H. Goodchild, Hon. Secretary of the Samoyed Association of Great Britain, that their long awaited Book on the Samoyed (Miss Goodchild and Mrs. Dorothy Perry-Editors), is now in Publication. It is believed that there is no other such book on the Breed in existence.

Shall give you an outline of its contents when I have seen it. In the meantime, can tell you it will be something! The price is 2.2 Sterling, which is \$6.50 in American Money—including postage.

You may write me, care of WKW for details—or to me at my home address:—

Vera Lawrence  
610 Colusa Ave.  
Berkeley 7, Calif.

## The White Christmas Sams



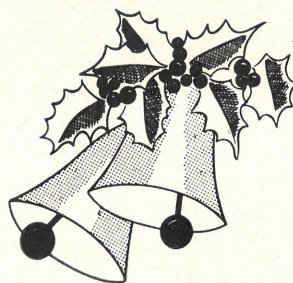
*Crissy and Lensen of White Christmas*

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*Best Wishes to All*

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*Joyous Christmas and a New Year of Happiness*



**VERA and INA LAWRENCE**

**610 Colusa Avenue ----- Berkeley 7, California**

Catch, I don't think I'll ever miss a dog as much as I miss him after just 7 months of his company.

Looking over the pups brought out for matches, and seeing several litters, next year's crop of cocker entries are going to be top. Our entries are picking up, and the quality is terrific. Sportsmanship has also been so very good in our breed, this is especially gratifying after the poodle deal at the Santa Rosa show. There it became apparent that it doesn't make any difference what is shown as long as it makes points . . . the dog I showed was never questioned on size while he was getting in condition, shown to get ring manners, and made the lovely, lovely points. But, when he won, and the judging had already proceeded to bitches, he suddenly grew too big. PLEASE, cocker people, if you feel a cocker is too large, you can protest by asking for a measurement, but do it before the class is judged. Our Standard has a height clause that you let be inserted, so it is not considered bad sportsmanship if you want a size verified, waiting to see if that dog added to your points, first is what leaves a bad taste . . . not only with the owner of the dog, the handler, but to every spectator and exhibitor present.

I'm real proud of our cocker people, the only three measurements I know about were asked for by the judge before placing her dogs. One got measured out and then reinstated, 2 were with a black bitch we showed who measured in both times.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, and may our breed continue to advance as well in 1961 as it has in the past few years.—R.D.

## English Cocker Spaniels

By Norah Randolph

Although they are all colors, black and white, blue roan and tri-color, one adjective applies to all of the stud dogs at Cygnet's Acres Kennels and that word is WINNING.



For example, Ch. Dunelm Pygmalion came out of the classes to win the Sporting Group at Camden, New Jersey, in 1958, going over Specials. Ch. Dunelm Christopher finished with four major wins including Best of Winners at Chicago International in 1960. Ch. Dunelm Dennis, a little brother to Chris-

topher and from an all-champion litter of four males, finished with three majors and a Best of Breed win over Specials. Both Dennis and Christopher are obedience trained.

English Cocker fanciers on this coast will recall Cygnet's Brandwine shown all too infrequently here—N. R.

### SAMOYEDS

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and mental cruelty to which this puppy had been subjected, it was necessary on many occasions to rescue Shonie in a dog fight deliberately instigated by his neighbors with some perverted idea of proving that a 'show-dog' was neither strong nor courageous. Although the family was heart-broken at the prospect, they had decided that with circumstances beyond their control, in the best interests of the welfare of the dog, and peace in the neighborhood, they would have to give up their Sammy. They asked me to find a good home for him.

It was not until I was on my way home, that I fully realized to what extent the dog had become confused, and to what degree he had lost faith in mankind. I began to worry about placing him, I recognized that here was a mixed-up Sammy that would need a great amount of patient understanding if he was to be salvaged. I decided that I would keep him with me and try to straighten him out. Percy Matheron, my partner for many years in Whitecliff Samoyed activities did not approve of this, as he believed that because Shonie was such a disturbed dog I would never be able to rehabilitate him. However, I was determined to at least try, and, thus Shoshone became my problem, alone.

Since his return to California, Shonie has lived with me and my little granddaughter, Shellie, in my apartment in Lafayette. As I did not intend to launch him on a show career, until such time as we retired Ch. Yurok, his re-education was directed toward re-establishing his trust in the two-legged animals in this world. However early in June, our beloved Rocky met with serious misfortune, and we very nearly lost him. When we knew that Rocky would survive, but, there would be a long period of convalescence, we decided to start Shonie.

His remarkable success in the ring is substantial evidence of his beauty, soundness of structure, and excellent quality to the standard. He won his first point July 3rd, at San Rafael, California, and completed his championship in less than ninety days, at Reno, Nevada, September 25th. Through November he has won, of record, 14 BOB, 7 Grp. placements, the 1960 Samoyed Club of America National Specialty, and one Best Local Dog in Show.

He began his show career without any ring training whatever, and while there has been very substantial progress in his ring manners, he suffers an occasional relapse when something triggers his memory of former abuse and misunderstanding. At such times, he is inclined to (I quote from a Club Bulletin report on a recent West Coast Show) "he gave a spectacular performance. He looked magnificent", I might add this report was a masterpiece of understatement

### English Cocker at Stud

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and reservation. Actually, his behavior at this particular show was outrageous. However, in all fairness, I must also add that he is not guilty of starting these ring discussions, he just has not yet learned to turn the other cheek when he is challenged.

There have been a number of times when only a sense of humor has kept me from being completely demoralized by public humiliation. And they haven't all been in the ring either. On one occasion, while driving through Berkeley we became entangled in a football parade coming from the University of California Stadium. We were forced by police controlled traffic to pass the parade at about five miles per hour. At first Shonie merely observed with alert attention what appeared to him to be a crowd of people moving along in orderly fashion. But, when we passed the first band, and there were four, each with many majorettes tossing their batons in the air and jumping here and there with their various marching routines, Shonie went completely to pieces. He decided this was the most threatening, dangerous group of mad people he had ever seen, and it was his self-appointed duty to scare them off, and believe me, he tried!

We have come to love this 'character' dearly, in the way one often does a member of the family who for one reason or another requires special attention and understanding. Shonie has many things to learn, and many things to forget; he must weather the storm of comparison that any young man receives when he follows in the footsteps of a great father; but I am quite confident that the day will come when Ch. Shoshone will be a very real credit to his Pappy, Ch. Yurok.—Jean Blank

And so folks, another year is near its close. Thanks to all of you who have been so helpful.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 1961 to all. —V.L.

### WE HEAR

—In the D.W.A.A. Bulletin Max Riddle says Rio show was well operated, and was held in a beautiful stadium. "You looked one way at Sugarloaf Mountain and the other at Corcovado, with its gigantic figure of Christ on top. Brazil has an interesting system of judging. There are no ribbons, nor any 1, 2, 3 placings. Instead, there are three ratings—excellent, very good, and good. If three dogs rate excellent, that's the way you rate them. But then you must also rate them excellent 1, excellent 2, etc. The same goes for the champions, who come in as a class. Also, you must dictate your comments to your steward, who has a triplicate card for each dog."

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