







White Mary - Petrol

Faithful (Misher)  
Leader

Spark - Sam

Yartna - Lead Dog

Mrs A E Mason

Rt 6, Box 3483

Sacramento, Calif

Mason's Samoyed Dog Team

Vaska - Lead Dog

Driver by Alfias Mason

trained by Lloyd Van Buren

Trainer by Lloyd Van Buren





ASHTON IDAHO 1946

LEAD CH NICK OF WHITEWAY

2ND RIGHT CH WHITEWAY OF KOBE

2ND LEFT CH HERDSMAN'S CHATTIGAN

3RD RIGHT CH BOREAUS OF FARSTEMES

3RD LEFT CH STARCHAK CD

*Not  
Signed*



1938: 3 DOGS JUST IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND  
CH PETROF IN THIS GROUP

top-left.

Ch. Petrof Letanof.  
Ch. Daschnick Sam.  
Cleo

Top Right.

White Phantom of the Arctic  
Ch. White Way of Kobe  
Silver Spark of the Arctic

White Way Samoyeds.

from

Edwin & Gertrude Adams  
14701 Mulholland Drive  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90024

Some of our first samoyeds - 3 imported  
from England - all young dogs at:

Arden Hotel 1938 or 1939 - these forgotten  
mason

silver spark - right front - son of Kobe (Ch)

Ch. - Daschnick - (Ch) Petrof

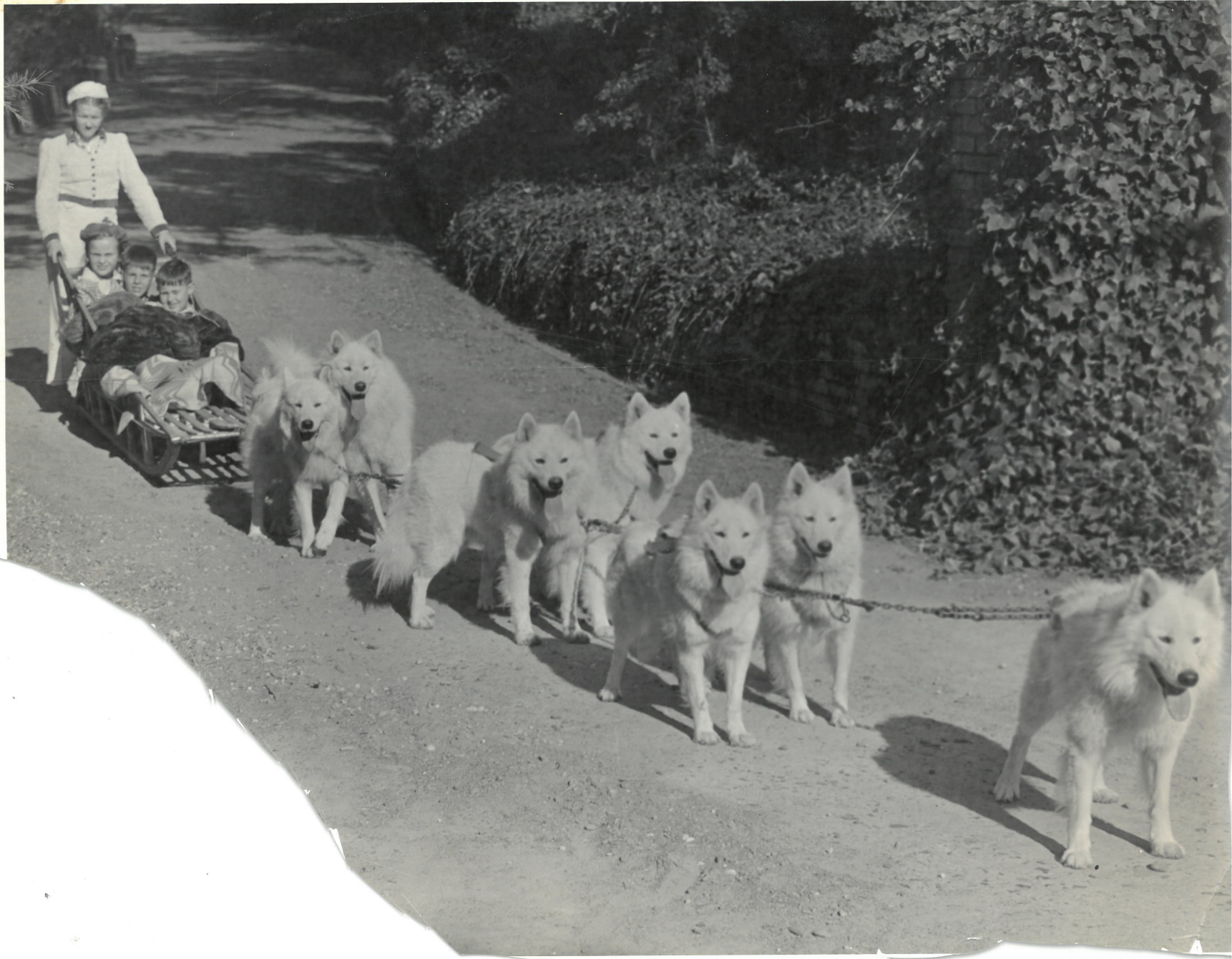
at socialist Xmas party

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Harlan D Smith  
Sacto Bee Photographer 2355 Helder Way,  
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Sacramento, California



Rex of Whiteway, left, and Tobe, sled dog champions, had no trouble pulling Betty Horn.  
Bee Photo

## Capital, Truckee Dogs Break World Weight Pulling Mark

Two dogs, one a malamute owned by Lloyd Van Sickle of Truckee, Nevada County, and a purebred samoyed owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mason, have broken the world's weight pulling record.

Tobe, a 4 year old malamute weighing 93 pounds, pulled 2,103 pounds during a meet in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Rex of Whiteway, the 7 year old samoyed which weighs 70 pounds, pulled 1,870 pounds. The previous record was 1,615, set by a dog in Alaska.

### Cement Sacks

Mrs. Mason, who has kennels at Route 7, Box 3483, said sleds are filled with cement sacks and to add weight passengers sit on top. The pull is from a standing start.

She added Rex is known for his leading ability in sled dog races and rescue missions. Often he has been taken to snowbound regions in the Sierra Nevada to save marooned persons, and has been responsible for saving 30 persons. They included victims in plane crashes in 1949 and 1950, a couple marooned in a mountain cabin January 29, 1952, and the transportation of a doctor to the City of San Francisco, the train which was stalled in the

snow near Donner Lake in January, 1952.

Rex was in a team which won both speed and draft races in Montana in February, 1953.

### Pre-Christian Era

Mrs. Mason explained the samoyed is one of the oldest breed of dogs and its heritage dates to the pre-Christian era. They originally came from Northern Siberia.

Samoyed natives used them for herding reindeer, hunting food, as watch dogs and pulling sleds. Many explorers have used them on their expeditions.

Mrs. Mason pointed out the samoyed dogs often are mistaken for the spitz but cannot be compared with them in either size or disposition. It is not related to any other breed.

Mrs. Mason and her husband have been raising the samoyeds since 1936 and enter their dogs in show competition as well as pulling contests.





Chief  
Betty Jo Houch  
Siara Dixon - whistler at sportsmans show

Mason's Samoyeds - exhibited at sportsmans show L.A.  
Pex - lead dog  
Siberian on left

DE WAN STUDIOS  
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.  
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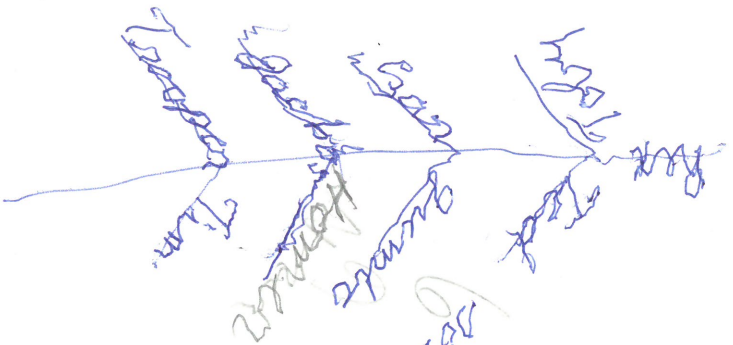
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Chief -  
Betty Jo Houch  
Siara Dixon, whistler



Masson Team's  
Borrow Summit

Rex in lead



Wally to summit  
Johnston



Rex of Whitneyway + Toby (Malamute)  
Both broke world's pulling record  
same day

Rex - 70 lbs pulled **1870** lbs -  
Toby - 93 lbs " **2103**

Bee Photographer

Harlan P Smith,  
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Sacramento, Calif.



Race

Lloyd Smith

1911 - 1912





REX LEAD



Samoyeds and Targhee teams (17 in all) in training  
Floyd Van Sickle for American-Pog Derby races carrying  
the mail between Drummond and Laramie

Targhees - winners in speed race - owned, trained and driven  
by Floyd Van Sickle, Ashton, Idaho Feb 23, 1948

Samoyeds - owned by Mrs A E Mason (White Way Kennels)  
Sacramento Calif won 2nd place <sup>in Husky race</sup>  
behind Lowell Field's Huskies - Driver by Floyd  
Van Sickle, Ashton, Idaho - also trained by Van

Another team of Samoyeds (owned by White Way Kennels)  
Calif won third place in the Husky race driven  
Lewis Price after he parachuted with sled and  
dogs out of a Fairchild plane, Pilot Roy Van  
Idaho Falls - Feb 23, 1948



Damaged & Troughed teams in  
blizzard carrying mail in Idaho  
Lloyd Van Seichle - Driver

Mrs. A. E. Mason, Sacramento - owner

MASON SAMOYEDS  
DELIVERING MAIL IN IDAHO

Photographed  
by  
FRANK FITCH

MRS. A. MASON  
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Mason's Famous Samoyed Dog

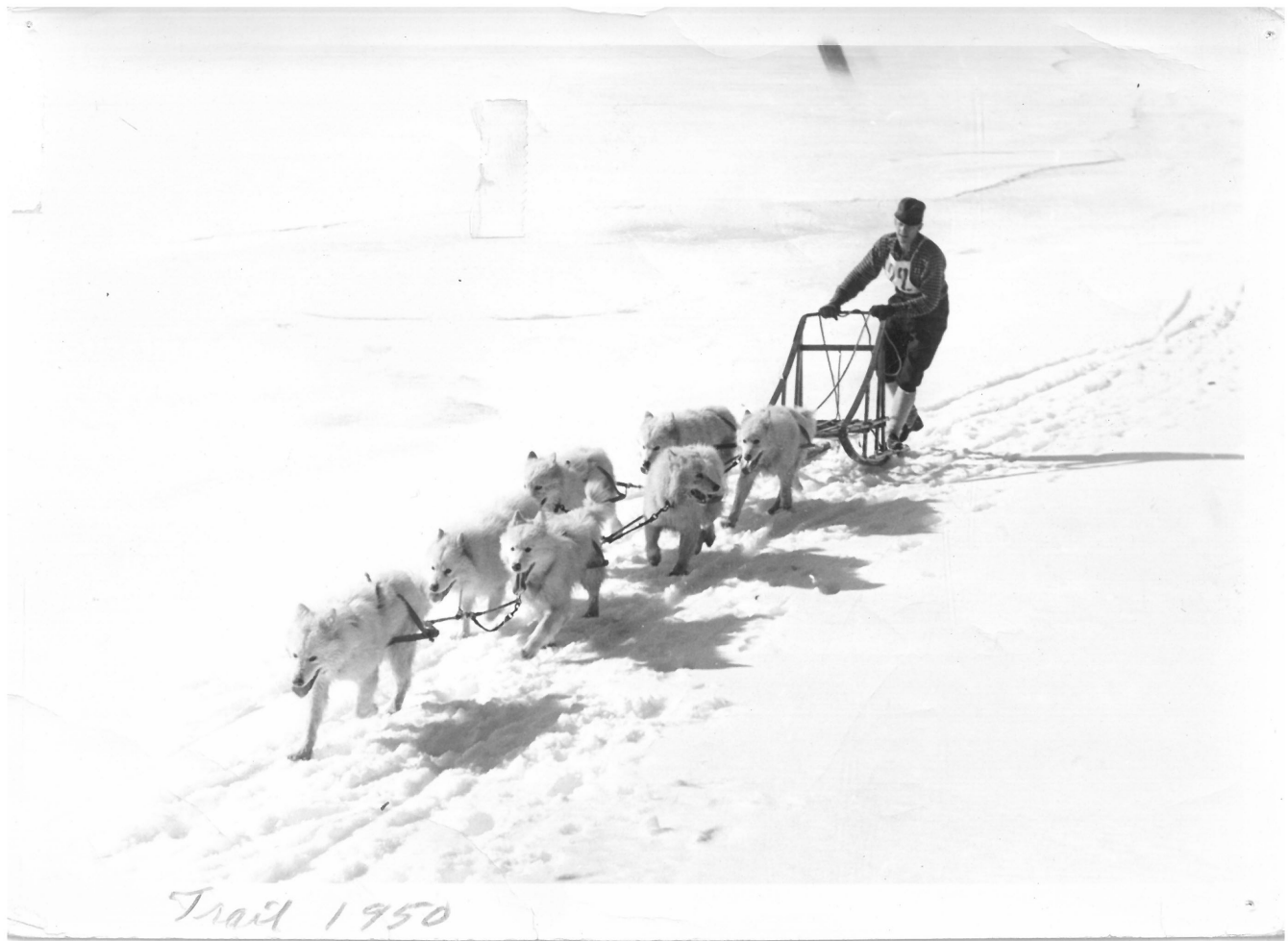


Team Team DOG NOTED FOR BEING ABLE  
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Rex--lead dog noted for being able  
to face blizzards and cross-country  
travel.

This team is entered in the Sierra  
Dog Derby races March 5th & 6th  
at Truckee, Calif.

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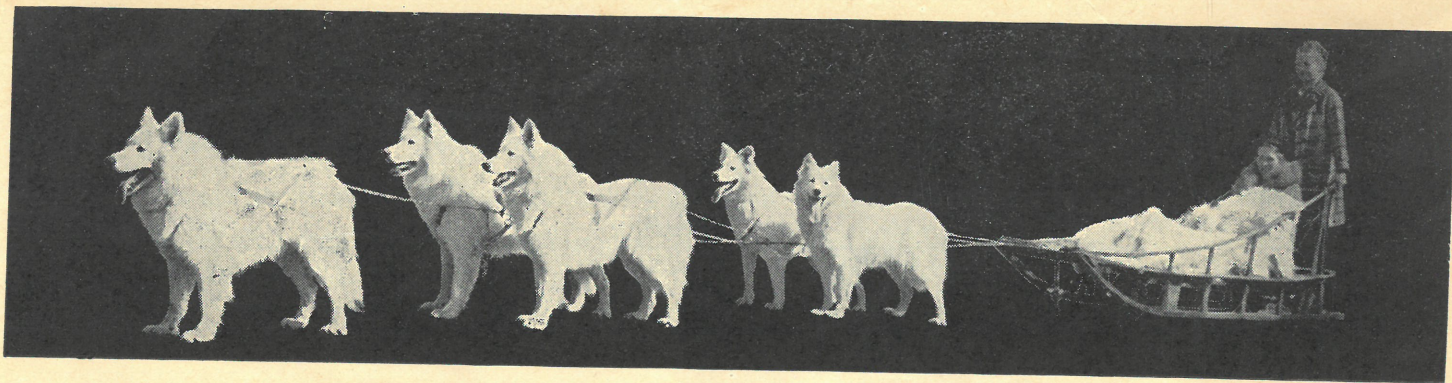
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*Handwritten notes:*  
Rex 12/1  
1/10/1  
1/10/1  
1/10/1  
1/10/1  
1/10/1





Mason Samoyed Dog Team, Aljean Mason, Driver







*Box in lead*

*Idaho*





W.D. & R.R. Rex of White Way 1951

REX OF WHITEWAY

WITH ALJEAN MASON

*w/ ALAN was sick*



The following account of the Rex of White Way Memorial Placque will be interesting to many members. This placque was awarded to Mrs. Agnes Mason at the SCA Annual Meeting. The Placque is 14" X 21" and is made of etched bronze and mounted on polished cherry wood. The Memorial was made possible by donations of friends of Agnes Mason and admirers of Rex of White Way, a Samoyed that was a credit to his breed, and performed feats that no other Samoyed has ever done, as described in the list of accomplishments inscribed on the Placque.

REX OF WHITE WAY

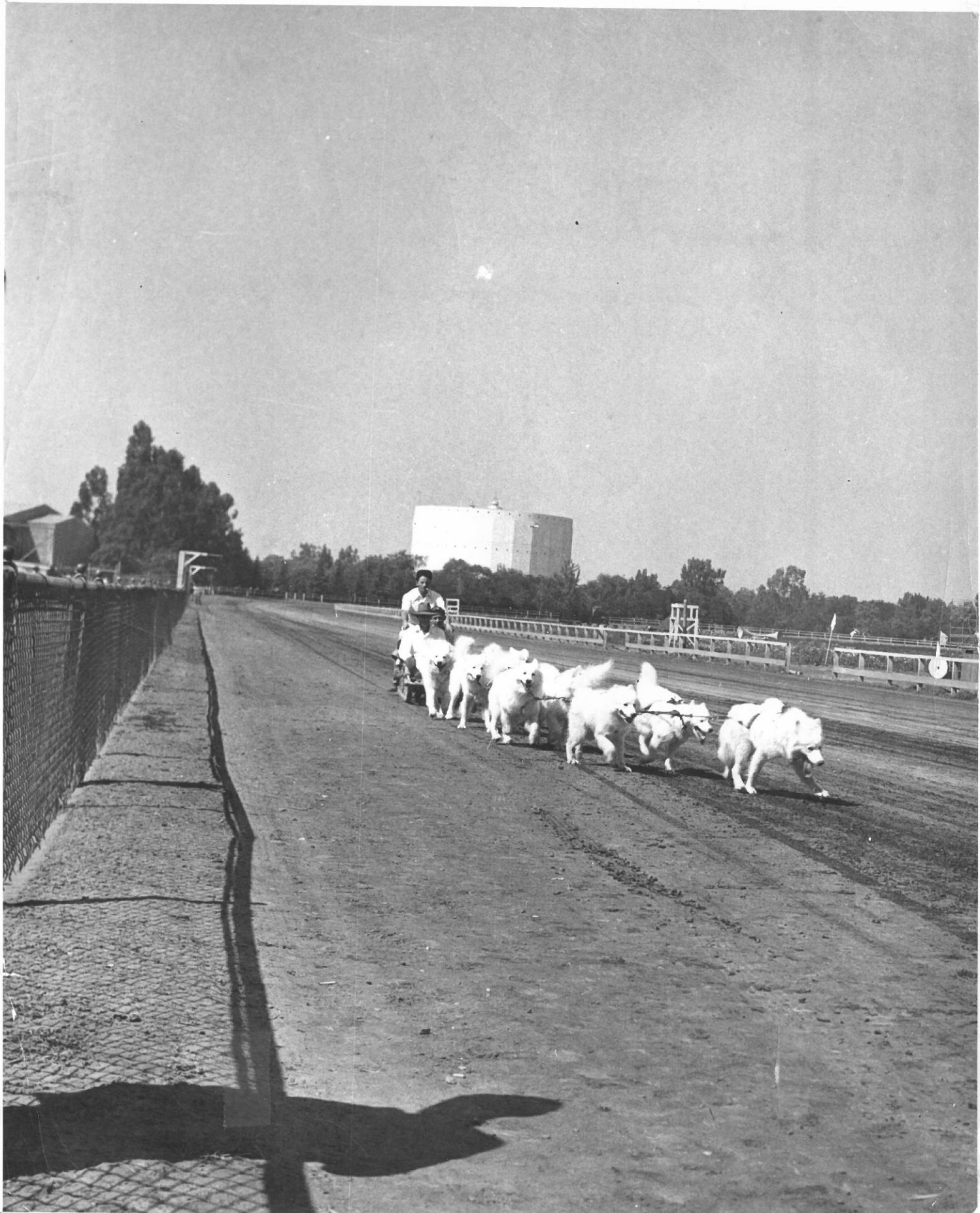
Born 9-26- 46

SIRE: CH. WHITE WAY OF KOBE DAM: CH. HERDSMAN'S FAITH

BREEDER: Mrs. Agnes Mason and Miss Aljean Mason

TRAINER AND DRIVER: Mr. Lloyd Van Sickle

- 1948 - Winner - Kid Race - Ashton, Idaho  
Leader - Freight Race - Ashton, Idaho  
Hauled United States Mail - Ashton, Idaho  
Leader - Exhibition California State Fair
- 1949 - Leader - Winning Team Truckee Races  
Helped rescue men from plane crash - Truckee, Calif.  
Leader - When pulling out 3 downed airplanes  
Leader - Hauling Dudes  
Leader - Going into "The Cedards" rescue  
Leader - Going into Euer Valley snow removal
- 1950 - Leader - Runner up team Truckee Races  
Leader - Hollywood Sportsmans Show Exhibition  
Leader - Del Mar Sportsmans Show Exhibition  
Leader - Winning Entry - General Floats  
Leader - Nevada Day Parade - Carson City, Nevada  
Leader - Parades in principal California Cities  
Leader - March of Dimes Exhibitions San Francisco  
Leader - Home Coming Parade and Rally - Univ. of Calif.
- 1951 - Leader - Winning and Exhibition Team of 25 Samoyeds, San Mateo, Cal.
- 1952 - Removed from Golden Gate Show to take doctors in and remove snowbound couple from train, City of San Francisco - Donner Pass
- 1953 - Ran with Targhee Hounds to win West Yellowstone Dog Derby.  
- Broke world record in weight pulling contest - Pulled 1850 Lbs.  
- Leader - Pulling 600 pounds in piling Donner Lake piers.  
- Worked 34 miles round trip daily, hauling Christmas Trees.  
- Movie work and guard duty for John Wayne on location of "Island in the Sky."
- 1956 - Winner several events Big Bear Valley Races.  
Had Nine Show Points - One Major
- 1957 - Died - August



Miss A E Mason's Famous Samoyed Team  
exhibited at California State Fair 1948

Rex - Lead Dog

Lloyd Van Sickle - Driver

Loon, Hawkes + Jerry Graia - Passengers

PHOTO BY  
THOLOV A. ZIEGLER  
WINDING WAY  
SACRAMENTO

1948 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

REX LEAD DOG





Lloyd Van Sickle with his team of Targhees that won the American Dog Derby speed race last year 1948 in Idaho, and the Samoyeds owned by Mrs. A. E. Mason of Sacramento, who was driven by Lloyd Van Sickle in the Husky race and was only five seconds behind the winning Siberians 1948

Rex---noted lead dog--His ancestors were on Arctic and Antarctic expeditions. and he is noted for facing blizzards and cross-country travel

*note* → { This team of Samoyeds won the Sierra Dog Derby race at Truckee, Mar. 5th and 6th, with Rex in lead --1949

When this picture was taken they were carrying the U.S. mail.

Owner and breeder--Mrs. A. E. Mason, Rt 6, Box 3483, Sacramento, Calif.

Mason Samoyede Kennels  
Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Mason  
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West yellow stone, most <sup>speed</sup> - Race Feb. 22, 1953

Pex + Peterson Mich. 12 miles =  
Lloyd van Nibble <sup>2 others</sup> 60 min

Lucky in lead

Pex + Jack in freight team hauled 315 lbs - won

Lead Dog - Lucky Feb 23, 1953

~~3 Petersons~~

~~5 Malamutes - 15 min~~

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA  
WHEATSTONE'S SPORT CHALET

Milage - 8<sup>th</sup> better time as  
freight than speed

43 min

pulling race - won with - Tobe - a malamute

This picture taken right after the speed race  
Pex ran in

2 1/2 (15<sup>3</sup>) (Jourene)



Mason Samoyed Team

Lloyd Van Sickle Driver  
Rex - Lead





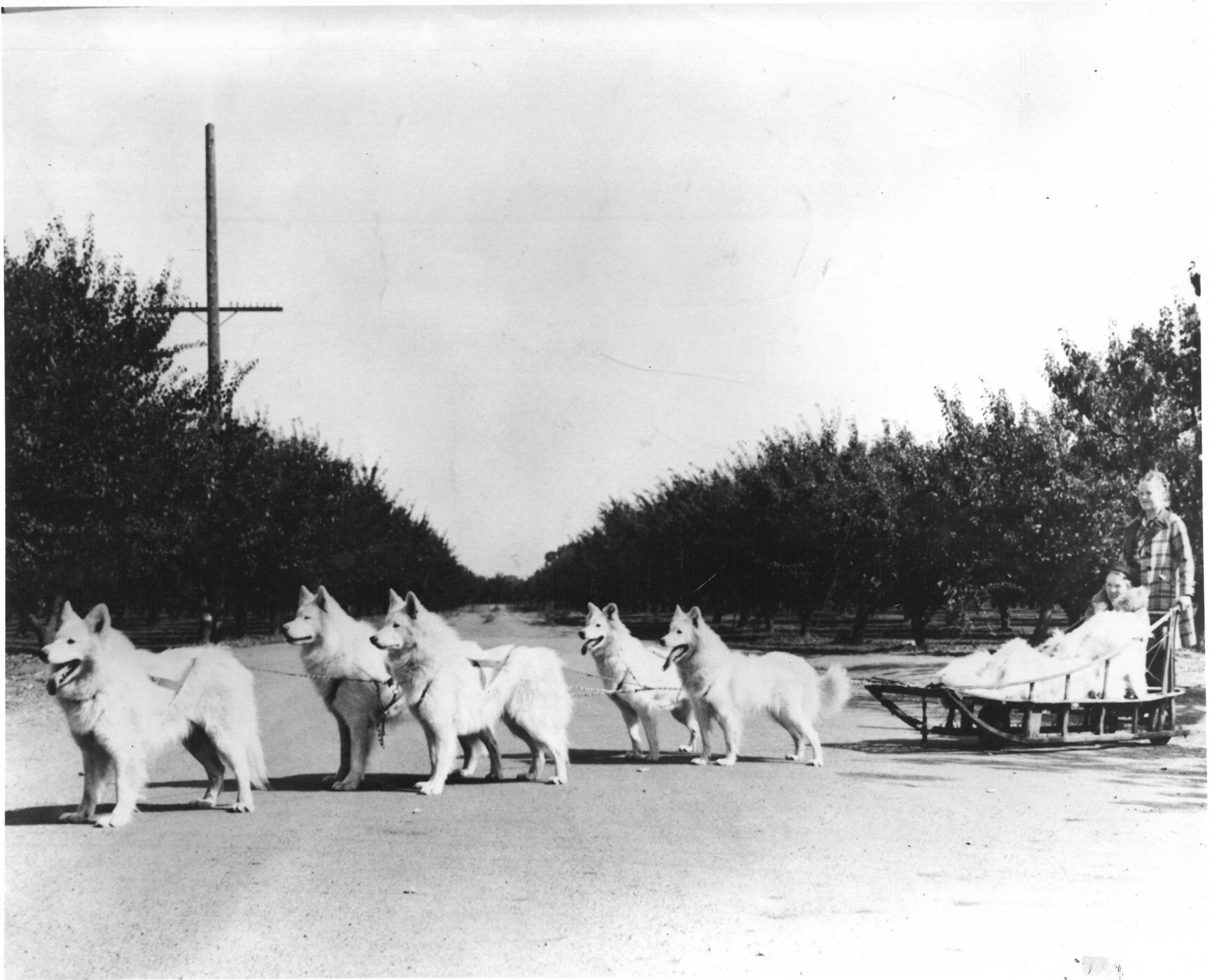
TREASURE ISLAND 1938



Treasure Island 1938

air plane





White Way sled team of Agnes Mason, 1938, of Sacramento, Calif. Lead dog is Varka (Ch. Jack Frost of Sacramento ex Dascha of Laika). Right point is Ch. Petrof Lebanof (Ch. Czar Nicholas Lebanov ex Dascha of Laika). Left point is Ch. Czar Nicholas Lebanov (Beresof ex Mitzi Aura Laska). Right wheel is Dascha of Laika (Laika's Lucky Day ex Laika's Dinsche). Left wheel is Cheka (Ch. Jack Frost of Sacramento ex Dascha of Laika).

WHITE WAY SLED TEAM OF AGNES MASON

1938

Lead dog VARKA

Right Point CH PETROF LEBANOF

Left Point Ch Czar Nicholas Lebanov

Right Wheel Dascha of Laika

Left Wheel Cheka





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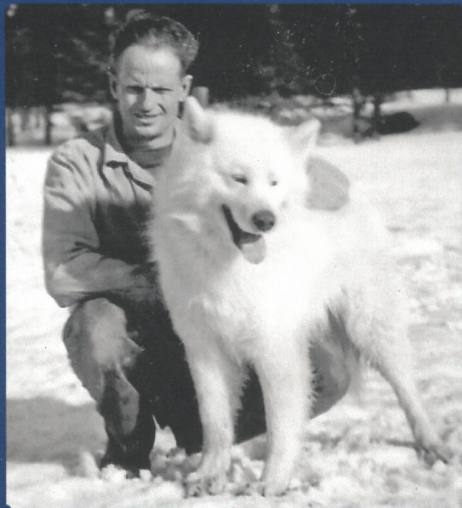
Mason's Samoyed Dog Team  
Prize - appear - all ancestors  
Leader - Vanka

State Fair Grounds (Calif)  
passengers - 3 young boys

Prize - owner of Samoyeds  
Mrs A E Mason (Keep)  
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THE STORY OF REX OF WHITE WAY *The Blizzard King* Jim Cheskawich



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*The Blizzard King*



THE BOOK  
by Jim Cheskawich

REX  
STORIES



**REX OF WHITE WAY IN ACTION!  
HE WAS A LOYAL COMPANION AND WINNER OF THE TITLE,  
"THE STRONGEST DOG IN THE WORLD."  
HIS FAME AND LEGACY ENDURE TODAY.**

A touching memoir of a Samoyed whose immeasurable spirit and heart will live on forever. A sincere thanks to Jim for keeping this boy alive via this important chronicle.

**CATHY CUSACK**

*President, Potomac Valley Samoyed Club*

A fantastic account of a once-in-a-lifetime dog, his breeder Agnes Mason, and his trainer Lloyd Van Sickle. It brings back so many memories for me as a high school kid in Sacramento! Many thanks to Jim for bringing this important piece of history about a true HERO to the public. This is a great memoir filled with wonderful historic pictures. Agnes and Lloyd would have been so very, very proud.

**MADLIN DRUSE**

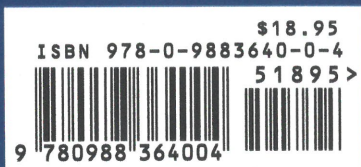
*Tamerack Samoyeds, retired Samoyed breeder/exhibitor/AKC judge*

This book is extremely readable and interesting. The subject is fascinating, and while much research and referencing is included, the story is far from pedantic. Rex is a true hero and credit to his breed and profession. He will capture your heart as well as your imagination!

**NAN HOLT**

*Artist*

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