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The following information has been received (through the bulletin of the Pacific Coast Div. of the SC of A)—from Mrs. Margaret R. Tucker relative to the disease, or virus which caused the death of the lovely imported Suretta of Kobe and her most beautiful daughter "Fifey". We pass it along for whatever information might be had by the reader.

"My experience with the so-called English Distemper extended over a period of two months and concerned the health, happiness and even the life of our twelve Samoyeds.

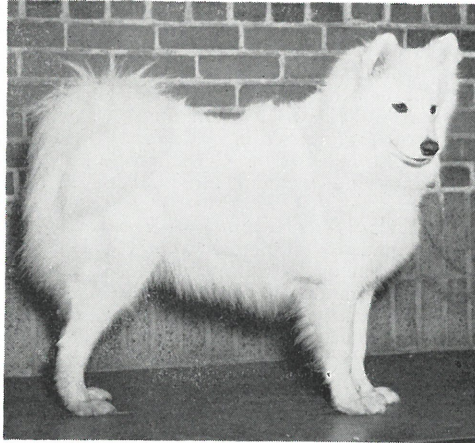
Unknowingly on our part, and I'm sure, unintentional on the part of the person with the sick dog, an infected dog was brought to our home during a puppy training class, held by the Southern Calif. group on January 14. We heard a week or so later that the infected dog had been sick when here and had died four days later.

We observed our dogs very closely for several weeks. They ate as usual. They raced and played all day long out in the field. There were no signs of either digestive or bowel disorder. In fact the dogs showed all signs of being in perfect health.

Three weeks from the date of the exposure, Suretta, being in apparently perfect health was sent to the vet for her bath and grooming, then sent to the San Diego show, at which, incidentally, she was winner's bitch. When I went for her the following Monday, she was alert, happy to see me, normal in all ways except that her eyes seemed to have a worried or troubled look. Had I not known of the exposure I would have thought her just tired. But, on reaching home, I took her temperature and found it to be 103 degrees, so I took her to the Veterinary at once. He examined her thoroughly, found only the temperature mentioned, pronounced it a low grade infection, gave her a shot of penicillin and aureomycin capsules, to be administered three times daily. He said there was nothing to worry about, but to watch her until her temperature was normal. The next day her temperature dropped to 101.7, her eyes were happy eyes, so we thought everything was under control. However, the following day her temperature was again up (102.5) so I took her back to the Vet. He checked her over and again told me not to worry but to watch her. He gave no medication.

Her temperature on Thursday a. m. being still 102 I decided to have her examined by

a different doctor. Here, two doctors checked her and pronounced it a low-grade virus infection as had the first doctor. However, these



Tazon's Snow Flicka
(Ch. Tazon ex Snowbelle)
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ulfeng, Owners.

men said it might lead to serious consequences and that they would keep her constantly under penicillin until the temperature was normal.

They also gave streptomycin and aureomycin capsules, 50 mg. On Saturday, after two days of 102 temperature and normal activity, her breathing was exceptionally heavy and labored, so she was taken again to the Vet. She was examined by stethoscope for the apparent congestion of lungs, but results were negative. Saturday evening she ate well and seemed much better. Sunday morning at about 2 a. m. Charles put her upon the davenport and went back to bed, but a few minutes later he heard a noise in the living room and went in to see what was wrong and found Suretta on the floor. He sat down beside her. She "smiled" at him, wagged or waved her tail, gave a soft sigh and was gone.

Sunday afternoon the Vet held a post mortem. All organs were in perfect condition. The lungs showed no signs of pus, or lesions, but were completely filled with blood. Apparent cause of death was paralysis of the lungs due to some cause not known.

The temperature of all dogs was taken when we first discovered Suretta's condition. At this time 7 had normal temperatures. There were 3 bitches, a six year old and two of fifteen

months: and two males, a four year old and a three year old which never contracted the disease, although they had been running in the same pens and field with the others. They have not yet shown any indication of trouble so are presumed to be immune. Of the remaining 7, three had very mild cases, being sick for only two days, although the temperature stayed at about 102 for a week. Temperatures then dropped to normal and remained there. Two bitches and one male ran constant temperatures of 102 to 102.4 for several weeks, then became very sick, refusing food. The temperatures climbed to 103.6 and the breathing of 2 became noticeably heavier while the third seemed to be highly excitable. The two doctors called in a third for consultation. It was decided this was the English Distemper and all known preventive shots were given. All this time aureomycin had been given regularly, three times daily. One bitch improved and on the third day after the last treatment was considered out of danger. She is now completely normal in every respect.

The other two dogs remained in the serious condition, with labored breathing and preferring to stand most of the time. The third night the bitch voluntarily ate a little of her food, but by 3 a.m. she was very weary and at 5 a.m., she left us in the exact way her mother had gone two weeks earlier, except that Suretta never had the high temperature or any of the suffering. Apparently the paralysis had progressed much more rapidly than it had in her daughter.

The four month old puppy, Tim, English bred, was the one we feared for most on account of his age. But he had had his first distemper shot a week before the exposure. He was at once given both penicillin and streptomycin, repeated every fourth day. His further distemper shots were given in routine. He never became really ill. His temperature stayed at 102 for a couple of weeks, after which it became normal. He is now a beautiful pup, good appetite, good bone and healthy.

After recovery all dogs were kept in a small building for two weeks to keep them very quiet, being out to exercise for a few minutes three times daily. We were fortunate to have been in the process of moving during the above period. All sick Sams were kept at the old place until they had completely recovered, then were disinfected and brought over to their new home, thus keeping the new place free from contamination.

This is a very very brief summary of the

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medication and the long weary days and nights of constant care given Suretta of Kobe, her six English bred sons and daughters of Eng. Ch. Raff of Kobe and the youngest English-bred Tim (Eng. Snowland Fyodor ex Eng. Snowland Shelagh Janmayen). If a more detailed account of our experiences can be of any help to anyone, we will gladly give more particulars to any who inquire."

(Signed) Margaret R. Tucker.

The following is an item sent us late last fall by Mrs. Tucker—we wonder if it is still in operation—that is, the school.

"Pierce Agricultural College started an evening course in Dog Husbandry last year. It was the first of its kind in the United States, so the instructor had no text book or anything at all to go by. We finished the course last year with a Sanctioned Show which was lots of work for a certain few, but those few gained a lot of experience too. Licensed judges donated their time as we had no way of raising money, and the show was held on the grounds of the College. This year our class is three hours long and we are expecting to get credits for it. Major Arthur Bell is our instructor this year. He too, has a hard job without textbooks, but he was in the K-9 Corps during the last war and has had 33 years experience working with dogs exclusively. He has a vast store of knowledge and we are all profiting from his experience. Having just read in the WKW that one of the officers and his wife had taken their Sammies to Japan with them, I was heart-sick to learn that all dogs that get on the ground over there get the dreaded heart-worm and there seems to be so little to be done to relieve it. Major Bell was given three of the Japanese war trained work German Shepherd dogs, so brought them back from Japan with him. Two of them died from the heart worm, and although the third one looks and acts perfectly normal, yet when Major put him through his Guard Work training he was completely winded in about five minutes. This dog, Tokio Jackson is supposed to have been thoroughly re-civilized, but has to be watched constantly for if any one reaches

out a hand toward him unexpectedly, the dog will nearly tear it off. Yet when Major reassures him that the person is all right he will go



"Butch"
(Silver Kola ex Sherri Kola)
with Sandra Laughery

quietly along on the leash with that person handling. At the present time the class is making a short study of all breeds. I was fortunate in being called upon to talk on the Samoyed the first night. As I am anything but a public speaker I'm glad it is over, but did discover when you are talking about something as dear to the heart as our Sams are it isn't as trying to talk for an hour as anticipated. And with big old spoiled KUNTO sitting there on the table smiling and wanting to shake hands with them all, that hour passed before I knew it. I had Suretta in for a minute, but had to take her out for it was all too much of a big game for her pleasure.

We will visit a large modern commercial kennel as well as a well-run back yard kennel, and have various noted speakers during the year. The College has had inquiries from the Boy Scouts of Denver wanting particulars about the class, so they might interest the Public Schools of Denver in such a class.

HARD PAD DISEASE

Hard Pad Disease is, probably, more common now than Distemper. The disease is known by various names such as Continental Distemper or Canine Encephalitis. The name of Hard Pad is not good as in many cases there is no change in the dog's pads.

The disease is caused by a germ — a virus very similar to that causing Distemper but is distinct from it. Cases have been recorded in this country for several years but it has frequently been mistaken for Distemper. A great deal has been written about Hard Pad during the past year, some of it by people with great scientific knowledge of the disease but much more by people with none. The research workers are the first to admit that there is still a great deal to learn about the disease. Let me briefly summarize the main points.

1. It is an infectious disease with a long incubation period. This period may be as long as three or four weeks.

2. A dog which has had Distemper or been immunized against it can contract Hard Pad but not so easily, and if it does the symptoms are not usually as severe.

A. Puppies are most commonly affected but dogs of three or four years old quite frequently contract the disease and it has been recorded in a dog nine years old.

4. The first symptoms are often very vague which makes diagnosis very difficult in the early stages. Usually it commences with a sore throat (Pharyngitis) and cough and there is nearly always a persistent diarrhoea. Occasionally fits are an early symptom.

5. At the start there is usually a high temperature (104-106) but this, as a rule, usually falls within 48 hours to normal or just above normal.

6. There is inflammation of the eye but the discharge is not as thick and profuse as in Distemper.

7. A watery or mucous discharge from the nose is common but one seldom meets with the purulent discharge as seen in Distemper.

8. The thickening and hardening of the pads may not develop for some weeks after the onset of the disease and a large number of cases show no change at all in the pads.

9. Frequently after the first few days the appetite returns to normal and in some cases becomes excessive. I am afraid this is a disease in which a return of appetite does not necessarily mean a return of health.

10. The greatest danger in Hard Pad is the risk of nervous symptoms developing, which may take the form of fits, hysteria, chorea (St. Vitus Dance), paralysis or blindness. As a rule these symptoms do not develop until some weeks after the onset of the disease. In many cases the dog has apparently made a complete recovery from the initial illness and then the nervous disorders start. Frequently the initial illness may even have passed unnoticed by the owner. If nervous symptoms develop the chance of recovery is comparatively small.



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Vitamin B should be given in the hope that it will allay or alleviate nervous symptoms. Liver injections and penicillin also have their uses in treatment.

Excerpt from "The Samoyed" published by The Samoyed Association of England.

Our first picture this issue shows Mr. and Mrs. Ashjorn E. Ulfeng's homebred, Tazson's Snow Flicka (Ch. Tazson ex Snowbelle), Reserve Winners bitch at Chicago show in March. Flicka needs only one more point to complete her championship, having to her credit four—three point shows and one two point show. Lots of luck with this young lady, to our Eastern members of the Sam Club of America.

AMONG OUR FOLKS

Yes—Vrai of Lucky Dee has done it again! Through the kindness of Mrs. Tommy Witcher of Vallejo who sent us a marked catalog of the Santa Clara Show of April 8, we are able to give you a last minute report of the Judging of the 13 Sams entered for competition under Mrs. Frances Crane.

Winners dog was Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawes' Bunky of Lucky Dee (Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum ex Ch. Faustina Fauna) with Reserve going to Earl M. Pulley's Pala Sam's Christie (Comet's Olinvick ex Masha Snow Queen).

Winners Bitch and Best of Winners was Mr. and Mrs. Dawes' Vrai of Lucky Dee litter sister to Bunky of Lucky Dee—with Reserve going to Mary and Edmund Braetchel's Princess Tasha of White Frost (Sonolad of the Valley ex Princess Tanya of Hale Cooper—bred by the Andrew Coopers of Burlingame, Calif. Princess Tanya is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Tucker's Ch. Kunto of Encino.

I believe this was a three point show for each sex — and if not greatly mistaken it leaves the ten months old puppy bitch Vrai of Lucky Dee with two points to go to her championship.

Best of breed was John E. Poletti's Ch. Samoyland's Sergei (Soldier Frosty of Rimini out of Samoyland's Verla's Tula).

Best of Opposite sex was Vrai of Lucky Dee, who went on to place Best Local Working Dog and then on to Best Local Dog in show under Judge Christian Knudsen.

We are told that it was a very warm day—Sams were benched in the shade had large outdoor rings — on asphalt which was good for dogs and their handlers.

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Mrs. Jean Schmidling of San Francisco tells the following as an example of the Samoyed's intelligence — and how it learns from imitation. "Every Easter morning we have our own Easter egg hunt with our two children. This year was no exception, except that we suddenly discovered that there were three "kids" on the hunt instead of the usual two.

Our White Puff of Notoc got right into the swing of things and with an enthusiastic nonchalance all her own, she was beating the two kids at every turn—finding one egg after another before they did. Then she'd waggle coyly up to us trying to tease us into a game with her newly found possession. As soon as we'd take the colored egg from her, she'd start off in search of another. Even on some occasions while we were trying to help our 2½ year old boy, Puff would spot an egg in its hiding place, walk over to Bobby—push him with her nose—then walk over to the egg pointing it out by putting her nose against it until our son picked it up. All in all, in her own quiet gentle way, Puff seemed to have as much fun finding the eggs as did the children.

After it was all over we tried her out again. Hiding an egg we'd call her and ask, "Where's the egg, Puff? Get the egg." As she neared, wagging all over, sweeping the floor with her eyes, she suddenly darted right to the spot even though the egg was mostly hidden.

Usually at our house, the Easter Bunny forgets where he hid all the eggs—but Puff made certain this year by rechecking all the hiding places that there were no more to be found."

THERE ARE PUPPIES AT PALA SAM

The litter out of Ch. Snowball, C. D. Ch. Samoyland's Vojak, U. D., arrived March 8 (3 m. 4 f.) each one a potential champion. They are owned by the Earl Pulleys of San Jose, who have three young children who are very proud of their Snowball and her babies—Snowball is a fine little mother and does not resent the children coming near or handling her babies.

That fascinating young puppy (called Butch), shown with blond-haired Sandra Laughery of Rochester, Ill., is the last of the litter to go to a new home — all the others had gone when 10 weeks of age. The litter was by Silver Kola out of Sherri Kola of Snow-White.

A card from Mrs. Ruth B. Young of Top Acres kennels tells us that Pratika of Top Acres — Best of Opposite sex at Chicago — went up from the Novice class at this, her first show, making five points. She is a sister to Mrs. Roderick Allen's Narguiss and Yasmin (pictured in the March issue). She is owned by Mrs. Lucy Forbes in Illinois. Pratika is a daughter of Dr. Ivens' Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz out of Ch. Sparkle Plenty of Arbee.

At Indianapolis, her second show, Pratika went to Best of Breed and then fourth in the Working Group under Alva Rosenberg, with Mrs. Ralph Longden's Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar, best Opposite sex.

Mrs. Young says that Pratika, one of the five "gals" named by the Shah of Iran, means

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"White Rose." She describes her as "a natural," adding—"I had not seen her until Chicago, since she was 10 weeks old." Mrs. Young handled Pratika at both shows.

A letter has reached me from Mrs. Louis Goertzen of Margaret Bay, B. C. expressing the desire to buy a pair of Samoyeds. She wrote—"So far we have been unable to contact any Canadian breeder here in the West. This seems to be an open field as far as raising or breeding Samoyeds are concerned, and we are very anxious to obtain either a pair, or a bitch in whelp. They would not necessarily have to come from a line of champions, but we would wish them to have the fine Samoyed characteristics." Mr. and Mrs. Goertzen had received a copy of the 1950 Christmas WKW showing so many pictures of fine Samoyeds.

Mr. Arnold Riegger of Normal, Illinois, a recent subscriber, writes that they thank the Chandleys (of Gerald Missouri) for telling them of the Christmas issue and add—"From reading other magazines, had thought the Samoyed was a rare breed — and glad to know there are so many others of them.

There is a litter of 9 (5 girls and 4 boys) up at the Samoyed kennels of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lewis at Farmington, Michigan. These splendid pups born January 23 are out of "Dolly" (registered name not given)—and sired by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Poirier's Snow Blizzard of Lewclair (better known as Bomber)—perhaps one of these would be just the pup that Mr. and Mrs. Goertzen might desire.

WHAT RISKS DO YOU TAKE WHEN SHOWING YOUR DOG?

Somehow, when a dog, any breed, becomes ill shortly after attending a show, the concerned owner is ready to say—"he picked up the germ at the show." Well folks, that may be true — or may not — however the following told by our Publicity Director, would lead us to say — "an ounce of prevention," is certainly worth its pound of cure.

"The Reids—former owners of Norka Kennels, showed ten or more Sams at a time at indoor shows — as many as 25 or more at some of the outdoor shows, and yet had perhaps less show illnesses than any kennel — even
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