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It was just a few days after the Sammy notes for May had gone to press that I received the following letter from a Canadian owner and breeder of Sams which seems to give an honest first-hand story of how we appear to others—(Incidentally, we can furnish the writer's name to those who might wish same). We quote: "I wanted to write to you about a rather novel experience I had a short time ago. I am pretty sure it will be of some interest to our Canadian breeders, and I also suspect to some of our friends on your side of the fence.

I had the opportunity of taking in two American shows, and in a manner I have always wanted to do it. This was the show at Niagara Falls on April 13, and the one at Buffalo on April 14. Like many others of our Canadian friends, I have heard many and varied stories about the American dog shows, and in fact they for the most part enjoy an almost legendary reputation in many quarters. It almost seems the peak of success to breed a dog worthy of competition in an American show, and an American champion usually commands a lot of respect over here.

I honestly believe that many people are truly "scared" of showing in the States because of this reputation, not the least of which is the absolutely flawless technique employed by the Show Superintendents, and their strict adherence to the rules as laid down by the AKC. So while I have been to two or three previously, it had always been with several other friends, and the necessary time to fully look into this wonderful thing was denied. This time it was different, I went alone, did not have a dog to worry about, and as a result was completely free to roam around to my heart's content.

This is pretty much an actual report of my impressions of these two shows, and should I inadvertently step on anyone's toes, it will be without intent.

First the show at Niagara Falls. This was held in a Bus company's garage, and a dirtier, filthier, more dismal place to hold a dog show is almost beyond my comprehension. Windows



cost money and take up valuable space in a garage and really a Bus doesn't mind too much whether it can see or not, so there was a real dearth of windows. No smoking was the rule, and it was really enforced, and while I didn't like it, I certainly could agree with it. The amount of grease and oil on the floors would have really made a beautiful bon-fire, that would likely have had disastrous results, had it ever started. But to anyone who smokes, this was a most annoying rule, and did little to improve my impression of the show as a whole. A snack bar was available, and for about \$4 you could get a couple of hot dogs, complete with dust, grease, perspiration, mustard and relish, and also a cup of something somewhere between cold and lukewarm that they had the audacity to call coffee. Because the place was fairly well isolated they had no special reason to fear they would lose any customers, either you ate there, or you went hungry—but I survived it nicely.

Those people who had white dogs, Sams, Westies, Poodles, etc. learned in a hurry to keep them on their feet, as long as they were off the bench. You never saw a dog change its colour so fast. If they were from some distance, and showing the next day, I can just bet their sleep was seriously curtailed, and the use of cleaning chalk probably reached an all-time high.

As for the actual entries, it was only natural that I should be most interested in the Sams. Here again I was disappointed, for Mrs. Ashdown's two which were entered, were not present—I had so wanted to see them, and was sorry that they were unable to be there. There were 11 Sams entered, about half of which were in the show condition, and some had no business being there at all. I felt that over all, the females represented a better type than the males, in spite of the fact that my very good friend Ralph Ward, went to BOS with his Mike of Shep's Valley. Winners bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed was Mrs. A. Callahan's Snowland Janice

of Frostyways (Buttons), and she was full value for the win. She was superbly handled by Carver, and showed to absolute perfection.

As I am sure under your scoring system, this was a Major and worth 5 points, I could not for the life of me see why a poor turnout was present, unless of course the smart people had been in this building before. Well, they say every cloud has its silver lining, and even here a ray of sunshine finally broke through. The dogs not required for further competition, were allowed to leave at 4 p.m. From this corner I would suggest to this club that they revert back to their system, as in effect a year ago, when their show was held outdoors—the dogs being benched under a large tent. This one I thoroughly enjoyed, and it was not necessary to fight for your very breath.

I stayed with Ralph and Bev. Ward, and that is always an enjoyable event. George and Mavis Ross dropped in and we really had a pleasant evening.

Then came the dawn and the Buffalo show. Well, this one started out much better. At least the building was spotlessly clean, well ventilated and very spacious. I think here, one would have to consider this show from two angles. That of an exhibitor, and that of a spectator. From many sources I heard complaints from the exhibitors, because of the fact that they had quite a long way to go to the rings, and also the ceiling here is fairly low, and as a result, the din is deafening. I might mention something just here that struck me very forcibly at both shows—there just doesn't seem to be the spirit of comradeship among the exhibitors, that we have in Canadian shows. Everybody is so intent on winning, they have no time for their neighbors, and seldom did one see the customary little groups gathered together discussing their common problems.

The rings were upstairs, and again were spotlessly clean, and of course well lighted. Plenty of seats for all to sit comfortably and watch the judging, and almost a complete absence of noise. Really very restful after a session around the benches. The food was very good and as clean as one would expect.

As to the Sam entry. Here they were down to 9 dogs. Since with one exception the same dogs were entered here as at Niagara Falls, the same appraisal would be in order. This time however, Best Opposite Sex was taken by Mrs. Joan Sherry of Buffalo. This lady has only had a very limited experience in showing a dog, but she did a really professional job, and will be a real threat before long. Again, the winners bitch, BOW and Best of Breed was Mrs.

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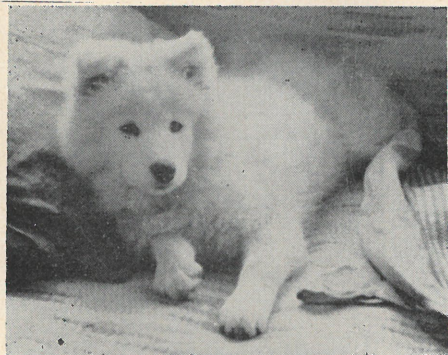
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Callahan's female. This show I think was good for three points, making a total of 8 points in two days.

The big objection I personally had to the Buffalo show, was the ruling requiring that dogs not further required, be benched until 8 p.m. I fully realize that those people who attended a show as spectators are entitled to see all the dogs that are present, BUT, and this I was very careful to note — as soon as the GROUPS started, the number of spectators down where the benching was, dropped to practically nil, and so, without anyone being gypped the dogs could have been released much sooner, and those folks with long drives, and two days of showing behind them, would have been very appreciative. As far as the rules being enforced more strictly, I am not so sure. I saw many handlers up to the same stunt as they pull in Canadian shows — that of keeping their dogs off the Bench until after they had been judged. True, there were no crates in the aisles that I noticed—and this was an improvement.

So, with three and a half hours driving time on my way home, I had plenty of time to mull it over and I am quite satisfied that on what I saw at these two shows, no Canadian need be afraid to compete against an American dog. They have all kinds there, too—some good, some not so good, and some just plain poor. Also, they do not have to apologize for their Canadian shows. They, like their American counterparts are good and bad, depending on where you are.

Moreover, the cost is considerably less to enter a Canadian show, and you are likely to have lots more fun. We make a sort of social affair out of them, and still remain friends with the fellow who went up over us.

It was a most interesting week-end, made more so by the hospitality of the Ralph Wards and their friends—but I am still most unhappy about the small entry of Sams. We must get them in front of the general public if we are to create a market for our puppies—and what's more important, when we put a dog down for a Judge, it should be in as near perfect condition as we can possibly make it. NOTHING is as beautiful as a well groomed, well cleaned and properly shown Samoyed. Given a chance they are their own advertisement."

There's another success story here on the Pacific Coast—for Mrs. Jean Blank, co-owner with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Matheron of Walnut Creek, of the Whitecliff Kennels, has just returned from another very successful showing of Ch. Yurok of Whitecliff (Ch. Omak ex

Kara Babkah of White Frost). Ch. Yurok took Best of Breed at the Fresno show under Mr. Skarda, judge. In the north, he also played Best of Breed at Walla Walla, Wash., under Bob Cross; again Best Sam at Richland, Wash., under Bob Waters and again at Yakima, Wash., under Dr. Mitten.

"Rocky" went on to take FIRST in the Working Group at Richland under Dr. Mitten, and again at Yakima under Mr. Harriman. Congratulations to the owners of this young winner, as Yurok is just 19 months old at this time. He was born October 9, 1955, bred by Mrs. Lee Breatchel.

Mrs. Blank has solved the picture problem, by having show pictures put on post cards, glossy, of course—One card received recently showed Ch. Yurok in a lovely pose—the other shows Mrs. Blanks young granddaughter, seated on the bench with the two newest Whitecliff champions, Ch. Nakomis and Tonto of Whitecliff.

Mrs. A. E. Mason's young Sammy bitch, White Way's Sisero's Buttons, was Winners bitch, scoring two points at the recent Fresno show. This makes, we believe, five consecutive shows where Buttons has scored with valuable points toward her championship. Buttons was bred by her owners, Mrs. Mason and daughter, Mrs. Aljean Larson. She is out of Ch. Starchak's Warnistura, and sired by White Way's Romeo.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs. Bernice Cooper of Pola Star Kennels in Maple Valley, Washington—who sent us the name of someone who works with Sammy wool, commercially. She is Mrs. Ruth Ulrich, Box 181 Renton, Washington. Mrs. Ulrich weaves the wool into beautiful cloth. A friend helps by spinning the wool into yarn for the weaving. She will welcome inquiries regarding rates, etc.—and does excellent work, we are told.

Our thanks to Miss Juliet Goodrich of the Snow Shoe Hill Sams, Land O'Lakes, Wisc., for the newspaper magazine clipping showing pictures of Mrs. Lorna Duffy of Cincinnati, at work brushing one of her Sams (in one picture) and in the other, posing with the two Samoyeds on a large rug she has made from their hair. Mrs. Duffy combs the dogs, cards the wool into yarn which she then hooks into rugs of various designs.

Miss Goodrich says that the head Game Warden of the Land O'Lakes locality, up north to investigate some illegal fishing, stopped in to

make a telephone call, and while admiring her Sams, asked; "Are those dogs the kind I read about in the paper?" He was interested in learning that the Sams' coats are NEVER clipped—the wool is obtained only through the seasonal brushings—at no loss whatever to the dogs.

Speaking of the Sams coats—folks, did you know that your dog's coat is practically fire-proof? At least that has been demonstrated to me on an occasion recently. While working out in our back yard, burning some brush and grass clippings in our big old incinerator, from a pile that had accumulated in the past weeks, the dogs were running about enjoying the day—that is, two of them were. "Crissy" however, stayed around where I was at work cleaning up the pile. "Crissy" is a "small game" hunter. That is, she hunts out such things as salamanders, field mice, crickets and other small insects that inhabit grass and brush spots, or under rocks, etc. It is a treat to watch her sitting or standing before a spot from which she hears sounds of small animal life, and then to see her spring to attack when one dares leave a hiding spot. Her face seems to beam with the sparkle of anticipation—no cat ever watched a mouse hole in more steady manner.

But this particular day, I had at last uncovered the good black earth, and Crissy sat down to watch. Suddenly to my dismay I noticed she was sitting with her back close to the incinerator — I called quickly to her to come to me—and found that although her tail had been resting against the hot can full of live flame—her tail had only an inch or so of its fringes scorched. Like the wool it is, the tail had not caught fire—and she was surely the least concerned about it!

I am reminded of a time at a Dog show when a careless cigaret smoker dropped some red ashes on my Khetta whom she was petting on the bench even then, there was no resulting fire.

Our hearts reach out to "Billy" Tucker (Mrs. Charles Tucker) now of No. Hollywood, Calif., whose beloved "Beauty" has joined the immortals of the Samoy world. Beauty was the daughter of the famous Suretta of Kobe who was imported in whelp to the Wm. Powells' illustrious Ch. Raff of Kobe, of Alpine, Texas imported some years ago. We present here a picture of that famous litter, most of which



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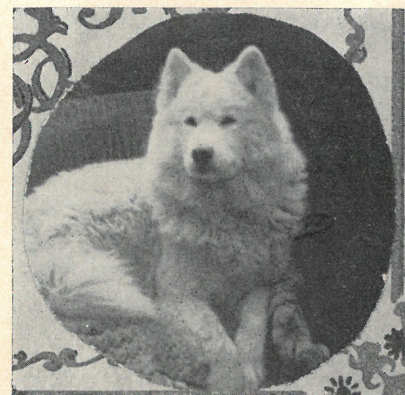
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have helped to boost the fame of Encino kennels across the United States.

At the present time Billy is doing her best to hold on to her beloved Tynda of Petsamo, now almost 13 years of age.

To quote from "Billy's" story in our '56 Christmas issue — "We (Charles and I) came out here from Texas and I saw my first Samoyed on the pier at Santa Monica, and from then on until I finally was able to find my first Sam, my Rhanor's Tynda of Petsamo, I could see no other breed. "When Tynda was 18 months old, we bred her to Ward's Starchak, and thus got our Ch. Kunto of Encino." (and Nickie, who is also with Encino). Kunto (Boy) is 11 years old this month and still in excellent condition. He is the sire of a most promising male that carries Tynda's bloodlines — and again we quote from Billy's recent letter — "I wouldn't want to lose Tynda's bloodline for anything as she has type, quality and such outstanding personality."

This promising young male is by Ch. Kunto out of White Way's Silver Bunnv. And folks, here is something that will make you think a while before you decide (as we read so often happens) to dispose of a dog you consider is in the way—or too much bother to care for. "Billy" has found it necessary to sell some of the younger males and females (no puppies on hand at Christmas time, but so many calls for her Sams). Thus there are now about 18 dogs left in the kennels — of which Billy says—"I have about 6 that are either too old or have some faults I do not want passed on—and since I am as I am, I just can't part with them, so they are pensioned off and will just live with us until taken."

A recent visitor to Encino Kennels wrote—of Billy's imported White Cloud of Kobe—"He has a delightful temperament—so sweet and loving to everyone. In fact, all of Billy's dogs are so affectionate as a Sam should be—and I think it is because Billy never goes into a kennel run without stopping to call each dog by name—and pet or hug it for a moment—so they all respond with equal affection to all who go to visit them, in spite of living in a kennel with many others.

But as she rotates bringing about 3 into the house at a time just for a visit or to be bathed and prepared for a show, I guess they don't consider themselves kennel dogs."

We salute Mrs. Margaret (Billy) Tucker, who would surely receive our vote for the most noteworthy Sammy owner of the year!

From Dunellen, New Jersey, Mrs. Antoinette Callahan writes that her "Buttons" has done it again. She was Best of Breed at Niagara Falls with 5 points. Again, Winners Bitch at Buffalo with 3 points — also Best of Winners and Best of Breed. "Tinker" (Ch. Tazbel) will go along to the Specialty at Rumson, New Jersey where he will be entered in the Veterans class—altho he is the same beautiful Sam with no signs of ageing. The little "girls" are thriving — and will probably enter some of the early summer shows.



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Mrs. Ruth Bates Young of Top Acres Kennels in Medway, Ohio sends us some interesting statistics about Ch. Pratika's Pilot of Bonnie Brae. Best of Breed at Chicago International under Col. McQuown; Best of Breed at Hoosier Kennel Club Show at Indianapolis under Mr. Saunders. Other Best of Breed wins in the past have been at Cleveland, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Marion, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Kokomo and Anderson, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio; Portland, Ind.; and Rumson.

Pilot is by Ch. Guardian of the Arctic (imported) ex Ch. Pratika of Top Acres, who were the 1951 winners at Chicago under Col. McQuown when they appeared in the classes the Winners Bitch coming from Novices to Best Opposite Sex.

We are grateful to Mrs. Ardath Chamberlain, National Publicity Director of the Samoyed Club of America for a copy of the Special Edition Bulletin of the Samoyed Club of America giving full details of plans for the Rumson National Specialty Show for Sams—May 25, 1957.

I do hope that some kind folks who attend the show will send me a full report. My one big regret is that it is impossible for me to attend.

A page from the Eastern Bulletin written by Mrs. Borghild Ulfeng, President of the Eastern Division gives the results from the Trenton, New Jersey Club show. Best of Breed Sam was Bernice B. Ashdown's Ch. Silvertips S of Wychwood. Best of Opposite Sex was Mrs. Doyle's Ch. Nordleys Sammy. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners—Mrs. Ashdown's Silver Sequel of Wychwood; Winners Dog — Sandra Miller and Jeanne Joye's Elkenglo's Upland Guard.

Another item from Mrs. Ulfang's notes follows:

"Anybody who has ever loved a Sam puppy knows the heartbreak our Secretary and Mrs. Browne now suffer, and we all suffer along with them. He was a son of Nordlys Banner and Ch. Snowbelle II. A week or so before he became ill, he was bred to Ch. Snow Flicka's

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"Heard at the Benches:

The telephones have really been ringing up West Chester, N. Y. way lately, and it goes to prove that breeders cannot be too careful about where and with whom they place their pups. It seems a doctor up that way had a Sam female which he had bred and in due course had a litter of pups. Most of them he placed with friends and neighbors. Finally there was only one puppy left—and the mother. Suddenly, the doctor decided he had no more use for either the female or the pup, and offered them both to the pound! Somehow, Miss Schlichting heard about it and got busy with the telephone. She could not convince the doctor what an awful thing he was contemplating. His idea was that a good dog would be a better guinea pig for research laboratories than any mutts."

"This is where Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eichler come into the story. As a true Sammy lover, Mr. Eichler (BLESS HIS HEART) could not sit idly by and see two lovely Sammies go to any pound or laboratories to help research, so he BUYS THE TWO OF THEM! Mind you, the doctor was going to GIVE the dogs away, but when a true Sammy lover comes forth, he charges for them. Neither the breeder of the bitch nor the owner are members of SCA. The Eastern Division are mighty proud of the Eichlers, as well as sincerely happy to have such fine members of the Club. A great big THANK YOU from all of us, Eichlers!"

The National Quarterly Bulletin of the Sam Club of America (according to the new ruling of assigning its publication to the various Divisions during the year) was published this month by Mrs. Estalene Beckman, the Midwest Division regular editor. In it appears the full Trophy list for the Rumson Specialty show, sent by Mrs. Ethel M. Stuke, Trophy Chairman.

It is indeed full of interesting news of interest to all — one item of which we must report here — "Mrs. Young, (President of the Midwest Division) presented Colonel E. N. Wentworth this year's recipient of Dog World's Award for Outstanding Service to Dogs."

Folks, Mrs. Mary Breatchel has sent us the following news on the coming Fall Supported Show of the Northern California Group, Pacific Coast Division, to be held in conjunction with the Eden Kennel Club.

The judge for Sams will probably be Mr. R. A. Cross who received 19 votes of the 32 votes cast by members of the Pacific Coast Division.

The following chairmen were nominated to head the committees for this show: Bench Show Chairman, Mary Breatchel; Trophy Chairman — Adrienne Woodhouse; Publicity Chairman, Malcolm Boyd; and Entertainment Chairman, Eileen Stephens.

An informal meeting of the Northern Group, Pacific Coast Division will be held at Salinas Dog Show, June 9, 1957.

The following week, June 16 will be the Richmond Show to be held at Richmond Union High School Stadium at Richmond, California.

This will be an unbenched show and Obedience Trial. Entries close Monday, June 3rd. The Judge for Sams will be Mrs. Eva Hill of Encino, California, who will also judge the Working Variety Group.

Be seeing you there we hope — would have been so happy to be with you at Del Monte and all the shows in fact — but that being impossible, won't someone give me a break and send news of them? Thanks—heaps.

Good luck—everybody!—V. L.

—Another double weekend—Oakland August 17th and San Joaquin, August 18th (Stockton)