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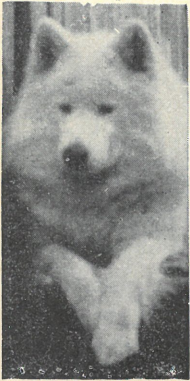
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## .. Samoyeds ..

by Vera Lawrence

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"About the happiest Samoyed owner in America at the present time is Mrs. Bernice Ashdown of Wychwood Kennels in Manhasset, New York, for as a Christmas gift Mr. Ashdown presented her with another import, the famous English Champion, Americ of Kobe, the Best of Breed Samoyed at the great British Samoyed Club Specialty Show of 1956.

Born December 1, 1954, bred by Mrs. Dorothy Perry of the famous Kobe Kennels in England, Americ is a son of Ch. Ivanoff of Kobe out of Raff's Stara of Kobe.

He comes to America with a Show Record of startling wins of achievement including—"Holder of the Junior Warrant—Winner of 4 Challenge Certificates in one year; Reserve C. C. winner at Crufts in 1956 at 13 months of age; Winner of Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at the Samoyed Association's Specialty show in 1956 under Mr. K. B. Rawlings, Judge; Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at the British Samoyed Club Specialty in 1956 under Le Comte de Savignac, Judge.

Americ won the Trophy for the Best Dog of the Year 1956—also was winner of the Kilburn-Scott Best of Breed Trophy for 1956 (for the greatest number of Bests of Breed.)

Ch. Ivanoff, his sire, won the "Peter of Kobe" Stud Dog Cup open to all in 1956, while his dam, Raff's Stara of Kobe, won the Brood Bitch Trophy offered on a similar basis.

Critiques by the above-mentioned judges are of special interest. Mr. K. B. Rawlings noted: "Mrs. D. L. Perry's Americ of Kobe—fine exhibit of the breed, dog of outstanding character, in excellent form, good head, dark eyes well set, ears nicely covered, solid pigmentation, broad front, deep chest, well sprung ribs, solid bone, firm feet well planted, moves with a good balance and freely, in good coat—excellent turn-out."

Le Comte de Savignac had this to report: "Americ of Kobe, excellent specimen all over, very good pigmentation, movement; coat of lovely colour and texture."

The general critique of the show, which would apply to Americ follows:

"As the Samoyed Standard points out in its opening passage, A Samoyed, being essentially a dog for work, should be strong, active and of graceful building . . . The final paragraph of this same British standard states that the colour should be white, white and biscuit, cream. From these two passages (key passages, I consider them) the rest follows implicitly.

"I therefore made a point of commending those dogs which showed aptitude for work, singling out those with an articulation of the shoulders and legs such as would enable them, when in motion, easily to cover the ground, also with an articulation of the leverage muscle giving proof of traction powers such as would inflict severe strain on hindquarters too rigidly built in proportion to a widely set articulation of the joints."

When one considers that since the introduction of the Samoyed in England, there are now only a few over one hundred English Champions in all that time—and that in the space of a few years since November 1949 when Ch. Princess Silvertips of Kobe came to Mrs. Ashdown—it will be noted that Mrs. Perry has generously and unselfishly parted with her finest, for the good of the breed in America. (Miss Thomson-Glover, the veteran British authority on the Samoyed breed, has often noted that they of course do not wish to part with their best)—Mrs. Perry has considered that it is to their advantage as well as ours—that the best should be sent to America—and of the six post-war import champions, Mrs. Perry has sent four of them to this side.

And now Mrs. Perry is being honored at a reception in London for the 30 years of devoted and unselfish service she has rendered the breed through the years.

We give you now Miss Thomson-Glover's tribute to English Champion Americ, which she titles:

### "A Christmas Gift"

"English Champion Americ of Kobe chosen by Mr. George H. Ashdown for his wife, Bernice.

What precious jewel could equal this? In addition to show fame, Americ has the sweetest and most friendly of dispositions. The Wychwood Kennels are already renowned with International and homebred champions. The presence of yet another should add to their wonderful record.

"At an unusually early age, Americ gained the much coveted Junior Warrant. At barely two years of age, he has four Challenge Certificates to his credit, several Best of Breed wins. They include, what is a rare distinction, Challenge Certificates at both the Association's own champion show (under Mr. Kenneth Rawlings this Spring) and also at the British Club Specialist Show, held in the Autumn (in connection with the Richmond championship show) under the French expert, the Le-Comte de Savignac, owner of one of the largest Samoyed Kennels in the world. Both shows had big entries. Another C. C. of the four was won in Edinburgh.

"Knowing well how much the writer would like to have a farewell glimpse of Americ, a close friend of the Perry family motored him all the way from Mrs. Perry's "Kobe" home just the day before Americ was to fly across the Atlantic. He was in splendid "fettle" (as people say in the North of England) full of "joie de vivre" and gloriously coated. It is to be hoped that he will maintain this coat and form in order that, on your side, you may view him as he was upon that day.

"I write with somewhat mixed feelings of this fine Samoyed leaving our shores, as so many of our best have through the generations, for though the gain is great on your side the loss to Britain is also great.

"Americ has an especial place in the writer's heart as he and the recent International Champion Snowpack Loucka of Kobe (of Wychwood) bred by Mrs. Olive Howard from Kobe stock, descend from the last litter bred here at Oakburn. They are strongly inbred to their forebear, American Champion Storm Cloud, whose influence has been so marked on both sides of the Atlantic.

"To see Americ is to covet him. May he repeat his brilliant show and stud career in the Land of his adoption, and prove a great joy to his new owner."—J. V. Thomson-Glover.

The winter months have brought much excellent Sammy picture publicity in the newspapers about the county—with sled workers predominating. A clipping from the Los Angeles Times sent us by Elizabeth Wyman of Santa Barbara, shows Blitz, Blazer and Rogue, owned by the Charles Burrs of Beverly Hills, who loaned the dogs and sled to the Santa Monica Charity League for their holiday Open House. The dogs represented "Dancer, Donner and Blitzen, for their little sled passengers,



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Susan Hines and Bobby Bell. After discharging their small passengers, the team proceeded to the Club Del Mar for an adult party planned by Mrs. T. William McCausland, Benefit chairman, and Mrs. Jack Siegfried, President.

Here is the Bay Region, the S. F. Examiner of January 8, carried a picture titled—"Pipe the Crossed Paws—He Couldn't Care Less"—It shows cute Machiko Kyo with two darling Sammy Puppies, one resting on her left hand, over which his paws are crossed in cute and typical Sammy fashion when at rest. The other pup is balanced on the young actresses' right shoulder and peering over it. They are—quote—"Happy in their work which stems from the star's appearance in "The Teahouse of the August Moon" with Marlon Brando."

Another picture is titled, "Mush, Mush," showing a team of seven Sams with Mr. Ralph Ward at the Sled. This team is being led by "Big Mike," and their owner is guiding them as they make a test run down Trowbridge St in Lockport, N. Y. — their home town. This is Mr. Ward's first year of racing, and he is developing two teams for competition. The dogs, known for their endurance, will cover 15 and 7 mile courses, according to the number of dogs in the teams. In the accompanying story, with the picture, we read: "The big white dogs, the oldest known canine breed, are being raised by Mr. Ward for racing purposes—Mrs. Ward helps develop the gentle northern dogs for show purposes.

After three years of work, Mr. and Mrs. Ward have ten dogs ready for show and racing. Their kennel is known as O'Niagra Sams. The Wards consider their two finest Samoyeds are Frost Chak, grandson of Ch. Starchak, the West Coast champion, and Elkenglo's Plumer, grandson of the late famous Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz, who was owned by Mrs. Elma Miller of Corning, N. Y.

Mr. Ward's enthusiasm for the dogs is the desire to race the dogs as teams in the sledging races sponsored by the various dog clubs throughout New England and Canada. The dogs trained by Mr. Ward when snow is on the ground, out on Chestnut Ridge or Outwater Park to exercise them and train them to obey the commands and follow the lead dog. When there is no snow, rubber wheels are put on the practice sled, and they work to equal advantage. Besides his regular work for the Government, Mr. Ward makes sleds, harnesses and leads as a hobby, and has even sold sleds to Alaska folks.

Christmas Eve, snow or no snow, the Wards' teams were scheduled to cruise the Lockport streets with "Big Mike" guiding the Sams with Santa's gifts for the children.

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Appearing in our Christmas issue were several new ads. from Sammy owners, who failed to send news items about their dogs, thus losing an opportunity to further boost their own dogs. Among these was one from Mrs. George Thomas of Idaho Springs, Colorado, who wrote us too late to make the Christmas issue. The puppies advertised by her, are daughters of Kara Queen, granddaughter of Naida of Encino. Other names in their pedigree are, Ch. Kobe-Tarko of Encino (Ch. Raff of Kobe ex Suretta of Kobe); Rhanor's Tynda of Petsamo, Kimo II, Snow Frost and Frost of Yena and Frost's Imp of Khiva. There also are Sno-White Jack Frost, Kolita, Ch. Jingo's Pride of Stardust, Pride of the Yukon and Silver Girl of Sno White. We hope to hear soon if those puppies found new homes by Christmas time—when they would be about five months old. Do let us hear about them, Mrs. Thomas.

Other advertisers not in the news, were Doris Knorr of North Wind Kennels of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; Mr. William D. Dawson, owner of that winner, Ch. Snowshoe III, of Portland, Oregon, and Marie Miller, also of Portland. The Arbee Kennels 30 years of owning and breeding Sams) at Cleveland, Ohio; The Thomas Witches of San Francisco; Billy (Mrs. Dorothy Larson of Santa Rosa, California Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. Reuter of Berthalto, Ill.; Bill and Alma Smithson, owners of King of the Snow Kennels in Los Angeles; Ethel M. and M. L. Smith of Deyomas Kennel in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

A note to the Sam owners who wrote late in



Judge Reginald Livsey awarding Best Opposite Sex at Redwood Empire Kennel Club to Russian River Vodka (Vahnka of Lewclaire ex Konchakovna) Owned by Dorothy Larson, Jean Blank handling. The following day, Dec. 2nd, she also went BO under Judge Van Court.

December that their Christmas issues had not yet arrived, may I say that due to the pre-Christmas rush of mail, magazines often receive a temporary set-back in delivery. If only we could all make WKW's deadline on time—it would be possible to hit an earlier mailing date—thus assuring early delivery of your copy. But I do hope that you will agree that it was worth waiting for. If you have not received your copy by now, there is something wrong—so do write me won't you.

By the time you receive this magazine, the J. V. Woodhouses' of Ventura will be located in their new home at Morgan Hill—where they will establish their kennels with the idea of special care for the dogs—and no regular Pet Shop. Welcome back folks to our Northern California district!

We were thrilled recently to see a colored picture (loaned us by Betsy Wyman), showing lovely Barbara Hinton with her beloved Sammy, called "Snowy"—registered name, Crissy's White Christmas Dawn., now of Santa Barbara. "Snowy" is adored by all the family, but is the especial companion of his young owner Miss Barbara.

Another picture loaned us by Betsy, is of Mrs. Morony's two lovely Sams—Margaret and "Little Un." We do not have the pedigree on these dogs, but so admire the lovely heads and faces on them.

Betsy tells us that her sister Eleanor's Nona, now 6 months old, is a real "personality girl".

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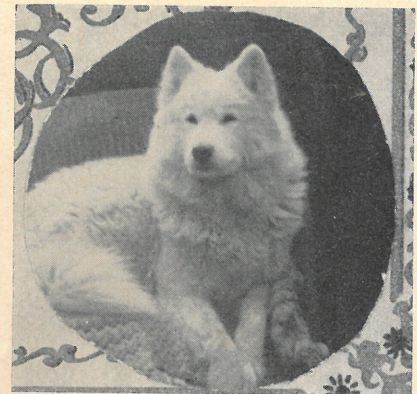
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Her mother is the imported Snowland Vanola, known as Teena. She carries a huge coat, and at 9 years of age, is full of that gaiety like Crystal had at that age.

**Springtime Is Show Time!**

With Spring just around the corner, we are reminded of the many shows that will be on the calendar now, starting with Westminster—the big Eastern Show. Off-hand, others come to mind, with Oakland's Great Annual All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial coming March 2, 3. As usual plans are being made more and more for the Exhibitor—and yet, I am sure that none could improve upon the excellent benching facilities at Oakland—with its wide aisles which make for comfort for both dog and exhibitor, and easy viewing of the dogs by Mr. and Mrs. Public! This year there will be the cherished ONE Day only benching for your particular breed. There will be prizes for Best decorated benching, and many other attractions for all. Judge for Sammies will be Mr. McQuown of Midwest fame, a veteran judge who has never before to our knowledge judged Sams at Oakland.

You will still have time to enter your dog after reading this item—so enter NOW.

Following Oakland will be the Arizona shows and the huge International Kennel Club show in Chicago. More of them, later.

Recent news comes from Mrs. Ethel M. Stuckey, Chairman of the Trophy Committee for the Eastern Division of the Sam Club of America—which will sponsor the Club's National Specialty Show on Saturday, May 25th. The place—the picturesque and well groomed grounds of the Rumson Country Club in Rumson, New Jersey — facing the great Atlantic Ocean.

Entries from every Division of the S. C. of A. are hoped for, assuring it of being a really National Specialty show.

The plans call for premiums for almost every possible entry — with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places covered in all classes. It is expected that trophies will be offered for the dog traveling the greatest distance. So plan now, to contribute a trophy or cash contribution toward the Trophy Fund, to make the Premiums as tremendous as it is hoped the entry will be.

Take it from me folks—Spring in the Eastern part of the United States, is really something to enjoy, I've lived there, and loved it.

Of course there will be many other shows coming up—but at present, these are the ones that are a MUST in your show plans.

See you at Oakland—I hope. — V. L.

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Your new "copy gal" is hoping to hear much of interest from the field. Any breed column is good because of the contributions sent to the writer. If you want to read more than my own observations and personal knowledge, send me material. I do NOT know all there is to know about Saints. I have been associated closely with them for almost half a century, having had 2 brothers at birth, one a St. Bernard, the other just a boy. The Saints of my family, were our playmates, and until my husband and I started our own family of Saints nearly 20 years ago, I had accepted them like Topsy — "they just grewed." I have read everything I could find to read on the subject, talked to as many authorities as I have been privileged to meet, and written for information to many. We carry out the instructions of a veterinarian who has cared for more Saints than any other, in the area, to the letter, in raising our own pets. We have no kennels, we share a half acre and a nine room house with 2 of the lovable big dogs.

Our first litter is anticipated in March, the kind breeders who have allowed me to be present during their whelpings, are my experience together with, "book larnin," we have no qualms though, because we do have the very best obstetrician for Saints, on call, in the veterinarian who is really in charge. We are combining the finest blood lines in America, for the mating, which has not just happened, but been planned for, for 3 generations. Wish us good luck, for this new phase of our hobby. As novice breeders, we enter into the project with abject humility, believe me.

We welcome all contributions on the breed, and hope to present an interesting section with your help.

During the last year the local Saints have made a good showing, with 2 championships finished for Don and Virginia Graves of San Jose; Sevarg's Amboy V Lion O'Or and Sevarg's Apollo V Lion D'Or. Dolly and Paul Wallbank of Concord finished for champion their bitch, Sevarg's Berni V Questor. In obedi-

ence CD degree for Victoria Alexandria owned by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Bowman of Campbell. A CD degree for Sevarg's Dixie V Lion D'Or owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McMillan. Both of these obedience dogs are the result of the patient training of LeRue Grim. A trainer and instructor with five clubs of active training classes to fill his evenings, and every hour of his days, proportioned out to private training of dogs. He certainly does not need the St. Bernard field to make a living, and to take us, and work so carefully with the big breed gently and as quickly as possible getting a pattern of obedience set for showmanship is a compliment to us as a breed club. The fee is the same, for all breeds and many of the instructors would find no time for Saint, with applications at hand for half a dozen smaller breeds. The need for training in the big breeds, is paramount. You can't pick up a feisty Saint, you can hardly hang onto the lead and stay with them, and to be able to control one, with a command is wonderful. As one of the owners, I humbly thank LeRue Grim for accepting the challenge of the training of the biggest and (when trained) truly the best, breed.

Stateside, for brief visits from the Islands, were the Bob Elliots and Jimmy Guest during the holidays.

In the Bay Area, The Saint coat has shown a decided change in winter shedding — almost denuding the rough coats and patching the smooths. Have patience and keep the brush busy, it is perhaps climatic not functional and new coats are right there under the skin, regular daily growing and a good diet, will make fine new raiment for the big fellow. We have found that lanolin applied with a mist spray while brushing, is beneficial for the dryness. Keeping the dogs from scratching and avoiding secondary infections is important. The worst flea year, recorded, has not helped coats, but the bloom of new fur is there, groom daily to bring it out satin smooth.

With our '57 Specialty Show for the Pacific Coast Club scheduled with the Oakland Kennel Club All Breed Show, March 2 and 3, the publicity afforded our breed is gratifying; in Dec. on TV Art Baker took us on a personal viewing, of the hospice of the Great St. Bernard Pass in Switzerland. We met the hospice dogs and the Fathers, saw the kennels, the chapel, shared a meal in the great austere dining hall. It was a wonderful program for all of us in the breed, and truly educational for anyone. My father visited the hospice with Joe Fleishlie's grandfather many years ago, and the St. B. stories of my family were part of our bringing up.

National Geographic for January '57 has a fine section on the Saints, 13 pages of pix, some exquisite color plates. If you are not a member, try to get a copy from a friend or watch the used book stalls, later. The November issue 1919 had a fine article and 20 years later, we were delighted to pay \$45.00 for a copy, a real collector's item for the breeders' library.

We are very fortunate to be the owners of "Rescue Dogs of History." March, the OKC showtime, is the month of campaign for the Red Cross drive. Mrs. Peter Tripp Oakland Chapter Chairman will introduce the St. Bernard cart dogs, who will be performing as the true working dog they are, in rides for children, attending the "One and Only Dog Show," with contributions going to the Red Cross fund. The Saints in America have worked with the Red Cross for many years, and we, the guardians of this fine working breed are honored with the privilege.

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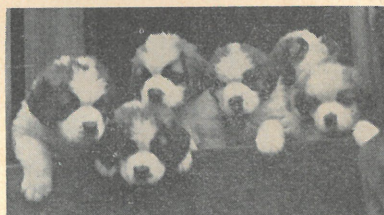
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