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SAMOYEDES

By Miss Vera Lawrence

In view of the fact that the entire East Bay region is "up in arms" of the wholesale slaughter of its dogs—innocent victims of its so-called "phantom poisoner", the following letter received by the writer from the Chief of Police of Berkeley, J. A. Greening is quoted in hopes that other dog owners may derive benefit from the message.

Dear Friend:

As a dog owner and lover, you are naturally vitally interested in anything which affects the well being of your friend and pet, the guardian of your home and the protector of your children, your dog.

The recent epidemic of dog poisoners extending over the entire East Bay area, is a matter which has given the police departments much concern. We are extending every effort to apprehend and prosecute the person or persons responsible and, what is more important, to bring to an end this inhuman practice.

Due to the very nature of the crime, the apprehension of the criminal is extremely difficult and we are appealing to you to aid us in our efforts. Regardless of how alert the officers may be, the hundreds of dog owners in Berkeley can see infinitely more than the sixty police officers who are divided into three shifts throughout the day and night.

For the protection of your own dog as well as the other dogs in this city, will you therefore please join us in our efforts to observe these few simple rules:

1. Make regular checks of your premises and those nearby at regular intervals, and always check in the mornings before letting your dog out. The common method of distributing poison, so far as we know now, is by the use of meat balls, frankfurters, or mixed meat and vegetable patties with the lethal dose sandwiched inside. Sometimes such bait is wrapped up in a small paper, or is laid unwrapped at the corner of a lawn, or under a hedge in such a manner as would escape the casual glance of a person but would be quickly located by the dogs' sense of smell.

2. Keep your dog close to home, preferably in your own yard, or if away from, on a leash.

3. Be suspicious of any sign of illness in your dog, no matter how slight and take steps to investigate it. Strychnine, the commonly used poison, causes the dog to suffer quick convulsions and develops a highly nervous condition, followed by a paralysis of the hind quarters, and in its death throes the dog throws its hind legs backwards to the extreme and its head up and backwards to an unnatural position. Arsenic, occasionally used by a poisoner of animals, but more often picked up by accident from ant or gopher poison bait, causes the dog to vomit violently. This poison is a slower acting one and has a corrosive effect on the intestines. The simple first aid remedy at any indication of poisoning is to administer an ample dose of cooking oil followed by an emetic. These steps will counteract the action of the poison and eliminate most of it from the system, depending on the time elapsed and the amount of poison received.

4. Preserve for the police department any bit of evidence which may come to your

attention, such as suspected poison or poisoned food, or the suspicious activities of any person you believe may be the poisoner. The personal description of any such a person should be obtained and, if he is using an automobile, its description and license number.

5. Report immediately to the police any suspicious circumstances that comes to your attention in connection with this problem. The telephone number of the Berkeley Police is Berkeley 8000.

With the sincere hope that our combined efforts may bring results in the near future, I am, very truly yours,

J. A. Greening, Chief of Police.

Mrs. J. S. Jenkins of Oakland, whose Sammy, "Chubby" fell victim to the poison fiend reports that he has improved greatly, although he seems to be internally tender and hasn't as yet regained his usual happy attitude.

But now for some happier news:

Maelcheck, Mel Harris' gorgeous Big Boy, has just returned from an extended trip with his master in northernmost points in California, where he sported in the snow and other two in the American River was included wise enjoyed himself to the fullest. A swim in the program of sports, in fact, the sight of a body of water is like a magnet to Maelcheck—a leap and a bound and "Big Boy" is in, swimming gracefully and with powerful strokes, striking out with those "webbed" feet and covering distance in short time.

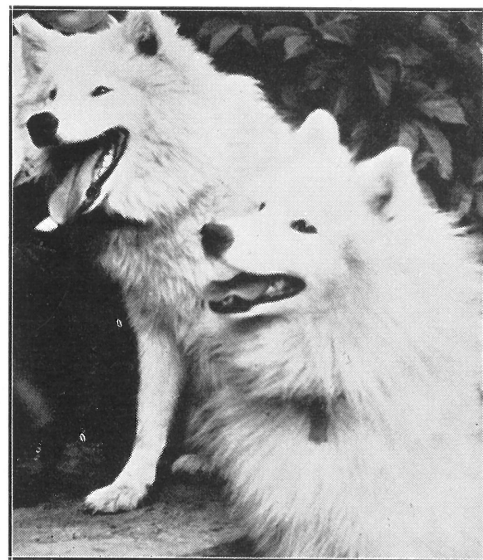
Our picture this month is of Pedlar and Sabarka of Farningham, owned by Hrs. Helen S. Harris of Philadelphia, Pa., from whom we recently the following delightful letter. My dear Miss Lawrence:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 31st, I am glad to send you a picture of my Sammies. I should like to subscribe to your Western Kennel World if you will kindly enter my subscription and send me the bill.

I am always happy to tell people of my

darling Sammie, for they are my chief hobby, and a never failing source of joy and interest.

Our first one was bought as a pet for my small daughter. We were walking in Hyde Park in London, one fine morning when suddenly she darted from my side and threw her



PEDLAR & SABARKA OF FARNINGHAM
Owned by Mrs. Helen Harris of Philadelphia

arms around the neck of one of these great white dogs! I was terrified, not knowing the breed and fearing she would be torn up, I ran up to pull her away, but found this lovely strange Samoyede peacefully licking her face, while she crooned softly to him!

Of course that started it! We must have one like him, and inquiring from the owner where she had gotten him, we were soon down in Surrey at the kennels of Miss Keyte Perry, buying our first Samoyede, "Pedlar of the Arctic", who has so endeared the breed to us that we have come to wanting to raise these delightful creatures.

The next year when again in England, we went to visit the famous Farningham Kennels, and got two blessed babies, Sasha and Sabarka of Farningham. Dear Sasha died following a poorly done distemper inoculation, but Sabarka has grown into a splendid fellow with a great stand-off coat, and a super-dog intelligence. He is being trained for sledge work and takes to it so readily that I believe he will make an excellent lead dog. He pulls 2½ times his own weight with great ease. A beautiful little sledge is being built for us up in the Pocciano Mts., and a set of harness of linen webbing, which is very comfortable. It is our ambition to raise, and race, a team of our own breeding.

Starshaya, the lovely little daughter of Ch. Storm Cloud ex White Sprite of the Arctic, bred by Mrs. Horace Mann, who has such splendid dogs, is now a fine "big girl", with great dark eyes, a wonderful plummy tail, and most excellent feet—and we are hoping for a splendid litter from her the middle of March, sired by my lovely Sabarka of Farn-



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ingham. Her name, Starshaya, is a Russian word meaning eldest, as she was the first born of that litter! Just about that time, too, we are expecting a "little lady" from England. Miss Keyte Perry has promised us her lovely Ice Crystal of the Arctic, by Ch. Loga of the Arctic ex Ch. Arctic Dawn, and mated to Ch. Leader, before sailing. This lovely bitch, though only 2½ years old has already two Challenge Certificates to her credit, one of which she won at only nine months of age over Ch. Kara Queen, her famous kennel mate, and her second, over Ch. Edelweiss.

We are all anxiety for her safe arrival, and her litter should be outstanding. Our newly founded kennel will be a busy place this Spring!

I am very eager to have this lovely breed that is so beautiful, so kind and so intelligent, better known and appreciated, and when I have enough to sell, I want to advertise them extensively, more to help the breed than for selling purposes, as the puppies are so charming that they really sell themselves, and my anxiety is how I shall ever manage to keep enough for a team, with so many people wanting them.

With kinds regards, and thanks for your letter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Helen Harris.

We might say here, that at a recent meeting of the Samoyede Club of America, Mr. Frederick B. Eddy, president, a vote of thanks was unanimously and enthusiastically extended to Mrs. Helen Harris for her publicity work during the year.

We are indebted to Mrs. C. H. Quereaux of Long Island, N. Y., for the following news of the Westminster Kennel Club show with Louis Smirnow, Judge.

"A Westminster has come and gone—25 Samoyedes against 22 in 1934. A happy judging and a happy get-together of the clan. The wins were as follows:

Puppy class—1st, Tarquin, owned by Robt. F. Keegan; 2nd, Storoz, same owner; 3rd, Tamara of Stolzenfels, owned by Grace Grimley.

Novice class—1st, Norka's Levson, owned by Norka Kennels.

American bred—1st, Bruson, Norka Kennels, owner; 2nd, Weoff of Stolzenfels, Jos. Derb., Mass.; 3rd, Rezvy, Robert Keegan, owner.

Open dogs—1st, Ch. Norka's Moguiski, Norka Kennels, owner.

Limit dogs—1st, Dobrynia, Robt. F. Keegan, owner; 2nd, Norka's Chushka, Norka Kennels; 3rd, Siberian Valeka's Brue, Capt. C. P. Hanson, owner.

Winners dogs—1st, Norka's Moguiski; reserve, Dobrynia.

American bred bitches—1st, Tania von Stolzenfels, Jennie H. Williams, owner; 2nd, Kona, Robt. F. Keegan; 3rd, Norka's Dagmar, Norka Kennels.

Limit bitches—1st, Khasi of Avec of Norka.

Open bitches—1st, Norka's Pascova; 2nd, Norka's Lubinicy, Robt. F. Keegan; 3rd, Norka's Dutschka, Norka Kennels.

Winners bitches—1st, Norka's Pascova; reserve, Tania of Stolzenfels.

Best of winners and best of breed, Norka's Moguiski.

The following bits of news from Mrs. Quereaux explain the wins more fully.

"Every show brings in a new dog who attracts interest—this one brought keen interest in four dogs.

The baby first, Mgr. Keegan's Tarquin 2nd, a dog of striking beauty, beautiful head, lovely dark expressive eyes—well coated, sturdy strong legs built for speed, a body which stack up with the best of them, a tail

well carried and well plumed—a dog of gorgeous promise, first in the puppy class, well up in consideration for higher honors, picked by the judge in the ring and every judge at the ringside as excellent. May that pup go far, and it is my conviction it will.

The Lady next—Mrs. Williams' Tania von Stolzenfels. This young bitch, not quite 16 months old, almost a champion, shown the first time in this area I believe, won much favorable comment. Her body yet that of the maiden bitch, but with excellent head and conformation. She is a bitch of great promise.

Norka Kennels' Bruson, not a new dog—the dog with a jinx—always just under the winning run, and yet with probably more actual championship points won than many champions of his kennel. A champion a few years ago until ten points were lost because of an error in entry blanks. Always interest centers in Bruson, and always a win is applauded. A good dog, his owner may well be proud of him.

The winner, Moguiski, an outstanding winner wherever shown. A champion at a very youthful age. I do not believe anyone could dispute Moguiski's right to this verdict.

The judging was an excellent job—it seemed to meet the approval of all."

Further news bits of comment so kindly sent us by Mrs. Quereaux will be continued in our next issue of the Samoyede news column.

SPRINGERS—(From Page 10)

dog, Ch. Fermagh, the Third ex Ch. Rockingham Rita Law.

At the Silver Bay Kennel Club's Show Clipfort Press Agent was best of breed and best of winners. Bob Elliott's Elysian Empress went winners bitch. Reserve in dogs to Elliott's Elysian Esquire; reserve in bitches to that nice puppy belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Porter Miller. She was sired by Clavert Play Boy ex Carlos Cielita.

Clipfort Press Agent is a good young dog and at the age of 13 months has eight points to his credit, having won a five point show under Earl Krueger of Portland who judged the specialty classes at the last Ambassador.

Mrs. Watson of Minnesota writes that Menhall's Kosonog Joe was best of breed in good company. At St. Paul under G. Thomas the best of breed went to Ch. Trent Valley Lucky Strike. And Valley Cress Marksman, a son of Lucky Strike, went winners dog. At the Mankato, Minn., show Lucky Strike again went best of breed and a young eleven months old son of his in Lucky Chance went to winners dogs, the latter owned by Mr. and Mrs. Watson. Congratulations on the excellent win.

Mrs. A. J. Di Vita of Santa Cruz reports her Elysian Patti heavy in whelp to Ch. Inveresk Clip and also reports that she has almost the entire litter booked as soon as weaned, good luck to you Mrs. Di Vita.

Frank Greene of Glendale plans on bringing out a lovely female in the near future, recently we had a look at her and she is plenty good and should do a lot of winning. She is sired by the late Ch. Dilkusha Roy ex Boghurst Gun Girl, we wonder if Frank hasn't got a few more staked out in the country like her.

Paul Yoder (Smithville, Ohio) writes that he has a nice list of Springers. There are seven brood matrons and youngsters of all ages. His bitch, Queen of Yoders (by Ch. Jamison of Ware of Wyona of Avalon) bred to Int. Ch. Belmoss Cocksure, and has hopes for something good.

News Flash—From Newark, New Jersey, Ch. Hope, English Springer Spaniel, owned by Mrs. R. G. Sternberg, Clipfort Kennels, Ventura, Calif., best Springer Spaniel at Newark, New Jersey, defeating many champions and winners of the Chicago Specialty.

Hope won five points at Newark making a record in that she won two five point shows in two days: Westminster and Newark. This win has never been equaled by any dog of this breed. At Westminster the win was under the English Judge, Hon. Wm. McCandlish, of London, and Edward Dana Knight of this country.

Ten champions are owned by the Clipfort Kennels, many of whom, Hope among them will be on exhibiton at the Ventura show.

COCKERS—(From Page 9)

Mr. Rosemont says he wants a real Cocker Page, in the Western Kennel World. Do you? The writer can not do it alone, I need your help, in both news from you home or kennels and your ads. Will you send one or both to me at 7462 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles. Remember this column is not written on any personal basis but from the standpoint of news and that means everybody, come on folks, and give Les what he asks for. Your doings written to me by the 15th of the month means news. Thanks!

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