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Samoyeds

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Our Samoyeds in the Middle West are doing fine work for our breed with their splendid publicity in the newspapers. We have before us a full page display, taken from the "Neighborhood Section" of the Chicago Daily Tribune of Thursday, April 26th.

There is one picture (showing Blitz, his owner and her spinning wheel) captioned: "Blitz, a five-year-old Samoyed sits contentedly by while his mistress, Miss Ruth Kilbourn combs out his shedding hair to be spun into a fine yarn for clothing. Blitz, like many others of his breed, is accustomed to having his hair turned into gloves, hats and top coats."

Another picture is titled: "First step from dog hair to spring coat is carding of hair. This is done to remove lumps and roll hair so that it may be attached to spinning wheel." A third picture is a splendid "close-up of the work involved in spinning. It is titled: "Patience, nimble fingers and a flying foot help Miss Kilbourn turn out yards of soft yarn on her spinning wheel. Yarn may be run thru wheel several more times to increase its ply."

The caption on the fourth picture says: "Miss Kilbourn displays lovely top coat made from Samoyed hair. Blitz contributed a large amount of hair for this garment."

The story by Gordon Winkler found on another page, is titled: "Samoyed Is Just A Sheep in Dog's Clothes." It reads in part: "The Samoyed is a big, handsome breed of dog that can be much more than a pet. The fortunate owner of one of these dogs not only has a loyal companion and a sturdy watch dog, but a source of handsome clothing."

"The Samoyed, which hails from Northern Siberia, has a thick coat of white hair that easily is spun into a soft, fluffy yarn. A south side resident, Miss Ruth Kilbourn, has had eight Samoyeds and she has the wardrobe to prove it."

"A number of years ago she purchased her first Samoyed from a New Jersey kennel after reading an advertisement. She has not been disappointed in the breed."

"Miss Kilbourn now has two of the dogs, Northern Light of Snowland, known to his friends as Blitz and Prancer of Breezewood, who is called Preenie. The dogs are five and four, respectively."

"The dogs, part of a lusty breed raised to herd reindeer and draw sleds, are extremely friendly. They live in complete harmony with Miss Kilbourn's five cats and 15 year old duck, Fluffy."

"Miss Kilbourn said the dogs shed their hair periodically and almost all owners save the hair. 'It makes a textile similar to angora and

closely to provide a great deal of warmth, she said.

"Miss Kilbourn is secretary of the Midwest Division of the Samoyed Club of America. She said the club has more than 300 members, many of whom spin their own yarn or send the dog hair to other members who do the spinning."

Another very nice piece of publicity for our breed appeared in the Illinois State Journal and Register. This article was illustrated with a picture of Sandra Laughery with her three Sams: Silver Kola (Pride of Yukon ex Samona Molly), Frosty Kola (Pride of Yukon ex Siberian Snow-White Fairy) and Kolita (Pride of Yukon ex Silver Girl of Sno-White)

The article reads in part "Most people look on dogs as pets or luxuries, or just pleasant companions for their children—but Sandra Laughery of Rochester (Ill.) appreciates the many ways dogs prove themselves of great value to mankind."

"Sandra's pets are Samoyed dogs, Siberian in origin and related to no other breed. They are beautiful, of gentle disposition and have a love of understanding of human kind and an unflinching sense of loyalty."

All these characteristics are a part of every Samoyed dog's character.

"The Samoyed dog was first introduced into this country by a princess who received a grown dog from a Russian grand duke. This dog was registered in this country in 1906 as 'Moustan' and others of these dogs found their way into Europe through breeders who had visited Siberia."

"In World War II the Samoyed breed served as sledge dogs. Their snow white color blended with the landscape so as to make them almost invisible. Now they are being trained as 'Seeing Eye' dogs and again their dazzling white color is an advantage."

"When taken in the house the Samoyed makes an ideal pet, and constantly amaze with their intelligence and clever tricks they pick up by themselves. Sandra had a five week old Samoyed puppy given to her and trained him among other things to sit in her lap. Now, a year later, he still wants to do so. She has two Sams she hitches up to her wagon and sled and they pull her for miles." Sandra was scheduled to appear on the Junior Journal and Register of the Air Talent program late in April on Station WCVS, the subject matter of her talk to tell of the outstanding merits of this breed of dog, one of the oldest domestic breeds in the world, the Samoyed, termed the "Beautiful Dog of the North."



CRICKET OF SNOW SHOE HILL— (By Jack Frost of Snow Shoe Hill ex Imp. Snowland Vision). Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pervelier of Sayner, Wisconsin, owners.

much softer than wool,' she said. Miss Kilbourn believes she is the only Chicago owner of the breed who regularly spins the wool. She gives most of the items made to friends.

"She has made mittens, scarves, sweaters, vests, and hats from the hair. A handsomely tailored woman's topcoat, some of which had formerly kept Blitz warm during the winter months, was exhibited at a recent dog show."

"When her dogs begin to shed, Miss Kilbourn combs the hair out with a metal brush. The soft balls of hair are carded by hand to remove lumps. When lumps are removed the hair is rolled and spun into yarn on a spinning wheel."

"By subsequent spinnings Miss Kilbourn can make the yarn two, three or four ply. Last year she began a weaving course at Sherman Park, 53rd Street and Racine Avenue."

"The yarn also lends itself well to crocheting and knitting. Garments made from it are quite as fluffy as angora but the yarn can be woven

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"I have four Samoyed dogs for my pets. Their names are Silver, Frosty, Fairy and Jewel. In January, Jewel had five puppies which looked like little polar bears when they were born, but quickly grew to be butter balls of snowy white fur.

"Frosty is our house dog, and has learned many tricks in order to get our attention. Once, when I left some pieces of my jig-saw puzzle on the floor, he picked them up and brought them to my mother. We petted him for doing such a good deed, and immediately he decided there was a new way to get noticed, so brought us several more. Becoming suspicious, we watched to see where he was finding so many 'lost' pieces. To our surprise we saw him calmly go over to the end table where the whole box was sitting and help himself to yet another piece.

"This spring, when my mother hurt her back and could hardly get around, she called Frosty, put on his lead chain and told him to 'heel.' By holding on to him she managed to do some of the work. He patiently made trip after trip with her through the house and even 'led' her out to the kennel to tend to the others. I taught Silver to 'sit up' and now he begs for 'handouts' while we are eating.

"Samoyeds are one of the oldest breeds of dogs known, being found thousands of years ago in the country we now call Iran. When the Nomad people of those early years moved northward, they took their dogs with them, and finally settled in Siberia. There they lived with news of this friendly tribe and their beautiful white dogs. As guardians of the reindeer herds the Samoyeds shared their Masters' food and shelter, and learned to love and serve mankind.

"Years of Arctic living has given the breed a dazzling white coat which sparkles in the sunshine as if it were tipped with silver. In color they range from all white, to white with biscuit markings. Each Samoyed has a thick undercoat of soft wool to protect him from severe cold: this can be combed out in the spring and some breeders have it spun into yarn, from which all sorts of articles can be made, such as sweaters, socks, mittens, or even coats. The yarn is strong, but very soft, can be boiled, without shrinking, and can be dyed any color you wish.

"The Samoyeds are now being trained to lead the blind, since they learn easily, and their white color attracts so much attention. One trainer writes that after thirty-nine years of experimenting with other breeds he finds the Samoyeds are the best suited for 'Seeing Eye' dogs, combining all three necessary qualities—dependability, intelligence and loyalty!"

Out on the Pacific Coast, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawes' two youngsters Bunky of Lucky Dee and his litter sister Vrai of Lucky Dee (Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum ex Ch. Faustina Fauna), not yet a year old, are making history for their folks. Vrai has (we believe) completed her necessary championship points and is awaiting

confirmation from the American Kennel Club.

At the Los Angeles Kennel Club Show on April 28-29 with seven dogs and five bitches



WHO'S A DIRTY FACE!
Sonia of Cornice (By Snowland Taz ex Tosca of McGee)

present—Bunky of Lucky Dee was Winners Dog with two points, and on to Best of Winners and Best of Breed, while Vrai was Winners Bitch.

The following week, May 6th, at Santa Cruz, Judge Wyman Tyler placed Bunky of Lucky Dee as Winners Dog, with Reserve going to Ladmielck (Ladoga of the Valley ex Mielchka), owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hampton. Winners Bitch was Vrai of Lucky Dee, with Reserve going to Mrs. Blanche A. Poletti's Balinka of Encino (Ch. Kunto ex Suretta of Kobe). Best of Breed was Vrai of Lucky Dee, Best Opposite—Bunky of Lucky Dee. (Ten Sams entered.)

It must be added that this pair, always shown in gorgeous coat, is just a year old May 23rd. This we believe, is a record hard to beat.

Another record that will be hard to beat, is that made by Pratika of Top Acres (Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz out of Ch. Sparkle Plenty of Arbee) born October 15, 1949, bred by Ruth Bates Young and handled by her at all shows. Pratika is owned by Mrs. Luck Forbes of the Midwest Division.

Pratika's record reads as follows: competed in 6 shows March 17th to May 5—completed championship with 16 points.

1.—March 17 — 18 Chicago-International Show — 42 Sams — Judge McQuown, from Novice to Winners Bitch and Best Opposite — 5 points.

2.—April 1 — Indianapolis — Judge Alva Rosenberg — Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed and 4th in Working Group.

3.—April 8 — Toledo — Judge Cuneo — Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex.

4.—April 15 — Dayton — Judge Lindsay — Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite.

5.—April 28-29 — Cleveland—Judge Rosenbaum — Winners Bitch and Best Opposite (15 Sams entered.)

6.—May 5-6 — Birmingham, Ala., Judge McQuown — Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed.

Record—6 shows—2 Best of Breeds and 4 Best Opposites.

At Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. Douglas Palmer's Dimitri of Snowdrift (son of Mrs. Young's Ch.

Frost Star, C. D.) was Winners Dog with 5 points.

Pratika's call name is "Bo" or "Bo-Bo"—her registered name in Iranian means "White Rose" signifying beauty and color.

But folks — from Mrs. Mabelle Allen over in Japan comes a friendly challenge. She says — "if Pratika can do that — our Narguess and Yasmin will be able to set the world a-fire." We hope to have a picture of Pratika for you soon.

Another Sam whose picture we should like to offer in this section is of Dr. Iven's Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz, whose record shows him to be one of the outstanding studs of the present day. Please, Dr. Ivens, won't you send us a picture of this noted Sam?

An appreciated letter has reached us from Warren Shelley, owner of Sego Shagg and the other Ken-Warr Sams of Saginaw, Michigan.

Shagg, whose picture appeared in our Christmas W. K. W. was Best of Breed winner at a local show, following that win with a fourth in Group under Ed McQuon. Shagg completed his obedience class work in Bay City, Michigan where he took 194 points out of a possible 200 — the highest scoring dog in all classes.

Mr. Shelley reports that his brother's puppy bitch (from Altai Kennels) was Winners Bitch at Flint, Michigan and Best of Breed at Detroit, winning the lovely silver tea service donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg of Detroit.

We hope that this young Sam, who became ill shortly after Chicago show has quite recovered from her illness.

And a welcome letter from Miss Juliet Goodrich (owner of the Snow Shoe Hill Sammies) gives her interesting comments on the Chicago Show.

Miss Goodrich is looking forward to breeding Reena of Snow Shoe Hill (by Jack Frost of Snow Shoe Hill). Reena is a nice looking bitch now 15 months old — well proportioned, strong and sound. Reena's head is most like her sire's than any head in the two litters (15 puppies) he has sired.

Miss Goodrich writes—"as soon as I decided

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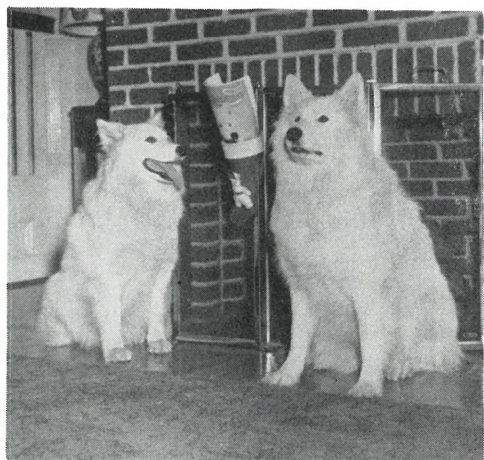
to take Nimrod down to the show I tried him out by having him drive in town with me when I went to the market. He did not seem much frightened even when I walked him around on a leash. But the dogs that barked at him seemed to worry him very much. He would sniff the air and glance around uneasily — seeming to look right through them — and I was beginning to get worried about his eyesight. When my butcher's little black cocker ventured up to make friends — Nimmie was delighted and there was much tail wagging. After that, it was all right. The young Samoyed had made a great discovery. All dogs are not white!"

Miss Goodrich's letter, written late in April, mentioned that there was still two feet of snow on the ground (at Snow Shoe Hill) with another 3 inch fall during the night. Only the dogs enjoy it — I doubt if they would care if summer never came.

Our first picture this month shows Cricket of Snow Shoe Hill (Jack Frost of Snow Shoe Hill and Snowland Vision) now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pervelier of Sayner, Wis. The picture was sent us by Mrs. Joseph Kimpflin (sister of Mr. Pervelier). Mrs. Kimpflin writes that her brother and his wife are "Sammy sunk" since they received their first Sammy. Two days after Thanksgiving they bought Miss Goodrich's Cricket. Mrs. Kimpflin says — "it was love at first sight when her sister-in-law first saw the Sams on Labor Day — of all the dogs at Land O'Lakes she fell for Cricket. And when they took her home to Sayner — no other dog was ever allowed the privilege of resting on a best soft" with its priceless afghan throw. But now that's changed Cricket showed her new folks — but good!

They left her alone on New Year's eve — when they returned they found — Yes, you guessed it — she had chewed a hole right in the center of the afghan! The next time they left her alone she had chewed the corner out of the afghan and for good measure a piece of an all-wool blanket! So — she taught them a lesson — now she goes everywhere with them.

Cricket's new folks have about 180 acres in the North Woods over which she can roam — including a lake from which she "helps" to ice-fish in winter. She loves ice-fishing — and



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gets so excited helping to dig away the ice from the hole — once the Mr. has it started. Then the fun begins. She pulls out the pole to steal the bait which she immediately buries in the snow.

Then there are long walks in the winter woods. When Cricket gets tired floundering in the deep snow she runs up to the Mr. and sits on his snow shoes! Wise gal! No sitting in the snow for her!

There will be fun a-plenty when Betty and Joe Kimpflin with their 3, Leja, Tchory and Ch. Chuckles of Breezewood, visit Cricket and her folks for a summer vacation. Betty wants to know whose vacation it's going to be! Guess they'll be going along just for the ride.

Down in Santa Barbara, Elizabeth Wyman owner of Snowy Dawn (Crystal), her daughter Belinki, and grandson Strazha (by Guardian of the Arctic) not only owns and works her own spinning wheel but also owns her own loom — and is practicing weaving wool yardage — in preparation for weaving the Sammy wool into cloth.

Elizabeth is making plans to try to obtain a good entry of Sams for the Santa Barbara show — coming late in July.

But don't forget, folks, there's a show at Richmond scheduled for July 1st (always a nice unbenched show held on green lawns), with pleasant breezes blowing in from the Bay to keep it cool for both dogs as well as all exhibitors. Later in July is the Vallejo Kennel Club show — another enjoyable show — this one is benched — and the following Sunday is Santa Barbara. August brings the San Mateo show — and so, although summer time is not the best time for Sammy coats — its a swell opportunity to judge the dogs under the coats.

Incidentally — is there anyone can let us in on the secret of what enhances the coats on the Sams owned by Hazel and B. P. Dawes of Cupertino? Whatever it is — it has many virtues!

It is a recognized fact that one of the Pacific Coast's most outstanding bitches lost to our breed through her untimely passing, was the Charles Tucker's imported Suretta of Kobe. Of a most lovable, sweet and yet reserved disposition, Suretta was loved by all who knew her. She was shown under 5 judges — and had 9 points toward her championship.

At present there is at Tucker's an excellent litter of puppies out of Tynda of Petsamo, sired by Tar-Ko, son of Ch. Raff of Kobe out of Suretta of Kobe. Some of the pups were spoken for even before the whelping. All pups seem to have lovely heads like their sire.

Mrs. Tucker has recently become owner of one of the daughters of Belinki by the Joe Marshall's Guardian of the Arctic (Ch., we believe). Her name is Polar Dawn. She and Pat — a 9 months old son of Kunto ex Suretta — have a grand time playing from morning 'til night. This young Sam is certainly a Suretta dog.

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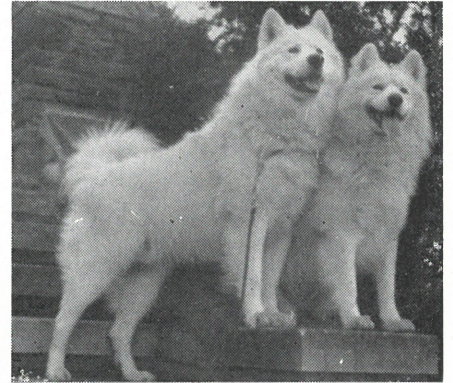
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The Tucker Sams are now enjoying their new home at the new address 5324 White Oak Avenue, Encino. The horse barn has been turned into a kennel with runs 75 feet long. Cement floors have been put into the stalls which are inner lined — a heavy bedding of straw on the floor helps to keep the dogs nice and clean. Then they exercise out in the walnut grove about two hours each day which keeps them in fine condition. The hay barn has been turned into the puppy house with a yard in front of it — so with all that space to romp in they are a husky, happy bunch of youngsters.

Lots of good luck in your new location "Billy" and Charles Tucker.

Next month more show reports — including Mrs. Levant Brown's report of her visit with Elizabeth Wyman and their attendance at Santa Monica show. Also the report of the meeting of the Southern California members of the Pacific Coast Division late in May. Be seeing you—V. L.

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