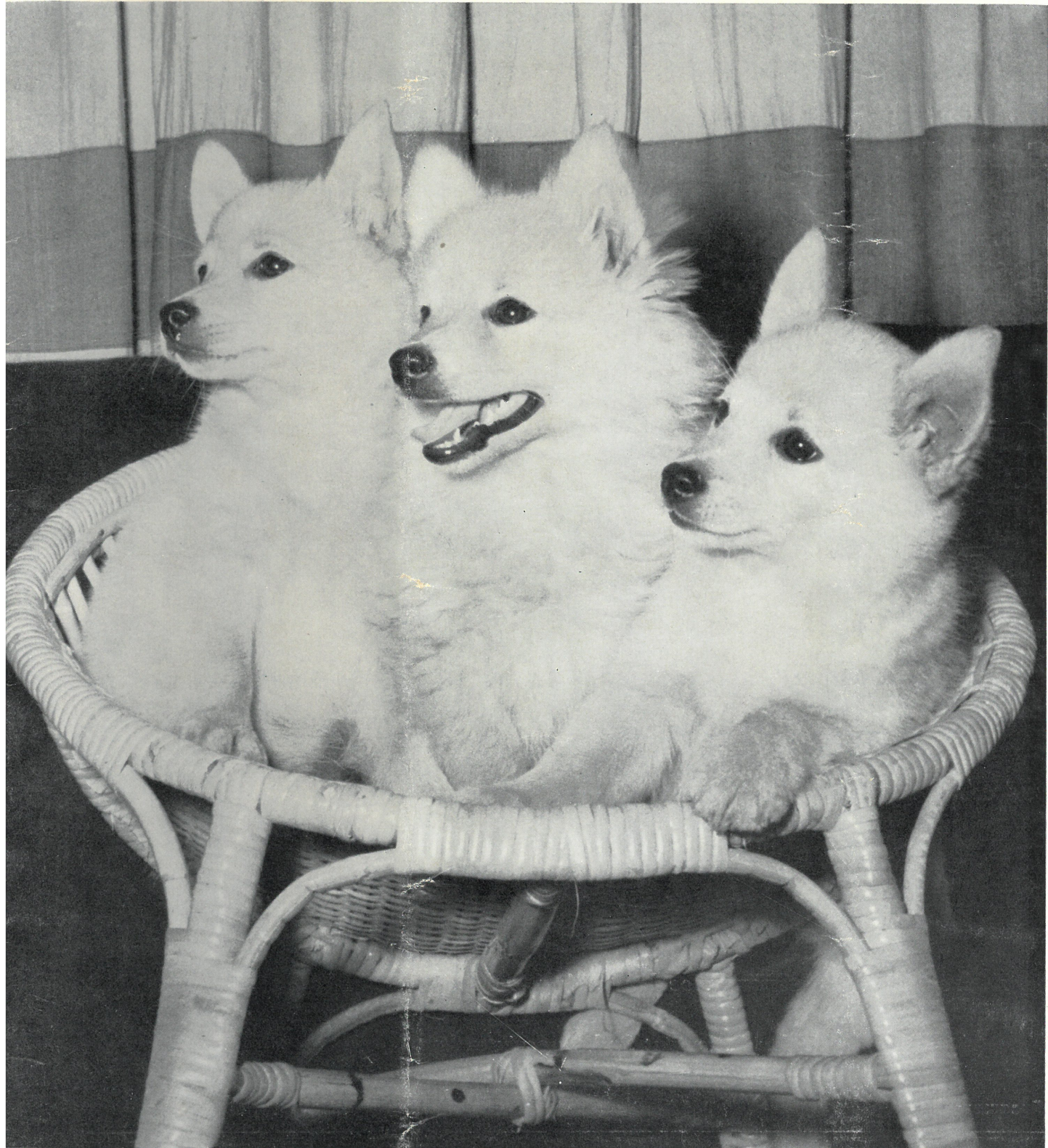


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Happy New Year—Everybody!

As we close our Sammy records for the year 1955 we look forward to 1956 with the continued hope of bringing to you our readers—news and pictures of our many present day Sams—and stories of the past which can be

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I wish to thank all of you who loyally helped to further interest in our breed during the year and say a particular "thank you" to those who helped to make our Christmas issue possible and to Mrs. Barfield, a grateful thank you for the cover page. Sorry folks, but it was just impossible for me to write my usual Christmas issue advertising letters this year—only managed to answer those with inquiries. I especially regretted having to omit several too, too late arrivals, including a lovely photo from Lois Rayner of her veteran Ch. Chinde of Caspar and his new companion, the young Novinka of Wimundstrev.

The following "Report on the National Specialty" was sent us by Mrs. Gertrude Adams of Los Angeles, Publicity Director of the Samoyed Club of America:

Report on National Specialty.

"The Fifth National Specialty, this one held in Los Angeles on November 27, was a spectacular exhibition of Samoyeds. The entry of 92 was the largest breed entry in the show and the special class of Champions and winners was a sensational sight.

"Benching was blue and white foil—with attractive name plates for each dog. Knitted and woven garments were exhibited near the entrance and colored slides were projected showing Sams in action.

"The dinner on the previous night was an enjoyable success. Table decorations and favors were beautiful and the food was delicious. Everyone was in a jovial mood and no business was discussed.

"The visitors from other divisions were most welcome—and everyone agreed that it is wonderful to meet the people we read about and see their Sams in person. Among those attending were Ruth Kilbourn from Chicago, the Claude Morgans and Lucy Schneider from Indiana, Lucy Forbes from Kansas City, Ethel Smith from Wisconsin and Goldie Klein and Marie Mueller from Seattle."

Elizabeth Wyman, who sent a valued marked catalog of the winners, wrote: "The dinner was very nice. Mrs. Hill is to be congratulated on the beautiful decorations, Red tulle Christmas trees, trimmed with tiny colored balls were placed along the center of the table. At intervals in between were tiny ceramic sleds, each pulled by 3 Sams with Santa Claus driving. There were gay tulle-trimmed nut cups at each place, a truly lovely table.

"The visitors from distant places who were introduced at the dinner were—Mr. and Mrs.

Claude Morgan from Indiana, who won the prize for coming the greatest distance, Mrs. Lucy Schneider of Indianapolis who brought her imported new Ch. Snowland Ell-Tee Barika, Mrs. Lucy Forbes from Kansas and Ruth Kilbourn from Chicago had no dogs with them, but Mrs. Ethel Smith of Wisconsin brought Ch. King of Wal-Lyne, while Miss Goldie Klein and Marie Mueller of Seattle brought down Ch. Polaris Pan.

"There was a fine display table of Sam articles of clothing and there was also a continuous exhibit of colored slides of Sams, past and present, which was very interesting."

We note that in the list of 15 entered for Specials only, there was only one absentee. Those competing were: M. L. Smith's Ch. Samara's Czarina, Mrs. Ethel Smith's Ch. King of Wal-Lyn, Lucy Schneider's Ch. Snowland Ell-Tee Barika, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward's Ch. Startic Storm, Alma E. Smithson's Ch. Smithson's Snow King, C.D. and Ch. Sergei's Drujak, Victoria Wheelock's Ch. Nicolette of Altai, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr's Ch. Tarko's Kazan of Encino, Mrs. Barbara M. Clarke's Can. and American Ch. Kador Superbus of Khandor II, Gene Bennett's Ch. Sergei's Barchenok, Charles M. Blank's Ch. Cheechako of Whitecliff, Percy Matheron's Ch. Omak, Georgetta Evans' Ch. White Mist of Bel Air, Goldie Klein's and Marie Mueller's Ch. Polaris Pan, and Mrs. A. E. Mason and Mrs. Aljean M. Larson's Ch. White Way's Silver Streak.

Of this group of Sams, Judge Alfred Loveridge (Canada) gave the prize for Best of Breed to the son of Kikmik of Oceanside ex Tod-Acres Starlet, Ch. Polaris Pan, owned by Goldie Klein and Marie Mueller.

In the classes, the winners of first were: Puppy Dogs, Jr.—Percy Matheron's Omak II of Whitecliff; Puppy Dogs, Sr.—Bernice Large's Thunder Boy; Novice Dogs—Dale and Dianne De Hart's Daqueri; Bred by Exhibitor Dogs—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr's Winter Trail Blizzard; American Bred Dogs—Margaret Tucker's Winter Trails Rogue; Open Dogs—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr's Winter Trail Blazer. Winners Dog—Winter Trail Blazer—5 points; Reserve—Winter Trail Blazer.

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Veteran Dog—First, John E. Poletti's Ch. Samoyland's Sergei, C.D., also Stud Dog class. Veteran Bitch—First, Edwin L. and Gertrude Adams' Ch. Suzanne of White Way—(three in class). Brace Class was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr's splendid brace.

There will be two big shows coming early in the year, one at Chicago and the National Specialty to take place in Seattle in February.

The Pacific Coast Division plans to get behind its Northern California group and sponsor the classes at the Oakland Kennel Club show to be held March 10th and 11th at the huge Exhibition Building opposite the Oakland Auditorium.

Trophy applications have been sent out in the mail, and it is hoped that Oakland will have an outstanding entry of Sams for this event.

Among Our Folks

From Cupertino, California, Bill and Hazel Dawes report that their Ch. Faustina Fauna whelped a litter of puppies on November 2nd. On the 3rd, Zel had her litter, and on November 12th Ch. Vrai of Lucky Dee had her puppies. This is the first time that Lucky Dee has had more than one litter per year. It will be an interesting experiment to watch the development of the different litters — (and we'd say—lots and lots of work for Hazel!)

There is also a visitor at "Lucky Dee," Kodiak Babe from Kodiak, Alaska—"a lovely bitch" that could no doubt go places in the California shows. Hazel writes—"A letter from her folks states that they had a windstorm 80 miles per hour—with temperature 20 degrees below zero with snow. The day before "Babe" left Kodiak, she barked and barked about 2 A.M. arousing the family, who live on the second floor, who found the stairway was ablaze. Prompt action by the fire department prevented serious damage and no one was hurt—due to the warning given by the family guardian—Kodiak Babe. Special commendations to that fine young Samoy—a real credit to our breed!

Mrs. Edna Strong of Tucson, Arizona writes

"We are very proud of our 5 1/2 year old Silver Taz who made his C.D. degree with only 3 weeks of backyard training by Bill Tapocct of Phoenix, Arizona." (We all agree with Mrs. Strong that Sams are the Smartest and most beautiful of all the breeds!)

Larry Soper of North Hollywood tells us that they recently shipped their Yata to his mother in Alberta, Canada—and she has now whelped seven fine Sam puppies which have taken the countryside by storm—there are 5 boys and 2 girls in the litter. Ch. Chimen-Tagh is continuing his wins in Southern California, going Best of Breed at San Diego and Santa Ana and Best Opposite at San Bernardino and Pasadena. Mr. Soper, along with his many other duties has recently been elected to First Vice President of the Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America.

The Sammy bitch imported from Mrs. Westcott's Snowland Kennels by Mrs. Antoinette Callahan of Dunellen, New Jersey, meets with the full approval of all who have seen her. This little "lady," fondly called "Buttons" stands between 20 and 21 inches high, has lovely dark eyes, rims and lips, a beautiful straight back line, good bone, good hocks and pasterns. Her coat is thick and even and she has the smallest tufted ears you could wish for. She has been very easy to train and already she and Tinker are great pals."

Good luck with your new "lady" Mrs. Callahan—and lots of show wins!

A welcome note from Mrs. Lee Breatchel formerly of Saratoga, tells us that they have just returned from a visit to her folks in New York and brought back her 9 year old niece for an extended visit. Mary writes that the Bells (who own two of the young Sams whelped by our White Christmas Kara over a year ago at Saratoga) brought them to show her.

She says the male has a beautiful head, good bone, gorgeous coat, good legs and is about 22 1/2 inch tall. The female — only female in the litter of 8—is very much like her mother "Sassy"—with very dark black points. Mary and Lee are now located in San Jose and have only a few of their Sams with them — more of them later.

We were thrilled to hear that at the National Specialty show in Los Angeles the Veteran Bitch Class was taken by Edwin and Gertrude Adams Ch. Suzanne of White Way—the over 8 year old daughter of the late Ch. Petrof Le-

banov ex Ch. Herdsman's Faith, bred by Mrs. A. E. Mason and Mrs. Aljean M. Larson of White Way Kennels in Sacramento. It is noticeable that all three entries in the class were whelped in 1947, with Suzanne topping them in age. "Susy" has been a consistent winner for over 7 years. Congratulations, Ed and Gertrude!

Through the kindness of Ruth Kilbourn of Chicago, owner of the imported Ch. Deyomas of Ibur, we have obtained a new subscriber to W.K.W.—Mrs. Ernestine Murphy of Chicago, who has become owner of a new Sam to replace one that she lost in August. W.K.W. answered Mrs. Murphy's wish for information on our breed.

We have been given permission to publish from a late Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Division (Marie Mueller, editor) the following article on a virus disease that has taken a great toll of puppies during the year. Marie says—"Goldie and I had an especially difficult two months while our 2 bitches were suffering from this disease. The one contracted it about the time she whelped and for 2 weeks we hand-fed her litter, only to have them all develop it and die of the disease.

The other was under such heavy medication the week before whelping that all but one of the 8 were born dead and that was too weak to survive. The veterinarian warned us that this was inevitable, but it still was a blow to us.

The bitches required care and medication constantly through the worst of it—for three weeks I stayed with them nights, in my sleeping bag right beside them. Goldie and I observed a self-imposed quarantine—going nowhere that we might contact dogs — and allowing no dog owners to visit us for weeks.

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tal are practically completely well again, and I guess it is a minor miracle."

Congratulations, folks—upon your well-earned relief from the pressure.

The article follows:

"In the late part of the summer there was particularly high incidence of a virus disease in the Seattle area, and we hear it was also found in other parts of the West Coast. Many of the dogs affected had such light cases that their owners were not aware it was more than a few "off days" but others were affected severely, and some cases were fatal. Particularly hard hit were young dogs, those already weakened by other illness, and pregnant bitches or those having recently whelped. There has been a sharp decline in the number of cases recently, and the danger of infection is greatly diminished, but I feel it is not amiss to list the symptoms in order to help you to protect your dogs against exposure, or to procure early treatment if they should contract the disease in case of a recurrence of the epidemic, perhaps next summer.

"I do not profess to know much about the disease, and I do not present the following statements as facts, but as conditions which appear to be true from the experience I have recently had nursing two bitches through a long siege of it, which cost them both their litters and almost their lives; and from statements made by two competent veterinarians, each of whom attended one of our bitches. Each of these two men worked independently on one of the cases. Both admit they do not know what it is, but they have seen plenty of evidence of what it does. Some of its symptoms resemble those of known diseases, but the entire syndrome has its own pattern. It is possible that it is a mutation of some familiar virus, but much laboratory work is needed before it can be accurately classified. In the meantime, veterinarians can only treat it symptomatically, and hope to find something to which the patient will respond favorably.

"One of the earliest noticeable signs seems to be a slight watery mattering of the eyes, followed later by a discharge from the nose. This is usually accompanied by diarrhea and loss of appetite. On our Sammies, whose black points present such contrast to their white fur, a fading of the eye rims is usually evident, and sometimes the lips, also. In some dogs it progresses no further, appearing to be nothing more serious than a slight head cold. In others this stage may linger for a week or more, during which time the dog seems neither well nor very sick. The next development brings extreme swelling of the eyelids, making the eyes themselves seem to

sink deep into the head. They become painfully sensitive to light and exude a heavy discharge of pus. The conjunctive is congested, and carotitis (opacity of the cornea, making the eye look white) may develop, or in extreme cases even ulceration of the cornea. From the nose comes a viscous yellow or greenish substance which hardens and cakes in the nostrils, making breathing through the nose difficult or impossible. Its flow is so constant that keeping the dog's nose clear is a constant chore. At the same time the outside skin of the nose thickens and hardens and the inside membrane swells and turns pink and very sensitive. Congestion in the lungs is also a possibility, and a light, dry cough seems to be one of the symptoms. The glands on the sides of the throat swell painfully, and the dog refuses to eat anything, sometimes even to drink anything. Each of our bitches went through a two-week period during which she ate absolutely nothing except a few bites daily we forced down her throat with our fingers. During this time diarrhea continues, and of course, the dog becomes weaker daily.

"Fever is not necessarily a symptom. One of ours had extremely high fever for a long time, but she was also suffering from a uterine infection. The other never had a temperature above normal during the entire course of the disease—one reason, perhaps that it was well advanced before we realized the seriousness of her condition. I know of one other case in which a dog ran a high fever, but he also was suffering from another infection. The veterinarians report that some cases do seem to run a fever with this virus.

"It seems the first outbreak of such magnitude as to attract notice was in California in February. The spread northward was recorded

by many communities in California, Oregon and Washington, where it reached epidemic proportions, and it struck hardest in the Seattle area in August and September. One veterinarian's theory that warm, dry weather fostered the spread of the disease seems to be supported to some extent by the apparent decline in new cases since the coming of some rain and cooler temperatures.

"It is not known with certainty how the virus is transmitted from one host to another, but evidence seems to indicate that it is by direct contact. Until it is known whether contagion lurks for an extended time about the grounds or premises occupied by an infected individual, or whether it can be transmitted by body excrement, I advise extreme caution. The vaccines and sera in current use for protection of our dogs against disease are of no value against this one. Let us hope an effective one will soon be developed.

Even some older dogs have been victims; one fatality in this area occurred in the case of a five year old dog. Perhaps our dogs will be able to build up a resistance to it in time, and I know the veterinarians of this area will continue to study and experiment, to exchange data, and learn to treat future cases as efficiently as possible.

That's all for now, folks, next month we hope to continue with the "Dogs of the Ages" and perhaps some early Pacific Coast history of the breed.

A Happy New Year to All!—Vera Lawrence.

SAN MATEO LHASA APSOS

San Mateo had a record entry of 12 Lhasa Apsos this year. A good way to end our breeds showing in Terrier Group. Our next show will be in the Non-Sporting group.

San Mateo resembled a puppy match as four of the entry were seven months old and four had just passed out of puppy class recently. For most of these it was a first time show. Your correspondent has long admired Tenzing Of Lost Horizons and at this show the little fellow came out of those lost horizons to show as he had never shown before. He is owned by John & Daisy Ellen Frazier. He placed Winners Male, B.W. and B.B. [Since submitting the original copy as presented above, Mrs. Liebmann informs me that, unfortunately, this win was cancelled by AKC because of a typographical error in the entry, and WM and the three points went to the Reserve Winner Las-Sa-Gre's Hijo D'Al Tirito, owned by Floy and Glenn Bagley . . . H2] W.B. went to Fu La Simpatica owned by Eloris V. and L. R. Liebmann. (This bitch now has her AKC championship certificate.)

The fine response of new entries holds great promise for the breed in the future. New owners told me at the show that they will go on showing and others that they would start to show. With a few of the old timers back on the scene too 1956 should have lots to report on Lhasas.

Maria-Theresa Olsen has asked me to continue with the Lhasa news as we move into Non-Sporting Group. It has been nice meeting the Terrier breeders in other breeds and we will see them again. I appreciate the way some of you sent news to me as we got started on Lhasas and hope that you will continue. Merry Christmas will be a thing of the past when this goes to print but a Happy New Year and may it be a pleasant one for all. I think I heard Capt. Berry add an Amen to that.—L. R. Liebmann.

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