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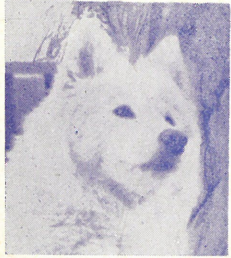
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## .....SAMOYEDS.....

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Hi Folks — and a happy 1960 to each one of you—Sorry that we are again postponing Chapter III of our Pacific Coast Sam history. Fact is, it can not be written in a few days and I am sure that each one of you have shared the same sorts of odds and ends of things to do before the Holiday Season, interfering with your duties.

It is through the kindness of our WKW editor H2 that I have been allowed to crash the deadline like this.

So for this time we shall stick to recent happenings—and give you what facts we can.

First, let us take the notes from Mrs. Byron Lewis' letter which arrived too late for our December news columns—though we **did** manage to get in the picture of Ch. Sweet Darlein of Byrillian (see page 69 December issue).

Mrs. Lewis wrote that Prince of Shilka was 13 years old on November 10. Had a severe heart attack on November 2 "from infected teeth" it was said. Given wonder drugs and the teeth pulled brought him back beautifully. No more heart pills necessary and he is gaining weight and is again full of pep.

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So glad the car accidents in which the Lewis' were involved were not too serious. Seems like you never can tell when someone is going to "goof" and involve innocent parties who were following the laws of the road.

Before going farther—I'd like to give you this bit of verse sent me by Mel Fishback for W.K.W.—the title?

REMEMBER ME?  
A Sam Lover.

I am a work-type Sam, I am  
And I don't look like a woolly lamb!  
My back doesn't stretch from here to there  
And I'm not loaded down with extraneous hair.  
My feet point straight, my shoulders are tall,  
I've got lots of muscles and no fat at all.  
My back is straight, my croup slopes down,  
I've got the toughest feet in town.  
When you pat my hip, I don't say Ouch;  
I rise up with ease from a forcible crouch.  
My feet fly low and smooth and straight,  
And I travel **fast** in my natural gait.  
I glide like quicksilver at gallop or trot,  
A "Rock and Roller" I'm definitely not.  
My legs are just nice, not toothpick or clunky,  
My body is lithe, not puny or chunky.  
Another virtue with which I'm graced  
Is a nice tucked-up line from my chest to my waist,  
And while on the subject, I'm deep, rather narrow,  
My legs from the front are as straight as an arrow.

My nose isn't short so I can't get my breath  
And my disposition won't scare you to death.  
I'm full of life and fast on my feet,  
I gobble my kibble and wolf down my meat;  
If somebody's going, I've got to go too,  
(And I'll probably get there much faster than you).

I'm neither a midget nor an elephant  
And I can go places those two types can't.  
Folks who look at me say "What do you know,  
That dog looks like he could win in a show!"  
I'll tell you a secret, I think that I could  
If judges judged **WORKING DOGS** the way that they should.

Some other news from Mel. "I think it is interesting (I just learned this recently) to discover that Canadian and English breeders measure dogs at the **shoulder** rather than withers, which makes a lot of difference in interpretation of the standard. A Canadian breeder informed me that by the Canadian system (of measuring, his dog is 21¾ inches tall, but by the U. S. system (at the withers) his dog is 24 inches tall or in other words **OVER** standard. This means that if an American exhibitor shows a fairly large Sam (by U.S. standards) in Canada, he

can be quite sure that his dog will still be eligible to compete under the Canadian standard. In fact, according to the measurements we have done on our own dogs, we find that some of them would be **within standard** in Canada or England but **oversize** in the U.S. The difference between shoulder measurement and withers measurement is much larger than anyone would ever imagine. The one thing I would like to be shown is exactly where on the top of the shoulder blade the measurement should be taken.

I think the above may explain why we so often hear than an imported do is "huge"!—amazing everyone, of course—and why people so often say "He was too big, that's why they sent him over here"—they don't realize that there is such a difference in the measuring systems. Actually the English and Canadian bitches must be considerably taller than ours to make standard size, for our 19 in. bitch could stand as short as 17 inches by the shoulder measurement system—well under standard in Canada and England! One English breeder wrote us that a pair of champion females she owned both would be **well** over the American size limit if they were measured at the withers.

This certainly knocks down the old theory that the English breeders always bred little Sams. It also explains why they viewed with some horror the "new" standard in the U.S. which permitted the 23½ inch dog—if measured at the shoulder this dog could stand as tall as 26 inches in our country!

Somehow your Sam editor has had the impression—and it has certainly proved true in so many cases—that so many of the British imports have not been large, in fact the famous Ch. Storm Cloud imported by Miss Elizabeth Hudson weighed (by British report) 60 pounds—and he was considered **large**. We'll give you some other authentic British Samoyed measurements at a later time.

Mel continues "Samwise we've had some nice visits recently—we spent two days and a night at the Allens, in Murphys. Larry and Ruth Soper were also there, with their Sams Tag and Misty, and we all had a fine time making plans for the Ebbets Pass division of the Mother Lode Sled Dog Race. Larry showed his good old movies of Sams working in Southern California to all of us and the Allens' other guest, the Calaveras County Supervisor who is very interested in promoting sled dog racing in that section.

"Incidentally, the races will be held on the first weekend in March 1960. The first day's events will be held at Soda Springs, California. This will be a ten-mile cross-country race over a broken trail, open to all, with some nice cash prizes and trophies and a good load of free dog-



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food for every entrant. The second day will be near Arnold, California, on the Ebbets Pass road—a fast sprint race over a five-mile course, plowed and packed, plus other shorter events which are still in the planning stage. The Allens have wonderful support for the races and should present a fine list of alluring trophies and prizes to those who attend. The distance between the two sites is about 100 miles, and since the Soda Springs race will end fairly early on Saturday morning, there'll be plenty of time for the team owners to enjoy the scenic drive over snow-free roads that go through some of the most picturesque gold-rush towns in California, and then to get settled and rested up for Sunday's events.

"We also enjoyed visits with the Wade Powells and the Spatholds recently—but are pretty worn down after so much driving!"

From Helene Spathold comes the news that the Wade Powells of San Rafael, Snow Ridge Kennels, are quite elated these days as they miscalculated the number of points of their White Way's Juliet O'Snow Ridge, only to learn recently that Julie had completed her championship at the last show she attended, San Mateo, Northern Group of IPCD supported show, where she was Winners Bitch for a 3 point major and unknowingly completion of her championship under Mr. John Cuneo. An exceptionally nice and surprising Christmas gift, as this is Snow Ridge's first champion and the 22nd (or 25th I think) Sam bred by Mrs. Agnes Mason and Mrs. Aljean Larson's White Way Kennels of Sacramento, California to have made its championship.

Over the December 12 and 13th week-end had a pleasant visit from Mel and Lee Fishback of Nevada City. Drayalene Sams sure learned how to wear a harness.

"On Saturday, December 12, a combination of Sams from the Wade Powells of San Rafael and Spatholds of Irvington made up a 5 dog sled team that brought Santa Claus to the Town of Irvington (District of Fremont City) by sled team in the First Irvington Businessmen's Parade. The rain had no dampening effect on the excitement or cheers of the literally hundreds of children to see Santa Claus come to town, see the sled-team on display and receive candy and gifts from Santa."

(Had a call from the San Francisco Examiner for information as to where to find a Sammy

sled team for some publicity pictures. Was happy to be able to mention the Powells' team. VL)

The team consisted of as follows:

Lead dog — Drifting Snow of Snow Ridge (Ch. Kamo of White Frost ex White Way's Juliet O'Snow Ridge)

Left Point—The now Ch. White Way's Juliet O'Snow Ridge (Rex of White Way ex White Way's Sisero's Beaux)

Right Point—Prince Tyson of Snow Ridge (White Frost's Tybo ex White White Way's Juliet O'Snow Ridge)

Left Wheel—Cardinal of Snow Ridge (litter brother of Drifting Snow)

Right Wheel—Rokandi of Drayalene (Ch. Yurok of Whiteliff ex Ch. Silver Crest's Si-kandi)

Pictures of the team in action have appeared in the San Jose Mercury and the News Register.

A delightful bit of news comes from Elizabeth Wyman of Santa Barbara, who promises us a picture of Binki (Belenki—by Ch. Starchak, C.D. ex Snowy Dawn). Binki is now in her 12th year—but still has the lovely head of her youth. Her brother, the famous Ch. Rainier, one of the first Pacific Coast bred Sams to place 1st in the Working Group, has recently passed on—to join Betsy's other Sams she had so cherished—Crystal (Snowy Dawn) Strazha and Sally. Rainier has left several promising looking progeny to carry on his line.

Elizabeth reports of having recently seen "Snowy" (White Christmas Dawn) (son of "Bori"—Ch. Borealis of the Far Steppes ex "Crissy" (Dragoya of Wimundstrev).

With "Snowy" was his 11 month old son who will without doubt be as large as his grand-sire Bori and a handsome fellow, with that beautiful head like Crystal's (a family trait) and is as sweet dispositioned as Snowy. Snowy has always loved to play with puppies and he and "Tiger" (his son) play happily together, tho the son is now about 2 inches taller than "Snowy". We hope for a picture soon.

From our sister state, Alaska, comes a greeting from Mrs. Idesta Green, of the Green Star Kennels in Spenard, Alaska (a close neighbor to Anchorage). Mrs. Green reports that they have

started building a Boarding Kennel, to be heated etc. When completed it will be called the Green Star Kennel's Doggie Motel.

Lots of luck with your venture, folks!

Had a most welcome letter from Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crosley of Morrison, Colorado. So glad to know they enjoy the Sammy columns in W.K.W. and anticipating the arrival of the December issue. A picture of their "Broken Bow Ranch" house showed a most inviting looking home spot for any Sammy—one of which was shown standing in the doorway, named Sparkle of Broken Bow.

Mr. Crosley writes—"We had one or two of the dogs at the Trading Post every day for two months. They really attract people, many of whom had never before seen a Sammy. We took more orders for puppies than have even been born here.

One of the latest arrivals to make its home at Broken Bow Ranch is Kobe's North Star of Encino — an 11 month old — from "Billy" Tucker's Kobe's Rog-Asta of Encino and Winter Trail Blazer. The Crosleys are making big plans for him to become the leader of their sled dog team. More news from Broken Bow soon again, we hope.

It was like "old times" to hear again from dear Peggy Ruick of Pentwater, Michigan—tho sorry to hear that both her gorgeous Sirius of Breezewood and Tish of Krimthuser (a daughter of Ch. Nova Sonia of Kobe) passed on during the year.

Sirius was 12 years old. Pentwater, writes Peggy, is a snowy place outside but warm and cozy inside.

It is a picture of Peggy and the late S. K. Ruick's late Ch. Prince Kofski that represents our breed on the letterhead paper of our Samoyed Club of America—a noted winner from Indianapolis, Indiana.

From Ann Winslow of the University of Wyoming, comes a letter saying—"I am grateful to the giver of this best of presents, a copy of the Christmas Western Kennel World—with its pictures of so many beautiful Sammies that my heart ached to own even more than the dozen I have."

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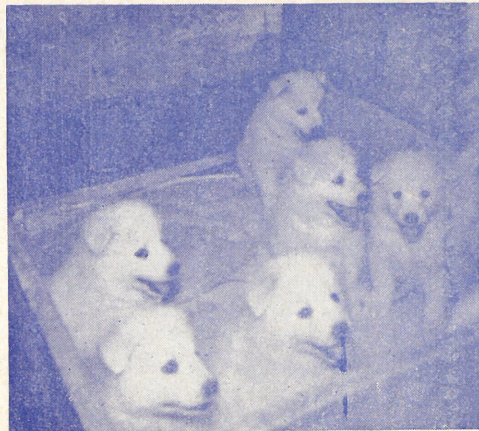
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Puppies whelped October 11, 1959

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It is this Sammy editor's belief that Mr. Higley of Burley, Idaho may be the donor.

Ten puppies shown on page 69 have as their sire a male from Miss Winslow's Kennels, Parasha's Prince Dyri.

Miss Winslow has ordered a copy to be sent to Mrs. Carl Avery of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The members of the Samoyed Club of America are indebted to Miss Louise Ayers, daughter of Tom Schneider, our Samoyed Club of America treasurer, for "keeping up" the duties ordinarily performed by her father—who is again hospitalized from a heart attack suffered on the trip home from a Danville, Illinois show on December 6th.

Mr. Schneider will be hospitalized for several weeks—and Miss Ayers writes—"The membership dues are coming in, and each day I mark the file cards and then mail out the membership cards the next morning on the way to work.

I sincerely hope that the Club Division will bear with me until Dad can once again take over."

We can only say—many thanks Louise—you are doing a swell job for our members.

Northern California Group Meeting—  
at home of Larry Soper, President.

A letter from Mr. Larry Soper, President of the Pacific Coast Division, Samoyed Club of America, reports that—"A group of 41 members and guests met at our home for a pre-Christmas open house party (December 20, 1959 from 5 to 9 P.M.).

The "price of admission" was a toy suitable for a hospitalized child. Barbara Bennett and Leona Powell volunteered to deliver the toys to St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco.

It was a very pleasant gathering and accomplished a great deal towards generating good-will which is one of the goals set for Pacific Coast Division for this year.

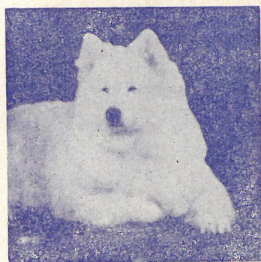
There was considerable comment on the decorations. We had our entire house framed with strings of colored lights. The central theme was a 5 foot lighted star shining down on 3 illuminated angels.

I want to publicly express my thanks and sincere appreciation to all those members who contributed such a variety and quantity of food."

In order to stimulate interest in the ranks of the newer exhibitor, I have decided to offer a cash award of \$25.00 to the dog (or bitch) that has garnered the most points during the year, based on the following:

- 1 point for a class win.
- 2 points for a Winners Class win.
- 4 points for Best of Winners.
- 8 points for Best of Breed.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS



"CRISSY"

Ch. Guardian of the Arctic x Belenki  
Gr. Da. of Snowy Dawn — 10 points  
Gr. Gr. Da. of LENSEN of SNOWLAND

Vera Lawrence

610 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, Calif.

This award will be open to Pacific Coast Division members only, and points will be calculated from January 16, 1960 through October 23, 1960, both dates inclusive. Champions of record as of January 16, 1960 will not be eligible. The award will be made at the annual meeting. An important and presumably interesting meeting is planned for the week-end of January 23-24, at Murphys, California, hosted by 2nd V.P. Jim Allen. This will be a dinner meeting, followed by a board of governors meeting and general meeting. Entertainment will follow. The following day (Sunday), is being set aside as a fun day. A number of us will have our dogs with us for some sled work training. I'm certainly looking forward to this meeting.

On February 27th, I will be in Los Angeles as the guest of the southern group. This is in line with my plans to conduct four meetings with that group, again in the interest of inter-group harmony.

I must mention the litter of puppies sired by my Ch. Startindas Chimen-Tagh. At this time, there are 5 bitches left. I feel they are by far the best puppies Tagh has ever sired.

Their conformation is excellent and they appear to be slated for real good coats. They are now 7 weeks old and very alert. This breeding is predominately White Way with an out-cross of the Kobe line.

A welcome letter from Mrs. Dorothy L. Perry, President of the Samoyed Association of Great Britain, assures us that it will not be too long before the publication of the "Pedigree Book"—compiled by Mr. W. E. Lloyd, will be a reality. She hopes that folks will understand the delay—caused by the magnitude of the undertaking—including delays caused by checking and re-checking for accuracy.

On top of it all—Mr. Lloyd undertook the work on the book only as a "work of love" for the breed. It is needless to say that it will be a Pedigree Book unique in its every chapter.

I personally am looking forward to seeing a copy.

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Mrs. Dorothy Perry, it will be remembered, has been owner of the world famous English Kobe Kennels for many years—and has exported many of the famous Kobe dogs to America, including Mrs. Bernice Ashdown's famous English and American champion, Ch. Silvertips of Kobe, and the present famous stud at Wychwood, English and American Ch. Americ of Kobe. Others we could mention, Freda Powell's late Ch. Raff of Kobe, the Morgan's Team Leader of Kobe, Mrs. Mason's Ch. White Way of Kobe, and in Southern California, Mrs. Margaret Tucker has imported several fine ones, including the bitch Wanda of Kobe, Snow Cloud of Kobe and Alaskan Queen of Kobe.

Mrs. Perry advises that since the resignation of the Hon. Overseas Secretary, Mrs. T. McElnea Westwood, Miss Aida Goodchild has been appointed to that office.

And now, folks, may I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year—and the fulfillment of your heart's desires for those Samoyeds that mean so much to you.

And further, I hope that your continued interest will reach out with increased ads, in W.K.W.—one time or contract ads will assist us in giving you just what you want in Samoyed news. Just keep writing me, won't you. Thanks, and Happy Showings!—V. L.

"Traffic Officer: 'As soon as I saw you come around that curve, I said to myself, 'Forty-five, at least.'"

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