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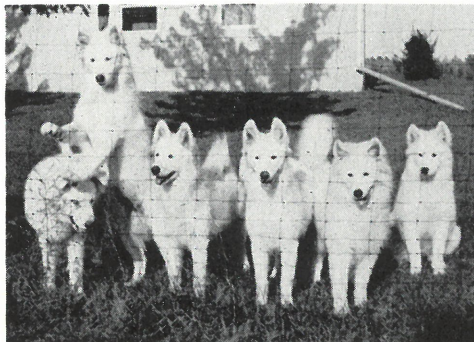
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The Second National Specialty Show of the Samoyed Club of America was held Sunday, August 3rd at San Mateo, California, with an entry of 86 Sams for Mr. John W. Cross, Jr., of New York to judge, falling short of the record Sam entry at Long Beach in 1950 when a group of 110 competed for honors under the expert judgment of Christian Knudson. It is possible that the stiff entry fee for San Mateo had its part in reducing the number of entries. In fact many expressed surprise that the clubs holding specialty shows were requested to state their number of entries before the increased entry fee was made known.

However, we shall say that Mr. Cross met a quality class of Sams from which to choose his best with a half dozen or more absentees. That Specials class was one to give anyone a headache just trying to do his best. Any one of those entered in the class could have been given the coveted Best of Breed ribbon and from our observer's spot we could see how the judge almost made his choice only to reconsider a moment—his final choice went to the many times Best of Breed winner—Ch. Verla's Prince Comet, owned and shown by young Shirley Ann Hill of Arcadia, California. Congratulations go to this young lady who had also taken Best of Breed with Prince Comet at the First National Specialty two years ago.

May we make a suggestion (voiced by several) that the rules of courtesy at a dog show suggest that no one exhibitor bring special attention to himself or his dog by pulling out of line and taking the spotlight. Such an infringe-

ment of the rules of common courtesy should be penalized. Surely in a horse race every horse in line must toe the mark, why shouldn't dog shows



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be run in an equally efficient manner?

It was a pity that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker could not be present (because of Mr. Tucker's illness), to see those many splendid Sams from their kennels taking honors for the day.

Winners of the First were: Jr. Puppy Dogs, Virginia Poletti's Sergei's Drujak (Ch. Samoyland's Sergei, C.D. out of Ballinka of Encino); Novice Dogs, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Edward's Valiki Samovine (Vahnka of Lewclair ex Sonya of Valiki); Bred by Exhibitor, Mrs. A. E. Mason and Mrs. Aljean Mason Larson's White Way's Jacko (Ch. White Way of Kobe ex Ch. Nianya of Snowland); American-bred Dog, Mrs. A. E. Mason and Aljean Mason Larson's White Way's Jumbeau (Ch. Petrof Lebonov ex Ch. Herdsman's Faith); Open Dogs (17 entries in the class), Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Burr's most promising young 16 month old Tar-Ko's Kazan of Encino (Kobe Tar Ko of Encino ex Rhanor's Tynda of Petsamo); Winners Dog with five points, and Best of Winners, Tar-Ko's Kazan of Encino, handled by Gene Burr. Tar-Ko later became stiff competition in the line-up for Best of Breed. Reserve Winners Dog, Virginia Poletti's Junior Puppy Dog Winner, Sergei's Drujak.

The Samoyed bitch classes were judged as follows: Junior Puppy Bitch, first was Thomas and Chloce Witcher's Tzarina of the Palace (Ch. Samoyland's Sergei, C. D. out of Ballinka of Encino), bred by Blanche Poletti; first in Senior Puppy Bitches was Elizabeth M. Wyman's Bel-sara of Wilmundstrev (Ch. Kobe-Sur-Raff of Encino out of Belenki), breeder Margaret Tucker of Encino; first in Novice Bitches was Ruby L.

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Winner of Veteran Dogs Class was Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward's eight year old Ch. Starchak, C. D. (Ch. Herdsman's Chattigan ex Ch. Silver Star of White Way).

Local bitches winner was Earl and Barbara Hampton's Micka (Ch. Samoyland's Sergei, C.D. ex White Puff of Notoc.)

In Brood Bitches class of three, Mrs. A. E. Mason and Aljean Larson's Ch. Trooperine of White Way was first with John E. Poletti's Ch. Samoyland's Sergei, C.D. taking the Stud Dog's class.

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the day was made in Obedience Class when Charles and Gene Burr's young Sammy bitch Chastuska of Encino (Noskoi of Encino out of Kizil II) made a record of 197 in Obedience A—thus completing her rating as a C.D.X. winner—the ONLY Sammy bitch with that title on the Pacific Coast. What makes her win so worth while is that she was trained in her Obedience work entirely by her owners. We had hoped to give you the story of "Tussy" with a picture in this issue—but next time for sure!

Members of the Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America are to be congratulated upon the success of this splendid Sammy exhibit put on for this Second National Specialty. General Chairman of the show committee was John Poletti of San Francisco, who did a grand job—and, as if not having worked hard enough on plans for the show, he with the help of his wife, Blanche, who had charge of publicity and preparation of the booklet given to each exhibitor, prepared and donated a boxed lunch, sandwiches, cookies, etc.) to each Sammy exhibitor and friend at the show. A stupendous job but a most appreciated one.

Other hard working members of the show committee were Banquet Chairman Ralph Longden (who was in charge of arrangements for the Saturday night banquet. Benching chairman was Joseph Kraft and we have never seen such a beautifully prepared benching (except perhaps the Pacific Coast Specialty show held way back in 1940 at Oakland where we had an unheard of (at that time) entry of 43 Sams with two rows of Sams facing each other and NO partitions between the dogs—a lovely, lovely sight it was, too.)

Our Chairman for entries at San Mateo was Mrs. Dorothy Larson, "Billy" to all of us—who did a bang-up job sending out notices and letters urging members to bring out their Sams for this show. It was thru her untiring efforts that brought the record entry of 86 Sams—Congratulations, "Billy!"

Chairman for Motel and Hotel reservations was Mrs. Adrienne Woodhouse, who saw to it that folks from distant points had lodgings for Saturday and Sunday nights. Our talented member, Mrs. Maurice Enos, provided each exhibitor

with a hand sketched copy of a Sammy. Toast master for the banquet was Doc. Henry Tagliarferri—(so sorry we missed that dinner meeting).



"GUESS MY NAME"

Trophy chairman for the Sam Club was hard-working Jean Schmidling and if you saw that table of trophies you'd know that she and her Committee members had really worked to provide a trophy including 4th place in each class.

Treasurer of the Club is Robert Schmidling. Second Vice-president of the Pacific Coast Division in charge of arrangements for this Second National Specialty was Thomas T. Witcher, to whom we all extend a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Poletti and Chloe Witcher had charge of a table of Sammy items which attracted many—while at one of the benches, Eleanor Jahn exhibited her spinning wheel and demonstrated on several occasions how the Sam's wool is spun into yarn.

A word about the booklet prepared by Mrs. Poletti and her committee, 38 pages and cover presented the present Standard of the Breed, A Story of the Breed by Dolly Ward, a complete list of trophies and their donors, pages of commercial ads as well as pictures and ads from Club members, and in the center of the book, pages for recording wins through fourth place in each class. On the cover page was shown the head study of none other than Capt. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward's Ch. Starchak, C.D.

National Officers of the Samoyed Club of America, as given on Page 1 in the booklet, are: Mrs. A. E. Mason, Honorary President; Joe J.

Marshall, President; Ardath Chamberlain, Secretary; Miles Vernon, Treasurer; Ardath Chamberlain, Publicity Director (Pro Tem); Col. Edward Wentworth, A.K.C. Delegate; Clifford Chamberlain, Eastern Vice President; Mrs. Bert M. Ruick, Mid-West Div. Vice President; Edwin Adams, Pacific Coast Div. Vice-president; Vera Lawrence, Governor at Large, and Governors of the Divisions: Mrs. Helene Bascom, Eastern; Mrs. Marie Gillette, Mid-West; Dolly Ward, Pacific Coast; Charles Hurley, Pacific Coast.

One of the highlights of the day was the Exhibition Sled Team race in which five teams of five dogs each completed in a beautifully run race. The Mason team from Sacramento, handled by the veteran dog team handler Lloyd Van Sickle, with Rex of White Way lead dog, came in first. Further news and picture of the race will appear in October W.K.W.

**Among Our Folks**

We take pleasure in calling attention to the picture of a lovely four year old (come December) Sammy bitch, T. F. Ralph's Champion Katje (Ch. Chinde of Caspar, C. D. X. ex American and Canadian Champion Dushka of Altai, C.D.) who completed (approved by A.K.C. her championship at Pasadena show, obtaining there her final four points necessary—May Pridham, handler.

Ch. Katje has also completed her first leg on her C.D.X.—which will be resumed after the "big event." For Ch. Katje has been bred to Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz—puppies due late in August.

Mr. Ralphs, from his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, says: "the old gal is getting very matronly and careful now, looks like another large litter."

The previous one of a couple or so years ago produced eight puppies).

Mr. Ralph, from his home in Salt Lake City, work being done by the members of the Northern California group of the Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America and wishes them continued success in their efforts.

Another new ad gracing our section this issue comes from E. Dyke of Brookfield, Illinois, telling of a litter of puppies sired by the Joe Marshall's Ch. Frolnick of Sammar. These puppies will be ready for immediate delivery to their new homes by the time you receive this.

**A Letter from the Canal Zone**

A welcome letter has come to us from Mrs. H. E. Wheelock, Jr. of Curundu, the Canal Zone, whose two Sams, "Georgie" and Nicol-

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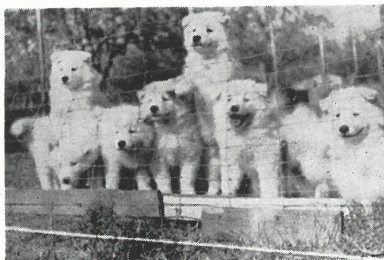
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ette were pictured in our April section of W.K.W. (Mrs. Wheelock is a member of the Eastern Division).

Mrs. Wheelock wrote: "Georgie, whom we got from the Tuckers (got through his four months quarantine very well—but it is long hard struggle. It may be all right in principle, but the facilities are not adequate, and since the Republic of Panama does not enforce a similar regulation, it seems unfair to the residents of the Canal Zone. I am thankful that 'George' spent his time there in the dry season, and also before they were so overcrowded that they did not have enough kennels. George had a nice 'room' and we liked the veterinarian very much.

"My Sams are the only ones that I know of down here. 'Nicky' and George are quite well known and admired by all who see them. My husband and I find that it is **much more fun** to have two of them instead of just one. They are quite different in temperament and an excellent combination. George is calm and dignified, and Nicky quite gay. Even in their looks they are typically masculine and feminine."

Mrs. Wheelock's next statement makes us wonder if we have failed to mention the talkativeness of our Sams, because it is such a **universal** trait that we have taken it for granted more or less.

The following comes from Mrs. Wheelock's letter: "In all that I have been able to find to read about Sams, I have never found any comments on what 'talkers' they are. Before we got George, I wondered if it was only Nicolette but he does it as much as she. They are not barkers at everything. In fact they seem to do less of that than most dogs, but how they try to talk! They scold, and make little comments and carry on regular conversations with us or with each other. And such expression in their voices! A few nights ago they each had a bone, and Nicky finished hers and had tried once to steal George's while he went to the kitchen for a drink. He rushed back in time to save his bone, and the next time he wanted to leave it, he looked at her, walked to the kitchen door, paused and deliberately woofed at her to leave the bone alone. The expression was unmistakable. She did not move from where she was, and he proceeded to get his drink and come back." (Our Snowy, like his mother, used to take the prized possession along on many occasions would drop the item in the water—take the drink and then fish out the article and return to base.)

"Nicky has been here since before she was three months old, and her coat is not as heavy as George's. They are very healthy, though I

don't believe they eat as much as they would in cooler weather."

We believe that if Mrs. Wheelock could ob-



CH. KATJE

Owned by T. W. Ralphs of Salt Lake City, Utah

serve our many Sams here in the States, she would find that Sams are **not** excessive eaters at any time. Our thanks to Mrs. Wheelock for her interesting comments on Sams in the Canal Zone.

#### Santa Barbara Show—July 27th

We've only a very meager report of this nice show. Best of Breed was Mrs. Maxine Shapiro's Ch. Maxine's Snow Boots, with Mrs. Hazel Dawes' Ch. Faustina Fauna going Best Opposite. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burr's Tar-Ko's Kazan of Encino, Winners Dog, with Elizabeth Wyman's Strazha of Wimundstrev going Reserve Winner. Mrs. Charles Tucker's "Kay" was Winners Bitch, two points, with only one point needed to gain her championship. Sorry—we do not know who took Reserve Winners Bitch.

#### "Singing Snows" Has a Heroine

Here's a tremendous story from Donna Marie Croft, Secretary of the Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America, who writes: "I have a very personal reason for singing the praises of my breed. You see, last week my lovely little bitch 'Minka' (Singing Snows Minka) probably saved my two year old son's life in a dramatic moment. Here's how it happened.

"The other evening I decided to go to a

drive-in movie. I got my boy ready in his night clothes and dark blue bathrobe. As Minka and little Rex are practically inseparable, Minka begged to go along. I'm afraid I am inclined to spoil Minka a little more than the other dogs, as she is more affectionate, and the smartest of the bunch. I relented and allowed Minka to 'go too.' We all sat in the front seat of my sedan until Rex fell asleep, then I laid him in the little bed I had prepared in the back seat.

"After the movie I started home. In the press of the dense after theater traffic it didn't occur to me to check to be sure Rex was asleep, or to be sure the latches were set on the doors. But the ever vigilant Minka was watching from the front seat where she sat beside me. As closely as I can guess this is what happened next. Rex, awakened by the sudden motion, quietly started to get up to climb into the front seat with us. In so doing, he must have pressed down the door handle. The door suddenly flew open, throwing him out forcefully. Minka saw him go, and jumped after him.

"In the dark the darkly dressed baby could have easily been run over where he lay in the street, before I could stop. I experienced a horrible moment of panic knowing that my baby was facing terrible death and I couldn't get to him quick enough. I was pulling on brakes and levers to get out. But I hadn't figured on Minka! I saw her as I ran toward them, white and shining and very noisy, standing over Rex barking her warning louder than I ever heard her before. The car that was only a few feet behind me saw the dog jump out and swerved to avoid her and stopped beside her just behind me, the car behind him also seeing the furiously barking dog in front of him, stopped just a few feet from Rex. All this happened in the space of seconds as I was frantically stopping and leaping out to run to the baby. He had fallen full force on his

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head, and was screaming at the top of his little voice. Minka wouldn't let anyone but me close to him. With the aid of the parties in the two stopped cars, I got him into the back seat of my car. They directed the traffic around us. Both the drivers of the two cars stated that they hadn't seen the baby but they both saw and heard the dog, standing staunchly in the street guarding something.

"I took Rex to the hospital where he remained for observation for a slight concussion. Then I took poor upset Minka home. She promptly threw up a little, and then after I fed her some warm milk and held her, she quieted down. You see, she had saved my baby at the risk of her own little ones, which she is due to deliver in a week or so. Now the boy is home again and all is well—Thank God, and Minka."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schneider of Indianapolis have sent us a very interesting letter along with some pictures of their Elltee Sams. One picture showing a half dozen sassy looking four and one-half month old puppies is reproduced here. The sire of the pups is Balaiya Doroga Boorya—the dam, Lt's Lulo Luloto. If we remember correctly, Boorya is from Charles and Frances Hurley's stock in Santa Ana.

Mr. Schneider tells us that the camera did not capture the lively spirits that the dogs have. They are on the go all day and even the hot weather hasn't slowed them down.

A short time ago they got into a basket of fresh gathered eggs and in a very short time they had cleaned up a raw egg lunch, shells and all—21 eggs for their supper—because they went to bed that night **without** their evening meal. There were no ill-effects from their escapade.

The pups get raw egg yolk every day plus fresh Jersey milk and they show the results. They are just past five months old, and weigh 32, 41, 42, 45, 47 and 55 pounds. The big one, Booryason, got off to a head start in the first week and here's how he did it. When the rest of the litter dropped off to sleep, he went from one breast to another and stripped all six of the cream. He would be so full that he couldn't rest in peace, but he kept growing a little faster than the rest. We plan to keep all of them as foundation stock (two males and four females)."

Mr. Schneider's letter continues: "We have had some experience with nose blanching. 'Stormy,' the sire of the pups, had a touch of virus last winter and afterwards his nose blanched to a light chocolate color. Our veterinarian recommended Optikets, made by Abbots, and Stormy got two a day. In less than a month his nose was blacker than ever before and has stayed black. The pups get one a day right now, plus Dripdol drops and Natola and DCP 340 and of course they get horse meat. The pups are rugged and ready to romp any time. Stormy (Balaiya Doroga Boorva) is from California, from Charlie and Frances Hurley's, and has a great dog for his sire, Deyomas of Ibur.

"Stormy is a big dog but a lovable one. He was in his first show June 22nd at Cincinnati and was Winners Dog, only one point but it has started him on his way. Lulo, the dam, looks very much like her mother, Ch. Vodi Norpau-don, C.D. She has had a lot of love and attention and will continue to get her share. We

plan to show her and Stormy at the Fall shows in this area. The pups could have been sold easily if we had so desired, but we tell folks we are planning for the future and we think the Sammy breed has a future. We couldn't see why the most beautiful and the smartest dog, with no doggy odor, shouldn't be one of the leaders in the dog breeds." (Perhaps folks, We prefer quality to quantity.)

"So many people think a Sammy should be hard to keep now white. Our Lulo has had no water bath and Stormy **only one**, yet they are nice and clean. Brushing, combing and a little Pet Cleaner keep our Sammys white and clean."

Lois Rayner, at present sojourning in Nova Scotia, has sent us a clipping from the "Montreal Standard," written by Cyril Robinson, showing an excellent picture in color of Dr. C. Seldon Bezanson of Aylesford, with two beautiful Sams, Ch. Spark of Altai and son Dawn of Samoyland ("George") while Mrs. Bezanson sits holding an armful of three gorgeous puppies. Behind her is the lovely "Terry" blanket exquisitely made of the Sammys' wool.

The article, called "Smug Samoyeds" reads in part:

"If you're ever in Aylesford, N.S., and can talk intelligently about Samoyed dogs, you'll get a warm welcome from Dr. Seldon C. Bezanson and an invitation to visit Samoyland, a fluorescent-lighted, electrically-heated dogs' paradise featuring real beds with mattresses.

"The Samoyed breed originated in Iran about 6000 years ago. They are working dogs and have been used in countless Polar expeditions, though they have appeared in Canada and the United States as pets comparatively recently.

"The dog-loving Annapolis Valley surgeon's friends say he thinks almost as much of his dogs as he does for people. If the accommodation he provides for them is any criterion, there's no disputing it. The kennel house cost \$2,500.00.

"Five-year-old Spark of Altai, winner of more firsts in working groups than any other of his breed in the world, is the most distinguished resident of Samoyland. There are 16 others.

"Friendliness is one of the Samoyed's main characteristics. They are fond of children. And when they shed their coats the sheddings can be saved and woven into wool. Mrs. Bezanson is saving all she can, and wants enough to make a suit, gloves and hat to wear to dog shows.

Dr. Bezanson thinks enough of his dogs to make sure that any he sells go to homes where they'll be treated kindly. When he learned that one was being abused he drove 80 miles to the dog's new home and found the animal tied outside, cold and hungry. He took it back and returned the buyer's money.

"Doctor and Samoyeds are inseparable. Whenever he goes out in the car, one or more dogs go along for the ride. Spark of Altai or 'Terry,' as the Bezansons call him, is often seen in the reception room of Western King's Memorial Hospital while the doctor is operating or visiting one of his patients.

"Although they're accustomed to seeing owner and dogs together, fellow-breeders at a Halifax show were surprised one day to come upon Dr. Bezanson and Sweet Missy of Samoyland curled up in the dog's cage, both fast asleep.

When the doctor awoke, he found himself tagged with a ribbon which read 'Best of Opposite Sex,' and a group of spectators laughing. 'I was tired,' explained the doctor, 'and I figured it was as good a place to sleep as any.'

"Spark of Altai was the first Samoyland imported to the Maritiemes. Dr. Bezanson bought him from a breeder in New Mexico in 1947. Next he purchased Venus of Rhanor's. Their puppies have been repeat winners at many Canadian shows."

Lois writes that since this syndicated article appeared in the Canadian papers the Bezansons have had at least 20 inquires for puppies and they have only one to sell.

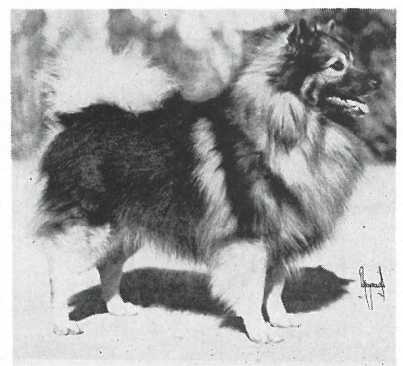
Down in Arcadia, California, Sweet Missie of Samoyland (formerly of Nova Scotia) is doing her best to gladden the hearts of her new owners, who have been saddened by the loss of "Dolly's Duke," who asked so little yet gave so much for just a friendly touch. Duke passed away July 17th and was laid to rest in the "Valley of Quiet."

We trust that Sweet Missie, who came to San Mateo with her proud owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Himmelspach, will continue to do her best to fill that empty spot.

A last minute bulletin has reached us telling us that Mr. and Mrs. John Poletti's Ch. Samoyland's Sergei of San Francisco, not only went Best of Breed at the Azusa Show but placed third in the Working Group, meeting in competition the Best of Breed winner at San Mateo. Congratulations, folks!

To add to their wins that day, Mrs. Poletti's Ballinka of Encino (Ch. Kunto of Encino out of the late Suretta of Kobe) again placed Winners Bitch and Virginia Poletti's young Drujak again went Reserve Winners Dog! What a day for these Northern California visitors to a Southern show!

And now folks—it's September by the time you read this. Let's start planning our Special Sammy exhibit for the Christmas issue. Do write me, care of my home address, 610 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, California, for information re your plans. We shall personally answer any inquiries sent us—and don't forget, we shall want special items, news of your dogs, stories, ads, etc. As usual, yours "in the Sammy bond."—Vera Lawrence.



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