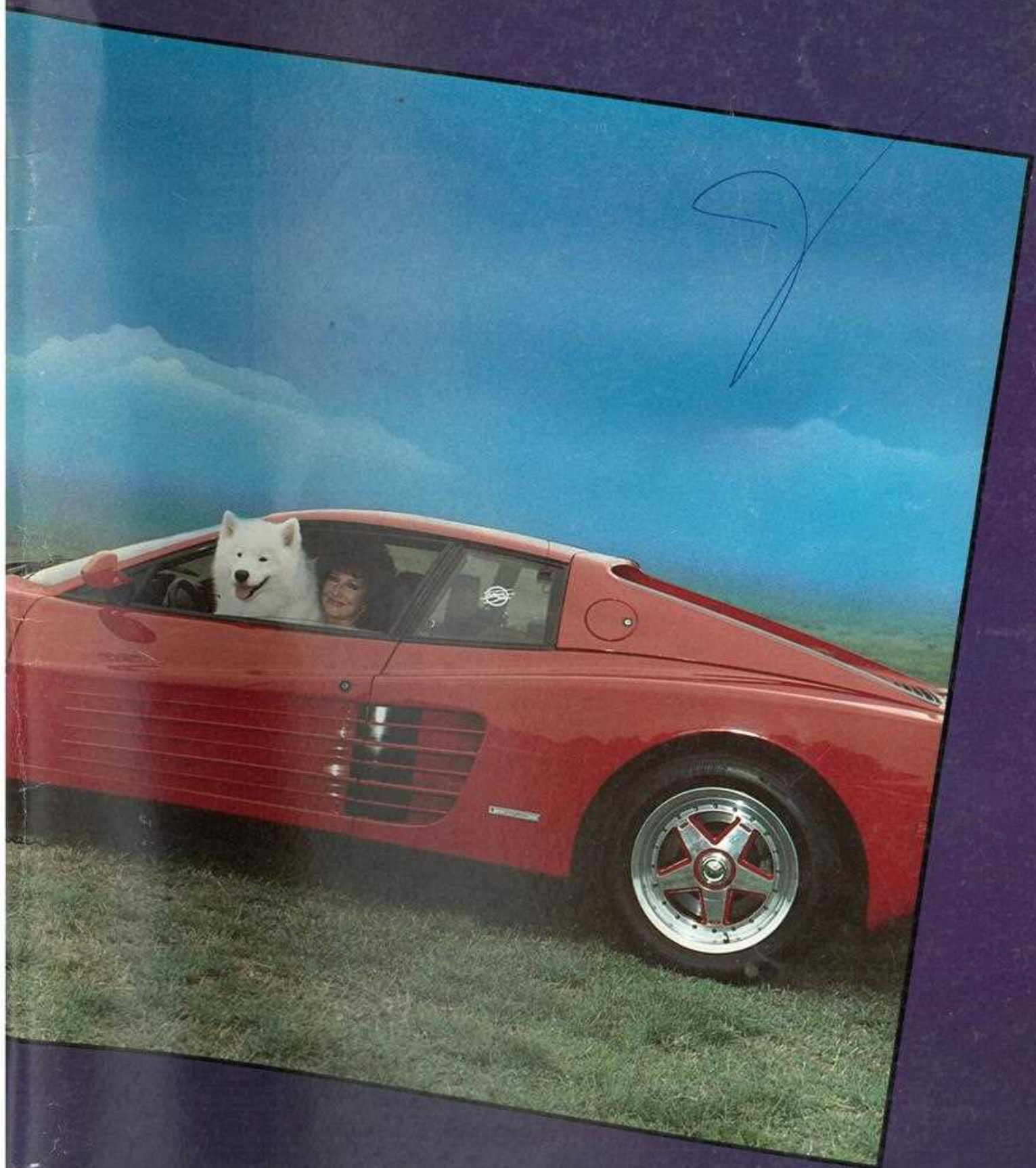


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Part II

This interview was conducted at the home of Coralie Ingram on September 10, 1988 by Debby Rothman.

How and what do you feed?

I use one of what they call the premium brands, ANF. I prefer to feed in the mornings. Now, I do the puppies and the kids in the upper run, the Siberians are done before I go to work. It's nice having my dad living out here because he can feed the rest of them later on in the day.

For weather reasons, I prefer feeding in the morning, particularly through the summer. I don't like feeding them through the heat of the day. To feed them too late at night bothers me as well, so I'd rather feed in the morning. If I have anybody playing house dog, I'm not feeding somebody late at night and then having to get up (laughter) and run somebody outside to go potty. It's easier to housebreak puppies, too. By the time evening rolls around, everything they've eaten that morning has gone through and you can get them to do their last bit at night and they will sleep through the night. It's easier to housebreak them when you aren't getting up and scolding puppies for having gone in the house.

Do you mix the dry food with anything else?

They will occasionally get canned food, depending upon what the price is at the time. If I can get it, they get a spoonful of something added. They also get scraps. I usually wet the food rather than feeding it dry. Some people feed the Siberians dry, but I don't. I've got a male who literally bolts his food and I don't like to see him eating dry food that way. He gets his wet. I've also got a couple Sammies who do the same thing, so I feed their food wet.

Everybody gets fed basically the same. The Siberians get the ANF 30, which is higher in protein; the Sammies get the Maintenance. The puppies either get the puppy food or the 30, depending on how they are doing.

Why do you give the Siberians the higher protein food?

Most of them can use it because they are more up and active and can handle the

extra protein very well. It depends on how they are raised. If they have been raised on a very low protein food, some can live on it very nicely, but I've found that if you give Siberians a food such as the Maintenance, at 22%, or some of the commercial dog foods, or anything that is cereal-based, they get diarrhea; they lose weight and then you've got two things - a show dog who is out of coat and out of weight and you've also got messy runs to clean up. Neither is very good. I'd rather pick up nice firm stools and pay a bit

more for the dog food than to be out there cleaning up diarrhea.

I tried switching the Siberians down one time and they lost too much weight, so I put them back up on the 30. The puppies are on it because of the higher protein content; puppies are usually active and growing, or I will feed them the puppy food, depending on how things are going and how many puppies I have. Then the Sammie puppies are switched down to the Maintenance food when they start getting bigger.



Coralie and Can. Ch. Co-Lee's Travellers Advisor.



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Other than what I've mentioned, I don't usually use supplements. I have a couple of them on zinc supplements. Of course, when they are pregnant, I supplement.

Do you give your own vaccinations?

Yes and no, depending on how many I have to do. Here in Washington, the state law is such that we can't give rabies anyway; we have to go to a clinic for those. In Idaho and a few other places, you can purchase your own rabies vaccination and give your own shots.

For the rest of their shots, so much depends on when everybody is due, what's going on and whether I've been able to get

the vaccine or not. I have given many of my own vaccines, but it depends on the situation. I've given these puppies out here their shots, yet last month, I had my own vet out and had all the adults given shots, but they were all due for rabies at the same time; rather than just having him give the rabies shots, I went ahead and had everything done at once. It's also on his records as well. That way, if any one of them goes into the clinic for any reason, the record is there. That is the only problem with giving your own vaccines. If you take them into a clinic, you have to remember to tell them about their shots and the dates they were given. Otherwise, they'll

give them more shots if it doesn't show on their records. It's for their own protection in the clinic.

Do you vaccinate for corona?

The adult dogs were done last month; these puppies have not been vaccinated for corona. The next round of shots will include this for them. They've all had parvo shots.

Do you use the modified live parvo?

That's what I use and I give it as two shots. I don't give all the DHL and everything along with the parvo in one shot. I still prefer giving it as two vaccines, two different shots, rather than as one. My vets are the ones who got me started out on that. When it first came

out, they were not content with the first combination vaccines. I just continued on from there.

When I had problems with parvo in the kennel a couple years ago, everybody had been on the killed vaccine. Of course, that was towards the beginning of the parvo stuff anyway. My vets down here decided we'd go into the modified live vaccine since we weren't doing any good with the killed vaccine. We gradually switched everybody over. They didn't want to do the puppies from the killed to the modified, but the big dogs could handle it. At that time, they were still cautious about mixing the two vaccines without having any side effects, but we eventually got everybody switched over. I've not had problems since then.

At what age do you give the first modified live parvo vaccination?

I give it at four to five weeks, and then on up from then. The youngest my puppies have ever gotten parvo has been eight or nine weeks, but I worked with a friend who lives nearby who has Newfies. She was off on a vacation at some working trials in Canada and I was kennel-sitting for her along with a girl she had living in over there. This was at the very beginning of the parvo trouble, when it was not really recognized as parvo. She had a litter of sick puppies and they were being treated for infectious enteritis, which is an intestinal problem. I was going by, giving shots and everything else. It turned out these puppies and a couple of adults on her place had parvo. We ended up giving shots to all the puppies and adults. They were only about five weeks old and a couple died shortly after Barb got back but the adult dogs didn't have too much problem. We had a lot of trouble with the puppies, but a lot was due to the fact that, at the time, the vets weren't really aware of what they were treating.

Surprisingly, as much problem as it was at the time, and handling those puppies who were affected as well as the adult dogs, and then coming home here, none of mine got it. That's just the caprices of parvo; you can have two dogs side by side and one will get it and the other won't.

The only things I've had happen here were that two litters of Siberians were hit with parvo, and then when I picked up some puppies that I had due from a litter from a friend, some nine-week-old Sammy puppies, I ended up losing one to parvo. As far as vaccines, whatever works go with it, but if it doesn't, don't mess with it; discontinue using it. I became angry about losing that puppy. I co-owned the bitch with somebody, a person who had been breeding for years. I have no idea what was running through her mind, but when I picked up these puppies,



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they had not been wormed nor had any shots; they not only had the typical roundworm infestation and everything else, but they were loaded to the hilt with tapeworms at nine weeks of age. I was not thrilled at that point.

Within five days of getting them home, the puppies came down with parvo and I lost one, a female; the other female spent quite a bit of time in the clinic. She kept going in and out of it; she'd start coming out of the parvo then drop back. The male puppy had a relatively mild bout of it. We eventually saved both of them, but it was almost two years before I even spoke to this gal again.

It was not a friendly situation, needless to say, because I was very unhappy about it all. With all the worms, this takes the system down. When I first brought them home and we found out they were so badly infested, I

wormed them for everything and took them into the clinic. I was talking to my vet and found out that they also had tapeworms. We decided to give them a shot for tapeworms rather than wait. They had to be watched anyway because, with the shots they give for tapeworms, it's very toxic.

We were watching the puppies and everything else and that's when we first noticed some other problems. I called the gals at the clinic and discussed it all. We all figured it was partly due to the worming shots we'd given them for the tapeworms. I'd had parvo out here and was watching out for it. I'd had some Siberian puppies with it about two months before and had lost a couple. These puppies were in an area where the Siberian puppies had never been, so I wasn't really thinking that they had picked up parvo. They had a few outward signs, but not enough

to concern any of us. Some of the same signs would show up from the toxic vaccine, so we let it go.

I took the sick one in and she died almost immediately; when they did an autopsy, they drew some blood from that puppy. Usually, if they draw it directly out of the system, it's too late; for some reason it doesn't show up on the blood test, but with this particular puppy, they inserted the needle into her heart and drew blood directly out of her heart. When they ran it through the test at the lab that day, it came back positive on parvo. The other two puppies were put on

parvo treatment right away and we managed to save them.

That (knock on wood) was the last round of parvo we've had, which was four years ago.

Have you had the same vet for a long time?

I've got the same vet I started out with 30 years ago. I got angry one time at one of the guys at the clinic down here for a diagnosis he'd done and changed vets for a short period of time. I ended up back there. We finally came to an agreement about certain aspects and he even treats my dogs. We

started using those guys with our Spaniels in the mid 50's.

They will come out here to vaccinate all your dogs?

They do. One of these vets died last year and another retired; two of their daughters finished their degrees at the university and came back and bought into the clinic, so they are now running it with one of the older partners. We've always been very lucky over the years. They will come out to my place here so I don't have to make four or five trips down and move dogs in and out of crates in the van and so forth just to get



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shots.

One of the girls, Kathy, lives only about three miles from me so she sets it up on a Saturday after they close and then stops by to do the dogs. The other one lived up in Monroe, a little further on from me, and he'd just stop by on his way home in the evening and give everybody shots. It makes it so much easier.

For any other kind of treatment, I pack them up and take them down to the clinic. They had a new guy there this summer. When one of the females had her puppies, she had four of them fine and then ran into problems. We knew she had at least one more puppy in her, so we ended up taking her in. We got to the clinic at about ten at night, we were doing a C-section by three that morning on her. By the time we finally got out of there, it was about five in the morning. He was very nice about the situation. We were all yawning and talking about everything under the sun, seeing if we could get anything going without having to do a C-section, but when push came to shove, we had to do one and the puppy we took out had been dead for quite some time. We don't know if he'd been dead before she'd gone into labor, he was a very large puppy. His condition seemed to indicate he had been dead longer than the period of her labor, so I have a feeling he may have been dead before that.

I've had two puppies that were born about thirteen hours after the rest of the litter; this was a Siberian litter. We didn't do a C-section but we had to go down and get a shot to induce the labor. These two were both fine; they were both healthy and had no problems, so six hours is no big deal. We couldn't get that big puppy to budge even after the shots, but he was obviously dead when we finally got him out.

You said that you work. What do you do?

I used to work for the railroad as a customer service clerk. I did a little bit of everything, then when they started centralizing everything back in St. Louis, they trimmed down our office quite drastically. This last winter, they cut it down even further and I was working in the yard office on the night shift, out checking trains and doing a lot of things that don't normally fall into the job description. They were going to cut some more jobs, so I would have ended up doing very hazardous kinds of things. I said, "Forget it; there is no way."

I took what they offered in a buy out and told them where they could stick their job. I was not moving to St. Louis! I know lots of people who live back there; it's great and marvelous, but it's not my part of the country.

I couldn't see myself moving back there, particularly since they only guaranteed you only one more year of employment, then if they cut back there, you would either move again or be literally out of a job. I thought that there wasn't that much of a guarantee, so I'd take my chances up here.

I went on a little job hunt and found a job; I now work for a third party shipper. We handle a lot of rail trailer business and over-the-road trailer business. We handle the billing lists for the smaller customers who couldn't fill up a rail car for cross-country shipping, so we use rail trailers instead. I do dispatching, customer service work and handle the dispatching of truckers to pick up loads and haul them and so forth. It was similar to what I was doing, yet quite different. It's the type of job that does not have set hours. The base hours for my job are eight to five; I'm usually there around seven-thirty in the morning and the phone is usually ringing when I walk in. As with this last Friday night, I didn't get out of there until six, but I'm supposed to have an hour for lunch. Ha! These things have to be billed and you can't wait an hour because some of those truckers are only fifteen or twenty minutes from a rail terminal and the terminal says they have to be there. If you get lunch, you get it. I work Monday through Friday.

What about dog shows?

Most of our shows around here are on Saturdays and Sundays. We have a few shows, such as the January shows in Portland and some in the summer here that are during the week, on Mondays or Fridays. It's not too hard to get an occasional day off and I usually try to use my vacation time for it, which I did when I worked for the railroad. Our office was small enough out here that, when we had vacation time, as when I quit I had four weeks of vacation due and so I used that very nicely to cover three-day weekends and this sort of thing and still had vacation time left over.

Starting anew, it's a little different, so this last year, as far as any amount of traveling is concerned, I've had to curtail it quite a bit. I'll be able to do more next year when I get my two weeks of vacation time; I can then pick up a little bit more on the three-day shows and that sort of thing. Last year, I made about ten or more trips, just flying up to Edmonton and staying with Jack and Sandy Post up there, who are very good friends, and going to shows up there. It's almost as cheap for me to fly up there as it was to go to local shows. I'd go up there and have a short vacation and enjoy doing things, then I'd fly back down. I haven't been able to do it this year because I have to have long weekends off to do it because of the flying. We usually

fly out of the Vancouver airport in Canada, which means a two to three-hour drive to the airport from here. Usually the shows up there are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so if there's a show on Friday, I have to leave here on Thursday. The last flight out is at about seven, so you have to schedule it carefully. You get off work, run home and get the dogs and off we go!

It's been a little rough for me to curtail my showing. There were a few shows that I'd dearly have loved to have attended but I haven't. In the other respect this year, some of the judges at these shows that I would have normally gone to have not been my "cup of tea," so I haven't bothered to go just on that aspect alone. With the new job, it's been curtailed somewhat, but I may be able to go more often after I get more vacation time to play with.

Do you mostly drive to the local shows?

Yes. It's easier. There are even some lower Canadian shows that we can drive back and forth to attend, which involves about two hours of driving time to the Vancouver area and some of the lower mainland area. It depends on the judging times.

If it's a Saturday show and a Sunday show, if we show late enough on Saturday and really early on Sunday, we will go both days. Getting up at midnight and getting up again at three is for the birds. If it is timed so we can drive back and forth, we will do this because then we can come home and take care of the dogs. My dad likes to go to a number of the shows with us, but when we've got puppies here, he doesn't go; he takes care of puppies. He's my underpaid kennel help, you know!

With the big dogs, if we both wanted to go and I had all adult dogs here, if they were in their runs and had their water and were fed before we left, they could go overnight and I'd feed them when we got home on Sunday night. The neighbors check things for me. There wouldn't be any big deal with that. I don't like to leave the place unattended with puppies, particularly if I've had ads out advertising and have had people call. I can put padlocks on the front gates and so forth, but puppies are too easily picked up and carried off.

Do you have a hard time placing pet puppies?

Not generally. I've never asked an exorbitant fee for my puppies. I stick to the middle range. I can't see trying to get more. The pet shops charge hilarious fees. I've had people buy puppies from pet shops. They would call to ask questions of me. Then I've had people who have come to look at the puppies and have hemmed and hawed

rather than a blue slip - their registration papers are different colors - it cannot be registered as a breeding animal. If the animal is used at any given time, either accidentally or whatever, those puppies cannot be registered unless you get a reversal from the breeder. It has to come from the breeder of the individual dog who was pink-slipped. It can be reversed at any given time.

I've wondered about that. We've all made the mistake of thinking a dog was a pet and then, later on, it turned out to be a show or breeding prospect.

It can be reversed, but the breeder has to do this. The one thing that is done in Canada that I don't like is that the breeder must individually register all the dogs. The CKC's computer system (if you want to call it that) makes AKC's computer system (if you want to call it that) look like a whizbang snap job. It can take you three months to get papers back from the CKC. The AKC has got their problems, but they are not quite that bad.

I would like to see the AKC go into tattooing for identification the same as the CKC does. They require either nose printing or tattooing. If the AKC did the same thing, there would not be as many questions that some people have as to the parentage of certain dogs and/or dogs that are sold as one dog and show up technically as another. You've got dogs who don't have distinguishable markings. Collies have very definite markings, as far as white areas or spots here and there and this sort of thing are concerned, but there are other breeds who don't have these, Sammies for one, who do not have distinguishable markings like a spot or something on most. Even a lot of Shepherds are very similarly marked. Labradors are all black or yellow or whatever; they don't have the shadings. Golden Retrievers may vary in shades, but they are not that distinguishable in some respects. All black Newfies are another one.

You could technically go out and buy an animal; when you came back to pick him up the next week, you may think you are purchasing that animal but it may be another one. Dogs who are sold as finished champions and then shipped cross-country sight unseen or just from pictures may be replaced by dogs who look like the pictures but it may not be that same animal. Tattooing would put an end to some of this type of thing.

If you are going to register a litter of puppies in Canada, do you have to fill out anything that proves these two animals were bred?

You've got the same litter registration procedure as you do down here. Of course,

the dogs are either already tattooed - and they all have to be tattooed before they are registered - or nose printed; they have to be done individually. That's why they have the breeder do it before they go to their new owner. They are usually done at about four or five weeks, depending on who you have doing your tattooing. I put out the money for my letter prefix from the CKC for tattooing, but I haven't done so yet. I'm going to set up a list of everybody in my kennel. There is a gal who does tattooing clinics around here who doesn't live very far from here. I'm going to set it up and have her come up here and do them all at once by my list.

I'm an advocate of x-raying before breeding for hips and other problems. It would also curtail x-raying one dog for another one. The tattoos would have to be checked and they'd have to correspond with the registration that's done on a dog. The plate that's placed on an X-ray has to show the dog's registered name for OFA, their registration number and birth date and so forth; there is also an area for tattoos. If the AKC required a tattoo for registration, that would have to match up with the registration. If it didn't, you could always get around it by having a vet who doesn't check it or one who is willing to be paid off for a fee, but I don't think too many vets would be willing to get into that. If it's ever discovered, there would be trouble with their own medical associations locally as well as nationally. They could get into some deep problems over this, too. They could be set up for lawsuits very easily.

The majority of vets truly care about animals and would like to see something positive like this done to clean up these problems.

That would be great and I'm very much an advocate of that sort of thing for proper identification. With some breeds, you can tell one from another by coloring alone, but if you've got two black and white Siberians, you've got two black and whites. Nose printing is not as good as tattooing as a means of identification. If you wanted to verify that the dog you bought was the one you received, then nose printing is the same as fingerprints, but the best way is tattooing. The Canadians prefer that.

I wish the two kennel clubs would get together more on this. In Canada, with our registrations as well, if the sire and dam was either born or registered down here, or registered in Canada, you just submit the registration. You don't have to have a certified pedigree from the parent club or pictures; you don't have to have anything. I've brought dogs down here from Canada. Down here, even if both parents are registered in the U.S., even if they were both born in the U.S.

and then sold into Canada, if you bring a puppy that was born in Canada down here, after the puppy has been registered in Canada, to register him in the U.S. you have to have two color pictures, a front and a side view, you have to have a certified pedigree from the CKC, even though the parents have already been through this registration hassle. You have to go through all that plus the extra money to register it.

It's not necessarily the money end of it; it's the time involved in getting the pictures, developing them, getting decent pictures and they have to be five by sevens; they can't be any smaller, so they can't be a Polaroid type picture. You have to get these certified pedigrees from the CKC; if the parents of dogs we take up there aren't registered in Canada, we have to get the pedigree certified from the AKC. At one time, I registered seven kids from my kennel. I sent to the AKC and asked for the certified pedigrees so that I could register them in Canada. They sent me the certified pedigrees, and out of this seven, not one was correct; I had to send all seven of them back with notes written on them as to: the spelling of my name; the dog's name; parents were wrong; ancestors were wrong. I became angry and sent a letter that was not nice along with these when I returned them; I had paid good money to have them typed up and correctly. It had taken seven weeks for them to get those seven certified, which means that, meanwhile, my papers are hung up in Canada. Any of the dogs I finished, I couldn't show as specials, so I sent a little note to the AKC. I told them, "I paid good money to have these things done correctly; they are not! My papers are tied up in Canada; I can't show dogs who are finished," and so on. Surprisingly enough, I received seven very correct pedigrees back to me in less than seven days. Somebody got their fingers slapped, I'm sure.

The reason these are certified is so they are correct?

That's right. Now it's done on computer, but this was done back before they had set it up on their computers yet. Getting certified pedigrees now would probably be easier, as far as accuracy is concerned, because it's done from the computer system. Still, there is the time involved. To get certified pedigrees from the AKC is difficult. You send for them and it seems they are an afterthought on their part. You get registrations back in less time than it takes to get certified back. I have sent for them at the same time; I'd register a dog and I'd ask for a certified copy because I wanted to register it as well in Canada. It's taken an extra week to get the certified copy back. They either need more

help back there or something. It's just the system we have to deal with.

Is there anything else you'd like to talk about?

There are lots of things going on.

Do you belong to any clubs?

I belong to the Samoyed Club of America (SCA); I was a charter member of the state club, of which I'm no longer a member. It was set up in about 1964. In 1969, there was a split in the club between two groups of people; you either had A's dogs or B's dogs, and those of us in the middle with other dogs were just there. It became unpleasant to be a member of this club, so a bunch of us just bowed out and told them to figure out their problems by themselves. They eventually did, but the state club isn't for me.

Most of the people in the state club don't do much showing. There are some people who show in it, but they are the people who own one or two dogs. One of the most active members in it likes to run his dogs in harness, to work his dogs more than show them, which is fine. I was asked to join again recently and I turned them down for the same reasons I have in previous years. They like to offer their opinions and tell people what they think should be done and which dogs to breed, but they are not breeding any litters. Why should they tell me how to breed my dogs?

I ran into this with one of the gals in the club. It was somebody who was going to buy a puppy, but did not get one. She had come out and looked at them and had actually put a deposit on one, then went and talked to this individual in the state club who said, "Yes, I highly approve of the breeding she did this time, but I didn't like the other one she did," and so on. This person has not had a litter of puppies in years or been in the show ring or anything else. The gal called back and said she'd take the puppy and that So-and-So had approved of the breeding. I informed her that she was getting her deposit back. I would not sell them a puppy.

It was just a feeling on my part; I wanted nothing to do with them after that. I would be hearing about it later, although the puppy they were choosing came out of the "approved litter," so to speak, it was still a matter of their attitude. I didn't mind it when they went to this other person for an opinion on my dogs, but I didn't think she had a right to approve or disapprove of the breedings I did.

I also belong to the Siberian Husky state club. I don't remember if I'm a charter member or not. There used to be a club many years ago that broke down and then reformed. I got my first Siberian nine or ten years ago. I showed her awhile and then bred her and kept a young male out of the

litter and showed him. He's got 22 points with one of his majors; he needs a major to finish. He's got one very outstanding fault; he's got too tight of a tail and he also self-destructs in the ring. He's a very "up" type of Siberian. A Siberian friend of mine said that he would have finished years ago if he didn't have two major faults. "One is his tail," which I understood, "and the other is himself."

I'm very pleased with my last litter of Siberians; it may be the last I ever do. I'm not

prior to getting their license and breeding the same number of litters a year and attending every show, selling puppies and this sort of thing, as if they didn't have a license and then expect to get judging assignments with big entries and have people in other areas get them assignments. I won't do it.

It's very difficult to go into an area where somebody who is a judge is doing a lot of breeding and exhibiting and walk in the ring against this same person who shows under



A comfortable snooze.

into them that deep to do any kind of a breeding program on them.

I talked about something in my "Show and Tell" column which is a soapbox of my own. I know there are some people who do agree with me and others who don't, about ACTIVE breeder-judges. I'm not talking about the person who gets their judge's license and curtails a good portion of their breeding and exhibiting. I don't think they should be required to flat-out quit cold turkey, but they should curtail it to some degree. They shouldn't go on as they were

another judge from the same basic area. Your chances of coming into that area from someplace else and winning really get knocked down on the percentage scale. I don't think a lot of these people are conscious of either being prejudiced in one way or another, but they can't help but be. They go overboard and penalize some of their own animals more than they should, or in their own mind, they think their own are the best and they don't care and put them up.

It's hard to find honest judging in these circumstances. If I don't think the person is

going to do it, I'm not going to offer them to a breed club out here. I may not be a member of the all breed clubs out here, but I know some members of several clubs very well and have gotten several judging assignments for people. I would do this for a lot of people, but I won't do it for somebody I'm not willing to show under.

I don't understand how someone who is very actively involved in a breeding program can judge and be very honest, particularly if they are out competing with specials, champions, trying to make their dog number one or two in the country, trying to rack up wins, and then turn around and go judge. You can't help but dump your competition, either honestly or dishonestly. You have to look at your competition. I have a male here that I'm showing now and I run across other dogs I feel I should beat and I lose to them. I sit there and get mad, as everybody does, but I will sometimes try to put it in perspective; "How bad is this dog that beat me?" Other than the fact that he's white, I can realize that he's really not that bad of a dog; there is nothing terribly wrong with him, although in my opinion he's got nothing terribly right with him either. He's an honest dog, so I can see where a judge might like this other dog.

There have been a few times in the classes where I was showing a particular dog and was beaten in the Winners ring with an Open bitch by a puppy who never gaited in the ring. It had to be either dragged around or peeled off the wall and this sort of thing, but it never took two steps in a gait; it never stood still or did anything. The win would have finished the bitch I have. It's the one and only time I was ever discourteous to a judge. I lost Winners. I walked out of the ring; I did not even stay there for Reserve. I walked across the show grounds, out the door, loaded up my van and left. That's the only time I have ever done anything like that. People outside the ring were amazed that I had not won. Somebody told me they tried to find me later and I told them that I just left; I wasn't able to speak to anybody.

This was in the classes and not with a special. In the specials, I've lost to a couple of dogs who - forget it! I wouldn't even give them a place in my kennel, but you have to look at it in the respect that "every dog has his day." You just hope that in the specials ring that it's at least a dog that deserves it. That was the one and only time I ever did something like that. I was so mad at the time and I don't think I've ever regretted doing it. There was no forgiveness in my mind for that judge. If she had at least taken the other puppy, who was behaving itself, the other Bred-by dog or whatever was there and put that up over the bitch, that wouldn't have

bothered me as much as putting up a puppy who had to be dragged around. There is no way you can judge the conformation on an animal like that. That's all it took for me.

We all have our little snits; it can't be helped, but you have to try to understand and reason it out with yourself. I have stayed and supported a number of them at Group level and applauded for them. There have been a couple that I found it very difficult to do that for, but I've done it anyway. I saw a judge, who was an exhibitor and had lost and was not happy about it, walk back into the ring, after getting Second Reserve, to another judge who had just "dumped him," so to speak, and stood right in front of him and very merrily tore up the ribbon and threw it in his face. I've seen that a couple of times. This was an active judge who was also exhibiting who did that.

The other time I saw this, it was a breeder who did it. I've seen a mild tantrum where, as you walk out of the ring with third or fourth, in the garbage can it goes! That's not unheard of, but the actual physical tearing up and throwing in the judge's face is tacky. I've never resorted to telling a judge off, as much as I've wanted to and I have been held back on occasion. I shouldn't say that; I did sort of tell off a judge once. We had a little verbal discussion and it took me a year and a half to get up enough guts to walk back into his ring again; he is a fairly local guy and he dumped me in the class again to another dog. I'd shown under him for years and he said something to me about my dog. It was a male who is a big dog; I have no qualms about that because he was big. The judge said something about his size. I said, "Yes, but at least he's sound," which was a mistake myself in backing up my comment to the judge. I happened to have a specials in and he put up my special; someone else was showing the dog for me that day, but I wouldn't have gone back in the ring that day if my life depended on it.

I was standing at ringside and he came over to me afterwards and said that he wanted to talk to me later. He came and found me at lunch and we had a little discussion. He said, "What did you mean about that other dog not being sound?" I said, "When he moves, his hocks not only double through but they move side to side." Both are severe faults in the breed. I told him this was very obvious when the dog was moving. He said that he hadn't seen the dog limping, and I answered, "I didn't say the dog was lame or limping; he just has very destructive hocks and he will end up having to be put down very shortly for them or they will develop bone spurs so bad, he'll have a hard time walking. It's very obvious when the dog moves." He

just said, "Oh." Then he said something about the specials dogs; he didn't know at the time that the special winner was mine. He said that the specials dog was more his kind of dog anyway. I said, "Yes; he's mine, too, because I own him."

The young dog I was showing was a gangly type of dog. It took me a long time to go back in his ring after that discussion, but it turned out to be friendly because the next time I showed under him, he'd either taken to heart what I had said or something because I showed a Sammie under him and a Siberian and a Corgi. These dogs were nice dogs to begin with and there was no hassle there, but the way it seemed to me was that I was going to lose no matter what I took in. He did put me up.

I spoke about my hairless bitches earlier. I showed a bitch and had bathed her before going up. A handler friend of mine took her up for me because I didn't know if I was going to get off in time to show her. He showed her the first day. I made it up there and I had stripped this bitch; she had shed in her bath. I filled up a two-foot square cardboard box and literally stripped her naked and showed her anyway. I won the Breed with her and placed in the Group. I asked the judge out of curiosity why she had gone up. This was years ago, before the Group was split, so there were over 30 dogs in the Group at that time. I asked why he had put up such a hairless Sammie, and he said, "What you see is what you get. You can't hide anything on an out-of-coat dog." It is like the short-coated dogs; if they do a lot of winning, they are good and it shows.

With coated dogs and dogs that are trimmed (Poodles), even the Setters who have the long coats, or any of the dogs with lots of coat, you can hide a multitude of sins under a trim job or under a long coat. I've always wondered how judges tell on Pekingese or Yorkies. How can you see how they move? Can you tell if they are cowhocked? Are they even moving their feet?

Yes, Sammies have got coat, but at least they have long enough legs that you can see what they are doing. As this judge said, when they are out of coat, what you see is what you get; you see the full body structure. I showed Contessa out of coat and even had a picture taken of her; when I got that picture, I just laughed. She looked as if she had a coat hanger for a tail. I used it in advertising and made a joke about being naked. She has absolutely gorgeous structure. A lot of bitches who are out of coat will still carry some tail hair, but she didn't even have that; she looked tacky. (laughter)

What other kinds of things do you enjoy doing?

Up until two weeks ago, I had a pair of horses that I have given to my niece. When we first moved out here to the country, I accumulated a couple of horses. I did some riding then and bred a mare, but over the years, I got more dogs and along with working, I wasn't giving the horses the care I felt I should. My niece had just lost hers, so I gave her the two that I had. She's working with them now.

I go visiting friends on occasion. I use the dogs as an excuse when I can to travel. With working and so forth, traveling on weekdays is curtailed. Every weekend, it's the shows. We've had a few weekends now when there were no shows and I can get some work done here around the place. (laughter) Up until recent years, we used to have a garden out here. My dad has gotten older and so the gardening was curtailed gradually due to that. We are located at the beginning of the foothills, and depending on whether you are up on the top of our little hill or down in the valley, which is not that far away, the ground is different and you get frosts at different times. We were finding that we were having trouble planting a garden because of being located up here. It was hard to grow some things because we only have a couple months of growing season because of the rain. We've got our fruit trees, which I prefer anyway. You don't have to weed the fruit trees! With our gardening, we found that some of the dogs would go do their own gardening. We'd lose potatoes and carrots to the dogs because they'd munch their way through.

I use the weekends that I don't go to shows now to relax and get things done around here. If I lived in town and only had a couple of dogs, it would be different; you

could go off to the movies or something a bit more. Out here, it is seven to ten miles into town, whichever town I happen to want to go to. We are located at a little hub here. It's even further to the theaters and those things, so after figuring time and so forth, we have to be out until early morning and if you want to do something the next day, you are dead.

I like the peace and quiet out here. I can sit and read and not listen to my neighbors through the walls. We lived in town until 1970 and we had four or five dogs. We eventually moved out here partly because of them. It's amazing when you move out into the country a little how quiet it seems. It's nice. I wouldn't move back into town. You like the elbow room; you don't have to listen to the neighbors argue in their house next door. I lived in an apartment for awhile when working in Tacoma and I'd never go back to an apartment if I could avoid it the rest of my life.

When I worked in Seattle, it was 37 miles one way from here. I work over in Edmonds, which is fifteen miles away. I don't have to drive on the freeway. I hear about the accidents and traffic jams there, but don't have to deal with that anymore. I have enjoyed it so much and chuckle about it going to work. I am driving the back roads at 35 mph, so it still takes me a half hour to get there, but I'm not hassled or in a tizzy because of traffic. Coming home, we've got a couple of bad intersections to go through, but I can avoid even those by taking other routes. I sit here and realize that I don't have to drive in the downtown traffic any more. I can go outside and hear the birds here because I don't have cars racing up and down the roads. I don't have the neighbor kids coming through my yard on their way.

It's really rather nice.

We moved out of the city about three years ago. For the first week, I laid there awake because it was so quiet.

There is an area over there across the road that fills up with water much of the time. The frogs over there are tremendous; they can drive you out of the house when they croak at night. When the house lights go off, the frogs shut up. It's like drawing a curtain over a bird cage or something. It's been very nice living out here. If you want to have a screaming snit about something, you can go outside and scream; there's nobody to hear you out here.

Even though we've been here out of the city, we've had less power problems with losing electricity in storms and such things. I was very surprised in that department. We have a little more trouble when we do get snow, which we have on occasion. Two or three years ago, we really got dumped on; overnight, we accumulated something like eighteen inches, which is very unusual for this locale. I then went to shows in Canada on that particular weekend and after I'd traveled about fifteen miles north of here, there was nothing. It was as if someone had drawn a line and said, "You will snow on this side and not on that side!"

We had no problems with our power but they have in town. Since we are not a snow-based country, the road crews are not used to plowing, so it might be a few days before they get us plowed out, but it doesn't bother me at all! I've enjoyed living out here tremendously. The advantages of living here override the few extra minutes that I have to drive.

Thank you very much. *

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