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# SAMOYEDES

By Vera Lawrence

Attention, please: We wish to correct a wrong impression given by us in quoting the story in our February W. K. W. of the trip taken by one of the Sammy sled teams from Camp Rimini, Helena, Mont.

This fine story was released and published through the courtesy of Lieut. Stuart A. Mace, public relations officer at the camp. It was not written by him, however, but by Private Richard A. Mason, driver of the team pictured in that issue. Private Mason is one of the handlers and trainers of the dogs at the camp, who in peace times was training Samoyedes for sledge work for Mr. and Mrs. A. V. W. Foster of Belka Kennels at Gloversville, N. Y. Mr. Foster, it will be remembered, was the owner of the fine Sammy Ch. Moguiski, whose name incidentally is Russian for powerful.

We trust that we may be privileged to see more pictures of the sled dogs at the camp and that Private Mason and others of the dog drivers will send us stories of the teams on trail.

Copy of a letter addressed to Ch. Czar Nicholas II, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bajus of Milwaukee:

Dear Nicky: Ever since we've had your picture I've been thinking about you and how handsome you are. So even if you don't know me I just had to write to you.

I'm Siberian Valka, and a champion, too. I'm really quite pretty. I have a lovely disposition and quite small ears. The dogs here at Stardust say you wouldn't even look at me, but they're just mad cause I transferred affections. The cats! Sweetheart is really mad cause he used to be my heartthrob.

I wonder if you'd let me wear your pretty ribbon sometime. I mean the one you won for best in group. Gee, I think you're wonderful. I suppose though you have a lot of girl friends. I have an awful appetite and I was getting too fat, but with the help of Gene, the kennel made, I've gone on a diet and have lost some weight.

Well, I thank you for sending us such a handsome picture and I wish you'd come to see me sometime. Ch. Siberian Valka  
P. S. YOU may call me Val.

The not-so-mid-Victorian gentleman replied: Ch. Siberian Valka, care of Miss Gene Kroepel, Peoria, Ill. Dear Val: As one champion to another I was sure glad to get your letter and to know you liked my picture. The description of yourself intrigues me, and although I am married and have seven children, four boys and three girls, I would like to make your acquaintance. Confidentially, I have done a little cheating in the past, so we would have to keep this sort of quiet. I'd hop a train and come down except for this war-time travelling. I guess it is hard to get Pullman reservations. My King and Queen just came back

from Mexico, and I heard them telling that travelling was very difficult.

Does your Chief take you too these terrible



## KHARKOV

Owned by Georges and Margaret Bourgoin  
Best in American-bred Dogs Class—Oakland

dog shows? My boss seems to be nuts about them. I heard him say the other day that unless I got in better condition he wouldn't put me in the New York show. Imagine him taking me way to New York to one of those dizzy shows. I would much rather stay here and watch the house. You know, I have quite a little freedom. The boss lets me run loose all the while; even goes away all day and part of the night without locking me up or even chaining me, so I have responsibilities. The wife and babies have to be locked up in the kennel all the while, but you see they are not champions like you and I.

Well, it is time for me to take a look around the countryside to see if there are any new pheasants or rabbits, so I will close. I hope I will be seeing you, perhaps, at one of the shows. Affectionately yours, "Nikko"  
Ch. Yenisei Czar Nicholas II.

Our picture this month shows Best in American-bred dogs class at the Oakland show—Georges and Margaret Bourgoin's lovely Kharkov, known to his friends as Sparky. He is a son of the imported Silver Spark of the Arctic out of the late Annya. "Sparky" is a typical scion of the Arctic Kennels in England and radiates an ardent love for mankind and all creatures around him. His powerful looking head is wreathed in a ruff of exceptional density, which offsets a face of sparkling beauty. His eyes, the typical northern-slant eyes, gleam with expressions of his every mood—anticipation, gayety and joy in the companionship of his loved ones. His ears are beautifully set and of the desired small type, densely covered with hair inside.

We were recently privileged to see Sparky under ideal conditions when he had the run of the University grounds, and the way that

dog could cover space gave evidence of his herding possibilities.

We are happy to announce that Sparky has been bred to the nice young bitch fondly called Flicka, and owned by Miss C. Schiwitz of Martinez. This mating will double up on the Silver Spark bloodline, as Flicka's sire is Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Collicott's Northern Chieftain (a son of Spark). Flicka was bred by Mrs. F. C. Phillips, who owns Princess Kobena, Flicka's mother.

## More About the Sams at Oakland

Reports of the winners were given in last month's W. K. W., so we give here a few words about others at the show.

It was the consensus of opinion that Judge Trullinger did a very splendid job of judging. His placements were consistent, and it was noticeable that all winners, best of breed winners dog, winners bitch and Reserve winners dog were sons or daughters of Silver Spark of the Arctic. Reserve winners bitch being the one exception. We are ever intrigued by that typical Sammy smile on the face of the six-year-old Nianya of Snowland—life to her is just one big game. But quite the clown of the show was Mr. and Mrs. Duhamel's 16 months old son of Ch. White Way of Kobe out of Cleo. This young fellow, named Sasha II, came with his folks from San Anselmo.

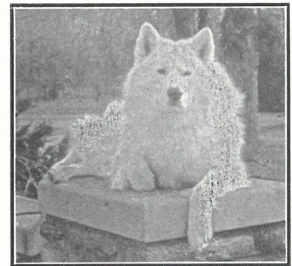
Sasha attracted much attention at the bench with his puppy like antics, especially as he pestered the good natured Sparky with his attempts to take a piece off that enticing looking tongue of his. (See picture).

However, Sparky's attitude was one of boredom with a nuisance, and a look as though to say, "Oh, don't mind him, he'll grow up some day."

Next to Sasha on the bench were Kara Kobe of Oceanside (Khetta) and her pal Lensen's Snow Chief (Snowy), who entertained their friends with demonstrations of the correct way to toss and catch bits of crackers or any other item placed on their noses.

Later Sasha found it to his advantage to watch Khetta closely and retrieved the morsels that Khetta tossed over her shoulder—almost, it would seem, to him. But, mark you, this never happened while Snowy was there to keep her in line.

Next was Pat Healy's Ski Trooper of Tamland (Knarf to his friends), a son of Ch. White Way of Kobe ex Jooschka, with his



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pals from Sacramento, Mrs. Mason's Herdsman's Victory Leader, Herdsman's Faith, Ch. White Way of Kobe, Nianya of Snowland and Reningrad—Yanna, as she is called, is owned by Mrs. P. Anton Stang of Mill Valley. We expect news of the arrival of puppies to this young bitch in a short time.

We were happy to greet friends at the bench. There was always a dense crowd about the bench, so if we have failed to mention any who visited us there it is purely unintentional.

It was nice to see Miss Dora Rankin of Los Gatos, who owns Kara Kim of Kharkov; a son of Ch. Petrof Lebanov ex Nianya; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Collicott and young son Kenneth, who own Northern Chieftain; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Robison Jr., former owners and breeders of Sammiies; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Harris and daughter Claretta of Oakland, who own 11-year-old veteran Ch. Maelchek; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Clawson and daughter Claudia, who own Chaddi of Sammyland; Mrs. Dorothy Dye and her young son from Lafayette, owners of Empress Zita and her son Ivan; Mrs. C. H. Ritter of Oakland, the proud owner of Swiss Snow of White Tundra; Mrs. A. A. Heer of Alameda, who owns Lensen's Snowbird. Alto there to greet us was Harold Cuneo, always kindly interested in our Sams, and we must not forget to thank Cecil Nix for that "boost." He has watched the progress of our breed from the days when we were lucky to have even one Sam on the bench.

And, last, but not least, our thanks to Helen 2nd for another swell show.

Our heartiest congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Robert C. Ashley, whose gorgeous Nikita of Snowland is at last recovering from the effects of a leg injury received some time ago. Nikita is so close to making his championship, though he was seldom shown. When the Captain is away Mrs. Ashley depends on Nikky as guard dog in the house. Nikita went to the Ashleys as a young pup and is one of the family; his idol is the Captain.

We were recently privileged to see a picture of Nikita which was taken a couple of years ago at the Katonah show in New York. His smiling face, typical slant eyes, tiny ears and beautiful stance make an eye arresting picture—and he is as smart and intelligent as he is gorgeously beautiful.

Other snapshots which we enjoyed seeing were of the Baby Sammy Eslooto of Oceanside, the son of Nikky and Ch. Nova Sonia of Kobe. These snaps were well titled by Mrs. Ashley, "The Little Minister" pictures.

Our thanks to Mrs. Homer Meanor of Long Island, N. Y., who sent up the report of the Boston show, with C. Cyril Keckler, Judge.

Best American-bred dog was Paul E. Brindle's Sammy-Ed's Baku.

Limit dogs—Dr. William Iven, Jr's Ryn of Snowland; open dogs class, Mrs. Helene L. Irving's Nieko of Snowland. Winners dog, Nieko of Snowland; Reserve, Ryn of Snowland. Novice bitch winner was Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Du Chemin's Victoria, by Ilak ex Siberian Mona.

Best of breed was Nieko of Snowland, one of the litter by Ch. Nim of Snowland out of Curtis Meanor's Snow White III.

Mrs. Meanor sends us the welcome news that their local librarian has enjoyed the Christmas issue of W. K. W. so thoroughly and has had so many calls for it that she plans to subscribe to our magazine for the readers at the library.

There are rumors of puppies to arrive in the not distant future in the kennels at Long Island.

Gerald Wm. Cox, formerly of Iowa, has moved to Phoenix, Arizona. He tells us that hhe has sold a nice litter of puppies born last fall, four males and three females. Mr. Cox is interested in receiving information regarding future shows on the Coast, especially in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Martha H. Rooney of Siberian Kennels requests that all Sammy owners who bought some of the Sammy wool spun in North Carolina and who found the wool on spindles will take utmost care to return every one of these spindles as soon as possible to her as she is held responsible for them all.

**Snow Maiden of Snowland Comes to Berkeley**

It was a sad parting at Snowland when young Snow Maiden said good-bye to her "mommie" and her brothers and sisters there and took the twenty-mile ride with Ernest to Paoli Station, where she was put aboard the through train to Chicago. Little Snow Maiden, born on Christmas day, was only a baby of eight weeks when she left her home on that Saturday night, but when she reached us in Berkeley just five nights and four days later she ran into our arms in high glee, after extending a friendly little paw to the express agent who had delivered her to our door and who stopped to admire and pet her.

It wasn't long before baby "Lelya" (as she is fondly called) had the rest of the gang literally on their ears. She especially picked on Snowy as her particular pal, noting in him a playboy after her own heart.

If we might be excused for speaking of our youngest for a moment—Lelya is the daughter of Ch. Nalda ex Ch. Norna of Snowland, a baby of much personality, a "glamor girl" with a saucy face, sparkling black eyes enhanced by long white lashes, a jet black nose,

lips and eye-rims. We are so happy to own her, and join Mrs. Harris in thanking the Railway Express for its promptness in delivering the pup in the shortest time possible and for the evident care given on her trip out.

Snow Maiden's sister, Jingle Belle, and her handsome brothers, Nicholas and Kris Kringle of Snowland have also gone to new homes. Kris Kringle to Dr. M. M. Miller of Merion and beautiful Nicholas to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dickenson Este of Greenwich, Conn. The remaining three of the litter, Noel, Nick and White Christmas of Snowland, are remaining at the home kennels as are three of the Kur-gan and Nadine litter.

Mrs. Harris tells us "the six babies certainly have a high old time together. When I can't go down to the kennels to see them Ernest brings the little flock up on the lawn under my window, where they play around. They all follow him up from the kennels, and Norna and Dol (Nadine) come along to help him with them. Dol takes great responsibility and herds them wherever Ernest wants them to go. If they get too far away she goes after them and brings them back. She is always very worried for fear one will stray away when Ernest has so many out at one time. It is very cute, for she is a good deal of a pup herself even now."

Nadine is a litter sister to Ch. Nalda (sired by Ch. Sprint of the Arctic, out of Ch. Nadya of Snowland), and it will be interesting to see how the puppies from these two bloodlines will compare in the months to come.

**Miss Helen Whitaker Writes From England**

"Today a great surprise arrived in the form of a W. K. W. Thank you so much for sending such a fine dog paper. We have much enjoyed looking through the Samoyed pictures of dogs we have read about in the Christmas number of the Bulletin of the Samoyede Club of America. The front cover with its head of Nalda takes the eye; he must be a beautiful dog.

"This Christmas number seems to be a special Samoyed number; the editorial staff are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The quality of the paper alone would make a British editor green with envy. There is such a shortage of paper here."

The Buckwyn dogs, Brunhild, 12½ years, her daughter Thanew of Buckwyns, and her sons Hildesay and Explorer, Stephanie of Buckwyns and her daughter, and Hildesay's son, Bosun of Buckwyns, together with the young bitch, Snowland Hope, all send greetings to Snowy and Kheta and all their American cousins. Hope would like to join Kheta in her ball games; she is full of vim and teases the old ladies unmercifully, but they don't seem to mind and put her in her place when she gets too obstreperous.

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**Mrs. Quereaux Shares With Us a Letter From Miss Iris Creveld of England**

"Like most people these days I am busy on war work. I have to live away from home with a friend (luckily a Samoyed owner), and only get home week ends to see my mother and my pets. Fortunately for me, when I was called up in my age group last year I was able to get a very old friend of the family to take my place in looking after mother and the dogs which she adores.

"Now I have only two pets left, two bitches which I did not breed, Stephanie of Wealdland, bred by Mrs. Hickbery of Hastings, Sussex, and Milka of Beresoff, bred by Mr. Scott White.

"Snowreena died very soon after Nimreena, the daughter. She was 13 years old, and I had had her since she was seven weeks old, my first Sam. I called her Snowreena because her dam was Karena, and her sire Snow Sou. Then when she had a daughter I called her Nimreena because she was the daughter of Nim of Farningham and Snowreena. Next came Desreena, whose dam was Desstata of Farningham. This was before I acquired the Taimir prefix. Snowreena's pet name was Kiki, and she was the most human of dogs. There will never be another "Kiki," although all in their different ways are adorable. The two I have left are very sweet old ladies, 10 years old, but they behave like two year olds when they are told "Mummie" Iris is coming home. And what a welcome I get.

"No one has mentioned that Miss Thomson-Glover sent Morina out to Miss Hudson as a gift. She had been on the lookout for a mate suitable for Storm Cloud, one which would benefit the breed in America as well as in the pedigree. She visited my kennels and picked Morina out when quite a tiny pup and wrote off to Miss Hudson and arranged to send her out when she was older, after she had been inoculated. This was done at about six months, after which she was shown at Sutton and won a card in one of the classes. Miss MacIntosh was the judge. Then on a very hot day Miss Thomson-Glover, mother and a friend drove down to Southampton with

me, when we put Morina on the Aquitania in charge of the butcher.

"Miss Ruth Stillman met her in New York and had her for a time at their summer home on Long Island. She found 'Sibbi' was quite at home on board ship and was by this time a special pet of the butcher.

"I was unable to show Shaman under Miss Stillman when she judged at Richmond, but she saw him at Old Salts Farm and kindly said he was one of the finest Samoyeds in England."

A most welcome surprise letter has just been received by the owner of Lensen's Snow Chief from Miss M. Keyte Perry, owner of the famous Arctic Kennels in England, who wrote in part: "I feel I must write to tell you how much I love the photo of your lovely Lensen's Snow Chief, for he is almost the living likeness of my lovely late Ch. Snow Chief of the Arctic. It is really absurd how alike the two are, and I would just take your dog out of the paper and hug him. I am sure he is the greatest pet, just like my Chiefy-boy was, and he looks as if he has the same lovely disposition too. My Chief would wander about the grounds here and speak to every one he met, visit the various men and women working here, and then the girls in the school would have a visit, and in the summer when all the doors were open he would go into the classrooms and have a chat with the girls.

I am so interested to read the Samoyed section in the Western Kennel World, which I receive every month. There is so much interesting reading that I send it around to Samoyed owners in this country, and I have received many letters of appreciation, and then, of course, Mrs. Quereaux sends me the Bulletin every month.

"I am hoping to do some breeding this year if war conditions allow, for I have more clients

waiting for my Arctic dogs than I can possibly supply even with the above litters I am hoping for. It will be good to have some puppies in my kennel again, and to rear some of the Arctic strain again, for I have done no breeding since the war. I still have my lovely Ch. Greta of the Arctic and Ch. Riona of the Arctic, but they are now too old for breeding, but they are in lovely condition and such pets in the house.

Miss Vera Lawrence's Lensen of Snowland is like my late Ch. Snow Chief, too, but not so much as your dog, he has the broad forehead and ears just like Chief Lensen is more like Ch. Silver Glow of the Arctic. (Note here, Miss Perry, Lensen and Silver Glow were half sisters, both having Ch. Ice Crystal of the Arctic as their mother, Lensen, of course, being born in the U. S. A.) I felt I must write to tell you of your dog's likeness to his grandfather, for his photo haunts me every time I see it. Thanks for your letter, Miss Perry."

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