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Best in Show Award at the 1950 "One and Only" Oakland Show: Judge, Mrs. H. P. ("Ma") Rosemont; Owner, Mrs. Chris (Grace C.) Staber, 8090 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California; Handler, Harry Sangster; presenting trophy, "Cappy" Staber; Winner, Champion Staber's Inspiration



Samoyeds

By Vera Lawrence
610 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley 7, Calif.



Hi there folks! Well—after all these years I've at last been to a dog show, and what a dog show!

Yep—I'm nearly 11 years old, and this was my first appearance at a show. My beloved former owner used to go at times, but she got sick and left us last year just after I ran off one day (if only she could have known what happened to me and how glad I was to be found and brought back home again!)

But now "Vee" is my adopted owner—So she decided that as long as this was a specially sponsored show for Sams she'd enter me and nine year old Kheta (that's Kara Kobe of Oceanside—by Nikita of Snowland out of the world famous traveler Ch. Nova Sonia of Kobe). So "Vee's" sister, Ina, entered my brother, Lensen's Snow Chief—you know him as Snowy. So, we made a good start, at least—but about a week before show time Snowy decided to shed his coat. Well that wasn't so good. When Snowy is in coat (and he carries a tremendously beautiful coat, just right type and texture) he's really a regal looking guy—but when he's shedding Snowy gets that moth-eaten look which deflates him for sure.

So Snowy was entered, but necessarily absent from the show. Just a few days previous to the show our folks took Kheta and me down to Dr. Berry's for a bath. We came out looking swell too, except for that brownish tint we have on the knuckles of our front legs. Mine didn't use to be anything but beautifully white until Kheta taught me how to chew on our knuckles. We never get the hair off—but we sort of suck on them—and it seems our saliva

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causes that brownish tint. Any of you folks know how we can get them pure white again? No—bleaching won't do—Vee is careful about putting anything on them that might hurt us. Snowy does it to his sometimes—but his stay white—what to do!

But—I started out to tell you about Sams at Oakland. For those who are interested in just the Big wins, let me give you them first, you can skip the rest.

We are supposed to have pictures of the winners for you to see—but so far they haven't come in.

Winners Dog—the guy that got the 5 points (thus completing his championship—subject to A.K.C. approval) was none other than Samoyland's Vojak, C.D.X., by Soldier Frosty of Rimini out of Ch. Samoyland's Lucky Ann, bred by Barbara Stewart of Concord, California. Vojak's proud owners are Tommy and Chloe Witcher of Vallejo, California, who won Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Ruick's trophy for Winners Dog. (We'll tell you more about Vojak later).

Reserve Winners Dog was Charles M. and Margaret Tucker's Nikalaev of Encino, from way down in Encino, California. Nikalaev is by Ch. Starchak out of Rhanor's Tynda of Petsamo.

Winners Bitch, with five points, was that nice looking little "lady" from way back in Peru, Indiana, Ralph L. Longden's Alstasia's Ditzzy-Boo, by Anikki of White Crest out of Ch. Alstasia's Tanyana. Ditzzy-Boo was purchased by Mrs. Longden as a valentine to her husband at Westminster show, just after the pup had gone Winners Bitch. Her breeders were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McBain. Ditzzy-Boo was handled by Mrs. Claire Marshall of Chicago, who really knows how to show them.

Reserve Winners Bitch was Earl M. Pulley's Park-Cliffe Snowball, from San Jose. Snowball is by Siberian Chinkie out of Park-Cliffe White Ginger, her breeder was Mrs. Mildred S. Davis of New York.

Best of Winners was Vojak (incidentally that Open Dogs class was really one to give any judge a workout—and we might say that on the whole—folks were pretty well satisfied with the placements made by the judge, R. A. Cross of Victoria, B.C.)

Best of Breed was Ch. Verla's Prince Comet (Verla's Comet ex Verla's Princess Aida), who came up from Arcadia, California, with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hill and daughter Norma Jean, and his owner and handler Shirley Ann Hill, who really knows how—we'd say.

We might add that it was only little more than two years ago that Shirley won Prince Comet as a door prize pup at a show—and it has been through her work and excellent handling that she carried Comet to his championship.

And then, folks, Best of Opposite Sex was Mrs. Joe Marshall's Ch. Frolene of Sammar

who had come all the way from Chicago to compete in our Oakland Show. Ch. Frolene was bred by Mrs. Marshall—a daughter of Ch. Yenesei Czar Nicholas II out of Ch. Frola of Snowland.

The Champion Parade later in the evening found four Sammies entered: Mrs. Marshall's Ch. Frolene of Sammar, Mrs. Ralph Longden's Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar, Mrs. Levant Brown's Ch. Borealis of the Far Steppes (Ch. Herdsman's Chattigan ex Ch. Silver Star of White Way), and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward's Ch. Starchak, C.D., from Culver City, litter brother to "Bori."

And now for the other entries—I'll give you their names but will withhold comments, as Vee says it was the judge's job to do the judging not ours.

Perhaps I'd better tell you about the Sammy bench. We have Mrs. Allison Schofield of San Francisco to thank for planning that backing of blue with its fringe of icicles along the top, against which the white Sams show off so beautifully. Above the center of the bench—a wall bench by the way—was a gorgeous painting of the Northern Lights done by Mrs. Schofield. Willing helpers in charge of putting up the backing were Kenneth Thompson, Ralph Rowe, Earl Pulley, Joe Scott, Mr. Hill and B. P. Dawes—aided by others of the members. Because the entry of 45 actually benched (52 Sams entered) our benching extended to several feet across the aisle—and it was music to our folks' ears to hear the comments—the "ahs" and "ohs" caused by the beautiful sight that was presented by the Sams at Oakland.

At one end of the bench, Mrs. Levant Brown of Ross, California, had her spinning wheel, with the many articles of clothing, sweaters, scarfs, beanies, socks, etc., made from Sammy yarn spun from the combings—this space allotted for the exhibit was made possible through the absence of my pals—Kheta and Snowy.

First in our line was Mrs. Ralph Rowe's Aurore of the Far Steppes (exhibition only) then Mrs. Levant Brown's Polaris of the Far Steppes and Ch. Borealis of the Far Steppes (our Cover Page Boy of March W.K.W.), then Mrs. Ralph Rowe's Taiga Queen and myself, Lensen's Snowbird (we shared one section of benching).

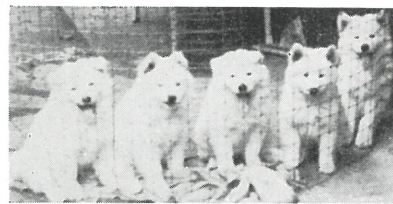
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Frolene of Sammar (who went Best Opposite Sex) and then Mrs. Longden's Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar and Mr. Longden's Winners Bitch, Ditzzy-Boo. Next to her was the Charles Tucker's Reserve Winners Dog, Nikalaev of Encino and Margie Olin's puppy bitch, Snowcrest's Nadya. G. Wilbur Jones' Siberian Star of Altai, who had come to our show with his owners from Tucumcari, New Mexico was next.

Numbers 20 and 21, Peg O'My Heart of Altai and Ada of Snowland (Imp) were unavoidably absent due to illness in Mrs. Lucile Miller's family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson's Masha Snow Queen was next, beside Paul Tormey's Garth. Beside him was Earl Pulley's Park-Cliffe Snowball, and her daughter Obi Snow, first in Jr. Puppy Bitches Class. Then right under the Aurora were Mrs. Mason's three, Toby of White Way, White Way's Muffit (Rex of White Way ex Czarina of White Way) winner of first in Senior Puppy Bitches Class, and Mrs. Mason's senior Puppy Dog Winner, White Way's Silver Streak. Beside them was Jerry Gracia's Viking Tahoe of White Way.

Next in line No. 31, was Hazel Dawes' Faustina Fauna and her pal, Champion Lucky Labon Nahum. Beside him was Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Schmidling's Tanna Kyan of Sonolad, winner of the California-bred Dogs and Bitches class. Beside her was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidling's White Puff of Notoc.

Then came Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Ward's Ch. Starchak, C.D. (winner of the Stud Dog's Class) with his son, Rainier, from Culver City. Beside them were some more of our Southern California friends, Joe Scott and Norma Jean Hill's Kameha's Kathy, Shirley Ann Hill's Ch. Verla's Prince Comet (judged Best Sammy exhibit), Mrs. Beulah Weidig's Kameha's Prince Duplicate and Joe Scott's Karina of White Way.

Beside her was Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurley's Nikki of Petsamo, from Surfside, California. Philip and Sally Holmes' Jr. Puppy Dog Winner, Vojak's Frosty was next—beside Mrs. Emmet Smith's Samoyland's Cin-Da. Dorothy Dye's Starzan of Altai, Best in Local Class was the end dog on this long bench.

Across the aisle was George and Gertrude Ruwisch's Ru-Heim's Saucy Christina, who had a "very special" bench decorated by her owners. Smoski of Snowview and Snow Mist Tanya owned by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bennett of Antelope, California, shared a bench beside Ernest Saunder's Novice Bitch Winner. Samoy-

land's Khan of Concord. Next was the Thomas Witcher's Samoyland's Vojak, C.D.X., Winners Dog.



Oakland's Best of Breed Sam—Shirley Ann Hill's Ch. Prince Comet of Arcadia, Calif.

Mrs. Dorothy Larson's Chenko of Valiki was handled by Nicky Finn—but two others, Frosty Boy of Samovland and Karitza of Valiki were absent due to the illness of Mrs. Larson.

The Limit Dogs Winner, Samoyland Sergei, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Poletti shared the next bench with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nickel's Snow Prince of Forest Hills, Erwin Weisner's Petrina of Valiki, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Morton's Mooski and his son and daughter, Prince and Babuschka (out of Ernest Saunder's Samoyland's Khan of Concord).

And there you have it folks, a rare unequalled entry of 52 Sams for our Oakland Show of 1950. Yours for a swell entry of Sams for the National Specialty Show to be held at Long Beach in June!—Nibby (Lensen's Snowbird).

Visitors at Our Bench at Oakland

Among our Sammy friends and visitors to the bench were several who were one-time exhibitors—we were especially happy to welcome one of the former active members of our Club, Wm. P. Duhamel of San Anselmo, to whom we extend heartfelt sympathy upon the recent passing of his wife, Mae, shortly following the death of their devoted pal and guardian, Ch. Sasha II, victim of a hit-run driver.

Visitors from Mill Valley were Mrs. Madge Juilly, whose daughter, Pat Healy, now in the "Waves," is the owner of Ch. Ski Trooper of Tamaland. We met also Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stang, owners of Sonolad of the Valley, Ladmielck and their aging mother, Mielchka. From San Rafael came "Bill" Wyman, former owner of "Rainier," and from Santa Barbara, Elizabeth Wyman, "who just had to make this Oakland Show" though her two "gals," Snowy Dawn and Belinki were unable to attend. Dorothy Hewitt of San Francisco (formerly New York) was there; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dunaway, whose Samoyland's Lady Sno-Chrystal could not attend; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, owners of one of Sno-Chrystal's puppies by Ch. Chinde of Caspar; Mrs. Mae Stewart and Barbara Stewart, owners of Samoyland Kennels in

Concord, and a welcome visitor, Mrs. Manford Blair, former owner of Marya and her son by Northern Chieftain, called "Butch." Mrs. Blair is at present taking care of our "latest"—the four months old daughter of Elizabeth Wyman's Belinki, sired by Joe Marshall's Guardian of the Arctic. This little lady, called Dragoya (meaning "dear one")—through Belinki, a daughter of "Crystal" (Snowy Dawn) out of Lensen of Snowland, carries in her blood—the blood of Lensen—and it is our fervent hope that she will "carry on" as our newest White Christmas Sam. At present she is the playmate and pal of little 16 months old Anne Blair—whose toys and games she shares—but she has chosen Mr. Blair as her special "pal." It was a delight to see little black-eyed "Bobby" outside the auditorium that day—our big regret—that we could not take her back with us.

And while speaking of visitors to our bench, we were more than happy to greet Helen Brown (Mrs. Donn Brown) who gave us such excellent help enabling us to locate the puppy "Bobby" who had become "lost" in transportation between Santa Barbara and San Francisco. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean, of El Sobrante.

Sorely missed from our ranks, was Mrs. Dorothy Larson of Santa Rosa, California, who was very ill; Mrs. Lucile Miller of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who was unable to attend Oakland this year due to the severe illness of her son-in-law, Horace Pierce (best known to us as the artist who planned our December, 1945 W.K.W. cover page—the puppy-love pups).

Also missed were Lois Rayner, Billie Tucker and an anticipated visitor, Mrs. Gertrude Adams.

Let's Get This Straight!

Before going any farther, may we tell you about the trophy which was sent for the Oakland Show by our President, Mrs. Catharine Quereaux. Through an unavoidable misunderstanding the lovely trophy donated by the Samoyed Club of America, was listed wrongly in our Premium list, and therefore in the Catalog. Cash for this trophy was donated by the Samoyed Club of America. The trophy was purchased from Granat's in San Francisco by Helen 2nd.

Mrs. Quereaux informed us that her name was not intended to be on that donation at all—but that she MUST NOT be left off of Oakland's trophy donors. However (according to



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by Helen Mettler who has done so much of this lovely work. This picture outlined against a gold-colored background. The outside frame

by nine year old Patricia Witcher with her Sammy "Vojak," with her "dad" at the microphone was one that fairly brought down the house.

"Tommy," incidentally, conducts obedience training classes in Vallejo, but he has also trained "his own" very well.

Little Pat's cue was to follow the orders given her by "dad" over the loud speaker, and the "team"—Pat and Vojak—carried out the orders with the surety of many a veteran.

One trick—a beginning trick in his utility dog training, showed not only cleverness in carrying out an order but a bit of originality on the part of Vojak. He was given his "stay" signal while Pat stepped away many yards from him. At a signal, Vojak made a running leap—and given the order to stop (don't remember the exact words—but anyhow) Vojak "put on the brake" sharply and skidded to a stop just in front of Pat. This brought a burst of applause from the audience. It was an exhibition well worth watching.

Later, "Tommy" went on the scene, with Vojak controlled only by hand signals. Another excellent demonstration.

We understand that at the time of the Sled Dog races at Truckee in February, Tommy Witcher and Vojak put on a demonstration which was "tops" showing that a well-trained dog so implicitly trusts his handler that anything is possible. They put on a demonstration in the center of Highway 40, with cars speeding by in each direction and the highway lined with marvellous spectators—that, we would have loved to see!

This "team" has helped to earn funds for the American Red Cross on several occasions, and we salute them as an honor to our breed!

When next you read of Vojak, it will no doubt be **Champion Samoyland's Vojak, CDX.**



Some days before the Show, Mrs. Quereaux's donation to Oakland reached us,—a lovely large glass tray, with a Samoyed painted on the glass

Alstasia's Ditzzy-Bco, 10 months old Winners Bitch at Oakland Show, March 4, 5, 1950. Ralph L. Longden of Peru, Indiana, owner.

had handles in a lovely shade of blue. Under the tray was a felt base, making it a safe tray for use on any polished surface.

The tray was duly shown to all exhibitors at the bench and admired by all. Mrs. Quereaux had suggested we might chance it off and put the proceeds into our Club treasury. So with the help of that ever-helpful member, Joe Scott, this was acted upon immediately, each person choosing a favorite "lucky" number or more. Result—a novice exhibitor from San Francisco, Mrs. Schmidling, won that lovely tray and our treasury was increased to the amount of twenty-two dollars.

Our thanks to Mrs. Quereaux, to the Samoyed Club of America, and to all trophy donors who helped to make our 1950 Oakland Sammy exhibit the success it was.

More About Sams at Oakland

We have told how Mr. and Mrs. "Tommy" Witcher's Samoyland's Vojak placed as Winners Dog and Best of Winners at Oakland under the excellent handling of his owner—but the demonstration put on later Sunday evening

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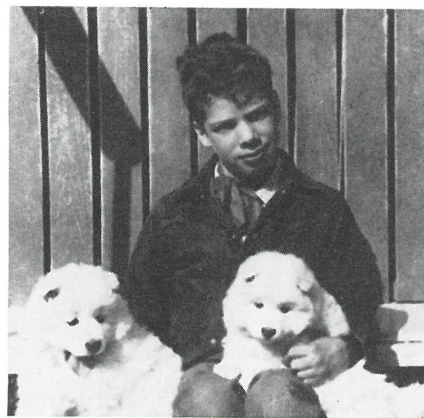
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ion. The pups are so uniform in size that it is hard to tell them apart. Little noses black as shoe buttons, bodies compact, legs sturdy and strong, and tails carried over their backs in beautiful style. Vision feeds them at times now (alho reluctantly—as at five weeks the little teeth are scissors sharp). "But we feed them four times a day besides—this will be increased to five when she leaves them at night. How they squeal and try to bark when I appear with the food," writes Miss Goodrich. "Vision is in fine condition, fat and lively, and so far shows no sign of losing her coat. She needs it—as it goes to zero almost every night (letter written February 21) and she is out of doors most of the time she is not with the puppies."

Glancing through Vision's pedigree we find many of the big names in English Sammy bloodlines—Rinansej Herald (her sire), son of Peter of Kobe, spoken of in England as one of the best stud dogs; Snowland Vana, (her mother), a British CC winner and now owned by Dr. Wm. Ivens of Ardmore, Penna.

Some other famous names in her pedigree are U. S. Ch. Storm Cloud, Taz, Christina Marie, Ch. Sea Foam, Vara, Sea Mist, Leader of the Arctic, Kosca of Kobe and so on.

Lots of good luck with those new babies, Miss Goodrich!

More About Puppies

Los Rayner of Idyllwild, California (away up in the mountains of Southern California) tells us that her American and Canadian Champion Dushka of Altai (Ch. Zantok of Breezewood ex Ch. Valya of Snowland) has whelped a nice litter of puppies (March 1st), five little Chindes and three little Dushkas. The sire of course is Ch. Chindeof Caspar, C.D.X. (sired by Sooltan out of Ch. Silver Star of White Way). Mother and pups are all doing well—lots of luck, Lois.

Down in Encino, California, Mrs. Charles Tucker was so busy "baby-sitting" with those puppies of Suretta's and Tynda's that she sent the Mr. up to our Oakland show with Nikalae, just so the Tuckers would be represented at our Oakland Show which they have enjoyed for the past three years. (We missed you Billie, and want you to know how much folks asked for you! V.L.)

And now for some BIG NEWS! Mrs. Tucker has sold a pup for export to Brazil! She wrote as follows: "Thought maybe folks might be interested in this news since the buyer assures us it will be the first of any Arctic breed to be imported into his country. Alberto Moraes contacted the Bob Wards for a pup and they, not having any at this time, referred him to us. We all spen an interesting evening with Mr. Moraes at the Ed Adams.

"Then two nights later Mr. Moraes spent the evening with us, chose his pup, and all final arrangements were made. He chose one of Tynda's 'boys' by Ch. Laska of White Way. The pup has now been started on the various

'shots' required by the Brazilian government—and when these are finished will go by plane to his new home.

"Little Mr. Brazil," as the pup is fondly called, has a beautiful long coat, small ears, well placed, entire black points and dark eyes. Having run free over our field, his frame and muscles are very well developed. He really is a beautiful pup and will be a fine specimen to represent our breed in Brazil." Congratulations, folks! That's swell!

In a later note, Mrs. Tucker gave us a report of the Bakersfield Show (23 Sams entered, we believe).

The Bob Wards' Rainier (Ch. Starchak, C.D. ex Snowy Dawn) went Winners Dog and Best of Breed. Witcher's Vojak went Reserve. He was lovely and so very well trained.

Earl Pulley's bitch, Park-Cliffe Snowball, from San Jose, went Winners Bitch. Mrs. Tucker says, "I took two of Suretta's pups to Bakersfield for the Witchers to look over. They liked the one I had called Shirley (Shirley Ann Hill's favorite) so we now have our second

heart string attached up in the Bay District—the other, the Andrew Coopers' Princess Tanya of Hale Cooper."

Thanks, Mrs. Tucker for advising us that the pup sold by Mr. Tucker to Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Exeter, California, was made possible through your W.K.W. ad.

And now we are awaiting news of the arrival of another litter of pups, this one by Rainier out of Mrs. Edwin Adams' Ch. Suzanne of White Way.

That Spark of Altai Did It Again!

By now it must be generally known that Dr. Seldon Bezanson's Spark of Altai (Ch. Snowland Star out of Ch. Snow Dawn) came to Westminster Show from Canada in February, and again placed Best Sammy. Of course the entry was not as large as Dr. Bezanson had wished for—but "Terry" as Spark is fondly called, carried home the honors. "Veni, Vidi, Vici." Congratulations, folks!

Winners Bitch at Westmins'er was an eight months old puppy—Alstasia's Ditzzy-Boo. She was a little glamor girl, and so charmed Mrs.

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Ralph Longden of Peru, Indiana, that she purchased her as a valentine gift for Mr. Longden.

This same little lady then made the long trip with her new owners to our Oakland Show, where she took for herself five championship points as Winners Bitch, under the expert handling of Mrs. Claire Marshall.

At Marion, Indiana Show of February 19th, with Carey Lindsay as judge, Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Grover C. Miller's Cupid of Breezewood (Ch. Novik of Snowland ex Tish of Krimthursar.) Mrs. James Layman's Starzo of Altai was Reserve Winner. Winners Bitch was Major N. M. Pace's Shiza Snowdrift (Ruri of Smile Awhile ex Princess Kola). Reserve Winners Bitch was Mrs. Marie Gillet's Katya of Breezewood (by Cupid of Breezewood ex Yenavick of Breezewood.)

Best of Breed was S. K. Ruick's Ch. S'rog of Altai, with Mrs. Layman's Ch. Vodi Norpau-don as Best of Opposite Sex.

At Muncie, Indiana, the Wayne Gillettes took along some of the Ruick dogs for competition, with Ch. Chuckles of Breezewood going Best of Breed.

We know our Sam Club members will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ruick of Indianapolis a speedy recovery from the illness which has kept them down for some time. Not even able to make the trip to Westminster this year. Get well quickly, folks, we are all pulling for you!

A Letter from England

The following letter from Miss B. Simmons of Cornwall, England, we quote verbatim as she has asked us to make this correction. She wrote:

"We were delighted and thrilled to read of Silvertip's arrival in America, but I hasten to write you, as I see by your January issue that

you have been misinformed. She was most definitely **not** the pick of the litter in lieu of stud fee.' It was this way (and I am sorry if I am worrying the thing to death, but there has been so much of this sort of thing.)

"At the time of Jenetta's mating I was serving with the Anti-Aircraft Command, so my mother enlisted the help of Mr. Evans of the Silvertips Kennel. He very obligingly took Jenet'a all the way to Surrey through an air-raid, to be mated to White Star. The resulting litter he bought at five weeks old, with the exception of a dog—Tunga of Frostyways whom we still own, and who still sires exceptionally fine puppies. However, Mr. Evans sold those he had bought **all except** Princess, who was registered as Princess of Silvertips. Mr. Evans saw her potentialities, and trained her well. He showed her for the first time at eight weeks and got best puppy. He was all set for an amazing career with her when he was ordered by the Council in one of those houses he lived, to disperse of his kennel as the neighbors complained! Princess was now going on twelve weeks—and Mrs. Perry bought her from him at that age. We were of course pleased—but she went to Kobe as she would continue her show career. But I do think that Mr. Evans should be recognized as the one who trained her to show so confidently after raising her from five weeks. Perhaps you would correct the mistake in your next issue?"

Thank you, Miss Simmons for your letter—we are indeed glad to present the true facts in any situation concerning our Sams.

Miss Simmons wrote, "We do so enjoy reading the Kennel World Sammy news, and have such fine photographs in the section too. The 'Icelanders' particularly took our eyes in the January issue. All the Best of Luck to American Sam breeders—always."

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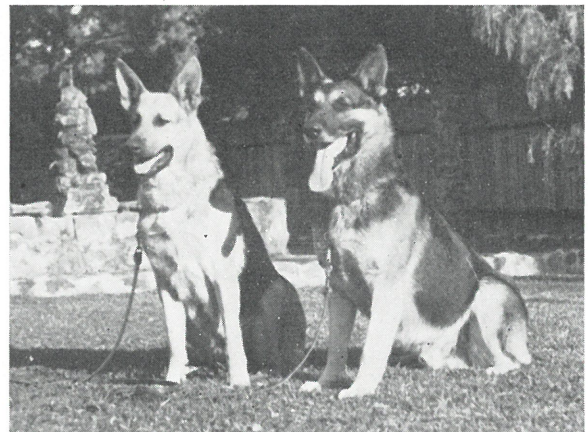
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