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## Samoyeds

By Vera Lawrence

610 Colusa Ave., Berkeley, California.

The following item was sent to us many years ago by Frances Meyers of Huntington, West Virginia with the notation: "This is the article that Mr. C. E. Harbison gave on the Samoyed breed over a Chicago broadcasting station. I have been told it was originally written by the late Alfred Seeley, owner of Donerna Kennels, located in New Jersey, and of the famous Champion Donerna's Barin."

Quote: **Dogs That See the Midnight Sun**

From the frozen stretches of the Polar zone comes the Samoyed, the dog for companionship as well as service; one that has beauty, intelligence, and affection in the superlative degree, qualities desired in all members of the canine race. He is not a white chow, nor a white collie, nor a white shepherd, nor even a spitz. He is a biteless dog with an almost human brain, magnificent in appearance, sweet in disposition. He is of a basic breed, so old that its origin has been lost in antiquity.

While the Samoyed has become generally known to the civilized world in recent years, it must be recognized as one of the oldest domesticated types. The dog has been used for herding reindeer and for utilitarian purposes for centuries past by the Samoyed people, a nomadic tribe of Finnic origin, inhabiting the Yamal Samoyed Peninsula, a vast stretch of Tundra which extends along the shores of the Arctic Ocean, from the White Sea to the Yenesei River in Western Siberia.

Reindeer, "those land and ice ships of the Arctic," live on a particular moss or lichen which abounds throughout the vast white spaces of the midnight sun. When this natural fodder is exhausted, the Samoyed people strike their tents and migrate to some new feeding ground. It is in this moving that the dogs are so useful, as they herd the reindeer in much the same way as sheep and cattle are herded in this country by other breeds.

The rigorous climate of the Samoyed Peninsula of necessity, must lead to the survival of the fittest, and a young dog, deformed or in ill health, has very little chance to reach maturity. Nature has designed a frame work and muscular system especially built for speed and agility and in these ways has insured a sturdy, pure blooded progeny, basically healthy. Manifestly there is an absence of the artificial conditions which have produced in the past, and even now are producing freak dogs.

Samoyeds were first introduced into England in the late eighties by a member of the Royal Zoological Society who had discovered the breed during an exploration trip. He bought his first

dog from a tribe of the Samoyed people, encountered in Northeast Russia and about to be transferred to Nova Zembla by the government of Archangel.

The Samoyed breed made its debut in the show ring at Leeds, England in 1892. More dogs were imported and received official recognition by the British Kennel Club in 1909.

While the Samoyed first won lasting fame through their use on Arctic and Antarctic Expeditions — notably those of Nansen, Shackleton, Johannesenn, Duc de Bruzzi and Borchgrevnik' Southern Cross — they soon broadened their field of usefulness and today, their many fascinating traits and their lovable dispositions make them readily acceptable as the house pet, and companion, gaining them the recognition as the "dog supreme" for children.

Queen Alexandria graciously accepted one as a gift from Major F. G. Jackson, one of the dogs from his Polar Expedition. The dog was registered Jacko, and was regularly shown along with the other dogs from the Royal Kennels at Sandringham. Some of Jacko's descendants are to be found today in the United States, and are recorded in the stud books of the American Kennel Club. King Edward VII had a fine Samoyed named Laika.

It is often assumed that it was the Eskimo dogs that were used on the Polar expeditions which were started from England to other countries, but very few Eskimos were ever used on these expeditions since the Samoyeds were easier to obtain and proved the far more domesticated animal; the Samoyeds were more in sympathy with their masters, and more susceptible to a high pitch of training. Experience teaches that in a difficult situation, when food runs low, the Eskimo will revert to his ancestral type, break his harness and plunge into the vast spaces and forage for himself. The Samoyed, on the contrary, by instinct and training, will remain true to his master and cling faithfully to his party, even to the last grim moment.

The London Times of August, 20, 1898 in an article devoted to Borchgrevnik's Southern Cross expedition makes special mention of the Samoyed dogs, stating that there were almost one hundred of the breed aboard the Southern Cross. Although numerous puppies were born during the voyage, less than half of the original number returned, the rest falling victim to the hazards of the perilous undertaking.

Shackleton recounts that on one of his expeditions, eight Samoyeds averaging only fifty pounds each in weight, hauled a sled loaded with eight hundred pounds and two men, a

distance of forty miles in one day, from 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. with an hour devoted to lunch and a rest of five minutes at regular intervals, during which time the snow was removed from the dogs' paws. Being lightly built, Samoyeds travel at a high rate of speed, the sled thus gliding more readily as the runners are given less opportunity to become frost bound.

Environment is the deciding factor in the bodily structure of all animals. The folly of attempting to interfere with nature is aptly illustrated by the experience of one Polar Expedition. Not having made a close study of the habits of the dogs, some of the members of the party advocated the docking of the supposedly useless tails on the assumption they interfered to some degree with the dogs' speed. As a result the sled teams practically had all succumbed to pneumonia within a brief period. A close student of the breed would have noted that when exposed to a great cold and when sleeping in the open, Arctic breeds curl up into a ball, draping their bushy tails over their muzzles to act as a filter and to warm the icy air before it enters the lungs.

While the adaptability to the regions of ice and snow would lead one to suppose that these dogs would suffer when bred in temperate climes it must be remembered that owing to the requirements of registrations, all breeding stock of necessity is at least three generations removed from Siberia. Furthermore, nature has provided the balance-wheel, for in the early spring the dogs shed their heavy, down undercoat, retaining only the long outer white hair. This summer coat, by virtue of its very color even on the warmest day repels the heat rather than attracts, and it has been often remarked that on the warmest days the Samoyed will select a sunny spot in preference to a shady nook for his afternoon nap.

The Samoyed must in no way be confused with the Eskimo Huskies, powerful dogs, largely wolf in their ancestry with many of the wolf's characteristics nor should the undersized specimens resulting from cross breeding be accepted as Samoyeds. Such hybrids when reaching maturity usually show a snappy and irritable disposition.

As the Samoyed breeds true to type, the laymen can readily protect himself against deception by noting the points depicted in the various photographs and bearing in mind that the full grown male stands from twenty to twenty-two inches at the shoulder and weighs in the neighborhood of fifty pounds.

This has been changed in our American Standard of the breed.

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In the puppy stage the Samoyed closely resembles a child's Teddy Bear being a fascinating little creature with soft fluffy coat. At the age of 12 to 18 months he attains the proud and aristocratic bearing which is so characteristic of the breed. His coat then loses much of its silkiness and attains an icy sheen or glitter, while the long white or cream colored hair seem to repel rather than to absorb dirt. His eyes are dark and expressive, set well back in the head; his tail a spreading plume, carried in an arc over the back or the side, neither coiled tightly nor with a double curl.

As an example of the permanent affection and lasting memory of the Samoyeds, the following incidents will serve as illustration.

When the now famous Ch. Donerna's Barin was an obscure family pet in a little hamlet midst the Yorkshire Moors, it was his custom to take little three year old Dorothy Feilden, his young mistress, for her daily stroll through the village, always unaccompanied. He would take her tiny hand gently in his mouth, leading her slowly along, stopping from time to time when groups of children were encountered.

Three years later, when Barin had come to America to embark upon his show career, Dorothy's parents decided to take her on a visit to her uncle's ranch in Western Canada. They journeyed from Halifax, and all during their sojourn on the ranch, Little Dorothy pleaded to be allowed to visit her old playmate in his New Jersey home. Finally the family were prevailed upon to make the long detour, embarking upon their homeward voyage from New York.

Arriving at Demarest, recognition was instantaneous between the old friends, and it was a sight to warm the heart to see the mutual display of affection evident throughout the week's visit. Although the surroundings were quite different, it seemed as though neither side had forgotten the daily rambles which were immediately resumed. The second enforced parting brought forth tears and it was only the visits of some of his young American friends which finally comforted him.

While Samoyeds have been shown at American bench shows in more or less desultory fashion for the past decade, it has been only during the last five years that the breed has come into real prominence at the big shows where goodly numbers of high class Samoyeds can now be seen. Many recent importations of note have been made resulting in keen competition and the material improvement of the American bred stock.

The high class of dogs being used as breeding stock in the leading kennels today ensures a brilliant future for the breed. Systematic breeding along well defined lines, backed by the influence of the Samoyed Club, is bringing the breed into prominence such as it has never before enjoyed. No breed can retain a high degree of popularity for any length of time if its claim are grossly exaggerated.

It has been found that the Samoyeds by their own actions, vindicate the high tribute which are invariably accorded them by any one who has been in personal contact with the breed."

A welcome note has just been received from Donald Heil of Chicago, Illinois (with a 2 year subscription renewal to WKW), owner of the

outstanding Ch. Beliviosdi of Sammar CDX-UD and we believe he has completed his "tracking" honor as well. More news of him later.



Mrs. John May's Ch. Yorza II of Lavalette, New Jersey, Winner of June—"Who Are We" and will our Pacific Coast readers be surprised to learn that the dog shown in July issue was recognized by an East Coast member.

**Richmond Show, July 1st**

There were 11 Sams entered for competition at Richmond, though two were absent. Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawes left their Bunky of Lucky Dee at home (having just previously completed his necessary points for his championship at the Long Beach show. Bunky's total number of points is 17—not bad for a youngster—slightly over a year old.

Winners dog and best of winners at Richmond (Mrs. L. Zingler, Judge) was Mary and Edmund Breatchel's Myko of White Frost (Mischkatun of Valiki out of Valiki Samoville Karitza). Reserve went to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hampton's Ladmielcheck of the Valley (Ladoga of the Valley—Mielchka). Winners bitch and Best Opposite was Mary and Edmund Breatchel's Princess Tash as White Frost (Sonolad of the Valley ex Princess Tanya of Hale Cooper Reserve winners bitch was Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Schmidling's White Puff of Notoc, — full, but not litter sister to the winners' bitch. Best of Breed was Myko of White Frost.

**Long Beach Show**

This show was not a Specialty as last year and Long Beach had an entry of only 33 Sams, two absent and three for Specials only.

Marked catalog sent us by Elizabeth Wyman shows the following: Firsts. Puppy Dogs—6-9 mo., was E. J. Kinsbury's Arctic Frost (Ch. Verla's Tagenrod-Lady Nikke).

Novice Dogs—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Whitbread's Saromulus of Northland (Sir Gengis Kan of Tobolsh-Lady Frosty).

American Bred Dogs—Vera Compton's Nicolas Nikita (Ch. Verla's Tagenrod-Lady Sandra's).

Open Dogs—Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawes' Bunky of Lucky Dee (Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum Ch. Faustina Fauna.)

Winners dog and Best of Winners—Bunky of Lucky Dee.

Reserve—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stephen's Master of the Moonrise (Ch. Laska of White Way-Rhanor's Tania).

In bitches, the wins with competition were: First American Bred bitches—Norma Jean and Shirley Ann Hill's Ski Princess of Hale Cooper (Ch. Ski Trooper of Tamaland-Princess Tanya of Hale Cooper).

Open Bitches was Charles and Margaret Tucker's Kobe Du Dinka of Encino (Eng. Ch. Raff of Kobe-Suretta of Kobe). This young bitch also went winners bitch and Best Opposite Sex in competition with 2 champion bitches in Specials only class.

Best of Breed was Shirley Ann Hill's Ch. Verla's Prince Comet (Verla's Comet - Verla's Princess Aida).

The judge was A. A. Lepine.

It was to be regretted that many of the dogs shown were at a disadvantage through the annoyance of fire-crackers being set off by some youngsters very close to the judging ring. Why cannot the show-giving club control things of this sort in its domain.

Following Vallejo All Steps Lead to San Mateo, August 5th. Quite the most important item to record at this time is the coming "Supported Samoyed Show" (in memory of our late vice-president, Earl Pulley of San Jose) by the Samoyed Club of America Pacific Coast Division.

The show will be held in conjunction with the San Mateo show of August 5th. Plans for the Sammy feature there have just been received by us — and we trust will appear before the show though now too late to encourage entries.

Mrs. A. K. Larson of Santa Rosa is in charge of sponsoring entries for the Sam exhibit — and has done a splendid job, we understand. From the marvelous trophy list presented thru the efforts of the Trophy committee, Mrs. T. W. Dunaway, chairman, we note that this is an entirely Pacific Coast sponsored show for Sams. The Judge is Mrs. Anastasia MacBain ("a Sammy breeder and officer in Western Reserve Kennel Club in Ohio," quoting Dolly Ward—second vice president of the Pacific Coast Division.

Mrs. Jean Schmidling, acting Secretary, at the meeting of the group held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dawes in Cupertino, July 8, reports—"Mrs. Larson has a promise of 60 dogs to be entered." She also reported she had received a call from Mr. Duhamel offering all the trophies won by his late Ch. Sasha II to the Northern California members for use at future shows in memory of Sasha.

Mr. Lee Breatchel and Mr. Walter Scott (in charge of benching) discussed the benching for the show. It was decided that solid color backing for the benching of all Sams would be used. The funds necessary for the benching decoration were offered by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Longden (a most generous and appreciated offer from these former members of the Midwest Division, who are now residents of Los Altos, with their Sams, Ch. Alstasia's Ditzzy Boo and Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar. A welcome has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. Longden to join the Northern group of the Samoyed Club of America the Pacific Coast Division.

**Among Our Folks**

A last minute rush note from Mrs. Borghild Ulfeng of Donellen, N. J., tells us that she was leaving for Europe (July 2) specifically Norway and expecting to arrive in Oslo the following day!

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Mrs. Ulfeng, it will be remembered, is the owner of that nice young Champion "Flicka." Happy vacation folks, and a safe return home soon!

Another Sammy owner has correctly identified our "Who Are We" picture of June issue. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Powell of Parkersburg, W. Va., wrote "the dogs are Ch. Nim of Snowland (left) and Ch. Siberian Nansen of Farningham of Snowland owned by Helen Harris of Snowland Kennels."

Lt. Donald A. Smith of Montana (now on the U. S. S. Pickaway) writes that he is quite happy with his Ch. Dushka-Ch. Chinde son, Chinde's Snow Chieftain "although to date he has not made too impressive a showing."

He is not an easy fellow to feed for some reason — and so its hard to put weight on him — but looked good at Long Beach.

Lt. Smith is about to leave again for the Orient and now has Snow Chieftain in May Pridham's charge (May, it will be remembered carried Chinde to his championship and through his CDX degree). He will probably be on the Redding-Klamath Falls-Medford and Eureka Circuit, and may be at Vallejo.

Lt. Smith's "Princess" has been shipped from Butte, Montana to be bred to Lois Rayner's Ch. Chinde. She looks in fine shape and has been entered in the Ontario, California show. She is 2½ years old and this will be her first showing.

"It is a shame that there is not more opportunity to show dogs in the Northern Rocky Mountain Country" wrote Lt. Smith. "I will be very anxious to see how the forthcoming litter turn out and want to keep the top bitch in the litter to later breed to Chief. Of course trying to breed and show dogs while in the Navy is indeed difficult, but perhaps if and when I get out again I will have a good foundation stock to start from."

Good luck and lots of good wishes Lt. Smith. We hope that you'll be back in time to greet the arrival of that litter.

It is good news to be able to report that Mrs. Lucile Miller of Altai Kennels in Albuquerque, New Mexico is feeling somewhat better of late. She tells us that of all the dogs she had at Altai — only Stara's Cathy of Los Huertas (Int. Ch. Snowland Stara-Niarivik of Inara) and Ch. Zantok of Breezewood (Ch. Prince Kofski-Ch. Echo of Kobe of Breezewood) are with her at present.

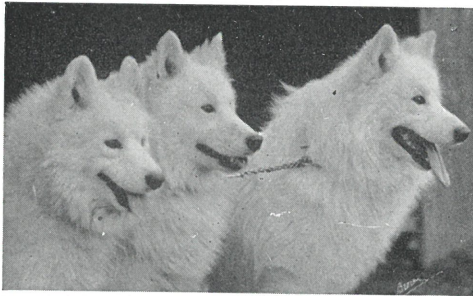
Cathy was bred to Deyomas of Ibur just before he went to the Coast to be with Charlie Hurley. Mrs. Miller is keeping a good looking bitch puppy from this litter born May 28th. Mrs. Milton R. McDonnell of Austin, Texas has purchased Ch. Snow Dawn (one of those "Puppy Love Pups") and a male pup from Cathy's litter.

Int. Ch. Snowland Stara and Snowland Ada are with Mrs. Quereaux in New York for a while.

Deyomas is "at stud" at Charlie Hurley's place — has sired some very gorgeous pups which are scheduled for the show ring. More from Mrs. Miller later.

**Another Top Acres Bitch on the Way**  
Ruth Bates Young of Top Acres Kennels, Medway, Ohio, has cause to be proud of her

young Sammy bitch who is really going places. She has been in three shows so far and taken points each time. Her first appearance was at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she went from novice bitch to Best of Winners, making three point win under Judge Selwyn Harris (May 28).



### NOW GUESS OUR NAMES !!!

Her second show was Cincinnati, June 24, where she was Winners Bitch and Best Opposite, Walter Reeves judging.

At Sandusky, Ohio, her third show, July 8, "Jan" was again Winners Bitch and Best Opposite, making her second major three-point win. "Jan" has a lovely personality and her beautiful dark eyes sparkle with zest and fun."

Jan Mayen of Top Acres was born October 4, 1950 by Snowland Fyodor out of Snowland Shelagh and was bred by Mrs. Ann Marie Goelkel of New Rochelle, New York.

### Some News from England

Mrs. Vera Wood of Rotherham, England, tells us that "the puppy on the left—in a group of puppies published on page 5 in Christmas 1950 issue of W.K.W. has recently been awarded the Junior Warrant at the age of 10½ months. She is Janet Jan Mayen, full sister to Mrs. A. M. Goelkel's Snowland Shelagh Jan Mayen (the latter by Snowland Sarnac out of Judith Jan Mayen).

"Janet Jan Mayen is the first Samoyed bitch puppy to gain this award, for which 26 points are needed. She has gained the points in four championship shows and one open show.

Her wins to date:  
Three firsts and the certificate at Cheltenham.

Two firsts and Reserve certificate at Blackpool.

Five firsts and Best Bitch at Nottingham Open show.

The rest of the points were gained at London championship show and Chester championship show — quite an achievement for so young a puppy.

Janet Jan Mayen belongs to Mrs. Wood's daughter, Sheila.

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