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SAMOYEDS

By Vera Lawrence

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Some of the most interesting Sam news of the month comes to us in the splendid *Bulletin* of the Eastern Division, Samoyed Club of America, edited by Mrs. Eileen Whitlock of Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

Mrs. Antoinette Callahan's tribute, "The Anthology of Tinker Callahan," tells a delightful story of a Sammy and his owner.

"It was February, 1947 that Mr. and Mrs. Borghild Ulfeng went to Norway to visit with the home folks—and I took Tazson and Tazyta, twins of Martingale Snowland Taz (imp.) and Snowbelle in my home to care for while they, the Ulfengs, were gone for seven months.

"As a reward for that labor of love, they insisted that I should have the pick of the next litter. I was not too keen about it, but when the little ones arrived on March 28, 1948, they won me over. I watched them grow each day, and there was one that caught my attention; a roly-poly with such appealing eyes. So I told them I would have that one. At eight weeks I took him home. (Dunellen, New Jersey.)

"Next . . . what to name him? I thought it would be nice to combine the names of his mother, Snowbelle, and Martingale Snowland Taz—making Tazbel. But like all young things, he was full of pranks, and I would say—"you little tinker"—thus was born his call name.

"He grew fat and big, and we could hardly wait 'til the time for showing him, hoping he would take the blue ribbon. So at 14 months of age he was entered in the sponsored Morris and Essex show.

"Alas, he did not get a blue ribbon, was only one of the crowd.

"But he was Reserve at the next two shows. Then I really went to work on him, and in the fall shows he showed his stuff, fulfilling the nice predictions given him at a show by prominent breeders.

"At the Mid Hudson show under Mrs. MacBain, he was a 4-point winner. Next, under Mrs. Meyer, he took a 2-point win. Then Mr. McQuown for 3 points, a 2-point win at Brooklyn, a 3-point win under Mr. Murr at the Bronx and winding up with 2 points in Boston.

"Thus he garnered 16 points, with three Bests of Breed and a Best Opposite Sex or two forgotten. And at 22 months he was a champion.

"In the following September I suffered a stroke, so Tinker and I were not showing. When I could navigate again, we went to Obedience school for therapy to help me. He made one leg, and we quit that, deciding it was time after a lapse of two years to go back in the show ring.

"Under handler Charles Meyer, later under Ed Carver, he proved his worth, getting 30 Bests of Breed, 5 Best Opposite Sex, 3 Group placings, also a Canadian championship, until the year 1956, when at 8 years of age I retired him.

"Then I brought over my sweet 'Buttons' from England (Amer.-Can. Ch. Snowland Janice of Frostyways) and I mated them—a lovely litter resulting.

"So the family sifted to three—Dad, Mom and daughter, Twinkle.

"But time was running out, and on March 7, 1962 my dear Tinker left me, just three weeks short of being 14 years old. He had many admirers and friends. But in my heart he will always live. A more gallant and loving dog never lived—always there to greet me on my return—stand in front of me to guard against a stranger at the door; a quiet companion in the evenings—proud of his family—so he leaves me full of good, kind memories. This is the story of Tinker Callahan."

A welcome letter from Mrs. Elma Miller of ElkenGlo Kennels of Corning, New York, is written on stationery attractively bearing a head study in black and white of Mrs. Miller's new champion, Elkenglo's Dash O' Silver, taken at 2 years of age. The portrait is by Earl Sherwan of Wisconsin. "Dasher" is now 3 years old, and Mrs. Miller feels he should have been named

"Alert," for he is such an alert, happy dog, ready for anything! Mrs. Miller writes—

"We have bred him to our ElkenGlo's Frona, and we are expecting something real good from this breeding. Frona is sired by Nordly's Bamse out of a sister of our Ch. Glasha. Glasha's sire was Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz, who was Bamse's grandsire. We took her to the Elmira Kennel Club-sanctioned Match this last Sunday, May 27, and she placed Second in the Working Group at this show. Congratulations!"

Mr. and Mrs. Miller now have 12 Samoyeds at their ElkenGlo Kennels—lots of work, but endless pleasure too.

Show reports from our Pacific Coast owners:

Our thanks to Helene Spathold of Irvington, and Mrs. Donna Yocom and Mrs. McLaughlin of Colorado, for the following show reports:

Del Monte Kennel Club, May 27, had an entry of 11 Sams; 3 dogs, 6 bitches (1 absent) and 2 Specials (both absent) for Judge Lloyd Bracket. Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed (1 point) was Buffie of Kithu owned by Jennie and Gerald Austin of Vallejo, handled by Mrs. Jean Blank. (Jean Blank and Bev Delmain also had their Pekingese male puppy, Whitecliff Ho Ping, entered at the show.)

Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex was Patrice of Snow Ridge, handled by Helene Spathold, to whom her ownership is being transferred by Wade and Leona Powell of San Rafael. Reserve Winners Dog, Snow Frost of Kithu; Lydia Purdy, Reserve Winners Bitch, Sultana Rex of Barceia; Rolland Kash.

We understand that the fog was so thick that day at Del Monte that it was just like a drizzle of rain.

Among other Sam fanciers at the show were Miss Alice Thomsen of San Francisco, Judy Timeus, who handled Dorka for the Coulters (who formerly handled Mrs. Betty Selsor's Ch. Chu Sam's Silver Folly, now of Ohio) and Mr. Wayne Sinclair, formerly of San Diego, now of Irvington, Calif.

Southern Colorado Kennel Club show was held at Pueblo, Colorado, May 26, with Judge John Cuneo passing on the 7 entries; 4 dogs (3 points) and 3 bitches (2 points). Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed was Chu Sam's Princess Ghajar owned by Mrs. Donna P. Yocom. Winners Dog and Best Opposite Sex, Khatanga's Ankula owned by Barbara Smith and

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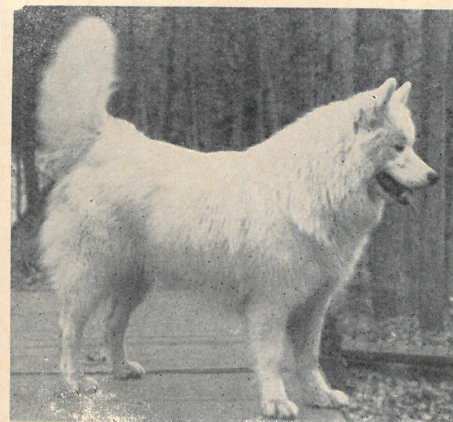
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Some weeks ago we had the great pleasure of a visit (all too short) from Elizabeth Wyman of Santa Barbara and Mrs. Margaret Tucker of North Hollywood, who stopped to see us on their way to their homes after a visit to Mrs. Mason in Sacramento.

We spent hours talking about Sams and looking at pictures of those past and present, and—you guessed it—time ran out all too soon.

Some remarks have been made since—such as—"Pictures of some of the very lovely dogs and bitches of the past could show that breeders of today have a way to go to improve on what has been done—or even equal it. People today will have to do a lot of breeding to produce a male as lovely as Polar Light of Farningham, with his beautiful lines and arched neck." The picture must have been taken when he was young, before he got his male ruff and coat. It shows his lovely lines which are so often hidden by big coats.

He is so far back that he is no doubt in the pedigrees of a big per cent of our Sams of today.

Sincere thanks to former Pacific Coast Publicity Director Jackie Witt of Manhattan Beach, California, for the report on winners of two recent Southern California shows. Beverly Riviera Kennel Club show of May 20, at Santa Monica, Judge William Pym of Canada, brought an entry of 24 Sams. Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Breed was Elliott Colburn's Barceia's Shondi of Drayalene (breeder Helene Spathold). Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex, Snow Moon owned by Shirley Melion. Reserve Winners Dog, Starctic Storm Cloud, owners, Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Witt of Manhattan Beach. Reserve Winners Bitch was Petrouchka of Kaliki owned by Roberta Bickerstaff.

Pasadena Show of June 3 brought an entry of 30 Sams for Judge Howard Dullng. Best of Breed was Mr. and Mrs. W. Anibal's Ch. Moak of White Frost. Winners Dog and Best of Winners, Kenneth O'Brien's and Harold Keepers' Samarkee's Frosty Williwaw. Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex, Kobe's Shona of Encino owned by Margaret Tucker. Have been advised that this win completes Shona's championship (congratulations, Billy, I'm so glad for you—and for myself, too—that Shona is one of your champions—V.L.). Reserve Winners Bitch was Star Storm of Kazanna owned by R. and S. Forrester.

From Helene Spathold, our Pacific Coast Publicity Director, has come the reports of Salinas and Santa Cruz shows.

Salinas show of June 9 had an entry of 9 Sams for Judge Maxwell Riddle: 5 dogs, 3 bitches; 1 point for each sex, and 1 dog

for Specials. Best of Breed was Mrs. Margo Gervolstad's Ch. Drayalene's Yancy Darringer of Hayward (one of our advertisers). Winners Bitch and Best Opposite Sex, Helene and Layard Spathold's Patrice of Snow Ridge (bred by the Wade Powells of San Rafael—see their ad in these pages). Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Timan's Williwaw, CD, owned by Kenneth O'Brien of Oakhurst, California. Reserve Winners Dog was D'Artagnan of Snow Ridge owned by LaVera and Daniel Morgan of Richmond. Reserve Winners Bitch, Barceia's Dorka of Drayalene owned by Jim and Wilma Coulter. First in American-bred Class was a youngster, Treleven Siberian Frosty Aire, born December 7, 1961, by Barceia's Shondi of Drayalene ex Kama of Drayalene; breeders, owners, Edna and Sid Treleven. The Winners Dog, Timan's Williwaw, CD, up from First in Open Class, is by King Timan, CD, ex Starlight of Canoga. In Junior Puppy bitches, Diamond Lil of Calaveras was sired by Ch. Kazan of Kentwood out of Drifting Snow of Snow Ridge, and is breeder-owned by James and Elizabeth Allen of Murphys, California.

Santa Cruz Kennel Club show of June 10 had Judge Louis J. Murr, with the same dogs entered; 1 dog absent. Best of Breed was Ch. Drayalene's Yancy Darringer. Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex, Patrice of Snow Ridge. Winners Dog was the Morgan's D'Artagnan of Snow Ridge, with Reserve to Timan's Williwaw, CD.

Comment from our Publicity Director—"It is most disappointing that show-minded fanciers will not compete in the shows up here in Northern California in the fashion they are doing in the South at present—yet they cry and complain about there being an impossibility existing for ever having major entries in Northern California."

To all Sam owners: Please change the address of V. Kroman, our Sam Club secretary, to P.O. Box 175, Big Bear, California.

My thanks to Miss Ada Goodchild, Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Dorothy Perry, President of the Samoyed Association of Great Britain, for the interesting May, 1962 Newsletter.

It contains, among other interesting items, a story from Sweden, which we quote:

"A most interesting letter has been re-

ceived from Dr. Helen Blix about Sams in Sweden of which there are apparently very few. There is a Sam owner who has bred them during the last 20 years but not on a large scale. This lady has Crest of the Arctic who is now over 10 years of age and I understand still looks very beautiful.

"Dr. Blix has a great deal to do with children and she says that some of them are afraid of a doctor in white clothes, but that they are gay and unafraid when her Samoyed is with them and forget to be afraid. Her Sam likes children and is very careful to small children and to nervous or unhappy children he is very good and gentle. What a lovely tribute to the Sam," adds Miss Goodchild.

That's it, for this time, folks, but with this request—

Our August issue of WKW is an anniversary issue. Won't you help to make this a specially outstanding one? Of course we shall need extra ads—even an inch ad at \$4.00 for one insertion will be a boost, and allow us extra space, and I shall want just lots of pictures of your Sams and new champions, point winners and your prized Obedience trained dogs. We see so few Sams in that category—and they are most valuable to our breed—or any breed.

Please send your letters, etc., immediately to my home address for speed, give us lots of news, etc., for August, please??—V.L.

P.S.—Don't forget the Eastern Division, Samoyed Club of America is host for the National Specialty Show which will be held in conjunction with the Westchester Kennel Club Show on September 9, 1962. Write Mrs. Borghild Ulfeng, Rock Road West, Rt. 2, Bound Brook, New Jersey, for further information.—V.L.

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