

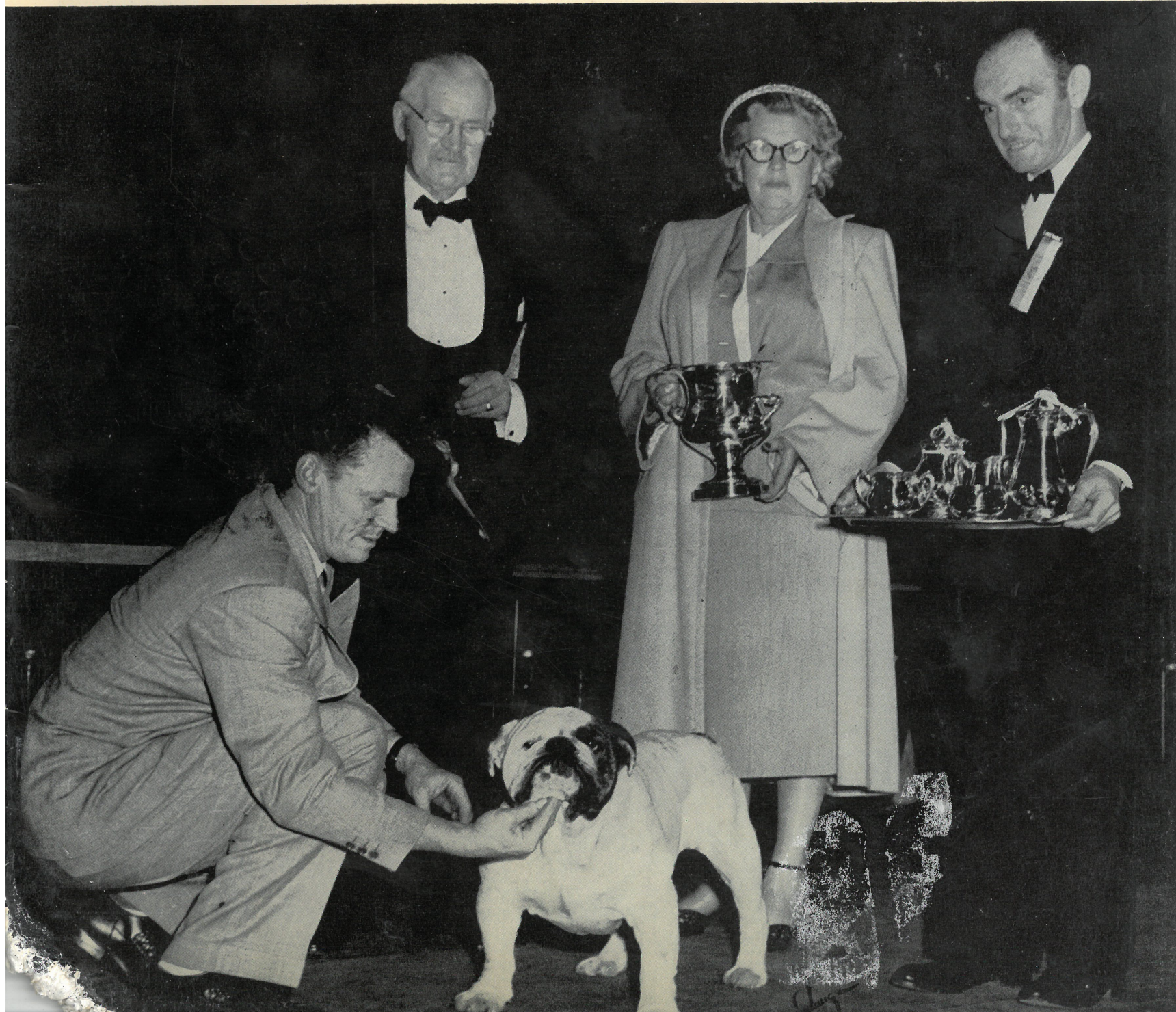
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Ludwig Burket Presenting the Trophy for Best Dog in Show at Oakland, 1951 to the Owner, Mrs. Gannon, Judge Walter Reeves of Ontario, Canada; Handler, Harry Sangster; the Bulldog, Ch. Poncy Jim



Samoyeds

By Vera Lawrence

610 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley 7, Calif.

The weather man turned on a lovely day Saturday, March 3, to the complete enjoyment of the Samoyeds entered for competition under the eminent Judge, Dr. A. A. Mitten of Philadelphia, Penna.

Thirty-one Sams were entered, however, our own two bitches, Lensen's Snowbird and the youngster (Dragoya of Wimundstrey) were necessarily absent, having come in heat a week previous to the show—and for the good of the owners of the males, we regretfully left the "gals" at home.

As this was typed as a "sponsored show," the Sams were given a wall benching and the 29 friendly Sams, actually present, offered a lovely picture for visitors at the show.

Judging of our breed came immediately at 1 o'clock, and when completed by Dr. Mitten, every Sam owner, whether winner or loser, felt that his dog had been given the benefit of expert judging, done in a most courteous, friendly and thorough manner. As a united group (we are all for Dr. Mitten to judge our breed again). No folks, we were not among the winners—my sister's Lensen's Snow Chief (12 years old in a few months), in excellent coat and condition placed second in a group of two in the Local Class—Dorothy Dye's Starzan of Altai having placed first in this class—so you see—!

Winners Dog, first in Open Dogs Class, was Philip and Sally Holme's Vojak's Frosty, the twenty-one months old son of the Witcher's Ch. Samoyland's Vojak, U.D., out of Earl Pulley's Ch. Park-Cliffe Snowball, C.D. (bred by Mr. Pulley), down from Litterriver, Calif.

Winners Bitch and on to Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite sex was Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawe's nine months old Vrai of Lucky Dee, in beautiful coat and condition — bred by the Dawes out of their Ch. Faustina Fauna by Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum. This win brought five points to both Vojak's Frosty and Vrai of Lucky Dee, Swell going, folks!

In the Specials Only Class were the Dawes' Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum (Sonolad of the Valley out of Snow Mist Tanya), from Cupertino, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Longden's Ch. Alstasia's Ditzzy Boo (Annikki of White Crest ex Ch. Alstasia's Tanyana), and Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar (Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz ex Ch. Frolene of Sammar)—who were welcome visitors, with their owners from Peru, Indiana.

Judge Mitten's final placements were, for

Best of Breed, Mrs. Longden's Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar with Best of Opposite Sex going to the Dawes' lovely Vrai of Lucky Dee.

In the Champion Parade, which came later, were Mrs. Levant Brown's Ch. Borealis of the Far Steppes (Ch. Herdsman's Chattigan ex Ch. Silver Star of White Way); Mrs. Longden's Ch. Gay Boy; Mr. Ralph Longden's Ch. Alstasia's Ditzzy Boo; John E. Poletti's lovely Ch. Samoyland's Sergei (Soldier Frosty of Rimini ex Samoyland's Verla's Tula), now at stud; and Mrs. Chloe Witcher's Ch. Samoyland's Vojak, U. D. (Soldier Frosty of Rimini ex Ch. Samoyland's Lucky Ann.) Incidentally it will be remembered that Vojak is the only Pacific Coast Sam holding the title of U.D.—and one of the very few holding that title in the U.S. It was Tommy Witcher who carried Vojak to his Utility Dog degree and he is now starting work on Vojak's Sergei.

It was a pleasure to greet our friend of many years, Mrs. A. E. Mason, and her daughter, now Mrs. Aljean Larson of Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Levant Brown; Mrs. Dorothy Larson of Santa Rosa; Mrs. Witcher of Vallejo; Mr. and Mrs. John Poletti of San Francisco; Margie Olin of Palo Alto; Mrs. Earl Pulley of San Jose; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bennett of Antelope, California; Mrs. T. W. Dunaway of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Palo Alto; Ormond H. Nelson of San Francisco; William Rubel of the Air Force Base at Fairfield, who showed Rubel's Vodka (the son of Ch. Petra of Valiki, out of Natushka of White Way, bred by Mrs. Dorothy Larson of Santa Rosa, who showed her splendid stud dog Vahnka of Lewclaire (Ch. Kazache of Lewclaire out of Ch. Jingle of Sammar.)

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Schmidling of San Francisco with their Tanna Kyan of Sonolad (Sonolad of the Valley ex Princess Tanya of Hale Cooper), and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Breatchel, whose Princess Tasha of White Frost (a full but not litter sister to Tanna Kyan) placed as Reserve Winners Bitch to Vrai of Lucky Dee — the Winners Bitch. Mrs. Emmett Smith's Samoyland's Cin-Da (full but not litter sister to Rubel's Vodka) placed second in the Open Bitches Class. Mr. Ernest Engler's Frosty King of Taimir (Frosty Boy of Samoyland out of Samoyland's Cin-Da) was handed by his young daughter.

All in all, Oakland's Samoyed entry was one

to give Dr. Mitten a stiff work-out, and we are happy to report that Dr. Mitten spoke most highly of the general quality of the Sams brought before him at our Oakland Show.

Among visitors at our Sammy bench in Oakland was Mr. William P. Duhamel of San Anselmo, who used to own Ch. Sasha II (the son of Ch. White Way of Kobe out of Cleo, bred by Mrs. Mason). Another visitor was Miss Eleanor Jahn of Alameda, owner of Radost, who is a pet of all the neighborhood children.

And now, folks, we are happy to give you some pictures of our winners dog and bitch and the Best of Breed (photos by Joan Ludwig).

Here is the record of Vrai of Lucky Dee, Born May 23, 1950, by Ch. Lucky Labon Nahum ex Ch. Faustina Fauna. Shown as follows: Palm Springs, December 10, 1950, Judge Derek Rayne, four bitches, Reserve Winners Bitch; San Bernardino, January 21, 1951, Judge Earl Kruger, seven bitches, Reserve Winners Bitch; Golden Gate, January 27 and 28, 1951, Judge James Trullinger, six bitches, Reserve Winners Bitch; Marin North Bay, February 18, 1951, Judge Frances Holland, five bitches, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex (six dogs) two points; Kern County Kennel Club, February 25, 1951, Judge Matthew R. Korshin, seven bitches, Winners Bitch, Best Opposite Sex, three points; Oakland, March 3-4, 1951, Judge Dr. Arthur Mitten, seven bitches, Winners Bitch and Best of Winners, also Best of Opposite Sex (14 dogs), five points.

Vrai has been entered in Open Bitch Class in all of the above shows. First time she had ever been out of her yard was her trip to Palm Springs and took her a few shows to accustom herself to the rigors of a show dog. We understand that Vrai has two lovely sisters at home who could give her swell competition.

As to the Winners Dog, Vojak's Frosty, we do not have his complete show records—but do know his first win was made at the 1950 Oakland Show under Judge Cross. Mrs. Holmes tells us that they decided that a big dog is a responsibility as well as a joy — and so it is important that they be correctly trained. Four weeks ago Frosty was entered in Tommy Witcher's Friday night training class in Santa Rosa. And listen to this, folks, from Mrs. Holmes' letter: "We leave home in the **early afternoon** in order to make the 8 P.M. class and arrive home again in the wee small hours of the morning. The round-trip is two hundred miles over a winding up hill and down dale roadway. Everyone at the school marvels at the distance and the effort—but it is well worth it. Already

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watch the powerful co-ordination of our sound Sammy, but too dangerous to let him go.

(Considering the Sam's background as a reindeer herder, it is easy to see why it should seem duty to him.)

"Frosty is truly a companion dog. He sits up beside me wherever I go in the car—watching

everything—his beautiful head held high—eyes and ears ever alert. People stop us on the street to enquire about him and to pet him. He has such a sweet disposition that he basks in this attention."

We are told by Mrs. Holmes that the Pulley's Ch. Snowball has a fine litter of four females



Above, Phillip and Sally Holmes' Vojak's Frosty Winners dog at Oakland. Dr. Mitten, Judge; Tommy Witcher, Handler.



Below, Mrs. Ralph Longden's Ch. Gay Boy of Sammar (Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz ex Ch. Frolene of Sammar), Best of Breed at Oakland. Judge A. A. Mitten; Harry Sangster, Handler.

Above: The nine months old bitch, Vrai of Lucky Dee, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and B.O.S. at Oakland. Dr. A. A. Mitten, Judge; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Dawes, Breder-Owners.



and three males born a week ago at their Pala Sam Kennels in San Jose. These are full brothers and sisters to Vojak's Frosty. Snowball is from Parkcliffe Kennel's breeding at Mt. Sinai, New York, one of our advertisers.

We sorely missed from among our regular exhibitors at Oakland Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker of Encino—who recently lost their lovely imported Suretta of Kobe and one of her daughters—from what instructors in veterinary medicine of Carnell say is a form of distemper in epidemic form. We are happy to report, however, that due to the excellent care and nursing which Mrs. Tucker especially has given their Sams—they are pulling out of the danger. Congratulations from all of us, to these two grand members of our Pacific Coast Division of the Samoyed Club of America.

Among our recent Sammy subscribers to W.K.W. are Mr. and Mrs. Del Kabrin of Chicago, Illinois, members of the Mid West Division of the Sam Club of America, and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin P. Waldon of Detroit, Michigan, owners of Klondike King.

A welcome note from Mrs. Merton G. Cooper of Keyport, Washington, tells us that Ch. To-1-Acres Tanga is a happy, good-looking bitch, enjoying her new home though she misses being able to roam as she did on the farm west of Olympia. Incidentally, Tanga is the lovely daughter of Ch. Snowland Stara out of the late Ch. Dushka that we were privileged to see several years ago. Mrs. Cooper wants information where she might be able to have the Sammy wool spun into yarn. And that is a question asked by many: "where may we have

our Sammy wool spun?" Please, if any of our readers know the answer won't you write me immediately? Thanks, heaps.

Lois Rayner of Idyllwild, California, writes, that at the San Diego Show she entered Ch. Chinde and his two sons and two daughters. Of the four, Mr. Onstott chose the smaller bitch, Dushka's Metel, as his best. At that show Chinde's Snow Chieftain passed into the possession of Lt. Donald A. Smith. Lt. Smith promptly entered him in the Bakersfield Show February 25 and for competition Lois entered the brother, Pushok (means soft hairy one in Russian). "Chief" took the blue ribbon in Senior Puppy Class over Pushok.

"Chinde has a scant coat this winter due to the very open winter—no cold—no snow until March 3, then we got 21 inches at one swoop, and one night the old mercury dropped to zero," wrote Lois.

In a letter recently received by us from Lt. Smith, he writes: "While at the San Diego show I purchased an 11 month old pup from Miss Lois Rayner of Idyllwild. The pup, Chinde's Snow Chieftain, out of Ch. Dushka of Altai, is a good looking fellow, and in my eyes holds lots of promise.

"Since I've been here I've met several of the Sammy people, and it's certainly nice to find others acquainted with our breed. Up home (Butte, Montana), where the climate is ideal for Sams, very few people even know what they are."

Our thanks to Lt. Smith for the snapshot of his Snow Princess III and her son Prince Theodore (Teddy) taken on a winter visit to his home.

Here's a correction, folks! from Mrs. Douglas Palmer of Birmingham, Ala. It seems that in our Christmas Sam Section we said that the Palmers had purchased one of the Tucker's recent Suretta-Kunto litter pups. But we find that JUST ISN'T SO. Katrinka of Encino is owned by Dr. Bethea of Birmingham, a new member of the Eastern Division of the Sam Club of America. She is a lovely big-boned Sam, says Mrs. Palmer, adding: "We'd never

seen one like her. Dr. Bethea is very pleased with her and hopes to show her to her championship."



Ralph Williams' Zina, wearing the single tandem type harness—so often used in Alaska.

Mrs. Byron Lewis of Farmington, Michigan, writes that her "Dolly" has a litter of nine baby Sams, five girls and four boys, sired by Snow Blizzard of Lewclair, owned by the Leo Poiriers of Detroit, Michigan. There is promise in that litter—lots of luck folks!

We were so happy to have a letter from "Peggy" Ruick telling of her Sams and where some of them have gone to new homes. Ch. Chuckles of Breezewood, the Personality Gal, is with the Joseph Kimpflins in Chicago; Ch. Strog of Altai now belongs to Joseph Burns of Montezuma, Indiana, trying to fill the place of his late brother, the beloved Reske of Altai. Cupid of Breezewood, with ten points toward his championship, is now owned by the Robert Taylors of Toledo, Ohio, leaving "Skeegee" (Breezewood's Sirius of Altai, son of Int. Ch. Snowland Stara out of Starleta), to keep guard over his beloved owner at Northern Hills.

Through the urging of friends, Mrs. Ruick attended the Westminster show (one show that she and Mr. Ruick had always enjoyed attending).

The meeting of the Club was very pleasant and constructive. Mr. Edwin Strong and Mrs. Strong (he, the author of Ranger), were guests of honor, and Mr. Strong gave a short talk which was intensely interesting she wrote.

Mrs. Ruick spoke in her letter of meeting the Ulfengs and their gorgeous Tazon and Sweet Aeline, the Dunbracks, Mrs. Bernice Ashdown with Ch. Silvertips and Marina of Wychwood among the others. (Too few for a Westminster Sam entry.)

Mrs. Engel did a very good job of judging and placed Silvertips as Best of Breed, with Ch. Tazon Best Opposite. Mrs. Ruick added: "I visited at the benches with my friends, enjoying it as much as possible—altho in memory I saw my own Sams on the bench, and Mr. Ruick watching over them and seeing that their

drinking water was cool and fresh." And now, that Peggy is back home again she extends "best wishes to every MEMBER of our Samoyed club and may all our differences if any be speedily overcome and our beautiful breed prosper, and our Club prosper, forever and ever."

Our thanks to Ruth Kilbourn of Chicago, whose Sammy "Blitz" (Northern Light of Snowland) is definitely a faddist—his fad being a craving for vegetables of any kind—meat is taken by him only as a "must", forced on him by his owner.

Miss Kilbourn, who is Secretary of the Mid West Division of the Samoyed Club of America, kindly sends us the names of some Samoyed owners who are interested in becoming subscribers to K. K. W. and to whom we will gladly send sample copies.

Miss Juliet Goodrich, President of the Mid West Division, and owner of the now 11 year old Jack Frost of Snow Shoe Hill, writes that she is struggling to teach manners to a couple of young dogs, so they can go to the International Show at Chicago.

Kolya is getting along wonderfully at his new home. His owners also have a very old dog (a Toy breed) and Kolya treats it with perfect chivalry—Kolya, who used to rule at random!

Mr. Ralph B. Williams of Juneau, Alaska, sends us an interesting letter, with a couple of snapshots, one of which we reproduce here. He writes, "We have been following the comments by Mr. F. A. Turney of Fairbanks, Alaska on the presence of a type of Samoyeds found in Alaska. His statements as to size, weight, etc. does fit some of the Samoyeds in that

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town — but our strain is of the larger type.

"The bitch Zina, shown in harness, averages 60 pounds. The other, Tallemat, averages 55. We know the dogs referred to by Mr. Turney and agreed with his comments to that extent. Koyukuk of Alaska was sent to Fairbanks, but is now in the New England states.

"Tallemat whelped a litter sired by Kasaan of Alaska, and of these, James Fennel of Juneau, purchased Laika of Alaska; Mrs. Dorothy Oldham of the same city has Tyeek of Alaska; Coast Guardsman Lughier has Stareek of Alaska; while Julik of Alaska went to Mr. Carl E. Falentine of Salt Lake City, Utah.

"The harness on Zina has the iron ring collar, commonly used in single tandem hitches. This collar is much the same as the collar used on work horses. The suwash type harness has more freedom and probably gives a better distribution of the weight when dogs are pulling heavy loads. There are a number of different types of harness used and all have their good and bad points.

"We are very much interested in Mr. Turney's comments and will enjoy reading in W. K.W. further information from his source.

"Did he measure the 25" Samoyed from the head or withers?"

(Note: We have been told that Mr. Turney has sold this dog to Mr. Marks, also of Alaska —and that he, Mr. Turney, is on a visit in the States.)

From Dog World, November 1950 — sent

us by Dorothy Dye, owner of Starzan of Altai. "Terms Samoyed answer to blind man's prayer."

"Carl Emsley, a dog lover since his life was saved by a Boxer in World War I, is convinced he has found 'the answer to a blind man's prayer.'

"The best breed of seeing-eye dog, he says, is the Samoyed, and this conclusion comes after 30 years of tests as a trainer of numerous breeds, as he himself is blind. Often he thought he was on the right track but every time he found each breed lacked something — loyalty, dependability or intelligence. Last year he came upon the Samoyed and bought three pups from a litter.

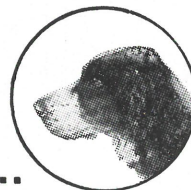
"Mr. Emsley's Samoyeds are now fully trained and ready to be turned over to the blind. Although each pup cost the trainer \$100.00, and it took much time to train the animals. Mr. Emsley won't accept any payment for the dogs.

"The Samoyed has turned out, in his estimation, to be unusually reliable. Before long, he predicts, the white Samoyed will be as much a

symbol of the blind as the white cane. Toronto (Can.) Telegram—18 Aug. 1950.

Word has just reached us that Mr. and Mrs. John Poletti's Ch. Samoyland's Sergei (Soldier Frosty of Rimini ex Samoyland's Verla's Tula) completed the first leg on his C. D. in Obedience Trial at Stockton on Sunday, March 18. Sergei is being trained by Tommy Witcher of Vallejo. Congratulations to owners and trainer.

News reached us by Juliet T. Goodrich, giving winners at the International Kennel Club Show at Chicago. W.D., Joe Marshall's Imported Guardian of the Arctic (Victor of the Arctic ex Glacier of the Glacier); Res., Mrs. Ethel Smith's King of Wal-Lyn (Sabre of Sammar ex Ballerina of Wal-Lyn.) W.B., and B.O. S., Lucy Forbes' Pratika of Top Acres (Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz ex Ch. Sparkle Plenty of Arbee.); Res., Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ulfeng's Tazon's Snow Flicka by Ch. Tazon ex Snow Belle. Best of Breed, Mrs. Jos. J. Marshall's Ch. Pattee Duff of Sammar (Ch. Martingate Snowland Taz ex Ch. Frolene of Sammar).—V. L.



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