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Diamond Jubilee Year



1949 - 2009



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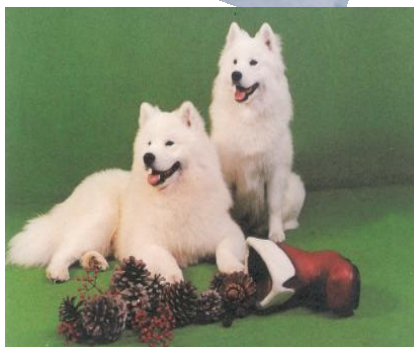
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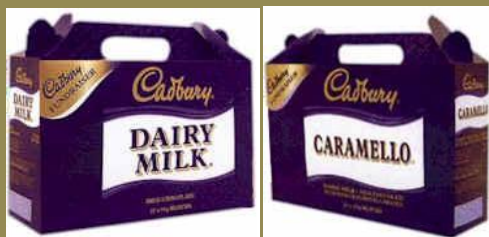
\$7 for 10 or \$1 each



**Samoyed Badges
For sale
Only \$7**



**Chocolate Bars for Sale
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Secretary's Report

Thank you to the people that attended the AGM in March and to the ones that sent in their apologies (at least I knew that you had read your AGM Notice).

The committee have not changed much and we are busy making plans for the 2009 and 2010 Champ Shows.

2009 is the Club's Diamond Anniversary - Champ show schedule is in this Magazine. Our judge has not been to NZ before, so it would be nice to get as many Samoyeds as possible for her to go over.



If you would like to sponsor a Class, please contact Lorraine Fothergill. All 'In Show' sponsors will have their NAME or KENNEL NAME printed on the sash. 'In Show' Classes are from \$25.

We have booked rings 4 and 5 again

this year. We can move the fencing to make it a good size ring. It is warmer at that side of the building and there is plenty of room to set-up.

This show will be held in the NZ Kennel Club Building in Porirua and is open to the public who are welcome to come and watch. If you want more information please contact me.

**Anita Shugg
Secretary**

Editor's Report

In seeking information on breed registrations from other countries recent data was readily available from web sites such as Australia, England, and the USA. This highlighted the inadequacy of the New Zealand Kennel Club web site. The only way members can find out registration statistics is by

purchasing the Annual Year Book which also includes the financial report or visiting NZKC and viewing same. Unless you are a committee member of a club and see the inward correspondence tabled many members are probably unaware of the existence of this booklet.

ANZAC Day is a time for remembering the soldiers who have fought for New Zealand in the two World Wars as well as later wars and it is appropriate to feature Noodles, the Samoyed military mascot in this issue. Enjoy.

**Lauren de C James
Editor**

SamCare

I helped a member last month find a home for two older male Samoyeds - we decided to separate the boys. They appear to have settled into their new homes. I would like to thank Caroline for giving us one of the homes, Much appreciated.

I am always looking for more homes that want an older

Samoyed. Often these people do not want a bouncy young dog, but want a quiet mate to live with. It makes it so much easier if I can get to know these people before I get another Samoyed "That needs a Home" and only have a few days to sort out something.

I would also like to start up a list of helpers. This could be a person

that can visit the Pound or SPCA in their area, if a Samoyed is there or a foster home until I can arrange a "for-ever" home.

**Anita Shugg
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New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

Hayley Brown
Sandy Paterson

May your membership of the Club be a long and happy one.

Guess Who



Question: Can you name the puppy and person in the photo above?

Answers: To the editor by email to kievsams@hotmail.com

Photos for this section predating 2000 would be most welcome – either original photos or in jpg or tif format. Please send to editor.

Of Year Ribbons

The Club would welcome donations towards the cost of the “Of Year Ribbons” but could not assign donations to any particular class.

Donors please contact the Club secretary.

Reminder from Points Steward

Not all the results sent to the Points Steward by email are being posted on ANZSAMS. Anyone sending electronic results to the Points Steward must firstly make sure they go up on ANSAMS as well.



The Samoyed Club Inc



CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

NZKC Exhibition Centre, Prosser Street, Porirua

Monday, 1 June 2009

Entries Close: 8 May 2009

Judge:

Vivienne Zavattaro (NSW) ~ Azavasam Samoyeds

Breed Classes

1	Baby Puppy Dog	1a	Baby Puppy Bitch
3	Puppy Dog	3a	Puppy Bitch
5	Junior Dog	5a	Junior Bitch
6	Intermediate Dog	6a	Intermediate Bitch
7	Limit Dog	7a	Limit Bitch
8	NZ Bred Dog	8a	NZ Bred Bitch
10	Veteran Dog	10a	Veteran Bitch
11	Open Dog	11a	Open Bitch

Stakes:

12 Dog Head, 13 Dog Coat, 14 Bitch Head, 15 Bitch Coat,
16 Movement under 12 months, 17 Movement over 12 months, 18 Feet, 19 Tail

Perpetual Trophies to Financial members only
Critique will be done on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners

Entry Fees:
Breed: \$12 Stakes: \$5 Catalogue: \$5

Free Tea and Coffee
Chocolate Bars for Sale \$2

Please make cheques payable to The Samoyed Club Inc

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Successful outcome

Hi, my name is Bronwyn Miller. I rehomed the "Sammi" who was in the pound. His name is now "Bear".

I took him to the vet who thought he is between seven and eight years old and so is not an old dog.

The reason he wasn't walking well was because of his claws, which you can see in the photograph below.



He was sad when he came to me and he smelt, but as soon as he arrived I gave him a bone and started cleaning him.

It took one day to bond and a week to get him clean. He had three baths and was very tolerant of being groomed. He never bit even when I nicked him with the scissors.

He has been neutered but it took a while to trim his fur away to figure this out.

He is very obedient, walks off leash and knows where his home is.

I have two cats and he is fine with them, also he gets on well with other dogs. If you have seen the "Dog Whisperer" he is very much like his dog "Daddy". He weighs 30 Kg

and is fit and healthy.

I can take him outside and he doesn't bark. I walk him twice a day with "Chang" a Husky, who I walk for someone else. Bear sleeps inside at night and stays asleep until I get up at 6:15 am.

I have not owned a Samoyed but I have looked after two, "Troy" who lived to be fifteen and a half years and "Casper" who is now twelve years old.

I think that "Bear" was more than likely be dumped as he never strays away from me. He loves children and they love him.



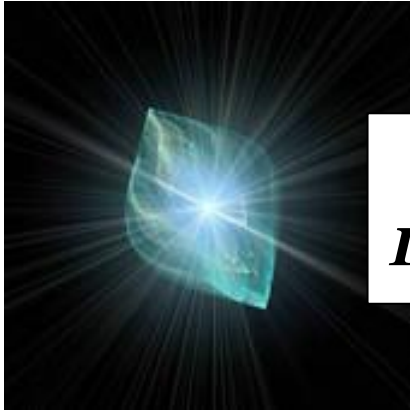


2009 Breed of Year Points as at 4/4/09



Baby Puppy Dog		Baby Puppy Bitch	
Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey/Clark)	40		
Puppy – Dog		Puppy – Bitch	
Zaminka Under Pressure for Wytekloud (McRae/Carleton)	62	Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	25
Zaminka Finest Hour (Carleton)	18	Junior – Bitch	
Junior – Dog		Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)	18
Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	38	Angara Sneaking Me Kisses (Barr)	15
Oscarbi Wild is The Future (Clark/Barzey)	29	Oscarbi Future Excitement At Carridene (Clark/Barzey	
Intermediate – Dog		/Matheson)	13
		Intermediate – Bitch	
NZ Bred – Dog		Zaminka Power Ball (Carleton)	29
GR Ch Zaminka Flashlight (G & L Carleton/S McRae)	30	Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	22
Ch Sunshine In A Glass (A Shugg)	1	NZ Bred – Bitch	
Open – Dog		Ch Wytekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (S & B McRae)	63
Ch Wytekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (S & B McRae)	67	Oscarbi Just You'n Me Kid (Barzey/Clark)	36
Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi (Barzey/Clark)	23	Ch Sunshine Paint Me Gold (A & K Shugg)	12
Ch Sunshine In A Glass (A Shugg)	19	Open – Bitch	
Best Dog		Flash Zam Lil Rocka Wytekloud (McRae)	30
Ch Wytekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (S & B McRae)	54	Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)	22
Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	26	Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	18
Oscarbi Wild is The Future (Clark/Barzey)	14	Ch Sunshine Paint Me Gold (A & K Shugg)	6
Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi (Barzey/Clark)	12	Ch Samloch Sunlite Silvamist (Imp Aust) (K Kissell)	6
Ch Sunshine In A Glass (A Shugg)	9	Ch Aldonza Chabli For McCoy (imp Aust) (G & L Carleton)	5
Zaminka Under Pressure for Wytekloud (McRae/Carleton)	9	Best Bitch	
Gr Ch Zaminka Flashlight (G & L Carleton/S McRae)	6	Ch Wytekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (S & B McRae)	26
Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey/Clark)	3	Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)	17
Best Representative		Flash Zam Lil Rocka Wytekloud (McRae)	16
Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	30	Oscarbi Just You'n Me Kid (Barzey/Clark)	15
Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi (Barzey/Clark)	28	Zaminka Power Ball (Carleton)	10
Ch Wytekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (S & B McRae)	23	Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)	9
Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	8	Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	7
Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)	6	Ch Samloch Sunlite Silvamist (Imp Aust) (K Kissell)	6
Gr Ch Zaminka Flashlight (G & L Carleton/S McRae)	2	Ch Sunshine Paint Me Gold (A & K Shugg)	5
Ch Wytekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (S & B McRae)	2	Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	4
Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)	2	Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	3
Zaminka Power Ball (Carleton)	2	Oscarbi Future Excitement At Carridene (Clark/Barzey/Matheson)	2
Best Baby Puppy Rep		Angara Sneaking Me Kisses (Barr)	1
Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey/Clark)	8	Best Bitch Rep	
		Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	8
		Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)	6
		Ch Wytekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (S & B McRae)	2
		Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)	2
		Zaminka Power Ball (Carleton)	2





The Samoyed Club Inc Diamond Jubilee Year 2009

Did you know that this year the Club celebrates its diamond jubilee year, ie 60 years of existence? Those who have been around for some years may well have in their show collection a sash, card or pen attesting to the golden anniversary year of 1999 but people who have joined after 1999 may not be aware of the significance of this year in the Club's history.

Looking back

First called the Auckland Samoyed Club, the inaugural meeting of the club was held in Auckland on 19 April 1949. Present were Messrs Bilham, Jackson, Roberts, Sharpe, and Mesdames Neale, Roberts and Jackson.

The annual subscription was set at 10 shillings and the Club adopted red and white as its colours.

By the time the club became an incorporated society, on 20 September 1956, the name had changed to "The Samoyed Club" though its registered office was still in Auckland.

Twenty years on and the subscription remained at \$1 (equivalent to 10 shillings in the old currency).

A ribbon parade held on 30 July 1961 in Auckland attracted an entry of 21 Samoyeds ranging in age from 3 months to 15 years. Best dog and Best on Parade was Larsen and Knowles' Raff of Marjac, and best bitch was Mrs M E McGlynn's Suzette of Samara. Five champions were entered in the champion class and two champions in the veteran class.

Prior to the publication of the first club magazine dated Winter 1969 communication had been via a monthly newsletter. By winter 1969

Mrs Neale was the only inaugural member still exhibiting – by then Pugs and Boxers were her love.

Mrs Kay O'Connor (Rydal Mount suffix) became a member on 1 March 1956, whilst her husband, John O'Connor, and daughter, Ann Johnston became members on 11 March 1958. Kay was to become the driving force of the club for many years and throughout her membership held a number of positions on the committee including president, secretary and magazine editor.



Mrs M J Knowles (Marjac suffix) was secretary in the late 1950s and early 1960s and others to hold that position during that era included Mrs J Sims, Mr W Bridle (Tazovski suffix), Mr R F Falconer (whose wife had the Koliska suffix), Mrs C O Gray (St Kristoff suffix) and Mrs C A Johnstone.

The year 1966 was a very auspicious year for the breed when the club held the first New Zealand specialty championship show. Details of that event are few but best in show on that historical occasion was the dog Major of Rydal Mount, owned by Mr V M Williams and bred by Mrs Kay O'Connor.

By the 1970-71 year membership had soared to over 100.

The club has undergone some upheavals throughout its history – not so unusual in dogdom!

Its registered office has changed too from Auckland addresses to Ngaurawahia, and later further south, but is now firmly entrenched in the Wellington region. This year the club will hold its 40th championship show in the year of its diamond jubilee.

Help make this a bumper year by entering in the Championship show or maybe sponsoring a class or two.

**Lauren de C James
EDITOR**

References:

Companies Office file
NZ Dog Magazine Annual 1966-67
The Samoyed Club magazines
1969-1984

WARNING

Wellington / Hutt Region

Possum & Rat Control Operation in Korokoro Valley, Belmont Regional Park and Wellington City Council Southern Landfill Gully, due to start in April.

Method will be with Dyed Green bait in Bait Stations.

Keep dogs on a Lead & away from Dead Carcasses.

Any further queries regarding these operations please contact Gary Sue, Biosecurity Officer, Greater Wellington Regional Council, phone 04 526 4133, 027 2949352, or email gary.sue@gw.govt.nz

Dates to remember

Championship Show
Entry closing date: Friday, 8 May 2009

Championship Show: Monday, 8 June 2009

Deadline for Winter issue: Friday, 12 June 2009

Open Show: Saturday, 22 August 2009



Flashback 1961

Good-bye, Danny – Dachshund as mascot

Mrs N C Tasker says goodbye to Danny, a black and tan ten months old Dachshund, which left recently by Super Constellation aircraft for the Antarctic. Danny is a gift for the wintering-over party at McMurdo Sound from Mr F J C Dann of Christchurch in appreciation of United States men on the ice contributing Fifty Pound to a fund which provided a boat for boys in the Stanmore Road Welfare Home for use at their annual camp. Mrs Tasker bred Danny who went on the last flight for the season.

A supply of Doggies Baked Vitalised Biscuits was forwarded with Danny on the Super Constellation aircraft of the United States Airforce, and will form the basis of Danny's diet throughout the Antarctic winter.

A photo of Mrs Tasker and Danny accompanied the report. My only question: Why not a Samoyed?

From the cover of New Zealand Kennel Gazette ~ April 1961.

Championship Show



Sponsors needed for the show

If you would like to sponsor a Class, please contact Lorraine Fothergill. All 'In Show' sponsors will have their NAME or KENNEL NAME printed on the sash. 'In Show' Classes are from \$25.



Ready to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year

Two different doctors' offices

Boy, if this doesn't hit the nail on the head, I don't know what does!

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?
The FIRST is a Golden Retriever.
The SECOND is a Senior Citizen.

Next time take me to a vet!

Forwarded by Lorraine Fothergill





Just relaxing with my mate



See how Murphy has grown – go to page 25

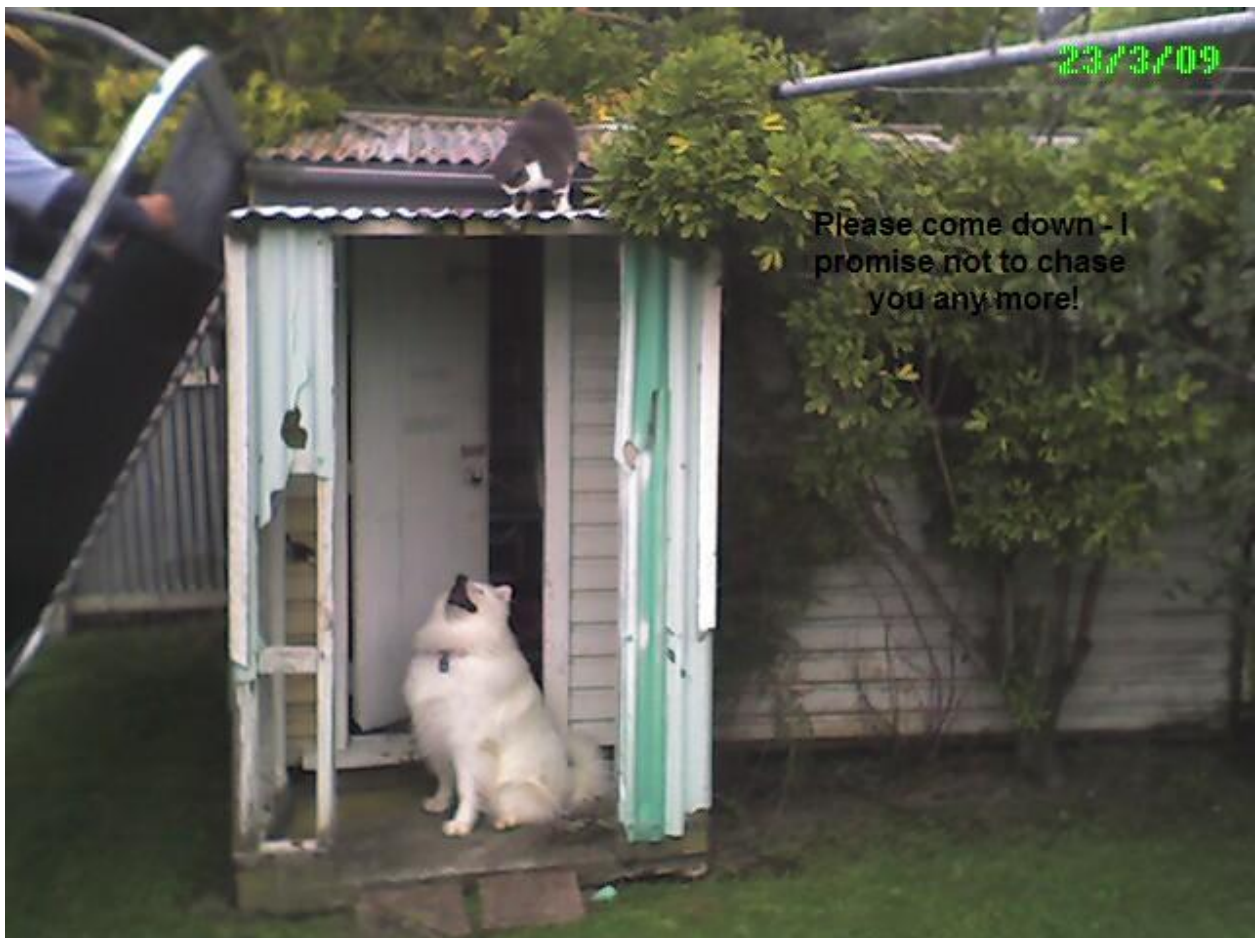
Baggage by Evelyn Colbath

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed,
All nicely tucked into my warm new bed.
I would like to open my baggage
Lest I forget,
There is so much to carry -
So much to regret.

Hmm.. Yes there it is, right on the top -
Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,
And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.
As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave I
still have to unpack my baggage called Pain.

I loved them, the others, the ones who left me,
But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want
me.
Will you add to my baggage?
Will you help me unpack?
Or will you just look at my things
And take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?
To put away my baggage,
To never re-pack?
I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,
But I do come with baggage -
Will you still want me?



The Samoyed influence in history – as it relates to greeting



At first, in the village, there was only one lawn mower, and the people shared it. Because there was only one mower, people began to bicker. Everyone wanted it on Saturday or Sunday as opposed to mowing after the workday, so a "landscaper" was appointed to take care of all the lawns. Unfortunately for the people of the town, the modern day mulching mower was not invented, so the grass clippings were left everywhere.

The Samoyeds sat in the grass clippings, and got grass all over their rear ends. The people; however, much preferred the grass clippings on Samoyeds rear ends to the muddy sams of old, so they didn't care.

When they arrived home, and saw their lawn mowed and the "landscaper" just finishing up, they used to say to the "landscaper". Thanks so much for mowing my lawn, would you like to come in for rice and beans?

This turned out to be a way too long way of saying as a sign of appreciation, and was later shortened to "Gracias" (pronounced Grassy -a.... well you get the picture). The pronunciation was changed about two years later, as small children got tired of having their mouths washed out with soap.

Finally, in Australia way back when, a farmer and his Samoyed lived all alone. The farmer named his Samoyed "Mate" and greeted him everyday by saying "good'aye mate". After a few years, the farmer pretty much went blind, and thought all the townsfolk were his Samoyed. The greeting is now widely used all over the world and in beer commercials and movies.

**Dave Wiley
USA**

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The Samoyed smile and temperament has been a huge influence throughout the ages; however many people do not realize a lot of the contributions Samoyeds have made to languages, especially greetings, as sammies are so good at it.

Here are just a few examples:

Many moons ago, in France, Napoleon purchased a Samoyed. He thought it was great to come home to that smile after each day at work. As we all know, Samoyeds are like Lays potato chips (which of course were not available in France at the time of Napoleon, so he didn't actually know Samoyeds are like Lays potato chips) you can't have just one, so he got another, and another, and another, until he had quite the collection of Samoyeds.

Being a conscientious dictator/pack leader, Napoleon ordered the royal butcher to supply each Samoyed a nice bone each and every day, so the Samoyeds teeth could stay healthy. The bones were distributed at around 4:30 PM and Napoleon would arrive home around 5:00. All the Samoyeds would pick up their bones, and run to the front door to greet Napoleon. It was then Napoleon had the

bright idea to change the French greeting from a previous French word, which meant "Hey what is that smell", to "Bonjour", meaning bone of the day.

In the late 0001's, which in 0001 was just referred to as 1, but was changed to 0001 to comply with Y2K computer requirements, there was a small village in Spain that was known for its horribly muddy lawns and the fact everyone in the area owned Samoyeds. An inventive young Spaniard, known by his nickname "Kentucky Blue" got tired of having muddy Samoyeds all the time.

So he set about the task of fixing his lawn. "Kentucky Blue" ended up inventing a type of grass, which most people assumed came from Kentucky, but didn't. And so Kentucky blue grass was born. You might think this is the end of the Samoyed influence in this story, but as history has it, it is not.

After Kentucky blue grass was distributed about the village and became the lawn of choice keeping the sammies white, the problem of grooming the grass to a manageable level arose (so to speak). Hence, the lawn mower was also a bi-product of owning Samoyeds.

Sergeant Noodles, 21 Battalion

Military mascots are animals kept by the armed forces for ceremonial purposes, as emblems of particular units or simply for companionship. Many New Zealand military units, especially during the First World War and the Second World War, acquired unofficial mascots through various means. Dogs were the most common companions, but cats, donkeys, monkeys, lizards, pigs, goats and birds were also adopted as mascots.



Noodles pictured with members of C Company, 21 Battalion

Military Mascot

Sergeant Noodles, a white Samoyed, marched through Auckland with the men of the Second Echelon before their departure overseas. He was the pride and joy of C Company, 21 Battalion, and was initially lucky enough to be granted official permission to sail with his unit.

Noodles enlisted to join his master, Private 'Tubby' Ryan, having fretted and refused to eat in the latter's absence. He was taken to Papakura Camp where he showed a special preference for his master's platoon, and followed Private Ryan on all route marches. He slept in the platoon hut and was a very good sentry.

Sergeant Noodles' first collar was a puggaree studded with the hat

badge and buttons of 15 North Auckland Regiment. In cold weather he wore a khaki coat made to measure by the camp tailor. The battalion's official history claimed that Noodles was an 'example to the untidy, for he was always correctly dressed in a red and khaki cover, on the side of which was attached his three stripes of rank. He wore his NZEF badge on his collar and was never known to give one away to a lady friend.

Before the platoon left Auckland, Sergeant Noodles was allowed out on final leave— being issued with the usual leave pass from the orderly room, despite some misbehaviour during a camp inspection. He joined the unit on their farewell march in Auckland and travelled to Wellington on 1

May to board the *Empress of Japan*. At this point his luck ran out.

He was turned away at the gangway as regulations prevented his embarkation. But somebody threw a rope from the deck and, with the help of a wharf worker, Sergeant Noodles was nearly

hoisted aboard. Unfortunately, his yelping attracted the notice of a ship's officer, who ordered him to be returned to the wharf.

And so 21 Battalion sailed without its mascot.



Noodles on parade with the battalion

“CHAPTER 1 — To the United Kingdom

Embarkation was completed by 5 a.m. It was at this point that the unit lost a valued member and a warm favourite. ‘Sergeant Noodles’ was the battalion mascot, a snow-white terrier (sic) which followed at the heels of its owner, Private ‘Tubby’ Ryan¹⁵ of C Company, on all route marches. Sergeant Noodles was an example to the untidy, for he was always correctly dressed in a red and khaki cover, on the side of which was attached his three stripes of rank. He wore his NZEF badge on his collar and was never known to give one away to a lady friend. Transport regulations prevented his embarkation and he was turned away at the gangway. However, somebody threw a rope from the deck to the wharf and, through the good offices of one of the wharf staff, Sergeant Noodles was nearly hoisted aboard. While the men were hauling him up his yelping attracted the notice of a ship's officer, who ordered him to be lowered again, and so the battalion lost its mascot.”

Cody, J. F., 21 Battalion, Historical Publications Branch, 1953, Wellington
Part of: The Official History of New Zealand in the Second World War 1939–1945

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Popularity Stakes by Lauren de C James

Based on breed registrations the Samoyed is the 3rd most popular Spitz breed in New Zealand ... no prizes for guessing the most popular breed! In fact the Pembroke Welsh Corgi has on occasion topped the popularity poll and consistently placed in the top 10 in the last century. But really, who wants their breed in the top 10?

NEW ZEALAND

The Samoyed arrived in New Zealand via the 1989/1900 Newnes-Borchgrevink Expedition to the Antarctica. Samoyeds from later expeditions were also left behind in New Zealand and some were used for breeding. However, many from those early years were never registered.

"Zembla", an Expedition dog was the first Samoyed to be registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club (NZKC). Whelped in 1900 but not registered until 8 August 1903, the breed name was given as "Esquimaux" rather than Samoyed.

Between 1903 and 1910 ten Samoyeds were registered but there was confusion over the correct breed name, either "Esquimaux" or "Eskimo" being used for the first 7 registrations. The name "Esquimaux" continued to be used until 1920.

The name "Samoyede" came into use with a 1907 registration and the spelling remained in use by NZKC on and off, even during the 1950's. The NZKC also used the modern spelling of "Samoyed" as early as 1924.

In the 52nd annual report from the Executive of NZKC is a tabulated list of all breed registrations and transfers from 1921 (641 that year) through to 1938. By 1931 the total had doubled to 1,278, and by 1938 had climbed to 2,668. This list provides only the annual total for each year and does not provide a breakdown per breed.

To date I have not been able to locate a breakdown of Samoyed registrations for that period nor indeed up to 31 March 1945.

The all breed figures dropped off over the next six years, probably the impact of World War II, but by 1944 the figure was on the upwards again with 2,009 transactions recorded for the year ending 31 March.

From 1946 NZKC has published annual registration figures for each breed. As will be seen from Table 1 annual Samoyed registrations had reached double figures by that year (28 with 24 transfers of ownership)



and the breed ranked 23rd in popularity.

Registrations trebled the following year to 88 (with only 29 transfers of ownership), a huge gain in popularity, taking the breed to 11th position. The same ranking was achieved in 1953 with a total of 94 registrations.

In 1965, 12 years on, the breed topped the 100 mark, and then

some, with 130 registrations. Not surprisingly the record number resulted in the breed's ranking improving to 12th.

It is noteworthy that the most popular breed throughout the period 1945 to 1961 was the English Cocker Spaniel. The German Shepherd took over the top position for the next two years, was usurped by the Pembroke Welsh Corgi in 1964 but returned as No. 1 favourite in 1965. However, from 1966 to 1972 the Pembroke Welsh Corgi headed the popularity poll.

Annual registrations continued an upward climb and registrations

reached a new high in 1977 when 411 Samoyeds (from 85 litters) were recorded, placing the breed 10th in the popularity stakes (see Table 2). The breed managed to retain its ranking in 1978 with a lesser tally of 320 (from 60 litters) but has

never again equalled its 1978 tally.

The 1970s decade was truly the heyday of the breed but popularity inevitably has its downside - indiscriminate breeding can occur, with some puppies being sold to unsuitable homes, and this in turn impacts on the breed's reputation, and is detrimental to its future welfare.

Whilst doing pedigree research at NZKC it was quite an eye-opener to

note the number of changes of ownership which some dogs had to face. Very disturbing! A salutary lesson to breeders to ensure that

when selling a puppy they should ensure that the new owner has their full support with advice and information and understands the

responsibility they are taking on is for the puppy's lifetime.

TABLE 1
Registrations - NEW ZEALAND 1945-1972

Year	Rank	Litters	Puppies	Single Registrations	Total Samoyeds	All Breed
01/04/45 – 31/03/46	23	4	19	9	28	3,875
01/04/46 – 31/03/47	11	11	51	37	88	5,429
01/04/47 – 31/03/48	14	20	91	2	93	6,829
01/04/48 – 31/03/49	18	13	61	17	78	7,608
01/04/49 – 31/03/50	19	8	38	16	54	7,474
01/04/50 – 31/03/51	15	15	73	18	91	7,418
01/04/51 – 31/03/52	NK	NK	NK	NK	NK	6,465
01/04/52 – 31/03/53	11	NK	NK	NK	94	3,820
01/04/53 – 31/03/54	19	NK	NK	NK	55	3,282
01/04/54 – 31/03/55	16	NK	NK	NK	31	3,098
01/04/55 – 31/03/56	18	NK	NK	NK	57	3,448
01/04/56 – 31/03/57	16	NK	NK	NK	85	5,107
01/04/57 – 31/03/58	19	NK	NK	NK	64	NK
01/04/58 – 31/03/59	25	8	42	4	46	5,498
01/04/59 – 31/03/60	16	13	69	8	77	5,809
01/04/60 – 31/03/61	21	8	42	4	46	4,952
01/04/61 – 31/03/62	15	14	70	5	75	5,738
01/04/62 – 31/03/63	14	14	71	10	81	5,575
01/04/63 – 31/03/64	17	13	62	9	71	5,899
01/04/64 – 31/03/65	12	23	118	12	130	6,492
01/04/65 – 31/03/66	13	23	133	11	144	6,904
01/04/66 – 31/03/67	12	27	147	10	157	8,179
01/04/67 – 31/03/68	14	25	125	18	143	8,389
01/04/68 – 31/03/69	18	23	129	11	140	9,751
01/04/69 – 31/03/70	16	34	171	8	179	10,405
01/04/70 – 31/03/71	15	44	236	11	247	11,906
01/04/71 – 31/03/72	18	42	235	6	241	12,962

Note:

The all breed figures do not include obedience registrations which comprise Part 2 Register, introduced in 1967.

One advantage of the upward trend was an increase in show entries, particularly at National and breed specialty show levels. The downward trend has been the norm from the late 1970s as shown in Table 2.

to 2007 except for 1993 when the German Shepherd held top ranking that year.

Most readers will also be aware that there are some Samoyeds being bred but not registered with NZKC. Breed rescue co-ordinators will attest to that and the listings on Trade Me reinforce that view.

Topping the popularity poll from 1972 to 1975 inclusive was the Pembroke Welsh Corgi, but in 1976 the German Shepherd again resumed the No. 1 ranking, maintaining that position through to 1986. In 1987 a new breed headed the rankings, the Rottweiler, managing to hold that position for three years. The Labrador Retriever moved into No. 1 position in 1990, and has continued in that position through

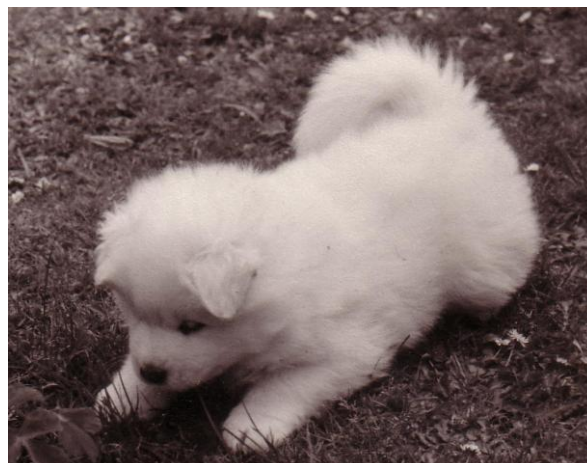


TABLE 2
Registrations - NEW ZEALAND 1972 - 2007

Year	Rank	Litters	Total Sams	All Breed
01/01/72 - 31/12/72	18	53	277	14,370
01/01/73 - 31/12/73	14	68	323	15,109
01/01/74 - 31/12/74	12	71	386	16,514
01/01/75 - 31/12/75	14	78	370	18,933
01/01/76 - 31/12/76	14	69	366	16,400
01/01/77 - 31/12/77	10	85	411	16,483
01/01/78 - 31/12/78	10	60	320	13,874
01/01/79 - 31/12/79	12	48	238	12,175
01/01/80 - 31/12/80	12	50	240	13,009
01/01/81 - 31/12/81	16	38	207	13,398
01/01/82 - 31/12/82	20	39	172	13,410
01/01/83 - 31/12/83	18	47	203	13,511
01/01/84 - 31/12/84	22	42	187	14,415
01/01/85 - 31/12/85	23	NK	173	15,113
01/01/86 - 31/12/86	26	32	153	15,592
01/01/87 - 31/12/87	21	39	191	15,556
01/01/88 - 31/12/88	23	34	172	15,224
01/01/89 - 31/12/89	19	41	167	13,770
01/01/90 - 31/12/90	17	47	181	13,338
01/01/91 - 31/12/91	34	23	90	12,874
01/01/92 - 31/12/93	29	22	110	11,832
01/01/93 - 31/12/93	22	35	135	12,107
01/01/94 - 31/12/94	30	25	102	12,559
01/01/95 - 31/12/95	25=	33	124	12,293
01/01/96 - 31/12/96	38	23	91	11,970
01/01/97 - 31/12/97	44	19	73	11,728
01/01/98 - 31/12/98	23	25	132	11,854
01/01/99 - 31/12/99	33	24	96	11,835
01/01/00 - 31/12/00	23	22	102	10,387
01/01/01 - 31/12/01	30	20	92	10,301
01/01/02 - 31/12/02	27	21	93	10,627
01/01/03 - 31/12/03	32	17	86	10,374
01/01/04 - 31/12/04	21	22	103	9,776
01/01/05 - 31/12/05	41	14	65	10,215
01/01/06 - 31/12/06	24	22	93	10,194
01/01/07 - 31/12/07	39	17	69	10,174

Note: There are two entries for 1972 the reason being the registration year changed.

The Siberian Husky has grown in popularity since the mid 1990s and now outranks the Samoyed as the second most popular Spitz breed in this country. In 1995 it placed 11th, having held 24th place the previous year, and in 2007 it ranked 16th, having placed 18th the previous year.

AUSTRALIA

Though it is known there were some Samoyeds in Australia in the early 1900s the earliest Samoyed registered by any Australian Kennel Control Authority was the bitch Aust Ch Yukon Queen (Imp UK) born in 1929. Three more imports from England followed and the fifth import into Australia was

the dog Aust Ch Arctic Nikitinka (Imp NZ) born in 1937. The first Australian-bred Samoyed to achieve the title of Australian champion was the bitch Aust Ch Blackeyed Susan. Whelped in 1932 she was sired by Aust Ch Snow White (Imp UK) and out of Aust Ch Yukon Queen (Imp UK).



TABLE 3
Registrations - AUSTRALIA 1981 to 2008

Year	Place Utility Group	Place All Breeds	Samoyed Total	Total All Breed
1981	4	35	689	78,470
1982	4	36	596	79,231
1983	5	41	515	79,497
1984	4	38	493	83,165
1985	5	46	504	88,316
1986	5	45	521	95,792
1987	5	41	550	97,917
1988	6	38	531	92,089
1989	4	34	614	86,586
1990	5	37	559	87,768
1991	6	38	578	82,062
1992	8	41	556	80,693
1993	6	33	661	71,071
1994	7	35	655	85,415
1995	8	38	568	81,389
1996	8	36	623	84,718
1997	8	35	563	68,637
1998	8	41	585	89,922
1999	9	48	420	72,779
2000	8	43	487	77,559
2001	8	50	349	69,946
2002	8	44	383	69,419
2003	8	48	357	66,710
2004	8	49	332	64,189
2005	7	47	351	62,340
2006	8	48	337	61,524
2007	8	44	399	64,074
2008	8	44	403	63,387

New Zealand had the advantage of 26 years of importing and breeding Samoyeds before Australia entered the scene. As a result New Zealand bred stock contributed to the early development of the breed in Australia.

Data on breed registrations prior to 1981 has not been obtainable.

The Australian National Kennel Council registration data is compiled per group and it is interesting to note how consistent the Samoyed has been in its ranking within the Utility Group (see Table 3).



ENGLAND

Officially the breed was introduced to England in 1889 with the arrival of the deep biscuit coloured male, "Sabarka". It was through the efforts of Sabarka's importer and owner, Mr Ernest Kilburn-Scott and his wife, Clara Kilburn-Scott that the breed became established in England.

However, already there were some white Samoyeds in England, though virtually nothing is known about them. But Geoff Grounds (former President of the Samoyed Association, England), when writing about the breed's history in 1980, referred to the recent find of a tinted print in a London magazine dated 1888. The print showed the Prince and Princess of Wales sitting with a Samoyed at their feet - it is white, with flesh coloured points.

Further imports followed, breeding commenced and by 1905 Samoyed registrations had reached double figures (14). In 1908 24 were registered and by 1911 the annual total was 54.

Litters born during World War 1 were not given Kennel Club registration but by 1926 the breed had reached the century mark with 112 registered that year.

Initially classified as "foreign dogs" Samoyeds had a separate register from June 1912.

In England too the breed went by various names. "Samoyede Sledge Dog" and "Samozeda Sledge Dog" were popular choices with the name "Samoyede" being

in regular use by the early 1900s. The "e" remained in use until October 1923 when it was officially dropped. Registrations increased steadily though World War 2 impacted on numbers somewhat. In 1974 the breed exceeded the 1,000 mark with a total of 1,002 registrations but could not sustain that level in later years.

One reason for the drop in registration numbers could well be the emergence of Parvo which decimated litters just as previously distemper had been the scourge that breeders had to contend with.

By 1980 annual registration numbers had climbed to 924, and eleven years later in 1991 the breed recorded its highest figure with 1,268, placing it 40th in the breed rankings.

In 1988 the breed recorded 769 registrations and then in 1989 registrations surged to 1,301 followed by a small increase to 1,335 the following year. Since 1994 registrations have been on the decline (see Table 6 and Graph 1).

For many years the breed was classified within the Working Group but in 1999 became a member of the newly established "Pastoral" group.

TABLE 4
Registrations – ENGLAND 1902 - 1917

Year	Stud Book entry	Total Samoyeds
1902	1	1 (b)
1903	1	3 (b)
1904	NK	NK
1905	5 (a)	14
1906	4	14
1907	3	28
1908	4	24
1909	1	20
1910	2	44
1911	8	54
1912	16	28
1913	10	179
1914	9	41
1915	9	18
1916	5	17
1917	8	10

Notes re Table 4:

No litters born during the period of World War I were given Kennel club registration.

- (a) The dog "Jacko" though winning 1st in open at Ladies Kennel Association was not awarded a Stud Book number due to lack of pedigree. However, his son "Mezen" was awarded a Stud Book number.
- (b) Indicates registration year not confirmed but such dog awarded a Stud Book number.

TABLE 5
Registrations – ENGLAND 1926 - 1949

Year	Position	Total Samoyeds	Group total	All Breed total registrations
01/01/26 - 31/12/26	51	112	20,613	58,683
01/01/27 - 31/12/27	50	125	21,137	59,383
01/01/28 - 31/12/28	46	162	19,241	56,099
01/01/29 - 31/12/29	NK	144	NK	NK
01/01/30 - 31/12/30	48	143	15,146	48,784
01/01/31 - 31/12/31	39	175	13,171	43,876
01/01/32 - 31/12/32	40	186	13,181	45,914
01/01/33 - 31/12/33	31	299	14,068	50,392
01/01/34 - 31/12/34	34	260	14,189	53,600
01/01/35 - 31/12/35	27	394	15,374	58,799
01/01/36 - 31/12/36	30	370	14,721	56,411
01/01/37 - 31/12/37	31	374	14,708	56,660
01/01/38 - 31/12/38	26	458	15,689	57,762
01/01/39 - 31/12/39	30	252	10,138	36,124
01/01/40 - 31/12/40	29	118	4,086	13,968
01/01/41 - 31/12/41	21	141	3,938	12,467
01/01/42 - 31/12/42	22	199	6,247	21,073
01/01/43 - 31/12/43	25	243	9,939	35,359
01/01/44 - 31/12/44	25	367	14,500	53,563
01/01/45 - 31/12/45	28	458	14,500	53,563
01/01/46 - 31/12/46	26	650	33,323	110,855
01/01/47 - 31/12/47	30	705	38,223	120,183
01/01/48 - 31/12/48	34	472	36,709	105,390
01/01/49 - 31/12/49	34	582	39,924	106,871

NOTE: The figures up to and including 1949 included crossbreeds registered, 44 being the highest number registered in 1946.



TABLE 6
Registrations – ENGLAND 1980 – 2008

Year	Position	Total Samoyeds	All Breed registrations
1980	44	924	201,614
1981	46	749	172,358
1982	47	719	172,520
1983	50	750	184,899
1984	48	708	184,043
1985	47	827	198,299
1986	48	732	189,416
1987	42	851	181,436
1988	44	769	166,550
1989	43	1,301	283,915
1990	42	1,335	270,769
1991	40	1,268	252,524
1992	42	1,170	240,157
1993	42	1,181	235,893
1994	40	1,270	246,707
1995	39	1,247	264,091
1997	41	1,120	268,490
1998	45	1,022	258,746
1999	54	765	242,207
2000	54	773	246,161
2001	62	582	220,799
2002	62	523	226,318
2003	74	367	245,894
2004	74	387	257,379
2005	75	408	264,704
2006	83	338	271,926
2007	81	339	270,707
2008	85	354	271,719



FINLAND

Across the Channel in Finland, Samoyeds are descended from English stock which came from Denmark in 1952. Earlier imports had arrived from Russia via St Petersburg or the Murmansk district, as far back as 1910, but their descendants had died out by the 1940s.

By 1964 the annual number registered was up to 100, higher than New Zealand's annual tally. The breed continuing growing in numbers being at its most popular during the years 1971-73, when 735, 788 and 758 were registered respectively. However, the dramatic rise in popularity was in fact due to a television programme called "Belle and Sebastian" which featured a large white dog, ironically **not a Samoyed** but a Pyrenean Mountain Dog!

Registrations reached a low point in 1981 with only 167 recorded but by the late 1980s were again on the rise. In 1992 the number registered totalled 266, placing the breed in 37th place.

Of the total of 45,891 dogs registered in 2006 there are 15 small size breeds among the top 30 most popular breeds. The highest ever total of registrations occurred in 1993 when 47,093 dogs were registered. The year 2006 was the seventh in a row showing an increase.

In common with Australia and England the Finnish Kennel Club compiles its registration statistics in breed groups. In 2006, there was an increase in the registrations of 9 of the 10 breed groups, the exception being the Spitz and Primitive types group of which the Samoyed is a member. The drop in the Spitz group is attributed to the government's decision to reduce the elk population which impacts on breeds such as the Elkhound and Karelian Bear Dog.

The Finnish Hound kept its place as the number one breed in Finland followed by the German Shepherd. The three domestic breeds that ranked among the top 10 in popularity were the Finnish Hound, the Finnish Lapphund, and the Finnish Spitz.

The breed group Spitz and Primitive types is still the most popular one in Finland. The second most popular breed group is Companion and Toy Dogs. The range of breeds in Finland has become highly versatile in 30 years. The registration statistics over ten years consist of 310 various breeds.

SWEDEN

Sweden sets the scene for the most comprehensive data by providing a breakdown of hip dysplasia grades compared to the number of Samoyeds registered (see Table 8). The Swedish Kennel Club is to be commended. If only the NZKC could be so progressive!





TABLE 7
Registrations – SWEDEN 1999 - 2008

Year	Dogs	Bitches	Imports		Total Imports	Total
			D	B		
1999	144	103	Nil	Nil	Nil	247
2000	121	133	Nil	Nil	Nil	254
2001	82	88	Nil	Nil	Nil	170
2002	133	124	Nil	Nil	Nil	257
2003	132	144	Nil	Nil	Nil	276
2004	112	136	3	5	8	248
2005	114	122	2	11	13	236
2006	125	135	3	7	10	260
2007	145	149	4	7	11	294
2008	117	129	5	7	12	246

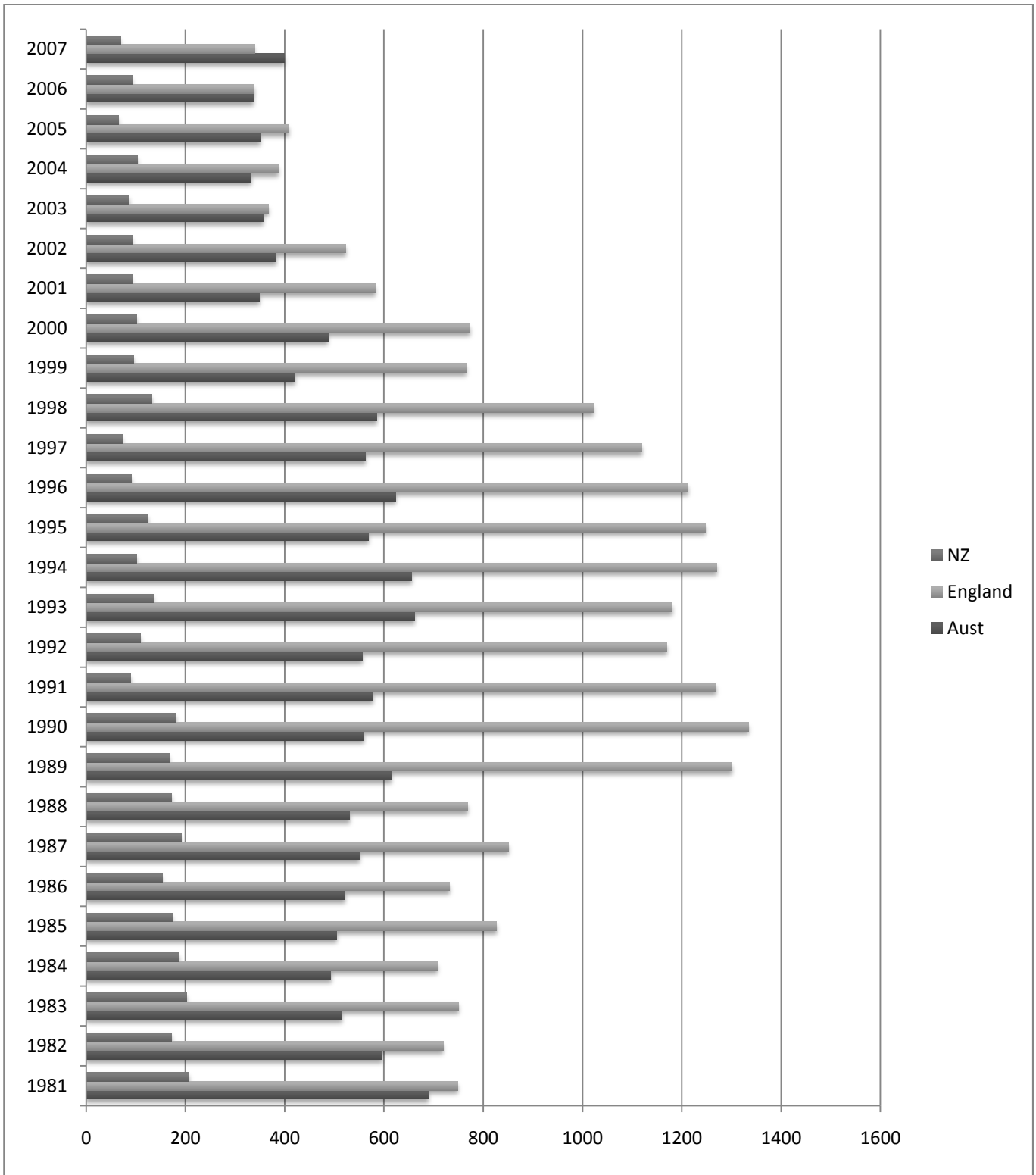
TABLE 8
SWEDEN - Hip Dysplasia Grades compared to registrations 1999-2007

Grades	1999		2000		2001		2002	
	A	88	68.8%	84	59.2%	39	41.1%	71
B	19	14.8%	32	22.5%	29	30.5%	41	29.1%
C	12	9.4%	16	11.3%	18	18/9%	12	8.5%
D	8	6.3%	8	5.6%	6	6.3%	11	7.8%
E	1	0.8%	2	1.4%	3	3.2%	6	4.3%
Total Xrayed	128		142		95		141	
Age (months)	19		20		19		18	
Total Registered	231		264		160		249	

Grades	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	A	80	49.1%	73	51.8%	74	52.5%	49	43.8%	17
B	44	27.0%	37	26.2%	49	34.8%	38	33.9%	17	38.6%
C	20	12.3%	22	15.6%	12	8.5%	11	9.8%	9	20.5%
D	18	11.0%	7	5.0%	6	4.3%	11	2.7%	1	2.3%
E	1	0.6%	2	1.4%			3			
Total Xrayed	163		141		141		112		44	
Age (months)	20		20		18		18		14	
Total Registered	267		230		243		243		278	

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*There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance. ~ Socrates*  
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**GRAPH 1:
Comparison of Australia, England and New Zealand Registrations 1981-2007**



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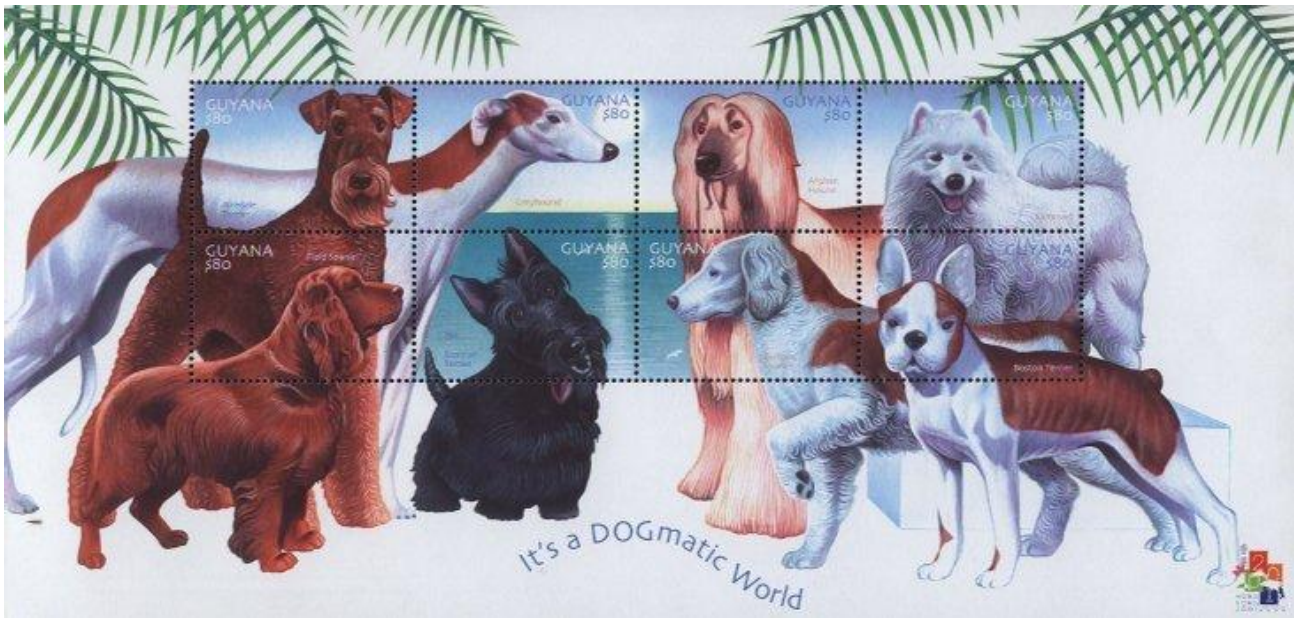


Murphy showing who's the boss down on the farm



Samoyed Collectibles (Part 3) by Lauren de C James





Philately

Stamp collecting has often been referred to as the “hobby of kings and king of hobbies.” Many people during their lifetime will collect stamps, even if only for a short period during childhood. Collectors gain a useful knowledge of history, geography, and current affairs.

Definitive or pictorial stamps might feature native flora or fauna, scenery, landmarks such as mountains, signs, buildings etc, or artifacts, whilst commemorative stamps are issued to recognize significant events such as a centenary, sports event, royal wedding, Christmas, achievement, and so on.



However, nowadays more and more countries are issuing stamps depicting a topic or theme, known as topical or thematic stamps. Over the last 20 or 30 years thematic collecting has burgeoned significantly and there is a cornucopia of topics from which to choose.

There are other aspects of collecting philatelic material to consider such as whether to collect mint (unused) or used stamps, gutter pairs, watermarks, method of display, souvenir sheets, First Day Covers (FDC) and so on but there is no need to go into that sort of detail here.

The dog featured on stamps quite early in the history of philately. Newfoundland, an island off the east coast of Canada, issued a definitive set in 1880, which included a ½ cent stamp featuring the portrait of a Newfoundland dog – very appropriate choice. The stamp was issued in several colours. Newfoundland, a British Dominion, merged with Canada in 1949, whose stamps it now uses.

Other countries have taken the opportunity to recognize their native breeds eg Australia (set of 5 in 1980, Dingo in 2006), Belgium (2002), Canada (1988), Finland (1965), Great Britain (1979), Ireland (1983), Sweden, and the USA.

The Belgian issue of five stamps in 2002 was issued to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canine Society of Flandres.

“Other countries have taken the opportunity to recognise their native breeds”.

Even India recognized its native breeds when it issued a set of four stamps depicting “Breeds of Dogs” in 2005, the breeds being Himalayan Sheep Dog, Rampur Hound, Mudhol Hound, Rajapalayam” the picture below

For those interested in collecting stamps featuring dogs there is an abundance of such stamps available or collectors might like to specialize and collect only those related to a specific group eg hunting dogs, toy breeds, or working dogs.

On the subject of working dogs the USA postal service issued a 15 cent stamp of a German Shepherd in harness to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1st US Guide Dog Programme in 1979. Canada also recognized the guide dog with a stamp issue in 2008.

In 2008 both Australia and Great Britain issued stamps featuring working dogs.

Polar exploration could appeal to Samoyed owners and that could extend to first day covers, postcards etc. Arctic and Antarctic expeditions have been recognized by various countries. The Australian Antarctic Territory

issued a set of three stamps in 1957 and the one shilling value depicts a dog team and iceberg. In 2003 the British Antarctic Territory issued a set of four stamps featuring Shackleton's expedition dogs. The three dogs on the 45p stamp are named as Samson, Shakespeare and Farley but are not Samoyeds.

Some recent releases have featured famous people pictured with their dog, dogs used for rescue missions, and dogs and art.

"Laika", the space dog, has appeared on numerous stamps and souvenir sheets including Mongolian and Niger issues. In 1961 Bulgaria issued a two stamp air mail set entitled Air Space Exploration and the 2L stamp has a drawing of four "space" dogs.

The Chinese Lunar Year of the Dog prompted some postal authorities to issue stamps or souvenir sheets featuring canines. Hong Kong issued a very attractive set of two values featuring the Chow Chow in 1970. The Year of the Dog occurred again in 1994 and again in 2006 resulting in more issues including a New Zealand set of five plus FDC.

The small principality of Monaco has since 1970 annually issued a stamp to celebrate the International Dog Show held in Monte Carlo.

The Samoyed has to date not featured but some breeds such as the Cocker Spaniel have graced the stamps on more than one occasion.

Dog Club Centenaries

In 1984 when the American Kennel club celebrated its centenary the US Postal Service issued a set of four stamps depicting mostly paired native breeds, such as the Beagle/Boston Terrier, and Black and Tan Coonhound/American Foxhound.

The Jersey Dog Club (one of the Channel Islands) celebrated its centenary in 1988 and the Jersey Philatelic Bureau saw fit to issue a set of five stamps featuring dogs

including Labrador, Dalmation and Pekingese.

In 1991 when Crufts celebrated its centenary a special first day cover was issued featuring the canine painter George Stubbs' paintings of dogs and a special postmark "Crufts Dog Show Centenary 1891-1991 Birmingham" was used.

The Samoyed on stamps

Sometimes dogs have been paired with cats and the earliest known stamp to feature our breed was issued by the United Arab Emirate of Manama in the "Dog and cats" set of six in 1972. The Samoyed is paired with a ginger and white cat.



As far as I am aware Rumania was the next country to feature our breed. The Samoyed appears on the 340 Lei value stamp in the 1982 set of eight called "Friend of Mankind". Stanley Gibbons catalogue refers to the breed as "Huskies" but a Postal Commemorative Society limited edition refers to the breed as "Samoyed – Working dog from Siberia".



The stamp has a team of most typical Sams pulling a sled, what else? The set depicts eight breeds of dogs in realistic settings in service to their masters and the 400 Lei value is referred to as "Spitz – Non-sporting dog from the Arctic" and shows a brown and white Spitz-like dog carrying a

basket. Art work for the series was by Eugen Palade.

The year 1982 was a bumper year for our breed as Laos also included a Samoyed in their set of six dog stamps.

Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia) has twice issued Samoyed stamps. The first was issued in 1987 in a set of seven dog stamps, whilst the second also came in a set of seven dog stamps in 1990. The breed was named on the latter stamp as "Samoyede".

Neither representation is of a typical Samoyed. See comments under "Identification".

The Caribbean island of Grenada issued a set of "Dogs of the world" in 1993 showing breeds with a strong national identity paired with a landmark from the country of origin. The Samoyed is shown standing by St Basil's Cathedral, Moscow, Russia.

The Samoyed also featured in the Grenadines of Grenada issue of 1995.



And so to 1997 when the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) issued a "Dog" set which included an attractive portrait of a Samoyed.



The Samoyed also appeared in a "Dogs" (1st issue) set from Liberia in 1999.



In 2000 the Caribbean island of Nevis issued a six stamp set "Canines of the World" which also included a souvenir sheet.

The Samoyed has been a popular breed with St Thomas and Prince Islands (Sao Tome and Principe). The 1995 set of nine "Dogs and Cats" included a very attractive Samoyed portrait and a 2004 miniature sheet features a Samoyed puppy along with a cat, horse and donkey.

In 2008 the breed again featured this time in the miniature sheet "Polar Sled Dogs".

Even South American countries have got into the act with Paraguay issuing a set of four entitled "Domestic Animals" which includes the Samoyed in 2005. Peru issued a four stamp set and miniature sheets featuring the Samoyed in 2007.

Local Issues

There are a number of local islands off the coast of Scotland eg Davaar, Gairsay, and Herm, whose source of income is issuing stamps which collectors will buy for their topical value and not to mail letters.

They are not recognised as valid for national or international mail.

In 1984 Gairsay produced a set of eight dog stamps which included the Samoyed. These came in sheets with uneven borders and perforations.

Formerly USSR

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union the former states now issue stamps as a means of raising

revenue and dogs have been a popular theme.



Many have featured Samoyeds on their stamps including Adigey, Cherkesia, Dagestan, Evenkia (1st dog set 1999), Ingushetia, Kalmykia, Kuril Island, Kazakhstan, Mordovia, Tatarstan, Turkmenistan, and Udmurtia.



These countries invariably use photos rather than drawings of our breed - a cost-cutting measure?



These photographic stamps reproduce clearly on these pages whereas those drawings with pastel backgrounds do not eg Manama stamp.



New Zealand Canine Issues

New Zealand Post (NZP) has released a number of issues depicting dogs, several sets being from the annual "Health" series. The first such set "Pets" issued in 1974 comprised three stamps featuring generic dogs and cats.

In 1984 it released an attractive miniature sheet on the subject of "Antarctic Research", comprising four stamps and the body of the sheet shows a team of dogs hooked up to a sled. The breed is not named.

The 1984 health issue of three stamps featured dog breeds (Border Collie, Cocker Spaniel, and Labrador Retriever).

Prior to 2000 when our breed was to celebrate a century since its introduction to New Zealand I wrote to NZP with the suggestion that a stamp depicting our breed be issued in 2000 for that very reason. I also referred to its association with Antarctic exploration but the suggestion was never taken up.

NZ Post also issued a set of five dog stamps and miniature sheet in 2006 in recognition of the "Year of the Dog".

Identification ~ Buyer beware

There have been at least two instances of North Korea featuring dogs on stamps, and on both occasions the Phungsan Dog (endemic dog) has featured. The 1977 set of three shows portraits of the endemic dog, a Chow, and a Japanese Spaniel and the 1994 set of six features the endemic dog and five other breeds.

The endemic dog may be perceived by some to be a Samoyed but in fact is listed in

catalogues as an endemic dog. It does have some Samoyed/Spitz characteristics (see below).



Most stamps featuring the Samoyed are from sets but can be purchased individually through auctions such as eBay and from dealers. Some are available mint whilst others are only available used or “cancelled to order”. However, some vendors make mistakes when naming breeds so bidder/buyer beware.

On the other hand take a look at the 1987 Kampuchea stamp and the dog looks more like a Shiba Inu even though it is referred to as a Samoyed in Stanley Gibbons catalogue (see below).



Though the 1990 Kampuchea stamp names the breed as “Samoyede” the stance and head shape is more reminiscent of a Japanese Spitz! What do readers think?

However, maybe errors in breed naming can be traced back to the origin of the stamp, ie the issuing postal authority. Or maybe the reason could be that incorrect artwork or illustrations were provided.



One such example is the miniature sheet issued by Kazakhstan featuring “Japanese Dogs” (Akita, Shiba Inu and Japanese Spitz). There are three stamps of each breed but the first two of the three Japanese Spitz stamps are undoubtedly of Samoyeds, not Japanese Spitz (see page 31).



Souvenir Sheets

An interesting 2008 issue is a sheet comprising six stamps, issued by St. Thomas and Prince Islands, featuring dogs and their masters. Included on the sheet are former President Bill Clinton with his chocolate Labrador Retriever Seamus, actress Eva Longoria and basketball star Tony Parker along with their Maltese dog Jinxie, Arctic explorer Knud Johan Victor Rasmussen with one of his Husky sled dogs, performer Madonna with her Chihuahua Chiquita, and Australian TV wildlife personality Steve Irwin with his Staffordshire Bull Terrier Sui.



Samoyeds on Souvenir Sheets

The Caribbean islands of Antigua and Barbuda issued a miniature sheet featuring 12 “Dogs of the

World – Large Breeds” in 1994. The sheet also carries the “Year of the Dog” logo.



The attractive sheet heading the second page of this article was produced by Guyana in 2001 in honour of the Hong Kong 2001 Stamp Exhibition. The Samoyed stamp was inscribed “Samoyeo” in error.

The Samoyed also features on souvenir sheets from other countries such as Angola, Chad, East Timor, Fajera, Guinea, Koriakia, Niger, Tanzania, and Turkmenistan.



First Day Covers

There have been few First Day Covers issued featuring the Samoyed but Rumania issued one featuring the Samoyed along with the Man’s Best Friend series in 1982.

The Caribbean island of Nevis issued a First Day Cover featuring the six stamp set “Canines of the World” on May 1st, 2000. The islands of St Kitt and Nevis are located in the eastern Caribbean.

Nevis was named after the Spanish word for snow, not because there was any, but because of the white clouds that

encircle the single peak of an island.



Telephone cards

Collecting telephone cards (used and new) became the “in thing” during the 1980s and 1990s and a financial investment but with the proliferation of mobile phones have become obsolete. I have come across some featuring our breed, all issued in Asia.

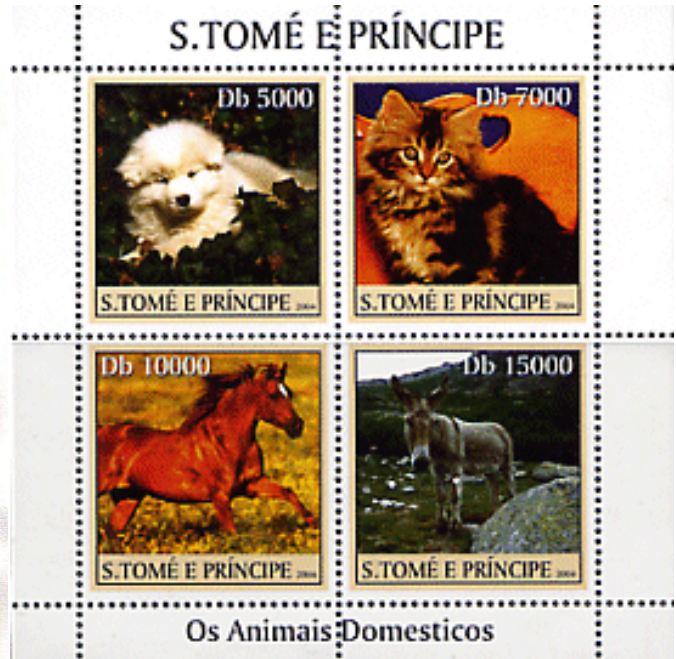
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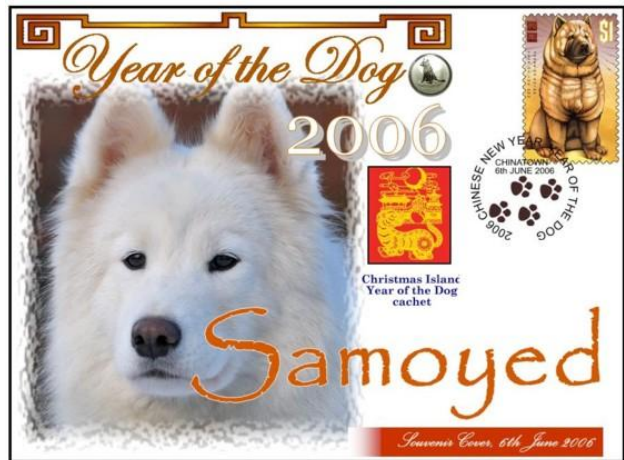
Japanese Spitz or Samoyed?



2004 Miniature Sheet



2006 Souvenir Cover



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