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SUMMER 2010



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*Left: Patron, Noel Wilson, and right, President, Lynne Barr pictured at the SCI Championship Show in June 2010*



## President's Report



Well the Xmas cards have started to roll in so it must be Xmas soon. I hope you all have an enjoyable time with your family and friends in what weather wise is smarting up to be a nice long hot summer so please remember the shady spot and lots of water for our fluffy friends.

2010 has been the year of the hospital for me with lots of friends or family in for various ailments and I know there

have been some sad losses for other folk - people and dog wise. Hopefully 2011 will be a better year for us all and we will remember to be nice to each other and that the competition is for in the ring – life is just too short to be nasty and not to have a good time with like minded folk. To me there is more to having Samoyeds than just another champion.

We are looking for new people to join the committee and help with the club events. Folk with new ideas are most welcome. We have quite a well-defined way of doing things but that doesn't mean we wouldn't consider new ideas if they are well presented and make sense.

The snow dogs match is one such event we have been running for sometime now and it works well with the Spitz, Malamute and Siberian clubs working with us to put on a fun event. The match gives folk who think they might like to be judges and folk who think they might like to show a chance to give

it a go. We all have to start somewhere. Having it with the Manawatu Ribbon Parades gives three events for those really keen. Well done to the Siberians who took out the match this year. Not only did you have some really nice Sibes entered you also did a great job of getting new folk involved. Breeders please remember to let your puppy buyers know about the clubs as without membership we wouldn't have the clubs.

Lauren has flagged that this will be her last magazine. I am really sad to see that she has decided not continue to be the editor and can only hope she will continue to be involved with the Club. Thank you so much Lauren for all the wonderful magazines over the years and for your support of the Club. It is hard to find people so dedicated and willing to help these days.

*Lynne Barr  
President*



## Secretary's Report

The Snow Dog Match was a great day. Lovely weather to sit under the gazebo and watch the dogs.

Eukanuba sponsored the show again this year with prizes and food vouchers. There were lots of other items donated, like vinyl rugby balls (for humans or dogs to play with LOL), summer and winter caps, drink bottles, etc - we had prizes for all the winners.

Results and Photos in this Magazine.

### Membership

We would like to build up our membership. One of the ways would be to encourage members to give membership forms to other Samoyed owners. If you would like forms, these can be printed off our website or I can email the form to you or if you do not have a printer, I could post the form out to you. This would include when breeders are selling puppies - just let me know how

many forms you require.

### Ribbon Parade

Will be held on Saturday 5 March at Waipawa in Central Hawkes Bay. It will be held late in the afternoon, after Best in Show for the campers to enjoy. We have some fun stakes planned – like 'Best Trick' for the spectators to vote on.

### AGM

This will be held in March - time and place still to be decided on.

### Queen's Birthday weekend Champ Show

This should be a good weekend of shows – FIVE Champ shows and I think all five judges will be from the Northern Hemisphere.

I have been advised by Wellington Kennel Centre that they 'WILL NOT' be using NZ Judges. If their judges get close to 250 Dogs per day, they will

close off entries.

So book your holidays, send your entries in early and come and enjoy a long weekend of shows.

*Anita Shugg  
Secretary*





## SamCare Report

I would like to thank Lauren for finding the photos taken of 'Bullet' in February. It was a shock to see how much weight he had put on in such a short time!

I wonder how long he would have lived if he had stayed at that home in Auckland? Killing him slowly with FOOD!

I have been told that Bullet has settled in with his new family - they have children and retired grandparents on hand to look after him every day (they used to breed Samoyeds).

He has lost weight, so it appears to all be going well.

I telephoned the lady in Taranaki who got the other re-home male Samoyed in October.

He appears younger than three years old, very friendly (maybe TOO friendly for his own good!), wants to go see any dog that he sees in the streets! They are having trouble walking him on the streets because he is so strong but otherwise they are very pleased with him and have had him de-sexed.

I have recommended that they take him to obedience school, so he can learn to socialise with other dogs in a safe environment.

### Feeding your Samoyed

Like humans, some Samoyeds burn off food easy, others only need one cup per day with NO Extras!

You can get some Samoyeds that are picky with food – be careful NOT to give attention to the dog for not eating.

What is written on the dog food packets as feeding guide is ONLY a guide and normally more than what the average dog needs.

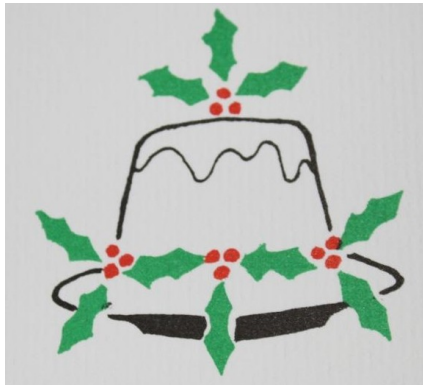
### As a guide a Samoyed at:

*1 year old*  
should feel lean - like a teenager - they eat a lot but don't put on weight - which is why I feed them *good quality* dog food.

*3 year old*  
nicely covered in weight - NO FAT - healthy and fit. You can start feeding some vegetables.

*5 year old*  
You might need to reduce their food or feed them vegetables, to stop them getting fat.

I feed my older dogs Pedigree Pal for some meals. The dogs are happy on it and it doesn't appear to keep weight on the dogs.



DO NOT feed potatoes, pasta or white rice unless your dog is lean (they have little goodness for the dog but will put

on weight).

Your dog should only take 10 minutes to finish it's food (if there is anything left, remove and feed the following day).

It is better for your dog to chew it's food ie if you feed Dog Roll, do not chop it up, feed in one piece.

Raw beef bones or chicken necks or frames can be very good for your dog to chew on (but some dogs eat them too fast and will be sick).

Large biscuits are good for the dog to chew and can be fed as part of their meal.

Vegetables are good to feed to older dogs. They are low in calories but fill the dog up. My dogs love whole or pieces of carrot, broccoli stalks cut up, fed raw.

If your dog doesn't like chewing it's food, it could be because it has a dental problem or it is overfed.

Some young dogs are too busy to want to chew their food, so you need to decide if the dog is very thin or it would be better for them to chew food.

Most vets will let you go and weigh your dog regularly. This would be the best way to keep a eye on their weight.

If you want help with your dog, you can email me.

Anita Shugg  
SamCare Coordinator

## Dates to remember

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Entries for NZKC Eukanuba National Dog Show: | Friday, 4 March 2010                  |
| SCI Ribbon Parade                            | Saturday, 5 March 2011                |
| Reports for Sleigh Courier Autumn issue      | Friday, 18 March 2011                 |
| NZKC Eukanuba National Dog Show:             | Friday, 29 April - Sunday, 1 May 2011 |
| SCI Championship Show                        | Monday, 6 June 2011                   |



## Editorial

Traditionally spring/summer has been a time for litters and a check of breed registrations reveals that five litters were whelped in December 2009 and registered with NZKC bringing the total number bred in 2009 to 84. Some would have been registered in 2010 so the breed statistics will show a different total.

In comparison only 30 puppies have been bred and registered with NZKC in the period 1 January 2010 to 12 December 2010. I know of at least one litter on the ground which has yet to be registered. I haven't heard of any litters due shortly but have to admit I am somewhat out of touch as I seldom attend shows now.

I cannot see the 2010 total coming close to that of 2009. Perhaps that is an encouraging sign in view of the current recession but it means less likelihood of new exhibitors coming into the fancy and that is a worry.

This issue includes an update on the World Samoyed meeting to be held in England in 2012 and some brief information about the Samoyed Breed

Council (SBC) which is responsible for organising the event.

The SBC has a breed Health Officer and she is collating information from the *Cause of Death* forms submitted to her from owners. An annual health form is currently being developed.

These projects are worthy of consideration by our breed clubs in New Zealand.

Thanks to Rosslyn Rothwell for providing some information on the collation of hip dysplasia scores and the readers of the Australian scheme - see page 21.

This issue is my last as editor but you are likely to see my name pop up occasionally as I do have a story or two in the pipeline as well as the kennel interview with Margaret Vaughan of Vanda kennels to come.

Any ads, news, reports etc for the Autumn 2011 issue should be sent to the secretary, Anita Shugg.

Now that summer is here it is a good time to remind everyone to be conscious of the heat and ensure that your Samoyed has plenty of shade and fresh,



cool water available at all times. Never leave your Samoyed in a closed car at all over the summer - it can become a death trap.

I leave you with the hope that the South Island in particular will fare better next year - the September earthquake, Pike River mine disaster and the weather problems have made 2010 a disastrous year for the mainland.

Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and please take care on the road.

Lauren de C James  
Editor

## CLUB NOTICES

### Points Reminder

The club Points for Breed, Obedience and Agility can be found on the club web page.

Important to remember:

You need to be a member of the Club before you can claim any points so send in your membership forms now before you forget.

Claims must be received by the Points Steward within a month of the show.

Breed claims can only be made for All Breeds Champ shows that offer In Show awards for Baby Puppy, Puppy, Junior, Intermediate, NZ Bred and Open.



**Samoyed Badges  
for sale  
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**Contact:  
Lynne Barr**

### Guess Who

**Question:**

Guess the identity of the handler and dog on page 3 of the Spring issue.

**Answer:**

Congratulations to Simeon who was closest with his guess though he was one generation short with naming the dog. It is of course yours truly, the editor, pictured with Voinaika Gdanis (future Champion) and not her dam Ch Voinaika Tamara, as suggested by Simeon.

In the background is a very young David Hinks and members of the Guthrie family.



## Championship Show Photos

A DVD of all photos taken at the 2010 Championship show is available for purchase. Includes photos by SCI and the judge's wife.

Price: \$20

Photos of previous shows available also.

Contact Simeon Copsey  
simeon@copsey.co.nz



*Anita Shugg and Sunshine Tri Teddy showing their paces at the Snow Dogs Match*

## Subscription reminder

Enclosed with this magazine is the subscription renewal form for 2011.  
Please pay promptly to ensure you are eligible for points from January 2011.  
The AGM will be held in March 2011 and only financial members can vote.

## Championship Certificates issued to December 2010

Congratulations to the following new titleholder:

### **Championship Certificate**

Ch Zaminka Finest Hour

**Other Champions yet to be confirmed by NZKC are:**

Ch Silvertips The Enchanted One

Ch Lealsam Kiwi Fall

Congratulations also to Andy and Denise Reeve on breeding the recently crowned Russian Champion & Junior Champion Lealsam High Flying Kiwi at Belyi Volk



# The Samoyed Club Inc



are holding a Twilight Ribbon Parade  
at Coronation Park , Waipawa  
Judging will start after Utility Group Judging.  
Judging will not start before 3.00pm.

**Saturday, 5 March 2011**

**Judge ~ Lynette Smith**

## **Breed Classes:**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Baby puppy   | 3 to 6 months     |
| Puppy        | 6 to 12 months    |
| Junior       | 12 to 24 months   |
| Intermediate | 24 to 36 months   |
| Open         | Over 6 months old |

Dog Classes to be Judged first, followed by Bitch Classes,  
followed by Best on Parade

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Best Champion | Best Tail     |
| Best Head     | Best Feet     |
| Best Coat     | Best Movement |

Entries taken by Lynne Barr - On the day

Cost: \$3.00 per dog

Plus \$1.00 per Stake



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**All Samoyeds Welcome**



# 2011 SCI Championship Show

## Mark your calendar now



| June 2011 |         |           |          |        |          |        |
|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Monday    | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|           |         | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4        | 5      |
| 6         | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       | 12     |
| 13        | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       | 19     |
| 20        | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       | 26     |
| 27        | 28      | 29        | 30       |        |          |        |



*The officers and committee of The Samoyed Club Inc  
wish you all a safe and happy festive season,  
a happy, healthy year 2011  
and safe driving wherever you travel.*

## Breed of Year Points as at 13 December 2010

| Baby Puppy - Dog   |     | Baby Puppy - Bitch  |     |
|--|-----|---|-----|
| Zaminka Man On A Mission (Carleton / Bello)                    | 32  | Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                        | 40  |
| Lealsam Logans Allure (Reeve)                                  | 28  | Snocozy Voyage To Beyond (Imp Aust) (Yau)                         | 32  |
| <b>Puppy - Dog</b>   |     | Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)                                   |     |
| Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)                                     | 71  | Zaminka Laced with Diamonds for Wtyekloud (McRae)                 | 22  |
| Lealsam Logans Allure (Reeve)                                  | 60  | Kelljass Dancin With Da Devil (Kelly)                             | 20  |
| Mezen Justa Storm Trooper (Imp Aust) (Carleton / Bello)        | 29  | Zaminka Kiwi Kisses (McRae)                                       | 17  |
| <b>Junior - Dog</b>  |     | Lealsam Graces Lady (Reeve)                                       |     |
| NZ Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau)    | 132 | Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                   | 8   |
| Ch Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey / Clark)                     | 68  | Lealsam Graces Gift (Reeve)                                       | 6   |
| Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)                                     | 31  | Zaminka Belle O Th Ball (Carleton / Bello)                        | 6   |
| Mezen Justa Storm Trooper (Imp Aust) (Carleton / Bello)        | 23  | <b>Puppy - Bitch</b>  |     |
| Ch Zaminka Finest Hour (Carleton / Bello)                      | 14  | Zaminka Diamonds Forever (Carleton / Bello)                       | 64  |
| <b>Intermediate - Dog</b>                                      |     | Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                        |     |
| Ch Zaminka Finest Hour (Carleton / Bello)                      | 66  | Lealsam Kiwi Fall (Reeve)   | 16  |
| CH Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)                                   | 52  | Zaminka Laced with Diamonds for Wtyekloud (McRae)                 | 16  |
| Ch Oscarbi Wild is The Future (Clark / Barzey)                 | 14  | Snocozy Voyage To Beyond (Imp Aust) (Yau)                         | 14  |
| <b>NZ Bred - Dog</b>   |     | Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                   |     |
| Ch Zaminka Back To The Future (Clark)                          | 43  | <b>Junior - Bitch</b>   |     |
| Lealsam Little Bossy Boots (Reeve)                             | 8   | Lealsam Kiwi Fall (Reeve)   | 84  |
| Ch Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey / Clark)                     | 8   | Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)                                    | 60  |
| <b>Open - Dog</b>  |     | Zaminka Diamonds Forever (Carleton / Bello)                       |     |
| Ch Wtyekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (McRae)                         | 133 | <b>Intermediate - Bitch</b>                                       |     |
| NZ Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi (Imp Aust) (Barzey / Clark) | 88  | Angara Sneaking Me Kisses (Barr)                                  | 69  |
| Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)                                   | 64  | Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)                                    | 44  |
| Ch Zaminka Power Sunrise (Asplet)                              | 56  | Kelljass A Winter's Tale (Kelly)                                  | 16  |
| Ch Sunshine In A Glass (Shugg)                                 | 4   | Ch Oscarbi Future Excitement At Carridene (Clark/Barzey/Matheson) | 16  |
| Ch Zaminka Back To The Future (Clark)                          | 4   | <b>NZ Bred - Bitch</b>  |     |
| <b>Best Dog</b>  |     | Ch Wtyekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (McRae)                          |     |
| Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)                                   | 101 | Ch Zaminka Power Strike (Carleton / Bello)                        | 37  |
| Ch Wtyekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (McRae)                         | 82  | Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                   | 31  |
| NZ Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau)    | 63  | Ch Lealsam Artic Oceans AD RN (Reeve)                             | 20  |
| NZ Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi (Imp Aust) (Barzey / Clark) | 55  | Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)                                   | 14  |
| Ch Zaminka Power Sunrise (Asplet)                              | 34  | Ch Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)                                 | 12  |
| Ch Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey / Clark)                     | 32  | <b>Open - Bitch</b>   |     |
| Ch Zaminka Finest Hour (Carleton)                              | 25  | Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)                                | 150 |
| Lealsam Logans Allure (Reeve)                                  | 19  | Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)                           | 32  |
| Ch Zaminka Back To The Future (Clark)                          | 16  | Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)                                   | 27  |
| Mezen Justa Storm Trooper (Imp Aust) (Carleton)                | 15  | Ch Lealsam Artic Oceans AD RN (Reeve)                             | 7   |
| Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)                                     | 5   | <b>Best Bitch</b>   |     |
| Ch Sunshine In A Glass (Shugg)                                 | 4   | Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)                                | 85  |
| Zaminka Man On A Mission (Carleton / Bello)                    | 3   | Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)                                    | 31  |
|  |     | Lealsam Kiwi Fall (Reeve)   | 30  |



| Best Representative  |    | Best Bitch continued  |    |
|--|----|---|----|
| Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)                                   | 78 | Zaminka Diamonds Forever (Carleton / Bello)                       | 24 |
| NZ Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau)    | 24 | Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)                                   | 23 |
| Zaminka Diamonds Forever (Carleton / Bello)                    | 21 | Ch Lealsam Artic Oceans AD RN (Reeve)                             | 16 |
| NZ Ch Kalaska Astro Boy At Oscarbi ((Imp Aust) Barzey / Clark) | 19 | Ch Wytekloud Ambers-Burn-For-Eva (McRae)                          | 15 |
| Ch Zaminka Power Sunrise (Asplet)                              | 19 | Ch Zaminka Power Strike (Carleton / Bello)                        | 14 |
| Mezen Justa Storm Trooper (Imp Aust) (Carleton / Bello)        | 16 | Angara Sneaking Me Kisses (Barr)                                  | 14 |
| Ch Oscarbi Im'A Bark Star (Barzey / Clark)                     | 15 | Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)                           | 13 |
| Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                     | 8  | Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                        | 10 |
| Lealsam Kiwi Fall (Reeve)                                      | 8  | Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)                                   | 9  |
| Ch Zaminka Finest Hour (Carleton / Bello)                      | 7  | Ch Lealsam Diamond Oceans (Reeve)                                 | 7  |
| CH Wytekloud Flash Zam N Kabam (McRae)                         | 6  | Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                   | 7  |
| Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)                                | 5  | Ch Oscarbi Future Excitement At Carridene (Clark/Barzey/Matheson) | 4  |
| Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)                                     | 4  | Lealsam Graces Gift (Reeve)                                       | 2  |
| Lealsam Little Bossy Boots (Reeve)                             | 2  | Zaminka Kiwi Kisses (McRae)                                       | 2  |
| Ch Zaminka Power Strike (Carleton / Bello)                     | 2  | Kelljass Dancin With Da Devil (Kelly)                             | 1  |
| Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)                                 | 2  | Snocozy Voyage To Beyond (Imp Aust) (Yau)                         | 1  |
| Lealsam Logans Allure (Reeve)                                  | 2  | <b>Best Bitch Representative</b>                                  |    |
| Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                | 2  | Zaminka Diamonds Forever (Carleton / Bello)                       | 21 |
| <b>Best Baby Puppy Representative</b>                          |    | Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                        | 8  |
| Oscarbi Just Astronomical (Clark & Barzey)                     | 20 | Lealsam Kiwi Fall (Reeve)   | 8  |
| Zaminka Man On A Mission (Carleton / Bello)                    | 20 | Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (Reeve)                                   | 5  |
| Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)                                | 18 | Ch Zaminka Power Strike (Carleton / Bello)                        | 2  |
| Kelljass Dancin With Da Devil (Kelly)                          | 4  | Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)                                    | 2  |
| Lealsam Logans Allure (Reeve)                                  | 4  | Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                   | 2  |
| Oscarbi Girl U Think You're It (Clark & Barzey)                | 2  |   |    |
| Snocozy Voyage To Beyond (Imp Aust) (Yau)-                     | 2  |   |    |

## Obedience of Year Points as at 13 December 2010

| Elementary                       |    | Special Beginners                |   |
|----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|---|
| Rangi of Magadan (Kathryn Biggs) | 10 | Rangi of Magadan (Kathryn Biggs) | 9 |
| <b>Overall Obedience</b>         |    |                                  |   |
| Rangi of Magan (Kathryn Biggs)   | 19 |                                  |   |

## Agility of Year Points as at 13 December 2010

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Ch Lealsam Grand Aurora (D Reeve) | 2 |
|-----------------------------------|---|





# Snow Dogs

## Match Day Results

Sunday 28th November 2010

Ashhurst Canine Centre, Cambridge Ave, ASHHURST



| Breed            | Dogs     | Bitches   | Total     |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaskan Malamute | 1        | 4         | 5         |
| Samoyed          | 1        | 1         | 2         |
| Siberian Husky   | 4        | 5         | 9         |
| <b>Totals</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>16</b> |

**Judge:** Robert Williamson

**Steward:** Lynne Barr

| Award  | Dog's name                | Owner's name   | Breed            | Points    |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Best of Match  | Subahka Mystik SDX        | R & N Theodore | Siberian Husky   | 20        |
| Reserve of Match                                       | Sunshine Tri Teddy        | K & A Shugg    | Samoyed          | 10        |
| Best Dog of Match                                      | Sunshine Tri Teddy        | K & A Shugg    | Samoyed          | 5         |
| Best Bitch of Match                                    | Subahka Mystik SDX        | R & N Theodore | Siberian Husky   | 5         |
| Reserve Dog of Match                                   | Alyeshka Cocaine Cowboy   | L Gudsell      | Siberian Husky   | 3         |
| Reserve Bitch of Match                                 | Zenfro Lady Marmalade     | Bessem/Bright  | Alaskan Malamute | 3         |
| Best Baby Puppy of Match & Best Baby Puppy Bitch       | Zenfro Lady Marmalade     | Bessem/Bright  | Alaskan Malamute | 5 + 2 = 7 |
| Reserve Baby Puppy of Match & Reserve Baby Puppy Bitch | Atka                      | Bessem/Bright  | Alaskan Malamute | 1         |
| Best Puppy of Match & BP Bitch of Match                | Alyeshka Arctic Moonlight | L Gudsell      | Siberian Husky   | 5 + 2 = 7 |
| Reserve Puppy of Match & Best Puppy Dog                | Lucien                    | N Hessett      | Siberian Husky   | 2         |
| Best Junior of Match & BJ Dog of Match                 | Sunshine Tri Teddy        | K & A Shugg    | Samoyed          | 5 + 2 = 7 |
| Best Intermediate of Match & BI Bitch of March         | Subahka Mystik SDX        | R & N Theodore | Siberian Husky   | 5 + 2 = 7 |
| Reserve Intermediate of Match & BI Dog of Match        | Dakota                    | R Tahana       | Siberian Husky   | 2         |
| Best NZ Bred of Match & BNZ Bred Dog of Match          | Alyeshka Cocaine Cowboy   | L Gudsell      | Siberian Husky   | 5 + 2 = 7 |

| Award  | Dog's name                  | Owner's name      | Breed          | Points    |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>Best Open of Match &amp; BO Bitch of Match</b>              | Inuvik Dzined to Shine SDCH | Theodore/Caldwell | Siberian Husky | 5 + 2 = 7 |
| <b>Reserve Open of Match &amp; Reserve Open Bitch of Match</b> | Marishka                    | T Partington      | Siberian Husky | 1         |

## “SNOW DOG’S” – MATCH POINTS

*Alaskan Malamutes*

*Samoyed's*

*Siberian Huskies*

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**So the winners of the Match day are the  
“SIBERIAN HUSKIES”**

## Stake Classes

| Class                         | Dog's Name                    | Owner's Name      | Breed            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Best Head</b>              |                               |                   |                  |
| 1st                           | CH Subahka Winters Breeze SDX | D & H Wald        | Siberian Husky   |
| 2nd                           | Ch Skrownek Taan Tavia        | K & A Shugg       | Samoyed          |
| 3rd                           | Kishe                         | L Barr            | Samoyed          |
| 4th                           | Poppy                         | B Lewer           | Alaskan Malamute |
| 5th                           | Zenfro Lady Marmalade         | Bessem/Bright     | Alaskan Malamute |
| <b>Tail</b>                   |                               |                   |                  |
| 1st                           | Ch Skrownek Taan Tavia        | K & A Shugg       | Samoyed          |
| 2nd                           | CH Subahka Winters Breeze SDX | D & H Wald        | Siberian Husky   |
| 3rd                           | Kishe                         | L Barr            | Samoyed          |
| 4th                           | Poppy                         | B Lewer           | Alaskan Malamute |
| 5th                           | Atka                          | Bessem/Bright     | Alaskan Malamute |
| <b>Coat</b>                   |                               |                   |                  |
| 1st                           | Poppy                         | B Lewer           | Alaskan Malamute |
| 2nd                           | Marishka                      | T Partington      | Siberian Husky   |
| 3rd                           | Kishe                         | L Barr            | Samoyed          |
| 4th                           | Atka                          | Bessem/Bright     | Alaskan Malamute |
| 5th                           | Dakota                        | R Tahana          | Siberian Husky   |
| <b>Mover - over 12 months</b> |                               |                   |                  |
| 1st                           | Ch Melandar National Dream SD | Cavanagh/Theodore | Siberian Husky   |
| 2nd                           | Sunshine Tri Teddy            | K & A Shugg       | Samoyed          |





# Snow Dogs Match Day Results continued

## Mover - over 12 months continued

|     |                             |                   |                |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 3rd | Ch Gus of Subahka SDCH      | D & H Wald        | Siberian Husky |
| 4th | Inuvik Dzined to Shine SDCH | Theodore/Caldwell | Siberian Husky |
| 5th | Kishe                       | L Barr            | Samoyed        |

## Mover - under 12 months

|     |                          |               |                  |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1st | Zenfro Lady Marmalade    | Bessem/Bright | Alaskan Malamute |
| 2nd | Aleshka Arctic Moonlight | L Gudsell     | Siberian Husky   |
| 3rd | Aleeva                   | T Partington  | Siberian Husky   |
| 4th | Lucien                   | N Hessett     | Siberian Husky   |

## Veteran

|     |                        |                |                |
|-----|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Kuvinaad Zara          | R & N Theodore | Siberian Husky |
| 2nd | Ch Skrownek Taan Tavia | K & A Shugg    | Samoyed        |
| 3rd | Ch Gus of Subahka SDCH | D & H Wald     | Siberian Husky |

## Untitled Sled Dog

|     |                         |                |                |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1st | Alyeshka Cocaine Cowboy | L Gudsell      | Siberian Husky |
| 2nd | Kuvinaad Zara           | R & N Theodore | Siberian Husky |

## Sled Dog

|     |                                  |                |                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1st | Ch Gus of Subahka SDCH           | D & H Wald     | Siberian Husky   |
| 2nd | North Ring of Fire               | T Moeara       | Alaskan Malamute |
| 3rd | Subahka Mystik SDX               | N & R Theodore | Siberian Husky   |
| 4th | Ch Subahka Chasin the Dream SDCH | Theodore/Wald  | Siberian Husky   |

## Speyed/Neutered

|     |                             |                   |                  |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Kavic                       | C & N Macmillan   | Alaskan Malamute |
| 2nd | North Ring of Fire          | T Moeara          | Alaskan Malamute |
| 3rd | Caesar                      | R Tahana          | Siberian Husky   |
| 4th | Alyeshka Cocaine Cowboy     | L Gudsell         | Siberian Husky   |
| 5th | Inuvik Dzined to Shine SDCH | Theodore/Caldwell | Siberian Husky   |

## New Handler

|     |                                  |                  |                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Ch Subahka Chasin the Dream SDCH | R Theodore       | Siberian Husky   |
| 2nd | BJ                               | Byron Hicks      | Samoyed          |
| 3rd | Atka                             | Ellie Bright     | Alaskan Malamute |
| 4th | Kavic                            | Sheryl Macmillan | Siberian Husky   |
| 5th | Lucien                           | Nicole Hessett   | Siberian Husky   |

## Handler

|          |                                  |                   |                |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Champion |                                  |                   |                |
| 1st      | Ch Subahka Winters Breeze SDX    | D & H Wald        | Siberian Husky |
| 2nd      | Ch Melandar National Dream       | Cavanagh/Theodore | Siberian Husky |
| 3rd      | Ch Subahka Chasin the Dream SDCH | Theodore/Wald     | Siberian Husky |
| 4th      | Danza                            | L Barr            | Samoyed        |



*Left: Reserve Best of Match: Sunshine Tri Teddy  
and right, Best of Match: Subahka Mystik SDX*

*A huge "THANK YOU" goes to:*

- ✓ ***Our Judge: Robert Williamson***
- ✓ ***Our very generous Sponsor of the Match – Masterpet for the wonderful "Eukanuba" product and prizes - Simply awesome guys 😊***
- ✓ ***Tania Moeara, Anita Shugg and Heather Wald for their kind donations of prizes and also***
- ✓ ***The organizers of the Match from all three clubs involved namely – Lynne Barr, Anita Shugg, Heather Wald, Sonja Bright and Nardine Theodore***

***Well done team!***

***Yet another fun event, with lots of sunshine and smiles all round, roll on 2011 for the SNOW DOG rematch 😊***





# Some gift suggestions

There is always a variety of Samoyed items available on eBay and sometimes on Trade Me ~ worth thinking about for Christmas or the next birthday or just treat yourself.



300 piece puzzle



Humorous indoor woodcut sign ~ just love the message.



Delightful sign for the doggy bathroom



Set of 3 Calendar Book Marks with calendar printed on reverse



Pack of poker/standard size playing cards





**ENJOY 12 MONTHS OF BEAUTIFUL SAMOYEDS  
ADVENTURING, WORKING, AND PLAYING**

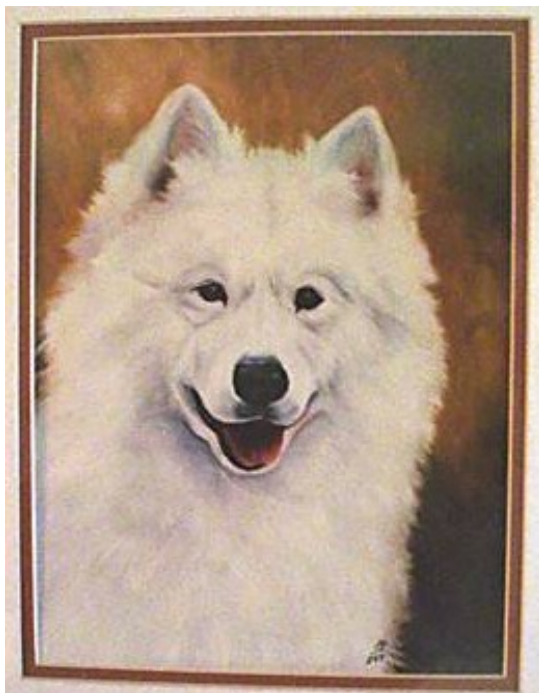
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<http://www.wolfpacks.com/products/calendar.html>



*Deerfield Village Pewter Miniature Plate*



*Sign for the dishwasher*



*Limited Edition print of original painting by Ruth Maystead*



*Christmas gift tag featuring your favourite breed*



## The way he grows by Mel Fishback Riley

If a new breeder has no cooperative and experienced friends in the neighbourhood he is apt to find it very hard to “rate” a litter of pups, or know how and when to ignore most of the faults that accompany growth. There is very scanty literature available on this phase of the Samoyed game. Whether the individual is raising his first “mail-order” pup, or trying to decide what to keep from his first home-bred litter, he is apt to see, hear and read more nonsense than constructive material. Sometimes this leads to the sale of a really promising pup that – given time – would have turned out just what he always wanted. Much of the time it’s the cause of astronomical phone bills to people who are supposed to know what’s going to happen – usually the breeders of the less-than-satisfying youngster.

It would be interesting if the more experienced breeders within SCA (SAC) added their impressions to mine, and important, too, because I haven’t by any means seen what happens with all the different Samoyed strains. My comments are based on a fairly limited group of Sams owned by ourselves and friends, on the west coast. These dogs did have varied bloodlines, though, and seemed to establish some kinds of patterns even though they weren’t related very closely.

ONE OF THE TENETS OF LONG-TIME BREEDERS in most of the working breeds is THE PUP AT EIGHT WEEKS MOST NEARLY RESEMBLES THE GROWN DOG. If you are dealing with German Shepherds or Siberian Huskies or almost any of the shorter-haired breeds, it is a lot easier to believe in this rule than if you’re in Sams. The outline of the typical eight week old’s coat is so different from what it will be two years hence, you can be badly fooled by both photographs and eye-witness views of a Samoyed puppy of this age. A Siberian pup can be picked without touching it. Not so a Sam pup. If you’re selecting THE dog at this time, you better have a measuring tape at hand and be prepared to use your fingers as well. That pretty little puppy coat is distributed as it will never be again . . . and the better the coat (in texture) the more of a fooler it is.

At any rate, that eight week old pup should be very square in the matter of height-vs-length. An eight week old Sam that shows distinct body contour (deep chest as opposed to a sharp tuckup, clearly defined loin, etc) is apt to turn out longer than most show exhibitors desire, when it reaches matur-

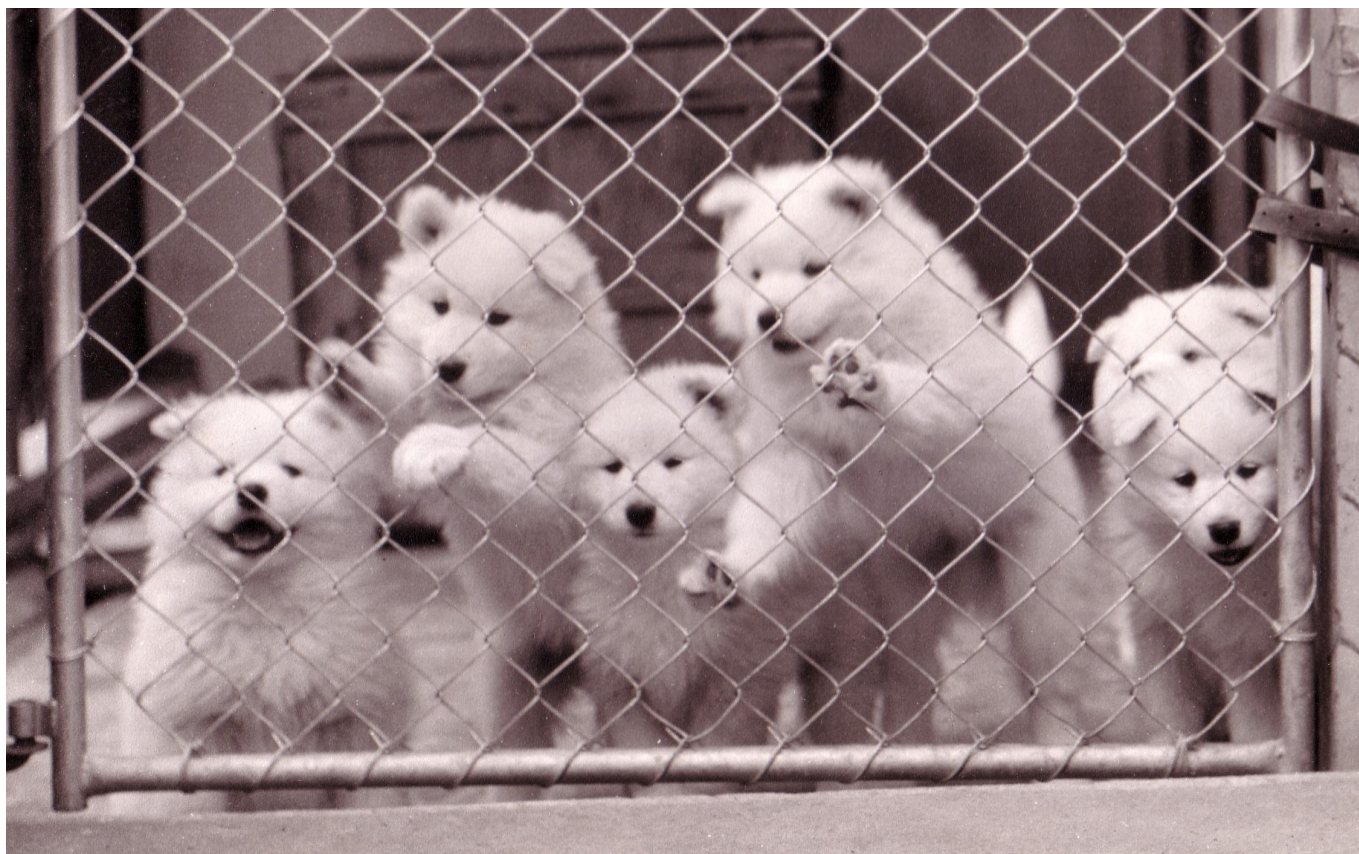


ity. This applies to both dog and bitch. The “right” pup usually has such a short little back, and such deeply cushioned legs, that the body between the front and rear quarters is nothing but a straight and relatively shapeless little cylinder. The stance of the forelegs tells whether this chest and torso show signs of excessive future width or barrel chest. Any eight week old that stands naturally with forefeet in a faulty position – sticking out toward the front or not under the body, turning inward ‘pigeon-toed’ or clamped together from elbows downward – tells the observer of future front faults. The pup may definitely be uncoordinated and loose, but given some freedom to assume natural alert stances, he should stand just right most of the time, with forelegs vertical and well back under the body, spaced apart so that they seem to support either edge of the small chest.

Be leary of the pup whose forelegs are set outside the body line so that the visual measurement across the front, from one elbow to the other, is wider than a measurement higher up at the base of the neck, from outside of one shoulder to outside the other. The patterns of the eight week old pup should appear absolutely vertical – like little posts. If a pup this age shows a distinct slope, it’ll be a problem later. It’s important to feel through the cushiony leg coat to make sure that hair isn’t en-







hanging or detracting from the leg contour. The feet may seem small compared to the 'thickness' of the leg; this is apt to be because the feet have less hair.

If you look from the front to the rear legs, you'll notice that the lower portion of the hind leg appears much thinner than any part of the foreleg. Here the puppy coat tends to be shorter and flatter. The actual diameter of the bone is probably the same in all legs, but it shows better in the rear. You can toss out any eight week old (for show purposes) that definitely looks small-boned compared to its body size. If a pup this age doesn't look big-boned, it's never going to look big-boned. For show, the ideal eight week pup will have a distinctly bottom heavy appearance that makes the head look delicate and the body inadequate.

Whether or not the ears stand at this age means little. Family strains differ greatly in both ear size and texture. Some of the lines which feature small, cushy ears are very slow to get the ears up; for some reason the thick-leathered ear is slower to stand than the thin ear, regardless of the actual size in proportion to the head. To see the eventual

ear-set, you turn the pup over on his back (one way or another!) so the ears unfold naturally. Just holding them up with your fingers won't show you much.

Incidentally, if there's anyone who doesn't know the secret of getting ears up, here it is. If the pup is three months old and his ears still flop, you should take a few hours off, call a patient neighbour, and spend a boring morning painting the back of his ears with successive coats of Flexible Collodion – a lacquer you can buy at any drug-store. The ear must be held straight up throughout the drying period for each coat. You paint right over the hair, all the way up from the base, until a hard band of collodion-impregnated hair holds the ear firmly erect when the pup is at attention. (It will fold naturally when the pup 'laughs' or whatever). By the time the pup is ready for his first six-nine month exhibition, the reinforcing glue will have grown away from the

skin, leaving the ears, clean, neat, and NATURAL. Taping ears doesn't always result in a natural ear contour and can be very annoying or even painful to the pup.

The eight week old pup should have





## The way he grows continued

dark, black, VERY deep colored eyes. If the dog is to have dark eyes at adulthood, it should be almost impossible to differentiate between the colour of the iris and the pupil. Pigmentation around the eyes should be almost complete – you take a chance on a pup with a break of color more than ¼ inch long on the lid. Lip pigmentation fills in a lot more. A one inch expansion of pink on the lip shouldn't be terrifying.

The existence of pink breaks on the lipline, or wide pink areas around the nose, doesn't mean anything in regard to the eventual blackness of the adult dog's lips or nose. Again, strains differ, and pups with completely black pigmentation can mature "faded" with pinkish or brownish undertones... and there is not a thing you can do about it. Lots of pups, in turn, with extensive pink breaks will not fill in until they're nearly grown, but will have good black coloring when they do.

A pup with lots of buff or cream shading can be expected to retain most of it. He'll go through a period when it seems to fade or diminish, but when he's grown, the golden fluff of puppyhood will resolve into a clearly-defined area. Some of it goes to an "off-white" that is barely discernable; the strongest areas darken to a strong buff almost sharp-edged in its definition. This is most common on the ears. Freckles on the legs and patches on the body will become less prominent with the first adult coat, gradually strengthening with age until the old dog is strongly colored.

If an eight week old shows definite color patches on the body, you can count on a spotty old dog. Usually these patches and spots wait around to surprise you later. Lots of show exhibitors have "secret" formulas for bleaching out biscuit and buff, but few of them will divulge their illegal cosmetic procedures. So if you go to a kennel and see a darkly shaded older Samoyed, one you recall as being snow-white during its show career, don't be surprised – and don't believe the earnest statement, "She just came in with that color this spring". White pups don't develop

biscuit color at four years of age. And biscuit shaded pups keep their color, although it may be more or less obvious in different stages of coat.

Ah, yes. "Improving" upon nature. If your chosen pup has flop ears and seemingly small bone, or any of the other shortages attributed to lack of calcium, give him huge doses of calcium in his food, or bone meal, or a giant



knuckle-bone to chew on – AND PREPARE TO SEE NO CHANGE AT ALL. If anything, supplementing heavily with calcium is being proven dangerous to proper growth. Big-boned pups grow into big-boned dogs; small-boned ones become small-boned dogs. If a pup seems to "lose bone" as he goes on into adolescence, it's more likely due to loss of leg coat than to any other cause. As he gets closer to a year old, he also approaches the period when most Sams have their poorest coat – and leg coat is the first to go as the pup develops toward his eventual adult size. "Poor nutrition" doesn't cause pups to lose their bone.

Eight week old hindquar-

ters should be a caricature of the grown dog. As with the front, the rear should stand neatly under the outer lines of the pelvis – not spread out wider than the widest part of the rear body, not standing close and "tottery". If the pup is not cow-hocked at this age, he probably never will be. It is hard to keep faith through the later months when his rear goes all awry, but when he's finally grown, he MOST LIKELY WON'T BE COWHOCKED. On the other hand, a pup of eight weeks showing the tiniest tendency to clamp his hocks inward will almost always get much worse, and may not begin to shape up until he is over a year old. The tendency to go hocky in excitement or weariness will always be there.

Watch out for a pup that doesn't set himself properly – "show stance" – when he's trotting around and stopping frequently. If he often stops with his hind feet pushed forward as if he's thinking of sitting, even though the feet point straight forward, a rear problem could be brewing. Even at this age you should never catch the pup in a stance where the hock or stile snaps straight. Even though he doesn't do it often, this loss of flexibility shows weakness. As the body becomes heavier, it'll get worse. Pups that



show good rear angulation (checked with the fingers, not merely with the eye) may loosen up in later growth, but should come back to normal when they're grown. It's important to feel. The thicker coat on the thighs may fluff out to give an illusion of stifle bend when there actually isn't much. Since over-angulation isn't a big problem with the breed in general, it's hard to go wrong in selecting a pup that has pronounced angulation – especially when that short little back is completely level.

If, at eight weeks, the puppy seems well angulated in the rear but is not level-backed, you can be looking at one that will later become cowhocked or may become a spraddler when moving. All extra leg length must go somewhere – and Sams very rarely turn "shepherdy" in the rear, as Siberians and Malamutes will do. Nature wants the body to level, not be 'raked' or sprung upward, so the legs may spread apart and turn outward to accomplish this.

If the eight week pup is already high in the rear and the hind legs seem very straight, even if the stifle and hock seem sturdy enough to firm pressure, the smart person will reject the pup. This pup is setting itself up to become a high-rumped, straight-stifled adult. All faults visible in the puppy are accentuated at maturity. They don't go away. They can't be fed away or exercised away.

Feeling for testicles is something many people say they can't do; thus their cryptorchid male seems to arrive as a 'big surprise' when the pup is already four or five months old. It isn't hard to find out whether an eight week old male 'has 'em' or not. Don't lay the pup down. Get him in some semblance of a show stance; close your eyes so you can concentrate. Hold him over the back with one hand and use the thumb and index finger to gently press and pinch around in the right area. (Lots of people feel too far forward . . . the very back of the crotch is the place to explore.) There may not be anything bulging out from the body line, but you should be able to feel the testicles, like two little

marbles, sliding away from your fingers. I've missed some myself, but checking at weekly intervals has always found them by three months of age – unless the pup was indeed cryptorchid.

We've all heard of plenty of pups that didn't develop until much later; I've had one that seemed to be sexless until four and a half months. He was a very nervous and tense pup, and I suspect that within his limited ability to do so, he would draw them up just enough so

that my hassled attempts to check him were fruitless. He was always juttering around and had to be clamped into any position I tried to hold him, so it was easy enough to miss his neat small equipment just because of his constant wiggling and leg-stomping. If you find one testicle definitely descended and easy to find, but can't find another, and three weekly checks fail to divulge another, for goodness sake don't ship that pup to a show home!!! Most likely he is cryptorchid and you'll never find the second one. Obviously you can't sell these suspects until you know one way or the other, but if a pup isn't top-notch otherwise, it's usually dangerous to hold on until the pup is four or five months old even if he does come on with a normal pair at such a late age. As a potential stud, he may pass on this trait of small and late-descending testicles, so that anything he sires could be normal, but could be crypt, insofar as examination at the saleable age would reveal. A lot of grief can come from selling (or keeping for one's own future program) a male pup that hasn't yet qualified.

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Scenes at the Championship Show in June 2010





## Hip Dysplasia Update

In June 1978 the British Veterinary Association (BVA) introduced a hip dysplasia scoring scheme for German Shepherd Dogs which by 1983 had been extended to all breeds. The scheme is also used in Australia by the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) and in New Zealand by the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA).

The table opposite contains information I have tabulated from data available from the NZVA. For comparison purposes I have also included two similar-sized breeds, the Boxer and Labrador Retriever, as well as the two breeds we compete against for fun in our Snow Dog matches.

It is acknowledged that some New Zealand breeders prefer to submit their x-rays to the Australian panel and therefore the NZVA data is not representative of all New Zealand Samoyed scores.

I was interested to note the following requirement of persons submitting x-rays for scoring:

*"You will be required to sign a declaration stating that your dog has not been previously scored by either the AVA or BVA HD Scheme".*

Roslyn Rothwell, (Keftiu, Australia) forwarded me information posted on Ozshow from Sylvia Power, Chair of Dogs Victoria Canine Health Committee posted on Ozshow. Sylvia was giving an update on progress of the reading of hip x-rays and the collation of data.

She reported that one of the approved readers was Dr Roger Lavelle, formerly with the University of Melbourne Veterinary School but he has now left there and is operating a private reading service. Current readers include Professor Bob Wyburn from Perth, Dr Graeme Allan and his colleagues at Veterinary Imaging Associates in Sydney as well as AVA/ANKC readers, who take turns in a roster arrangement. Xrays sent through the AVA/ANKC scheme are read by one reader only who is only identified by a number. These people are the only ones authorised to score x-rays for submission to the ANKC.

For many years, up until quite recently, all results from Australia and New Zealand were sent to Dr Malcolm Willis, the BVA geneticist, who entered them

### NZVA Hip Dysplasia Scores ~ Breed Averages

| Breed              | Breed Averages as at November 2008 |                     | Breed Averages as at January 2010 |                     |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
|                    | No. of Dogs                        | Average Total Score | No. of Dogs                       | Average Total Score |
| Alaskan Malamute   | 171                                | 8.8                 | 177                               | 8.7                 |
| Boxer              | 32                                 | 11.8                | 36                                | 11.6                |
| Labrador Retriever | 1,459                              | 9.2                 | 1,535                             | 9.2                 |
| Samoyed            | 119                                | 12.7                | 127                               | 12.7                |
| Siberian Husky     | 91                                 | 4.7                 | 92                                | 4.8                 |

on his database and periodically provided statistical reports on breed averages and progeny results for the Australian and New Zealand scores.

Sadly Dr Willis has been ill and the data has ended up in Sylvia's words "a black hole" with no results or updates of breed averages being available.

The good news is that last year all the data was retrieved from the UK through the offices of Professor Wyburn and recently ALL other data from all readers has been collated and crunched into a program by a doctoral student in Professor Frank Nicholas' department at the University of Sydney. This data is part of a thesis and needs to be peer reviewed before it can be released.

Sylvia's post includes the comment "Not too far into the future, reliance on breed averages will become a little "old fashioned" - progeny results and eventually estimated breeding values (EBVs)

can and will give us much more information".

The BVA has seven categories for Breed Mean Scores (BMS) and the Samoyed is in Group A.

The breed with the lowest BMS in Group A is the Siberian Husky, but there is no breed in either Group B or C with a single figure BMS. In Group D (40-99 scored) the Smooth Collie and the Irish Wolfhound both have a BMS of 6 whilst in Group E (10-39 scored) the Saluki, with a score of 5, comes in with the lowest.

I await with interest the release of the data being collated in Australia. However, there is no indication on whether data collation will be continued once the thesis is completed.

Lauren James  
Editor

### BVA - Breed Mean Scores 01/11/2009

| Breeds with 1000 or more scored (29)      | No. Of Dogs | Range | BMS |
|---|-------------|-------|-----|
| Labrador Retriever                        | 67,553      | 0-106 | 15  |
| Samoyed                                   | 1,417       | 0-94  | 13  |
| Siberian Husky                            | 3,497       | 0-47  | 7   |
| <b>Breeds with 500 to 999 scored (16)</b> |             |       |     |
| Alaskan Malamute                          | 852         | 0-69  | 13  |
| <b>Breeds with 100 to 499 scored (32)</b> |             |       |     |
| Boxer                                     | 393         | 0-75  | 16  |

## Bella Moss Foundation Tackling the scourge of MRSA in pets

A campaign was launched in 2005 to tackle one of the most worrying diseases to threaten the health of the UK's pets. Shocking evidence has emerged that the 'superbug' MRSA - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, which kills over 5,000 patients a year in British hospitals due to lack of basic hygiene - is now killing pets in the same way.

Vets are being urged to clean up their surgeries and operating theatres after a heartbroken dog owner saw her beloved dog die of infection from the deadly bacteria last year.

Bella, a ten year-old Samoyed dog is believed to be one of the first recorded cases of a dog dying of MRSA in the UK. Her owner, actress Jill Moss, 35, of Edgware, north London, has launched a campaign to educate pet owners and vets about the risks to animals.

### Growing steadily

Experts believe the spread of MRSA to animals is a matter of concern, and are demanding more research into the risks, but have also stressed that the chances of the bug transferring to humans is small. David Lloyd, professor of dermatology of the Royal Veterinary College, North Mymms, first documented MRSA in small animals in 1999 when 11 dogs were diagnosed with the infection, although none died. Professor Lloyd was the first veterinary professional to research the risks involved.

"MRSA has been building up gradually in the animal population," said Professor Lloyd. "Although we have warned about it for some years, it was only recently people started to listen.

"We want to determine the risks of MRSA transmission and

### What is MRSA?

MRSA - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus - sometimes referred to in the media as the 'Superbug', kills around 5,000 human patients a year. It affects both humans and animals. MRSA is a bacterium that, under normal conditions, is relatively harmless. Every human being lives with different kinds of bacteria (Staphylococcus included) in our bodies and on our skin without harmful effects, but problems can occur when they get into the blood stream or tissue through a cut or broken skin, particularly if an individual's immune system is weakened. MRSA can be so difficult to treat that in some cases it is fatal. Lack of hygiene in the nation's hospitals is cited as the primary cause of many of the cases of MRSA - and the same obviously applies to Veterinary hospitals and surgeries.

by *N R Mays*

infection amongst owners and pets. If you have a weak immune system and the dog has MRSA there could be transfer, but this is rare. The bigger risk is that the human MRSA carrier will transfer MRSA to a sick pet."

### Bella's story

Jill Moss believes that Bella may have picked up the infection while undergoing surgery for a routine knee operation, although the north London veterinary surgery in question - part of a chain of surgeries - denies this. She is now calling for tighter guidelines for veterinary practices, including better hygiene practices.



**Photo:** *A classic Bella moment*

On July 17th 2004 Bella was doing what all dogs so - chasing a squirrel, when she ruptured her cruciate ligament in the knee. Jill rushed her to the surgery, where a vet performed immediate surgery, usually a straightforward procedure to repair the damage. Bella was allowed home after treatment, but she became ill in the week following surgery, and the vets treated her for postoperative pain. Her wound burst open with pus and she was admitted as an emergency. After one week as an in-patient at the hospital her condition worsened.

Jill continues: "I removed her from this surgery that I had trusted for years and fought to get her into a specialist ortho-



paedic vet hospital in Bedfordshire. On the day we arrived, she had to undergo emergency surgery. I was informed that the infection in her leg (which had been present now for two weeks and untreated) was MRSA and had eaten away at her ligaments. The treatment she received at the specialist hospital saved her life and the plan was after her discharge that she would have reconstructive surgery on the knee. On admission, Bella was in septic shock with pneumonia and hours from death. The first veterinary hospital had not detected any of this."

Following her discharge from the specialist hospital, Bella became ill again. The referral hospital advised that the journey back to them was too long and that Jill should take her to the first vets as an emergency. This she did, based on an assurance from the senior partner that all would be done for Bella, but events took a tragic turn.

"The last three days of Bella's life I was confined in a room with her and the vet staff refused to treat her because of MRSA and I had to nurse her myself," says Jill.

Although Jill was more than prepared to give Bella as much care as she possibly could - which included cleaning her when she was incontinent - there were things that she could not do on her own, such as turning her over.

"To be denied help to do even this simple thing filled me with distress, and it was only through the help of one of the vets that Bella didn't spend the whole of her last forty-eight hours in that bleak consulting room," says Jill.

At times, Jill couldn't find anyone on duty to help and was reduced to phoning the hospital switchboard from her mobile phone. Eventually, in desperation, she phoned the surgeon who operated on Bella, on his mobile while he holidayed in France to beg him for help. The vet authorised extra care for Bella, but it was too little, too late.

### The unthinkable

Bella, usually so talkative and expressive, was now almost just a shell. Moss knew she now had to think the unthinkable, knowing that Bella wouldn't get better, but without the senior vet, a person she had trusted in the past, she had no one to talk it through. Thankfully, the next day, the senior vet arrived, and after he saw her and they had talked, Jill agreed that Bella should be put to sleep.

"We took her out into the garden again so that she would have those sounds and sights around her for her last minutes, and at 1.30 pm on August 21st, she had passed away. But I was still here, and with the terrible memory of those last 48 hours," continues Moss. "I feel that Bella died unnecessarily, before her time, and because of the ignorance and failure of professionals. But I also blame myself for not being more knowledgeable than the professionals who were supposed to care for her, as if, somehow, I should have been able to see something they didn't."

"I cannot bring Bella back but I do hope that Bella's story will go some way towards ensuring that no other animal or owner

has to suffer as I have. I hope that people will be able to challenge the way their pet is treated, and use the knowledge of my experience to get better treatment in the future."

### Foundation

Fired with a determination that no other animal should suffer unnecessarily as Bella did, Jill set about bringing the issue to the attention of the veterinary profession and the public at large. In March 2005, she launched the Bella Moss Foundation at Crufts. In a few short months, the foundation has become a registered charity, professional and public awareness of the issue of MRSA in pets has grown and, crucially, the powers-that-be in the veterinary profession is taking matters seriously.

Two months later in May, she attended the Cleaner Hospitals Summit at London's Hilton Hotel where delegates reacted with great interest - and alarm - to her account of how the disease is now affecting pets as well as humans.

Jill also had the chance to speak to actress Leslie Ash, who herself has been infected by MRSA during a stay in hospital last year.

"Leslie told me she has a dog that means the world to her and is so shocked to learn that MRSA is now affecting pets," adds Jill. "She said it's really getting out of control and we need to do something. She said the work we are doing is very important."

### New guidelines

In June, just three months after Jill began her campaign, the British Veterinary Association announced that vets were to be issued with new guidelines in an attempt to fight the spread of MRSA. The Association had initially poooh-pooohed Jill's claims, but then warned that the number of cases would continue to rise and urged its members to take precautions, and have now congratulated Jill on taking the issue forward so successfully through the press!

Dr Freo Scott-Park, president-elect of the BVA, said the Association wanted to ensure vets were aware that the bug can transfer between humans and farm herds or pets, particularly dogs. She said young, old and sick animals could be particularly vulnerable to the bug.

Dr Scott-Park tried to allay fears of cross-species infection by saying there were no proven recorded cases of MRSA jumping from animal to human. "We are far more concerned that it passes from humans to animals. That is the most likely path," she said.

A set of guidelines issued to vets will include a call to use sterile gloves, masks and scrub suits during all operations. One senior vet commended that if all these hygiene precaution were put into place this would "add 25 to 30 to simple procedures."

Jill counters this suggestion with simple arithmetic. "I've spoken to medical suppliers," she says. "Gowns are negligible in cost and, if properly cleaned at the right temperature, can easily be sterilised and used again. Masks, caps and





# Bella Moss Foundation

## Tackling the scourge of MRSA in pets continued

gloves cost a few pence each and are sold in bulk. How can that add 25 to 30 to a simple operation? Unless someone is thinking of profiteering out of owners' natural concern for their pets' welfare and should owners not at least be informed of this choice?"

However, things have moved on apace and Jill's campaign has been noticed. She has been invited to sit as a member of the MRSA sub group of the DEFRA Anti-Microbial Resistance Committee, and attended her first meeting in July.

### New cases

Meanwhile, new cases of MRSA in pets are being reported at the rate of five to seven per month. Katrina, one of the pet owners who have been in touch with Jill through The Foundation recently found herself in need of practical help and support. Jill was able to liaise with The Royal Veterinary College in getting Jessie, a Staffordshire Terrier, referred for tests. Katrina made the journey down from East Anglia with Jessie who spent two nights at the RVC. News was good, however, and Jessie's expected surgery was found to be unnecessary at this time, so more tests would be carried out in the next few months.

"Jessie was very lucky, thanks to the dedication and prompt action of the RVC," says Jill. "Bella wasn't so lucky, and tragically, there may be other pets that also may not have that luck unless the matter of MRSA in pets- as in humans - is given serious attention."

### Memorial

In August, a special memorial day was staged at Jill's home in Bella's memory, where friends, fellow campaigners and dog owners whose dogs had also contracted MRSA in the past year watched as Jill and her friend Mark Doshier planted a tree in Bella's memory.

Amongst the guests was well-known homeopathic vet, writer and broadcaster Richard Allport who used to treat Bella for minor ailments before she injured herself and had to undergo surgery at the north London veterinary hospital where she contracted MRSA.

Richard Allport told OUR DOGS at the time: "I admire and respect all the hard work that Jill has done to raise awareness of MRSA in pets. It is high time that the veterinary profession as a whole saw the proliferation of cases of MRSA as something to be concerned about. I'm pleased to say, it is now being taken seriously."

Jill Moss planted the tree - a white cherry blossom - and then spoke to the large number of guests who had attended, thanked them for their support and brought them up to date with how the campaign was going.

"I sat on the floor of the veterinary hospital as Bella slowly



**Photo:** Bella with her toys "They're all mine!"

drowned in her own bodily fluids because they would not give her the treatment she needed," said Jill. "No dog should have to go through that, ever. Better hygiene is required, better treatment for MRSA is needed, but slowly, gradually, the message is getting through."

Bella was a unique dog, my soul-mate, my closest companion. But her death will not have been in vain if we can make sure that no other pet dies of MRSA, which is totally preventable."

### Conference planned

The tremendous progress towards treating MRSA in pets seriously shows, once again, how one person - a dog owner - can make a huge difference, by showing grit, determination and a belief in what they are doing. Jill Moss epitomises these qualities, because she refused to be cowed by "the establishment".

Bella's legacy is the Bella Moss foundation that survives her - and looks set to help thousands more pets survive the ravages of what is, after, an entirely preventable bacteria that should not be allowed to infect an animal if hygiene standards are kept high. In 2006, a special conference on MRSA in pets will be staged in conjunction with the University of Liverpool at the University's Veterinary Field Station at Leahurst on the Wirral over three days: 19th and 21st June.

It is important to remember that a healthy animal is not at risk from MRSA - for more information visit the website listed below.

The Bella Moss Foundation charity website may be found at: [tp://www.thebellamossfoundation.com](http://www.thebellamossfoundation.com)



## In pets - the facts

Although some members of the veterinary profession initially dismissed Jill Moss's claims out of hand, scientific research has borne out her own data. A leading UK microbiology laboratory in the UK has cultured swabs from 310 cases of MRSA in pets over a period of two-and-a-half years. Another study took place at the Queen Mother Hospital (RVC) in Potters Bar, Herts, in which all staff were swabbed and tested showed that 17.9% were carrying the bacteria.

"Bella's death is the tip of the iceberg and has become a big wake up call for the veterinary profession," says Jill. "The purpose of the Bella Moss Foundation is to raise awareness and educate both owners and vets, and we do this through campaigning, conferences and piloting research studies. I am now representing pet owners on the DARC (Defra Antimicrobial Resistance Committee) sub-committee looking into MRSA in animals and I hope that we can work with the veterinary organisations in the future. There is much more than needs to be done".

Jill added: "On average I receive a 100 calls a month worldwide with reported cases of pets who have become infected following surgery. The common strain we are seeing in dogs and horses is EMRSA 15, which is the most virulent human strain. This means simply that people are infecting animals!"

In just 18 months, 310 cases of MRSA in animals in Britain have been reported to the government. The British Veterinary Association (BVA) had previously claimed there were between 10 and 20 infections a year.

Vets are being urged by the BVA to take precautions such as wearing sterile gloves and masks to prevent vulnerable pets picking up potentially deadly infections while undergoing operations.

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## 1970's flashback

Recently while returning home via the Haywards we passed "Barclay House", an early 1900s homestead near the top of the Pauahatani Inlet and also the local hall now a picture theatre.

This reminded me, I think the year was 1978, when the Club Championship show was held at the hall. I think Wellington Kennel Centre was at the Winter Show Building on the Saturday, our show on the Sunday and the Non Sporting Dog Society show at Eastbourne school on the Monday.

This was the year of carless days. Weekend sales on petrol were banned. So to help exhibitors from afar we opened our house to a few. We had to stay Ron and Pat Love (Te Maunga Ma), Tony and Gwen Zentveld (Snowranger), Eli and Trevor Maitland (Kimchatka), Phil and Joyce Trafford (Watermere), Leith and Robin Clark (Lubianca), Una Gibson and Stephen McDowall.

This all meant a lot of dogs, a lot of people, and of course a lot of petrol needed to refill cars for people to travel home. Luckily the local garage owner was able to provide us with several drums to hold enough for all.

I can't remember who won the show nor the judge, but I'd bet the number of owners and dogs living peacefully for three or four days under one roof shows that we could all be united at same time.

The Non Sporting show was notable for one reason. In the school grounds there was one netball goal post standing and Eli had to run head first into it, while exercising her dog. It knocked her out and the ambulance came.

Everybody pitched in with bringing bits of food (and drink), cooking and cleaning. The weekend was enjoyed by all.

**Noel Wilson**  
**Patron**  
**Committee member**





## WORLD SAMOYED MEETING 2012



Following the success of the first meeting in Milan, and the very successful second meeting in 2009 in Bratislava, Slovakia, The Samoyed Breed Council are proud to be hosting the next World Samoyed Meeting in 2012, in conjunction with the City of Birmingham Canine Association Championship Show, at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.

This event gives an opportunity for Samoyed enthusiasts worldwide to get together for a number of events and functions over four days to learn more about the breed and share experiences and knowledge. All events are to be held within the Warwick Complex, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ U.K.

### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

#### **THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST 2012 (Evening):**

Opening of the Event/ Social Night/ Meet and Greet

#### **FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2012:**

Northern Samoyed Society Championship Show - 50th Anniversary Year  
See [www.northern-samoyed-society.co.uk](http://www.northern-samoyed-society.co.uk)  
Evening - British 'Pub'Night/Quiz

#### **SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2012:**

City of Birmingham Championship Show  
Samoyed /Pastoral Group. See [www.birminghamcitydogshow.co.uk](http://www.birminghamcitydogshow.co.uk)  
Evening - Gala Dinner/Auction

#### **SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2012:**

Conference Day / Worldwide Samoyed Club Stalls  
Conference Speakers include:-  
Angelika von Heimendahl – 'Fertility Issues'  
Tuula Pratt – 'The Samoyed as a Sled Dog'  
Michelle Edmundson – 'Samoyed Nenets Native Stock Project'

More subjects may be added later.

We also hope to continue discussions on the Breed Standard – following on from Brian Harris' talk in Bratislava.

#### THE VENUE

Stoneleigh Park is set in beautiful countryside in the heart of England. Just 30 minutes drive from Birmingham International Airport and close to the main motorway network (M6/M1).

See [www.stoneleighpark.com](http://www.stoneleighpark.com) for more details.

#### ACCOMMODATION

There is an onsite Caravan park, and there are many hotels close to the venue, details of which can be found on the WSM website, together with all updated news about the event.

Please see [www.samoyedbreedcouncil.co.uk](http://www.samoyedbreedcouncil.co.uk)





# The Samoyed Breed Council

## Representing the Samoyed Clubs of Great Britain

The United Kingdom's Samoyed Breed Council comprises two representatives from each of the four U.K. breed clubs. The Kennel Club Breed Liaison Officer, elected by the breed clubs for a three year term, acts as Chairman of the Council.

The objectives of the Breed Council are to maintain the Samoyed breed in accordance with the Breed Standard approved by the Kennel Club, and to encourage the use of the agreed Code of Ethics. To co-ordinate all aspects and activities of the Samoyed breed clubs for the improvement and protection of the breed, and also education for those interested in the breed.

Judges training seminars and assessments are organised periodically.



## New South Wales Samoyed Club Celebrates 100th Championship Show in 2011

The NSW Samoyed Club will be celebrating its 100th Championship Show on 24th April 2011. They extend an invitation to everyone to go and join them for what will be a special show.

**Judge: Tuula Pratt ~ Humoresque Samoyeds, Finland**

Breeder since: 1986

Languages: Finnish, Swedish and English

Tuula has judged in the following countries:

Denmark, Finland, France, England, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

This show is held on the Easter long weekend and Samoyeds will be judged on the Good Friday 22nd April at Sydney Royal Show. General Specials for the Royal is on the day after the show Monday 25th April and there is a very good championship show to be held on the Tuesday 26th April, County of Cumberland - always a popular show that usually has a good trophy table.

The NSW Samoyed Club will be holding a dinner following the show at the grounds ~ further details will follow soon.

For all enquires contact Ann Knight: [am.knight@bigpond.com](mailto:am.knight@bigpond.com)

## Antarctic dogs, ponies get recognition by Michael Field

While the human explorers of Antarctica are honoured on the continent's maps, the dogs and ponies which made it all possible are mostly forgotten - until now.

An Amundsen-Scott Centennial Aeronautical Chart for the trip between Christchurch and McMurdo Sound, published by the Airways Corporation, will mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival at the South Pole of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen on January 14, 1911.

Amundsen used dogs, while rival Englishman Robert F Scott, who arrived 33 days later, used ponies.

Pilots flying the 3800 kilometres on route A338 between Christchurch and McMurdo have to go through air waypoints and report their progress.

Thanks to US Air Force Colonel Robert Smith, a former commander of Operation Deep Freeze, 11 of the 12 way-

points have all been renamed to honour the dogs and ponies.

Airways spokeswoman Nikki Hawkey said they had been approached by a group who wanted the animals honoured.



"It is a way of acknowledging this was a significant feat, it's acknowledging history and something we don't often get involved in."

As each waypoint can only have five

letters, some of the animal names are a little cryptic. For the first southbound waypoint, Scott's pony Jimmy Pigg has become waypoint Jipig. Another waypoint is Pehrr, honouring one of Amundsen's **dogs**, Per, that was killed and eaten on the return trip from the South Pole.

Amundsen's **dogs** Helge, Mylius (which becomes Mylus as a waypoint) and Uroa (Urroa) are also honoured, along with ponies Bonnes (Boenz) and Nobby (Nobey).

The old waypoints were randomly generated five-letter terms. The one that meant anything, Byrrd, remains as it honours US explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Dogs have been banned from Antarctica since 1993 for fear they were spreading distemper to seals.

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### Editor's note:

*Maybe the three kiwi Samoyed Clubs should band together to see if some recognition can be given to the Samoyed given that it was the breed used by Carsten Borchgrevink for his Southern Cross Expedition to the Antarctic in 1898-1900.*



## Warning - Toxic algae in Hutt River December 2010

Toxic algae in the Hutt River has caused the death of a six-month-old Beagle, prompting councils to raise health warnings.

Echo died on Tuesday, less than two hours after coming into contact with blue-green algae in the river near Melling.

Vet Rhea Hurley said Echo had been brought into the Pet Vet clinic after being in the water up to her belly, and had to be put down. "She came in twitching and not able to stand up and she collapsed. It would have been three-quarters of an hour after being in the water and she was seizing."

The dog's owner had been walking Echo and six-month-old Buster, who clearly had not been in the water because he had no symptoms, Dr Hurley said.

Greater Wellington environmental monitoring and investigations manager Ted Taylor said a medium-risk warning had been in place at the spot where Echo had been walked, telling people to look out for the algae and to avoid the river where it was found.

A high-risk warning, in place from Birchville in Upper Hutt to the Silverstream railway bridge, had now been extended all the way to the Hutt River mouth.

Dr Hurley said dogs could be poisoned by getting their feet wet where algal blooms were present, and then licking their paws.

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are microscopic organisms that are naturally present in many New Zealand waters.

They look like dark brown or black mats and grow on rocks on the river bed, but can wash up on banks or float in shallow areas.

By Kiran Chug  
Reprinted from The Dominion Post, 15 December 2010





## Merry Christmas

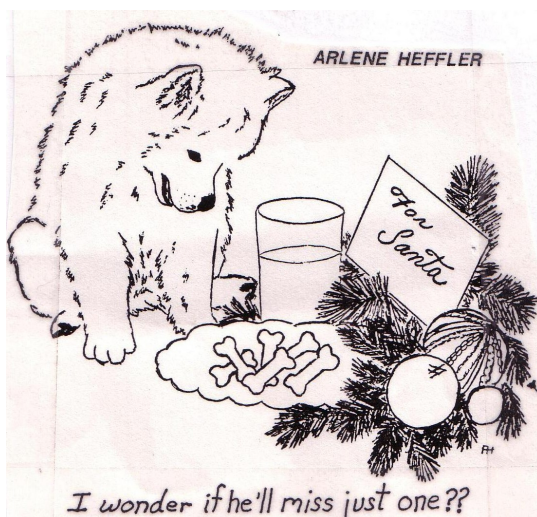
You'd better not bark,  
You'd better not bite,  
You'd better not scratch  
The sofa tonight,  
Santa Paws is coming to town...

You'd better not growl,  
You'd better just purr,  
You'd better not howl,  
Or shed lotsa fur,  
Santa Paws is coming to town...

He sees you in the kitchen,  
He sees your every try,  
At secretively snitchin'  
The very last piece of pie.....

You'd better just know  
The greeting he sends,  
He's saying "Ho Ho"  
To all his best friends,  
Santa Paws is coming to town!

*Author unknown*





# A Dog's Rules For Christmas

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog leans.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know:
  - a. Don't pee on the tree
  - b. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree
  - c. Mind your tail when you are near the tree
  - d. If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open
  - e. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part:
  - a. Not all strangers appreciate kisses and leans
  - b. Don't eat off the buffet table
  - c. Beg for goodies subtly
  - d. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your sofa
  - e. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important:
  - a. Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important)
  - b. Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house
  - c. Tolerate children
  - d. Turn on your charm big time
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night.  
**DON'T BITE HIM!!**



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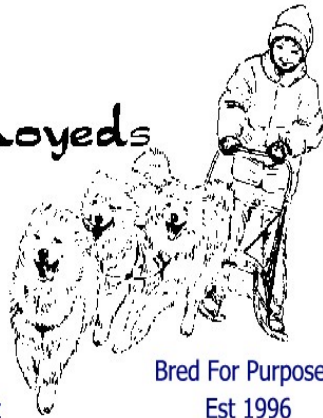
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for Santa to arrive*

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*Merry  
Christmas*



*May your Christmas happen happily  
Lauren*

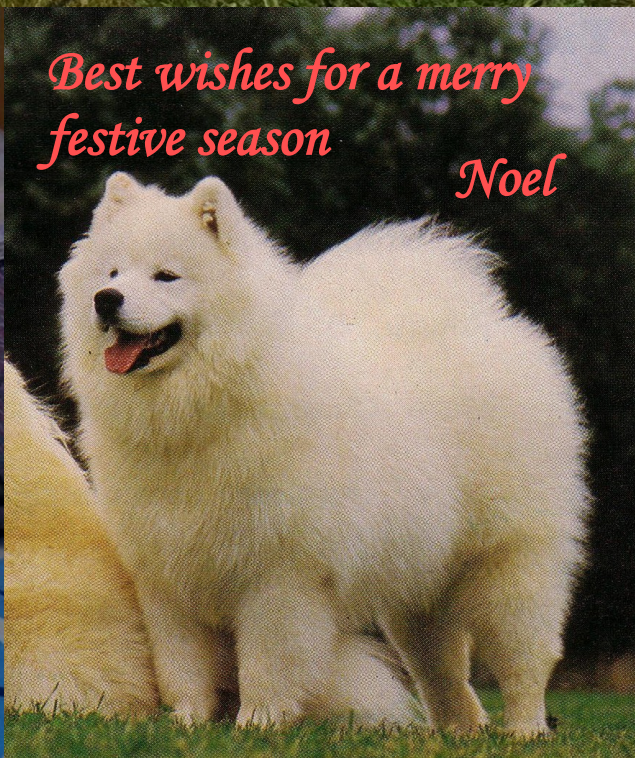


*Season's greetings and a happy  
new year from Simeon*



*Merry Xmas and Happy Holidays*

*Wake me up when Santa arrives  
I'm too old to wait up for him  
Lynne and the Angara Samoyeds*



*Best wishes for a merry  
festive season  
Noel*