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Ch Voinaika Pepita

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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PAWS FOR THOUGHT

This Christmas business is pretty tiring. Here I'm having an editorial meeting with my assistant Daisy. As you can see we are flat out getting ready for the big day.

We're all going away for the holidays. Deirdre and Clive are off to stay with family at Mount Maunganui, Daisy's spending the Big Day with Deirdre's mum and dad and I'm going to stay with Lynn and Gary who bred me and spend time with all the sammy rellies. Wahoo! Can't wait.

But being serious. There's lots of good stuff in this edition of the magazine - Snow Dogs Match Day results and photos, an article on a Samoyed show star plus an update on a SamCare rehoming from five years ago.

Hoping that Santa Paws brings you lots of goodies for Christmas!

Mr Dickens



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Samoyed fun walk Saturday, 11th January 2014

2014 Championship and Opens Shows, Friday 30th May 2014

Breed Of Year Points as at 12 December 2013

Baby Puppy - Dog		Baby Puppy - Bitch	
Lealsam Ruff N Tumble (Reeve)	23	Anaky Say You Love Me (Imp Aust) (Barr)	20
Puppy - Dog		Puppy - Bitch	
Beyond Solid Gold (Yau)	99	Beyond Party Of Fate (Yau)	44
Lunasea My Weapon My Goal (Imp Aust) (Yau / Wen)	16	Anaky Say You Love Me (Imp Aust) (Barr)	35
Sunshine Autumn Delight (Gabrielle)	8	Sunshine Autumn Gold (Shugg)	24
Junior - Dog		Junior - Bitch	
Beyond Solid Gold (Yau)	22	Sunshine Autumn Gold (Shugg)	43
		Lealsam Just Dance (Reeve)	26
		Kelljass Winter Fairy Tale (Kelly)	12
Intermediate - Dog		Intermediate - Bitch	
		Ch Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)	20
NZ Bred - Dog		NZ Bred - Bitch	
Zhakita Finn The Highlander (Pickett)	97	Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	58
Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)	59	Beyond Party Of Fate (Yau)	3
Open - Dog		Open - Bitch	
Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau/Wen)	156	Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	69
Gr Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	28	Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	30
		Beyond Play It Loud (Yau)	7
Best Dog		Best Bitch	
Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau/Wen)	123	Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	30
Zhakita Finn The Highlander (Pickett)	37	Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	24
Beyond Solid Gold (Yau)	36	Lealsam Just Dance (Reeve)	22
Gr Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	22	Beyond Party Of Fate (Yau)	19
Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)	18	Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	12
Sunshine Autumn Delight (Gabrielle)	2	Sunshine Autumn Gold (Shugg)	10
		Anaky Say You Love Me (Barr)	7
		Beyond Play It Loud (Yau)	5
		Kelljass Winter Fairy Tale (Kelly)	4
		Ch Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)	3
Best Representative		Best Bitch Representative	
Ch Blue Aegean Leventis From Snowsapphire (Imp UK) (Yau/Wen)	224	Beyond Party Of Fate (Yau)	12
Beyond Solid Gold (Yau)	96	Ch Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)	8
Gr Ch Lealsam Hugo Boss (Reeve)	17	Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	8
Sunshine Tri Teddy (Shugg)	15	Lealsam Just Dance (Reeve)	6
Beyond Party Of Fate (Yau)	12	Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	2
Ch Lealsam Miss Cover Girl (Reeve)	8	Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	2
Ch Angara Dancing With The Stars (Barr)	8		
Lealsam Just Dance (Reeve)	6		
Ch Zaminka Magic Moments (Swetman)	2		
Ch Sunshine BJ's Dream (Shugg)	2		
Best Baby Puppy Representative			
Lealsam Ruff N Tumble (Reeve)	6		

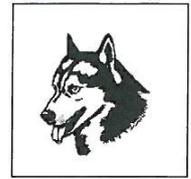
Congratulations to Helen Clark and Rob Barzey on their recent success at the NZ Kennel Club National Dog Show 2013



CH OSCARBI EVEREDI BOY
BEST INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW
Best of Group
BEST Intermediate in Group



Snow Dogs



Match Day Results

Sunday 23rd November 2013
Ashhurst Canine Centre, Cambridge Ave, ASHHURST



Judge: Peter Sharp

Steward: Anita Shugg

	<i>Dogs Name</i>	<i>Owners Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Points</i>
Best of Match	Melandar SpecForce	M & A Butterworth	Siberian Husky	20
Reserve of Match	Anaky Say I Love You (Imp Aust)	L Barr	Samoyed	10
Best Dog of Match	Melandar SpecForce	M & A Butterworth	Siberian Husky	5
Best Bitch of Match	Anaky Say I Love You (Imp Aust)	L Barr	Samoyed	5
Reserve Dog of Match	Johnny	I Bessem, S Bright & K Corkum	Alaskan Malamute	3
Reserve Bitch of Match	Melandar Heaven's Halo	N Theodore	Siberian Husky	3
Best Baby Puppy of Match & Best Baby Puppy Dog	Johnny	I Bessem, S Bright & K Corkum	Alaskan Malamute	5+2=7
Best Puppy of Match & Best Puppy Bitch	Anaky Say I Love You (Imp Aust)	L Barr	Samoyed	5+2=7
Reserve Puppy of Match & Res Puppy Bitch	Melandar Heaven's Halo	N Theodore	Siberian Husky	3+1=4
Best Junior of Match & Best Junior Dog	Nanook	A Needes	Siberian Husky	5+2=7
Best Intermediate of Match & Best Interm Dog	Melandar SpecForce	M & A Butterworth	Siberian Husky	5+2=7
Reserve Interim Bitch	Subahka Dancing In The Raine	D & H Wald	Siberian Husky	1

Best NZ Bred of Match & Best NZ Bred Bitch	Mace	T Moeara	Alaskan Malamute	5+2=7
Reserve NZ Bred of Match & Res NZ Bred Bitch	Zenfro Bound For Glory	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	3+1=4
Best Open of Match & Best Open Bitch	Suzy Q	T Moeara	Alaskan Malamute	5+2=7

Stake Classes

	<i>Dogs Name</i>	<i>Owners Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>pts</i>
Best Head				
1 st	Melandar SpecForce	M & A Butterworth	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	CH Melandar Stardust Symphony	N Theodore & S Prebble	Siberian Husky	4
3 rd	CH Angara Sneaking Me Kisses	L Barr	Samoyed	3
Tail				
1 st	Anaky Say I Love You (Imp Aust)	L Barr	Samoyed	5
2 nd	CH Zenfro Smoke On The Water	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	4
3 rd	Johnny	I Bessem, S Bright & K Corkum	Alaskan Malamute	3
Coat				
1 st	CH Angara Sneaking Me Kisses	L Barr	Samoyed	5
2 nd	Melandar Heaven's Halo	N Theodore	Siberian Husky	4
3 rd	Zenfro Tango In The Night	I Bessem, S Bright & K Corkum	Alaskan Malamute	3
Mover – Over 12 Mths				
1 st	CH Subahka Gemz Onyx	D & H Wald	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	CH Angara Sneaking Me Kisses	L Barr	Samoyed	4
3 rd	CH Melandar Stardust Symphony	N Theodore & S Prebble	Siberian Husky	3
Mover – Under 12 Mths				
1 st	Melandar Heaven's Halo	N Theodore	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	Anaky Say I Love You (Imp Aust)	L Barr	Samoyed	4
3 rd	Johnny	I Bessem, S Bright & K Corkum	Alaskan Malamute	3
Veteran				
1 st	CH Gus of Subahka	D & H Wald	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	Niki	T Moeara	Alaskan Malamute	4
3 rd	Zenfro Bound for Glory	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	3

Sled Dog

1 st	Melandar SpecForce	M & A Butterworth	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	CH Zenfro Smoke On The Water	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	4
3 rd	CH Gus of Subahka	D & H Wald	Siberian Husky	3

Spayed /Neutered

1 st	Nanook	A Needes	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	Zenfro Bound for Glory	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	4

New Handler

1 st	April	Helen Thompson	Samoyed	5
2 nd	Meisha	Rachel Allen	Alaskan Malamute	4

Champion

1 st	CH Subahka Gemz Onyx	D & H Wald	Siberian Husky	5
2 nd	CH Angara Sneaking Me Kisses	L Barr	Samoyed	4
3 rd	CH Zenfro Smoke On The Water	R Allen	Alaskan Malamute	3

“SNOW DOG’S” – MATCH POINTS*Alaskan Malamutes**Samoyed's**Siberian Huskies*

63

52

96

So the winners of the Match day are the**“Siberian Huskies”***A huge “THANK YOU” goes to:*

- ✓ *Our very helpful & friendly Judge: Peter Sharp*
- ✓ *Our very generous Sponsors of the Match – Petware for the wonderful “Nutrience food” coupons & prizes - Simply awesome guys*
- ✓ *for all the kind donations of prizes, you know who you are*
- ✓ *And all the many organizers of the Match from all 3 clubs involved*

*Well done team!**Yet another fun event, with lots of sunshine and smiles all round,
roll on 2014 for the annual rematch**And the Raffle was won by Lynne Barr 😊*

Snow Dogs Match Day 23 November 2013



Anita Shugg (Steward) and Peter Sharp (Judge)





LOOKING BACK contributed by Lauren V de C James

Recently the Club was fortunate to be the recipient of Samoyed memorabilia donated by Diane Hiku nee Proctor of Dunedin. Her parents the late Charlie and Fay Proctor owned and exhibited two Samoyeds in the 1960s.

It was appropriate that Lynne Barr asked if I would write something for the magazine about the Proctor's Ch Voinaika Pepita because I had known Charlie and Fay and been a Peppy admirer.

When our family decided to buy a Samoyed puppy in January 1967 I wrote to at least four breeders including Neilmar and Norman Fraser of Christchurch, Peppy's breeders. Neilmar responded promptly with the news that she had one bitch puppy available from each of the two litters at Voinaika, both sired by "Taz" (NZ Ch Kalina Smirnoff Imp Aust). One litter was a repeat of the mating which produced Peppy. Both litters were only a few days old. She suggested contacting Peppy's owners Charlie and Fay Proctor of Dunedin to see one of her breeding. So I rang and arranged for my parents, my sister and I to visit.

We were very impressed with Peppy and her show successes and also liked Scott (Siber Kivarna), their Samoyed male. Charlie and Fay were very helpful and answered all our questions, speaking very highly of the Frasers and their Samoyeds. Filled with enthusiasm I rang Neilmar as soon as we got home and said we wanted the puppy available from the Zeigred litter. Sadly that puppy had died, but the puppy in the other litter was still available so we decided on that one. We duly collected Voinaika Gdanis from Christchurch at eight weeks of age and that was the start of Kiev Samoyeds.

Charlie brought Peppy over to meet Dani about a month later – see photo of them sitting together on the couch (Dani had already had a little chewing session as | can be seen in the photo!).

Lauren V de C James

Kiev Samoyeds



Two future champion daughters of NZ Ch Kalina Smirnoff (Imp Aust) – Voinaika Gdanis at approximately 3.5 months left and Voinaika Pepita right at 15 months

SHOW STAR OF THE 1960s

Ch Voinaika Pepita

Whelped on 4 February 1966 Pepita (call name "Peppy") was from the first mating between NZ Ch Kalina Smirnoff (Imp Aust) and NZ Ch Kalina Zeigred (Imp Aust). The litter comprised two bitches and one dog.

Included in the memorabilia is a notebook in which Fay recorded all Peppy's show attendances as well as a log of her weight, worming, seasons and litters.

Similar information is also recorded for "Scott" who was bred by Frank and Betty Gilbert of Christchurch in May 1964. He was sired by NZ Ch Kalina Wanderer (Imp Aust) (owned by the Frasers) out of Ch Voinaika Varta (bred by the Frasers).

Peppy joined the Proctor family at 10 weeks of age weighing 17lbs. She was weighed regularly with the weights recorded and by 15 months of age weighed 56 lbs 12oz.

In those days the Otago KA held a monthly match show on a Monday evening at the club rooms. It was a great way of introducing a puppy to the show ring and the format gave each puppy or novice dog a number of turns in the ring. Peppy's ring debut was at the 9 May 1966 match show where she collected two 1sts, one 2nd and went Runner up to Best Puppy of Night. The Proctors had four children – Helen, Kevin, Stephen, and Diane, and either Kevin or Helen won the child handlers class.

Her first championship show was the Otago KA show held on 2 July where she won the bitch puppy under six months class. The following month at Southland Kennel Association the judge Mr J Budd awarded her Best Puppy of Breed, Best Non Sporting Puppy and 1st in the Non Sporting Puppy Stakes. Her prize money totalled £4 8s 6d.

Mr J T Heatley of Australia judged the Ashburton KA championship show on 8 October where Peppy won Best Samoyed Puppy and 2nd in the Non Sporting Puppy Stakes. Prize money totalled £1 10s 0d. Peppy's next outing was at South Otago KA under Mr T Joby where she won Best Samoyed Puppy, 2nd Non Sporting Puppy Stakes and 2nd Grand Puppy Stakes and prize money of £2 14s 0d.

At the Canterbury KA show on 10 November Mr S M Moller of Australia awarded Peppy her first Challenge Certificate, Best Puppy of Breed, Best Non Sporting Puppy, and 1st in the Non Sporting Puppy Stakes.

But more was to come the following day when she won the £100 Grand Puppy Stakes equalling her sire's 1964 achievement. Her winnings totalled £42 12s 6d. The show was reported in The Press and Mr Moller commented that the puppies were of a very high standard and the winner of the £100 Puppy Stakes "was a very fine animal, with a good coat". A report in a Dunedin newspaper stated this was the first time a bitch had won the All Breed Puppy Stakes, which had an entry of 99 puppies, with nine placings given.



Voinaika Samoyeds March 1967

Caryl Douglas positioning NZ Ch Kalina Smirnoff (Imp Aust) for a photo. In the background are NZ Ch Kalina Zeigred (Imp Aust) and future champion Voinaika Tamara

Peppy continued her winning way at the Waimate A&P championship show where she was awarded Best Puppy of Breed, Bitch Challenge, Best Non Sporting Puppy, 1st Non Sporting Puppy Stakes, Best Puppy in Show and 1st in the All Breeds Puppy stakes. She received a tray and £4 1s 3d.

Her last championship show for the year was Otago KA on 26 November where she won her breed class and 3rd in the Non Sporting Puppy stakes collecting £1 0s 5d.

After a break from the ring to grow a new coat she returned to Christchurch for the Canterbury KA championship show on 6 May where she won the bitch junior class, Bitch Challenge, Best of Breed and 3rd in Non Sporting Junior stakes. The following week at Marlborough KA championship show she won Junior Bitch, Bitch Challenge, Best of Breed (defeating her sire – no mean feat!) and went on to win Best Non Sporting. There was no prize money but she received a coffee set.

Her next show was the Otago KA on 10 June where she won Junior and Limit bitch classes, Bitch Challenge and Reserve Best of Breed, 2nd Junior Non Sporting Stakes, 1st Non Sporting Limit stakes, 2nd Limit All Breeds stakes, 3rd Otago Owners and 3rd in Child handlers with Helen Proctor.

At Southland KA on 12 August she won her sixth challenge and Reserve Best of Breed.

The long trip to Palmerston North for the National on 26 August was a disappointment. She was one of eight entries in Open bitch but was not placed. On a more positive note her sire won his 3rd National Show Best of Breed and then Reserve Best Non Sporting and Reserve Best in Show. No Samoyed had previously received so high a placing at this particular show.



South Otago Kennel Assn Show October 1968

Lauren de C James left with future Champion Voinaika Gdanis and Fay Proctor right with Ch Voinaika Pepita

The Otago KA show on 30 September was also a disappointment when she won only a 2nd in open bitch. I remember that day well because the show was held outdoors at the A & P Grounds but mid afternoon the rain came down heavily and the remainder of the show was transferred to the club rooms at Melbourne Street.

Challenge number seven was won at South Canterbury KA on 21 October where she also won Best of Breed and Reserve Best Non Sporting. A week later she gained her crown at North Otago KA's first championship show plus Reserve Best of Breed. On that occasion her younger full brother Voinaika Naryshkin won the Dog CC, Best of Breed and Best Non Sporting Puppy.

Her last show for the year was at South Otago KA on 25 November where Jack Charters gave her the Bitch Challenge, Best of Breed and Reserve Best Non Sporting.

A Loan Registration Agreement dated 18 December 1967 details that Peppy was leased back by Neilmar and Norman Fraser for a litter. She was to be mated to the Fraser's NZ Ch Kalina Wanderer (Imp Aust) who at that point held the breeds All Breed BIS record but "Dodo" was not a keen stud dog and Peppy ended up being mated to her sire. The notebook records that she came into season on 10 December and was mated on 22 December. She whelped a litter of eight bitches and one dog on 21 February 1968. Only four bitches survived, Petrovna going to Noeline Falconer of Auckland (Koliska) and Petrouchka went to Mr Stubberfield in Christchurch where she was shown occasionally.

Peppy was only exhibited on five occasions in 1968, the first at Southland KA where she won open bitch but was defeated by Dani for the Bitch Challenge but then placed 3rd in the Non Sporting Open stakes. A trip to Wellington for the National show resulted in a 2nd placing in open bitch class with an entry of nine and younger full sister Voinaika Nikolaevna was placed 3rd. The class winner won the Challenge Certificate.

At Ashburton KA she won the open bitch class and my records list that she won the Bitch Challenge but that is not recorded in the notebook. Her last show for 1968 was the South Otago KA where she won the Reserve Bitch Challenge.

She only had two outings in 1969, the first being the Dominion Samoyed Club championship show on 31 May where she won 1st NZ Bred Bitch and 3rd in Open Bitch. Her last show was the Otago KA on 28 June 1969 where she won her 11th Challenge plus Reserve Best of Breed.

Another attempt was made to mate her to Dodo on 12 August 1969 and this time a mating was achieved and her litter arrived on 13 October – five bitches and five dogs. The notes state that two bitches and one dog were euthanased. Ten puppies is a large litter for a Samoyed bitch to raise so I can understand why that decision was taken. When Ross and Ann Rusbridge (Birchleigh) of Christchurch had their litter of 13 in 1967 they were able to find foster mothers (including at least one Samoyed bitch) to assist with raising the puppies.

Registered under the suffix of "Yamalo" the puppies were Yuma (d) sold to Miss Skinner of Dunedin, Yagaba (d) went to Toby Graham in South Otago (owner of Ch Blue River Ivanoff CD), Yosu (b) went to Miss Allwell of Dunedin, Yalgo (b) to Mrs Jones of Invercargill, Yalto (d) to Mr Dodd, Yuan (d) went to someone with the last name of Mill leaving Yeni (b) whose ownership was never transferred.

On most occasions Charlie handled Peppy in the ring but Fay handled her at the South Otago show in 1968. Though her show career was short she was very successful particularly for a bitch. Her group wins were won in the period when Ch Ruski of Tsilma was winning his many Best in Shows and Reserve Best in Shows. The 1960s was a decade of record-breaking achievements for the breed including the first Best in Show win at an all breed championship show by a Samoyed bitch (Ch Tresor of Belaya Sobaka). The fact that to date no Samoyed bitch has achieved the Grand Championship title yet while at least 10 dogs have, demonstrates the long-held belief that it is much harder to win a Group or In Show with a bitch.

In those days there was a dearth of championship shows compared to the wealth of choice in the 21st century. In the South Island from south to north we had Southland, Otago, North Otago, Waimate, South Canterbury, Ashburton, West Coast, Canterbury, Ellesmere, North Canterbury, Buller and Marlborough plus The Dominion Samoyed Club and that was your lot! Some exhibitors headed north for the National Show (you could take the ferry from Lyttelton to Wellington in the 1960s and 70s). There were even fewer classes to enter – junior was 12 to 18 months, and there was no Intermediate or NZ Bred class other than at breed specialties.

Many shows were held in conjunction with A&P Shows and some e.g., Canterbury and Otago, held parades of livestock which included the show dogs. That connection provided an opportunity for the public to see a range of pedigree breeds and for breeders to promote their breed to potential puppy owners.

During the decade the NZKC went through a period of tinkering with the rules for championship titles but eventually reverted back to the requirement of eight challenge certificates.

Charlie and Fay were always very helpful to me with tips on grooming and showing. Charlie worked at Midlands and I remember him offering to let us weigh Dani on the large scales which offer we took up on a number of occasions. Much easier than hopping onto bathroom scales!



Charlie Proctor and Scott (Siber Kavarna) inspecting the clowns at an A&P Show

They were both enthusiastic supporters of the DSC and travelled to Christchurch on a number of occasions to exhibit Scott or Peppy at DSC shows. Scott won Best Junior on Parade and Best on Parade at the 1965 Ribbon Parade. I recall one year when the DSC decided to hold an AGM on a weekday evening sending a telegram on behalf of Charlie, Fay, Toby and me recording our apologies and disappointment at the scheduled date. We even had the temerity to suggest renaming the club the Christchurch Samoyed Club!

Peppy was a beautifully bodied bitch with very good structure. The Proctor family had every reason to be proud of her many successes and she brought much pleasure to them.

Peppy died on 14 February 1978 aged 12. It's a great pity that after such a successful show career none of Peppy's progeny were bred from so sadly she has no descendants.

Many thanks to the Proctor family for ensuring that Peppy's memorabilia is preserved.

NOTE:

The winning combination that produced Pepita was repeated three times producing the N litter whelped 2 February 1967 which included Pam Monk's Ch Voinaika Naryshkin (Troika) and Anne Sandbrook's Nikolaevna, the B litter whelped 20 January 1968 included Margaret Renneberg's Ch Voinaika Baronowski (Middlemarch) and the K litter whelped 4 March 1969 included Bev Pitkethley's Voinaika Katya (Novinsky).

Baronowski won Best Non Sporting Puppy at the 1968 National Show, placed 2nd in the Canterbury Puppy Stakes, later winning Best in Show at Kapi Mana All Breeds Championship show as well as siring Best in Show winning Ch The Baron of Middlemarch.



*Wishing all members and their families Seasons Greetings and all the best for 2014
from Lauren*

SamCare Update

Back in the Summer/Christmas 2007 issue, I mentioned a seven-year old Samoyed, Minty, that needed to be rehomed due to his retired owner being unable to groom both him and his daughter's Samoyed, Amy.

While Minty and Amy had the basics of food and shelter and an occasional short walk, everything else had been neglected and their coats were in a shocking state. So with some assistance, both dogs received intensive grooming to bring them back up to a good condition. Minty was successfully rehomed to a family in Palmerston North in January 2008.

Then in August 2008 I was asked to rehome Amy as the father could no longer keep her at the retirement village that he had moved into in order to be closer to his daughter. Amy's coat had once again been neglected for months and she ended up having to be shaved due to matting and skin infections that had been left untreated.

Anyway the happy ending was that Amy ended up being adopted by the Palmerston North family who had adopted Minty some eight months earlier.

Then out of the blue I received an email from Claire Sewell who had acquired Amy in September 2011 trying to get some background on Amy and looking to join the Samoyed Club. We asked Claire to send us an update for this magazine and we hope to be able to do a follow-up on Minty (now called Toby) in the next issue.

If anyone can assist with SamCare, please let me know. Quite often, it is useful to have people available in different areas to visit a Samoyed that needs help or provide training/grooming hints that may mean that a rehome can be avoided. The more hands available, the lighter the workload!

Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Anita Shugg

SamCare Co-ordinator



Amy Sewell

Hello fellow Samoyed owners. We are the Sewell family from Havelock North, originally from Marton on the Rangitikei. I'm Claire, and with husband Andrew, are proud parents of Bradley (12 years), Hannah (9 years) and twins Richard and Rachel (6 years).

About three years ago I was browsing TradeMe ads - we were after a dog that would suit our lifestyle and family, particularly with Richard being an asthmatic, and I came across an ad for two Samoyeds, age unknown, free. I made contact and chatted with the owner a number of times but knowing that there some other interested people, assumed that they had been snapped up after the ad had expired and I hadn't heard back. So, I took a punt and rang again and, lo and behold, they were still there and available.

My sister Laura offered to collect them as she was going to adopt the boy. So on my 29th birthday, Amy came running into mum's shop looking like a little fluffy marshmallow, sat down very quietly and didn't bark at all.

All she and her brother came with was a bowl, a lead and a plastic brush and neither had obviously been groomed for quite some time - both my sister and I have spent a few hundred dollars each getting their coats back to what they should be.

We all love Amy to bits, she really is the fur baby of the Sewell family. She is hard work to brush and won't let anyone but Andrew brush her. Although she loves all of us, Andrew is definitely Number One boyfriend. Andrew went down to Ashburton for three months for work and his first visit home was after six weeks.

Amy recognised the sound of his car and was so excited that she bowled the kids out of the way, bolted through the door and jumped (she never jumps) into Andrew's arms before anyone got close.

Without fail, Amy always greets Andrew before any of us, she has to have the first cuddle but that's ok, we don't mind. In fact, I got this photo mounted on canvas and gave it to Andrew for our 11th wedding anniversary and it takes pride of place on the mantelpiece.



She is a celebrity wherever we go. Little kids look and tell their parents she is a 'polar bear', she gets her photo taken and soaks up all the attention and cuddles with good manners. There have been a few near-miss accidents with drivers not paying attention to the road but staring at Amy. She gets comments wherever we go.

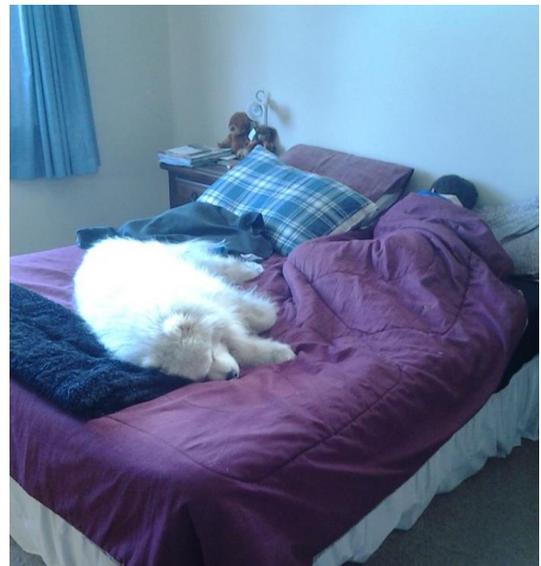
All of kids have a chore that they do for Amy such as cuddles, feeding or walking and each has special relationship with her.

Amy also has her own little foibles. She tap dances if she wants something or needs to go outside. Amy enjoys getting a helping hand onto our bed where she will snuggle in between me and Andrew, roll around, move the blankets, kick and breathe all over us to get the perfect spot and then be out for the count. However, a recent thunderstorm had her sneaking up the bed to sleep between Andrew and me at 2am—I am not that convinced that she was really frightened by the noise!



She is an expert at the yearning look if anyone has a biscuit or lolly. We don't have a lot of either in the house but we have learnt that she is partial to jetplanes—only the red ones though. She only gets one very occasionally and does recognise the colours. And she burps like a grown man and does them when least expected giving us a fright and a laugh at the same time.

She is very attentive and if anyone is sick, will sleep by the bed, on the bed, floor or couch checking regularly just like a mother would. As you can see, she recently nursed Bradley through a strep throat.



All in all, Amy is a super duper dog. We hope to one day have another Samoyed from puppy age. I think Amy has slotted into our family really well considering she is an elderly dog. The kids are great with her, they understand she is not a puppy and she can't run fast or jump so they don't get her too tired. She has never snapped at us or anyone else either.

Unfortunately we have no information about Amy's background. We would love to know what her pedigree name is, who was the breeder, whether she was ever shown, won any awards or had puppies. We know that she was bred in Auckland and has lived in Christchurch, Wellington and Palmerston North.

It would be great to find out her history and if anyone can shed some light I would be very appreciative. My email is twinmum2007@gmail.com.

Thanks for reading about Amy, I am pleased that we have been given a chance to experience a Samoyed.

The Sewell family



Amy meeting our new kitten



*Best Wishes for a Safe
and Happy New Year*

-from Lyn, Gary & Jess

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Merry Christmas Everyone and Happy New Year

ANGARA SAMOYEDS



Anaky Say You Love Me - Keva

Wishing All My Friends Good Times In 2014



Merry Christmas and a happy new year
from Simeon



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It has been an honour and privilege to be on the Samoyed Club Committee this year and I look forward to another, if not more exciting year in 2014!

Hasn't the year gone so fast? I am still finding it hard to believe that Christmas has come around this quickly again. Once more, I am no more organised this year than I was any other year!

It has been nice having the warm weather already and I am looking forward to more of it over the season. With this in mind, don't forget to keep plenty of water out for your furry friends and maybe a wee paddling pool for them to cool off if they are water lovers like our Miss Nina!

**From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!
Be safe, look after each other and see you all next year!
Regards Telly**

Notices

Samoyed Walk

The Samoyed Club Incorporated invites you (and your four-pawed human walkers) to the Queen Elizabeth Park Samoyed Walk.

DATE: Saturday, 11 January 2014

TIME: Meet 3.30pm, start walking at 4.00pm

VENUE: Queen Elizabeth Park, at the MacKays Crossing entrance off State Highway 1.
Beach end of the tram line.

The meeting spot is off State Highway 1 at MacKays Crossing into Queen Elizabeth park. Go down the road towards the beach following the tram line and park at the end of the tram line at the end of the road.

We will walk up to the beach towards Raumati and then come back on the coastal north track <http://tracks.org.nz/track/show/257> or the slightly longer inland north track <http://tracks.org.nz/track/show/259> depending on how the dogs are going.

The tracks are easy. Walking time of around one hour.

CONTACT: The Secretary, Anita Shugg

All welcome, the walk will be on wet or fine. Don't forget to bring wet weather gear, water for yourself and your dog and doggy-doo bags. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

At the end of the walk we will set up a gazebo to give the dogs some shade and have a picnic.

Please bring a plate. If you have a portable gas barbeque, please contact Anita.



Notices—continued....

4th WORLD SAMOYED MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2015

LOCATION: Melbourne, Australia

FROM: Thursday evening, 23 April through to Sunday 26th April 2015



For further details, go to: www.facebook.com/WSC2015, or
www.samoyedclubvictoria.com/upcoming-events/4th-world-samoyed-meeting

All breeders, please remember to get your new puppy owners to join the club. With events like the Fun Days and Sammy Walks, there are plenty of ways for everyone to be involved with other members and their dogs.

Anyone with Nutrience dog food barcodes, please remember to keep sending them to Lynne, and thank you to those who regularly do

Remember that you need to be a member of the Samoyed Club before you can claim points!

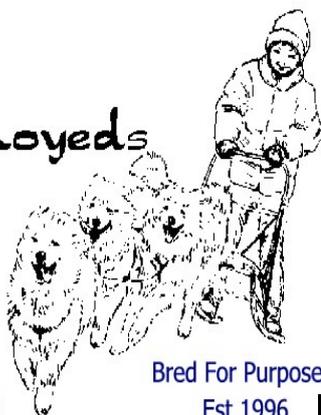
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