

Welcome to the Wonderful World of the Samoyed

Presented by the Samoyed Club of America, Inc.

Congratulations, you have just acquired a life long friend whose smiling face will brighten your days.

The Samoyed Club of America is here for you and the home page may be accessed on your computer at <http://www.samoyed.org/SCA/home.html>
The SCA would like to help you to enjoy your new purebred dog to the fullest by providing you with some basic information.

History

The Samoyed is an ancient working breed, developed by the nomadic Samoyede people of Siberia. The dog's jobs included herding reindeer, hunting and hauling sledges as well as guard work. The Samoyede people depended upon their dogs for their very survival. Samoyed dogs actually slept in the chooms (tents) with their people, perhaps for additional warmth. Their exceedingly close association with humans helped to imprint a wonderful temperament on the breed with the smiling face, laughing eyes and stunning silver tipped coat.

Samoyeds know how to think for themselves and can get bored without a variety of activities and close relationships with their people. They are a dog that may chase, run and bark due to their heritage. They are not a dog to be tied out in the back yard and forgotten. Remember that a Samoyed is a working dog and is happiest when he has a job, even if it is just bringing in the daily paper.

Take him to Obedience

Elementary obedience training will make your dog a good citizen and the best possible companion. Additionally, the time you spend with your dog will create a close bond between the two of you. Your Samoyed wants to please you more than anything. Look for puppy kindergarten or beginner obedience classes in your area. Kennel clubs often run such classes as a public service. The 4-H has a dog project, which is a wonderful place for youngsters to learn to work with their dog. You will meet other dog lovers and their dogs there.

Other activities to enjoy with your Samoyed are agility, herding, weight pulling, sledding, pack hiking, conformation showing and snuggling up as a couch

potato. AKC Junior Showmanship competition is a good challenge for young people aged 10-18.

Health

While most Samoyeds have robust health, they do need routine vaccinations. Follow your veterinarian's advice regarding immunization and parasite control.

Feed a good complete dog food, healthy treats and do not let your dog get fat. This can happen easily to the Samoyed because his existence at a subsistence level in his native Arctic made him adapt to use every bit of food he could get.

Grooming

Your dog has that lovely white coat, sometimes with cream or biscuit trim, which is probably one of the reasons you were attracted to this breed. His coat can mat and needs to be brushed weekly and during the shedding period, daily. Puppies should be groomed regularly. Your Samoyed should NEVER be shaved. The combings from your Samoyed can be spun and knitted or woven into extremely warm, soft garments. Toenails need to be kept short and teeth cleaned regularly.

Exercise

Your Samoyed will love to go jogging with you once he is mature. Do not force a puppy to run with you. Until he is mature, he will enjoy long walks. Leash training your puppy is highly recommended.

Breeding

Before you consider breeding your dog, remember that no dog with genetic problems should be bred. An X-ray sent to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals should certify breeding stock free of hip dysplasia. They should also be certified free of inherited eye diseases by an eye exam by a Veterinary Ophthalmologist and registered with the Canine Eye Registration Foundation. If your new puppy has parents that are OFA certified for their hips and CERF certified for their eyes, their OFA and



CERF numbers will appear on your dog's AKC registration papers.

Old wives tales regarding the benefits of breeding abound. They are just that – old wives tales. You will have a healthier, happier pet if he or she is neutered or spayed. Your dog's disposition will not change adversely with alteration. You will have a more polite pet that will not be apt to wander or leave his mark on your furniture if neutered.

Having a litter is in no way beneficial to a female; in fact, it can lead to problems, even death. It is a known fact that spayed bitches live longer and have fewer health problems than intact females.



Breeding dogs is a real responsibility. One must have knowledge of what makes top quality animals, understanding of pedigrees and genetics and have proper facilities to keep and socialize puppies and to take them back if the situation demands. All responsible breeders strive to produce dogs that conform to the written standard for the breed. The breed standard may be found on the Samoyed Club of America web site.

Samoyed Club of America

The SCA is comprised of 1500 Samoyed fanciers. It is the parent club for the breed and sets the written standard, which is a word picture of the ideal Samoyed. Booklets available on the SCA web site include "Selecting & Purchasing Your Samoyed", "Living with your Samoyed" and "Breeding Your Samoyed" as well as other literature.

Once a year the SCA puts on a National Specialty show, a show exclusively for Samoyeds, which is held in different areas of the country. This specialty show includes an Agility Trial, Weight Pull, Obedience Trial, educational events and the Annual

SCA Meeting. There are Regional Specialties held around the country yearly as well.

Membership in the SCA includes the award winning quarterly Bulletin, which features pictures of dogs and educational articles as well as club business.

For membership information, please contact the club Corresponding Secretary listed on the SCA website.

SCA Education and Research Foundation

The SCA Education and Research Foundation is an IRS registered not-for-profit charity created by the Samoyed Club of America and its members.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial and supplementary support for scientific research and education that benefits the health and quality of life of the Samoyed breed. The Foundation funds research investigations that focus on the disorders that have historically occurred in the Samoyed Breed.

The SCA Foundation is solely supported by the generosity of the Samoyed Club of America on behalf of its members, and individual Samoyed owners through tax-deductible donations.

Further information on the Samoyed Club of America Education and Research Foundation can be found at:

<http://www.samoyed.org/SCAFoundation/scarf.html>

