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Co-Ownership...Still a Minefield

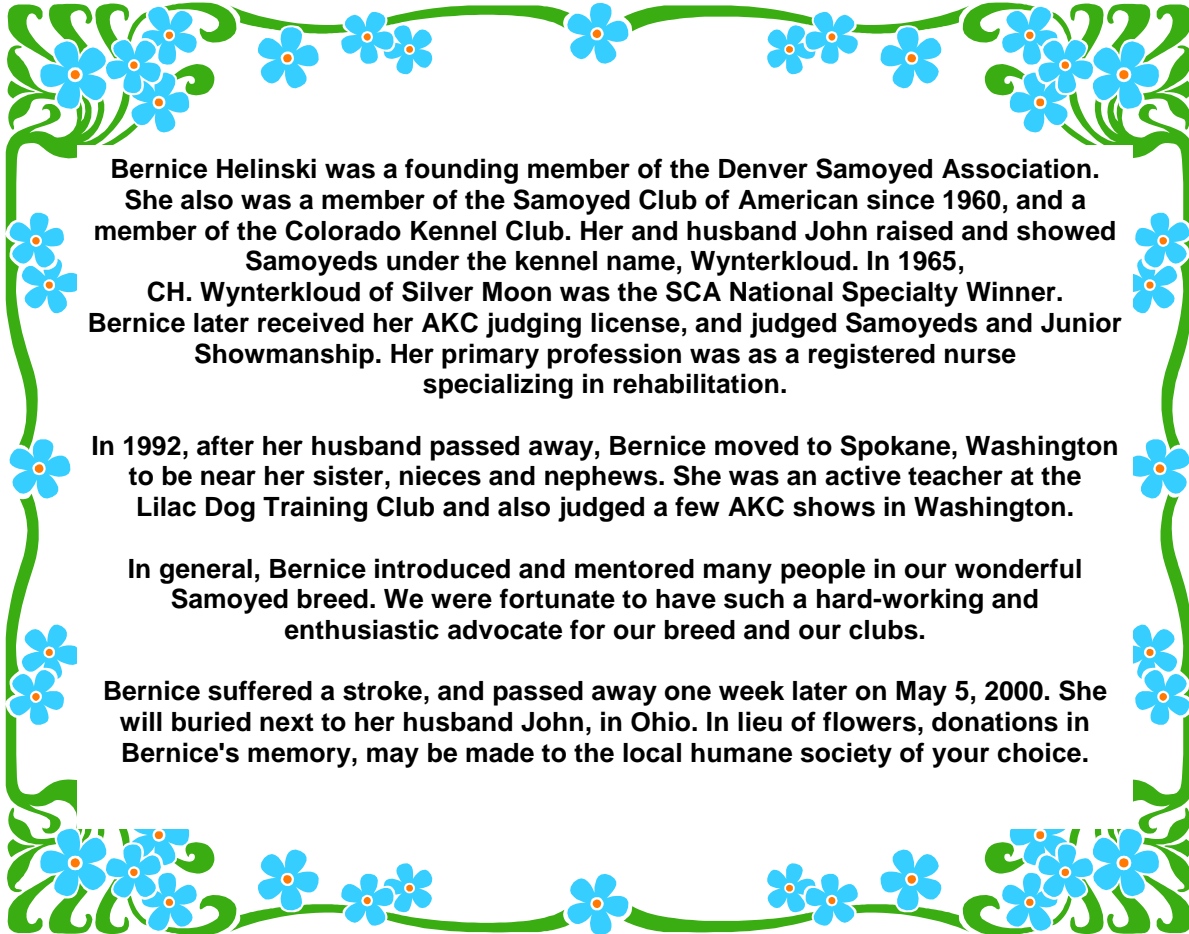
AKC hates co-ownership. Trust me on this one. AKC really, really hates co-ownership. I mean specifically the people who work at AKC. The employees who have to cope with the horrors co-ownership create. And as far as I know whatever their experience in dogs, the folks elected to AKC's Board also hate co-ownership once they're exposed to the messes AKC is dragged into over co-ownerships. I think most people in dogs would hate co-ownerships if they had to work for a few weeks at AKC coping with co-ownership disputes. I'm talking really, really hate co-ownership. Here's an absolute when it comes to co-ownership disputes that get tossed to AKC. Somebody or everybody involved in the dispute will end up really, really mad at AKC. Mad is an understatement. Co-owners take this stuff seriously. They not only end up mad at AKC; they end up really, really mad at the employees they have dealt with. Personal abuse is almost the daily stock in trade for AKC employees coping with co-ownership fights. At least half the time people whose position in a co-ownership dispute is upheld by AKC end up mad. After all they knew they were right all along. What took AKC so long to straighten the problem out? Jerks.

And 100% of the time people not upheld by AKC are really, REALLY mad. This is a
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Tribute to Bernice Helinski



Co-Ownership...Still a Minefield

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private arrangement. Who does AKC think they are? Jerks. I don't know if it would ever be possible to get the necessary two-thirds majority for the rule changes necessary to rein in co-ownerships, let alone eliminate them. But I am confident AKC would have a lot more delegates voting for such proposals if they could get the delegates to each spend a few days working with the employees attempting to sort out co-ownership disputes. At the very least everyone would be dumbfounded and more than occasionally convulsed with laughter at the insanity of co-ownership problems. Until, of course, you're up to your elbows in one yourself, when the humor in the situation vanishes. Fast.

By the way co-ownership has never been much of an issue in the commercial sector of the registry. Rather it's a problem of hobbyists, maybe backyard breeders, and most definitely of the fancy. Long gone are the days when it was possible to live by the admonition, "Buy the dog outright or don't buy the dog at all." Rightly or wrongly there are breeds in which the chances of obtaining a show prospect are nil unless you are willing to enter into a co-ownership agreement. There are breeders in every breed that will simply not place a dog unless it is in co-ownership with them.

Even the folks at AKC that spend a great deal of their time

copied with co-ownerships gone awry will grant, albeit grudgingly, that most co-ownerships work out. Those same folks at AKC will hasten to add that if you're involved in lots of co-ownerships it's only a question of when one blows up on you. Be that as it may serious dog people are addicted to co-ownerships. Here's a mandatory piece of advice for all co-ownerships: put them in writing. Or as the great philosopher the late Samuel Goldwyn said, "An oral contract isn't worth the paper it's written on."

That's ALL co-ownerships. In writing. Even if they're with your sister. Let alone your best friend. Incidentally such written agreements need be neither lengthy nor complicated. They should clearly spell out the exact terms of the co-ownership. Anything longer than two pages, double-spaced is too long. If you have to write more, don't sell the dog. It means either you really don't think anyone in the world can live up to your requirements or you don't think this person will. Whichever it is, neither one of you is going to be happy.

Here's a further tip: if you're placing a dog in a co-ownership and the would-be co-owner takes your nice neat, concise, two page double-spaced co-ownership agreement to their attorney and comes back to you with 19 pages of addendum DO NOT SELL THEM THE DOG.

Do not tell such an individual there is no deal unless he or she

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agrees to your agreement. Because if they agree to your terms, they are still going to cause you major headaches down the road. You cannot afford to co-own dogs with anyone who can have their lawyer generate 19 pages, or 2 pages for that matter, of addendum to your agreement. If only for your peace of mind.

And if you've been breeding dogs for years, placing them all in co-ownerships, and you haven't had to go to court yet, you're living on borrowed time.

AKC should be charging more for co-owner registrations. In fact the more co-owners the higher the fee should be. Hey, don't get mad at me. Whoever heard of a business that doesn't charge more for its most costly products? Co-ownerships cost AKC a ton more, starting at the simplest level of the additional keying and data storage required for more than a single owner. And it just multiplies exponentially once a dispute occurs.

Incidentally you are responsible for all those dogs you co-own insofar as AKC is concerned. This most definitely includes that co-owned bitch puppy you shipped across the country at

age 12 weeks 7 years ago and haven't seen since. You know the three litters that bitch produced that you signed the papers on? Well when AKC's inspectors come knocking on your door, you are responsible for having complete breeding records on that bitch including the disposition of all pups she's produced.

And when you don't have those records you will fail AKC's inspection. This means a stop will be put on all activity of all dogs you own/co-own, as any number of serious fanciers are finding out the hard way. The good news is, at least as reported to me recently, AKC's registration inspectors are unfailingly polite and helpful and you are permitted to get your records in order for re-inspection. The bad news is there is a \$250 re-inspection fee you must pay to get back in the breeding and exhibiting game.

Still, no one who has gone through this experience tells me they're going to cut back on co-ownerships.

So which of you has a really top prospect you want to co-own with me?

By John Mandeville

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AKC - Contract Information

III. CONTRACTS

It has been our experience that all too frequently, severe and complicated problems result from disputes over conditional sale, conditional stud and co-ownership contracts or any contract or agreement relating to restrictions or limitations people try to place on the sale or breeding of a dog.

A. SPAY/NEUTER CONTRACTS

A written agreement between buyer and seller to the effect that AKC registration papers will not be furnished to the buyer until the seller has been furnished with evidence that the dog has been neutered or spayed is acceptable under our Rules.

If a dog is sold under such conditions, it is important that the agreement be signed by the buyer before the dog leaves the seller's premises.

Many breeders using this type of agreement include clauses to the effect that the dog must be spayed or neutered by a certain date (or age).

B. STUD CONTRACTS

Agreements between individuals concerning stud fees should be in writing and clearly state all obligations and circumstances. The contract should be signed by all parties to the transaction and each signer thereto should receive a copy.

The stud fee is set by the stud dog's owner. The mode of payment may differ. The stud owner may request a cash fee, "pick of the litter", one or more puppies from the resulting litter, etc. The collection of the stud fee is the stud owner's responsibility.

The American Kennel Club takes the position that the owner of the sire is required to sign an application to register a litter certifying only to the fact that a particular dam was bred to the sire identified on the litter registration application form on a specified date of mating, unless there is an agreement signed by all parties concerned in which it is specifically set forth that the owner of the sire is not obligated to sign an American Kennel Club litter registration application form until such time

as the stud fee has been paid.

C. CO-OWNERSHIP CONTRACTS

Co-ownership arrangements, in far too many cases, lead to problems. While AKC registration application forms provide for more than one owner, **we recommend that co-ownerships be avoided.** It has been our experience that purchasing a dog "outright" is preferable.

We would like to point out that if a co-owner is suspended of all AKC privileges, then for the term of the suspension, recording of a transfer of the dog that is co-owned is barred and registrations of litters sired by or whelped by the dog in question are barred. Wins taken by the dog in AKC-licensed or member events are subject to disallowment.

For the reasons cited above the AKC recommends that co-ownerships be avoided.

D. DOG SOLD WITHOUT AKC REGISTRATION PAPERS

If a dog is delivered or sold with the understanding that AKC papers will *not* be furnished, the donor or seller must obtain from the recipient or buyer a signed statement agreeing to this condition, and such disposition of a dog without papers must be indicated in the seller's records.

NOTE: The AKC suggests that the donor or seller withhold identifying information (sire and dam's AKC registered names and numbers, litter registration numbers, etc.) and only provide information concerning the dog's date of birth, shots administered, shots needed and any other information the recipient or buyer would require in order to provide properly for the dog's welfare.

We do not countenance understandings or agreements that put a price on "papers." If a person acquires a dog without papers, with the explicit understanding that papers will be furnished for payment of an additional amount of money, the buyer has, in effect, forfeited any rights to papers. If at some later date he decides he wants papers, the AKC can only advise him to go back to the seller to resolve the matter.

AKC Board Modifies Registration Policy

At its May 8-9, 2000 meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club adopted the following Registration Policy, effective 9/1/00:

"To insure the integrity of the AKC registry, in cases where the identification of the sire is in question, or for litters with more than one sire, registration will depend on AKC certified DNA parentage verification in every such case. The fee shall be set by the Board. The effective date is September 1, 2000 and will be retroactive for 24 months. This policy supercedes the previous Board policy prohibiting the registration of litters with multiple sires."

In evaluating this change, the Board of Directors received input from the Delegates Canine Health Committee. The Board strongly supports the long-standing principles of animal husbandry that have guided our sport. However, they concluded that the integrity of the registry is the most important consideration in approval of registration policies. Until now, DNA has been used primarily to exclude ineligible dogs. With this Board policy, DNA will also be used to register litters produced by more than one sire, provided that the parentage of each offspring can be determined.

-via AKC Web Site

More Good News for CSU

Cancer Research Grant to CSU

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), a division of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded \$1 million to Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. The grant was the largest of 30 issued by NCRR during the 1999 fiscal year. The grant comes under the jurisdiction of the Center's Research Facilities Construction Grant. This provides matching federal funds to public and nonprofit private institutions to expand, remodel, renovate or alter existing research facilities, or to construct new facilities. The funds will be used to bring the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences closer to a \$9 million goal for the addition of a new 30,000 square foot wing. The aim of the new facility is to create a better environment for research in animal cancer treatment.

(Canine Practice, March/April 2000)

Budgets are Due!

Attention 2000 Committee Chairpersons!

If you haven't already done so, please turn in your estimated annual committee budgets to Carol Beatty.

Mark Your Calendar - Important Club Business Dates!

Date	Club Business
06/19/00	Vote for 2002 Local Specialty Judges. Determine location and date for show.
07/31/00	Board's deadline to select Nominating Committee for 2001 Officers & Board of Directors.
08/06/00	Nominating Committee Chairperson's deadline to call committee meeting.
09/04/00	Corresponding Secretary's deadline to notify each nominee in writing.
11/20/00	Elections to be held for 2001 Officers and Board of Directors
11/30/00	Treasurer to send written statement of dues for 2001 to each member.
12/18/00	2000 Committee Chairperson's financial & activity reports are due.
12/31/00	Fiscal year ends.

Board Meetings will be held, following the membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend. Remaining dates include: 06/19/00, 07/17/00, 09/18/00 and 1/20/99.

Mother-To-Be Checklist

Raising a litter of puppies can be very exciting and provide many hours of enjoyment and entertainment. Many questions come up from first time parents. If you have any questions regarding breeding, care of the pregnant bitch, or post natal care please contact your veterinarian.

Before breeding, your pet should have:

1. A thorough physical and laboratory examination from your veterinarian. Your veterinarian will examine your pet and determine if your pet is in the proper physical condition to have a litter of puppies.
2. All vaccinations should be up to date before breeding your dog. The distemper-parvo combination vaccination is due every year, and the rabies vaccination is due every other year.
3. A fecal (stool) sample should be checked for intestinal parasites that may be passed on to the offspring.
4. If you own a large breed dog, hip x-rays should be taken to rule out hip dysplasia. To become certified the x-rays are sent to the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. A minimum of 8 weeks is required to get an official certification. Therefore, x-rays should be taken a few months prior to breeding.

Things to do while your pet is pregnant:

1. If you are anxious to know if your dog is pregnant, pregnancy can sometimes be detected by palpating your pet's abdomen between the third and fourth week of pregnancy. If pregnancy is not confirmed by palpation, x-rays can be taken during the sixth week, after breeding. By that time, the puppies' skeletons have begun to calcify, making them visible on an x-ray.
2. Feeding Schedule: During the first few weeks of pregnancy, your dog seldom eats more than usual. During the last one-third of pregnancy, your dog's appetite will increase, and she will gain weight. To provide extra nutrition for the last one-third of pregnancy, you should feed your dog a high quality growth ration. We recommend Hills Canine Growth diet. Cottage cheese, cooked eggs and vitamins can also be given as supplements. This diet should be continued until the puppies are weaned.
3. A week before your dog's due date, get a whelping box ready for her. Use a large, sturdy cardboard or wooden



crate lined with newspaper and washable bedding. By placing your pet's usual bedding in it, you can encourage your pet to use the box.

4. Begin monitoring your pet's temperature one to two weeks before terms to establish her normal temperature. As your dog nears the onset of labor, she may lose her appetite, vomit, pace, or whimper. Her temperature should drop from around 102 degrees Fahrenheit to less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit within twenty-four hours of delivery.
5. During delivery, it is best to watch your dog from a distance or check periodically for problems. More than 1/2 hour of heavy abdominal contractions before the first delivery or between deliveries may indicate dystocia (difficult) birth. Call your vet immediately if this happens!
6. Twenty-four hours after delivery, the mother and puppies should be examined by your veterinarian.

Newborn Care:

1. Pups and kittens require an environmental temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit during the first week of life. The temperature can then be decreased gradually to room temperature during the first month.
2. Newborns sleep and nurse most of the time. If they cry constantly, they probably are chilled, sick or hungry. Call your veterinarian if this occurs.
3. When puppies are three to four weeks old, they begin to nibble on their mother's food. At this time, provide them with canned food or moistened dry puppy food. They should be encouraged to increase their intake of solid food during the next few weeks and can be weaned at six weeks of age.
4. Puppies should receive their first vaccinations at six to eight weeks of age. At this time a fecal sample should be checked for the presence of intestinal parasites.
5. Puppies are ready for new homes at eight to twelve weeks of age.

Care of Mother:

1. On the day of weaning, do not feed the dam and totally separate her from the puppies. This helps the dam's body slow down the production of milk, thus easing the discomfort caused by engorged mammary glands. During the next few days gradually increase the dam's food until she is receiving the same amount of food she had before pregnancy.

Birth is a very exciting event. You can support the mother and the puppies with a healthy birth by following these simple recommendations.

Quotes of the Day

"I wonder what goes through his mind when he sees us peeing in his water bowl."
- Penny Ward Moser

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!"
- Anne Tyler

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain

dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons."
- James Thurber

"Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail."
- Unknown

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."
- Ben Williams

Four Footed Veteran

He never wore a uniform. He never received a medal. He saved countless lives in the heat of battle. He never received a hero's welcome like his brethren did after World War II. Even though he died on foreign soil, he didn't receive a decent funeral or the tears he so richly deserved. When he lay down that chiseled triangular head for the last time, he had but one thought, and that was, "Did I please them?" He was a soldier, sailor or marine to the bone. His only reward was an extra pat on the head or maybe even a portion of his handler's C-Ration. He was a War-Dog, and I am grateful. There were no truer, braver or more forsaken soldier than the canines that served the US Armed Forces during the Vietnam War.

Did you know that approximately 4000 dogs served the US during the Vietnam era? At least 500 gave their lives under the conditions of battle. Another 600 succumbed to disease. Little data exists about those casualties, but sadder still even less is available to tell us what happened to those that survived the war fought so far from their whelping boxes. These dogs were left behind to suffer fates that only God recorded.

The canine handlers in Vietnam were taught that their dogs were to be their closest companions. Every time a squad was assigned a dog/handler team their odds for survival went way up. The dogs and handlers had the duty of leading the patrols through situations fraught with snipers, booby traps, mines, deadly snakes and other unnamed perils. Many times a squad of eleven men was spared decimation because of a German Shepherd's or a Labrador Retriever's sharp senses. Some dogs actively saved men's lives by taking shielding their human's bodies with their own. Others were kind enough to share their senses with those uniformed two-leggers that became their closest partners in a foreign, hostile environment. They expected nothing in return, and in most cases that is what they received from the country they served.

At the end of World War II, those dogs that miraculously survived life on the battlefield's of Italy, Morocco, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and many more were honorably discharged from duty and returned to the American homes that unselfishly donated their dogs to the effort. The government sent a hearty thanks to the people that so richly deserved it for their sacrifice to freedom. When the conflict ended in Vietnam, the dogs were left behind as if they were jeeps, helicopters or unserviceable goods. Those that were not turned over to the South Vietnamese Army were destroyed or abandoned.

The South Vietnamese Army could hardly feed itself by the war's end, so one can only have nightmares about their fates.

I am grateful to the dogs and men that served during Vietnam. This gratitude comes not so much from any great result that was achieved as a result of our involvement, but because of the sacrifices that were made in the name of freedom. The resulting communism that has become a part of that hard fought over real estate has not challenged this nation's sovereignty. Nor has it led to the spread of communism that was feared at the time. These facts do not change the fact that these men fought there because they were led to believe that these were possibilities, so they lay down their individuality and took up arms and leashes to serve the country they loved. The dogs only knew they loved their people and served proudly and without hesitation.

They put themselves in harm's way and saved mother's sons in the bargain. My country might not have shown gratitude for

that sacrifice, but I am personally grateful. The next time you go to a dog show, try to remember when you see the German Shepherd ring that those dogs are the relatives of the War-Dogs, but few, if any, are direct descendants because the War-Dogs never got the chance to sire a litter. They never learned the comfort of a store bought dog bed or the magnificent comfort of sneaking a nap on their master's couch. They lived in conditions unfit for dogs and did so willingly so they could serve those they bonded to in a time of crisis. They lived in ramshackle shelters in a land where the rain seemingly never stopped, but they endured it and served their soldier pals every time they were asked.

If you have time this Veteran's Day week, please remember them fondly, shed a tear they needed so very long ago. Take time to go visit a website dedicated to them at www.war-dogs.com and www.vdaonline.org

Try to remember them well.

The War Dog Memorial

The War Dog Memorial is a depiction of a soldier and his dog emerging into the environment of combat. Both man and dog possess a tense feeling of anxiety as they look off into the fields of impending danger. The column gives an architectural setting that provides a baroque quality of light which is meant to illuminate the comradeship, protection, sacrifice and love between man and dog. The memorial was unveiled on President's Day 2000 at March Field Air Museum - March Air Force Base, Riverside California.



"They

protected us

Fourth of July Picnic



**Fourth of July Picnic =
D.S.A. Grocery Store Certificates!**

**July 4th is fast approaching and that means
family, friends and lots of FOOD!**

**Support the Denver Samoyed Association by
purchasing King Soopers or Safeway
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**Simply contact Julie Beatty at 303-360-9782
to order your certificates today!**

*D.S.A. receives 3% of the total certificate amount purchased.

Foot Rule

There is a formula for figuring out how bed space is allocated. It is called the "Foot Rule." You start by determining the total number of feet (as in those at the end of the legs, not the kind made up by inches). Then you divide that total by the number of feet belonging to the person(s) or dog(s) in question.

This is how it works:

You and husband share your bed with 1 dog. You and your husband total 4 feet and the dog also has 4 feet. That is a total of 8 feet. The dog has 4 out of 8 feet or 50%, therefore, the dog gets 50% of the bed. You could work this in reverse as well. You have 2 out of 8 feet or 25% and so does your husband, so each of you gets 25% and the dog gets 50%.

Now I have 5 dogs. At 4 feet per dog, that is 20 feet. Add to that my 2 feet and we have a total of 22 feet in the bed. I have 2 out of 22 feet which is 1/11th or 9.1% of the bed. The dogs, since they share a total of 20 of 22 feet, get 10/11ths or 90.9% of the bed. Simple isn't it?!

Once I figured out my percent of the bed space, the next

step was to work out the exact area that I am entitled to. My bed is a California King, which is approximately 6 ft x 7 ft.

Here is the math:

$6 \text{ ft} \times 7 \text{ ft} = 42 \text{ square feet}$

$42 \text{ square feet} = 6048 \text{ square inches}$

$9.1\% \text{ of } 6048 = 550 \text{ square inches}$

$550 \text{ square inches} = 45.8 \text{ total inches}$

$45.8 \text{ inches} = 3.8 \text{ total feet}$

In order to determine the exact size of my bed space, I needed to know the percentage of length to width - this comes out to 54% long to 46% wide.

When I apply these percentages to my spot:

$550 \text{ square inches} \times 54\% = 297 \text{ square inches}$

$550 \text{ square inches} \times 46\% = 253 \text{ square inches}$

$297 \text{ square inches} = 24.7 \text{ inches}$

$253 \text{ square inches} = 21.1 \text{ inches}$

$24.7 \text{ inches} = 2.1 \text{ feet}$

$21.1 \text{ inches} = 1.8 \text{ feet}$

Now that the math is all done, the figures show that the dimensions of my part of the bed are 2.1 feet by 1.8 feet or in other words: I GET THE PILLOW!!!



Sammy Angels - A New Diamonds Program

The Diamonds is a program which matches sponsors with rescued Samoyeds who are elderly or have special needs, such as medical problems. These dogs may or may not be adoptable, but they can be cared for in long term or permanent foster homes. The Diamonds provide a safe haven for elderly and special needs Sammies. The program is based on the American Malamute Assistance League's Sponsor Program.

The Diamonds are a sister program to the Sammy Angels. The difference is that the Sammy Angels pay for short term expenses, such as initial veterinary bills for rescue dogs. The Diamonds help to pay for long term expenses that aren't covered by local rescue groups, such as bills for ongoing medicine or prescription diets, for Sammies in long term foster care. Both programs can work together to benefit the same dog.

The Diamonds program matches sponsors with Sammies in foster care, and helps to set up the relationship between the sponsor (or sponsors) for a particular dog, and the foster home.

The dogs legally belong to the rescue groups involved, and the rescue groups make all decisions regarding their care. When a dog first comes into a rescue group's program, the Sammy Angels can help with initial expenses such as

boarding and medical care if needed. After that, if there are ongoing expenses such as medication, the Diamonds can take over. Normal expenses such as regular dog food aren't covered. If and when the dog is adopted, the sponsorship ends. Like the Sammy Angels, this program is to help dogs who do not have homes.



In return for their sponsorship, donors receive photos and updates on "their" Sammies via emails, cards, phone calls, or whatever works for both them and the foster home. In this way, sponsors can be part of the dog's life and can share in what is happening with the dog. For sponsors who can't have a dog, this is a way to still be involved with a dog.

In addition to the amount they send for expenses, sponsors are also welcome to send items such as toys, a new collar, or a bed for the Sammie they are sponsoring if they want to. However, sponsors are not "expected" to donate anything beyond the regular amount.

There is also a real need for long term foster homes. If you would like to sign up as a sponsor, or volunteer as a foster home, please let Rosemary know. Either way, please include your address and phone #.

There is more information on the following web page:

AUTUMN

What do we do when our loving pets face the last leg of the race?

We do all we can to help them finish well, of course. We take time to read the unspoken needs of the friends we've come to know so well.

We give the simple reassurance of a loving touch when the old boy seems confused for no reason.

We groom them faithfully, but more gently, as age brings muscle wasting, and the arthritic bones aren't so well padded. We learn to slow down for their sake, as they enjoy the scent of the wind, or track a visitor's trail across their yard.

We expect to be inconvenienced, and aren't angry when it happens.

We watch for pain and treat it, watch for changes in vision and hearing and do what we can to help preserve those precious senses for as long as possible.

We take care of their teeth, and make sure their food is a manageable texture for them.

We remind them of the need for a potty walk when

they seem to forget.

We remember the little rewards.

We scratch the graying ears and tummy, and go for car rides together. When the pet we love has an unexplained need for comfort, we give it freely. When infirmities bring a sense of vulnerability, we become our old guardian's protector.

We watch their deepest slumbers, when dreams take them running across long-forgotten fields, and we remember those fields too. When they cannot stand alone, we lift them. When their steps are uncertain, we steady them. And if their health fails, it falls to us to make the choice that will gently put them to rest. But until that is absolutely necessary, we pause to let the autumn sun warm our old friend's bones. And we realize, autumn is not a bad time of year at all. Old age is not a disease or a reason to give up. It is a stage of life that brings its own changes. Autumn can be a beautiful time of harvest. And, sometimes, the harvest is love.

Author - Christy Caballero



Airlines Pet Travel Policy

DELTA AIRLINES ANNOUNCES SUMMER EMBARGO ON ACCEPTANCE OF PETS AS CHECKED BAGGAGE

Canine Legislation Department— May 15, 2000

On Friday May 12th, Delta Air Lines announced that it will embargo the acceptance of pets as checked baggage to all destinations on its worldwide system during the months of June, July, and August. Delta will continue to accept small pets for travel in the cabin, in kennels that fit under a passenger seat. In an effort to keep dog owners fully informed, AKC is providing the following information which appears on the Delta Air Lines web site:

Hot Weather Restrictions

For your pet's safety, Delta restricts pet travel during hot weather. These restrictions apply to all destinations in Delta's worldwide system.

What you need to know about these restrictions:

- Restrictions apply to all tickets purchased with Delta on or after May 15, 2000 for travel on or after June 1, 2000.
- Pets will not be accepted as checked baggage during June, July and August, except for those customers who purchased tickets prior to May 15, 2000 and are on the return portion of their trip.
- Delta Air Cargo will accept animal shipments only from commercial animal shippers or licensed pet breeders during June, July and August.
- Delta Air Cargo will not ship any animal during extreme weather, when the temperature is forecast to exceed 85 degrees F at any point in the animal's trip. This restriction applies throughout the year.
- Delta Air Cargo will not ship pug- or snub-nosed dogs when the temperature is forecast to exceed 70 degrees F at any point in the animal's trip. This restriction applies throughout the year. See Health Guidelines for a list of dogs that fall in this category.
- Passengers who are unable to travel due to these pet restrictions will be allowed to change their travel dates or cancel their trip without penalty.

DSR Fundraiser

Editor's Note: Rich Winston is one of our rescue owners. His best girlfriend's name is "Baylie". Rich has made several "road trips" on behalf of DSR to pick up dogs coming in from surrounding states. His own girl came in from Utah, 07/98. - D. Castro

Just a quick heads up on Rich Winston's plan to hold a fundraiser for DSR. (I tell 'ya, this guy is a real KEEPER!!) Beer & Brats (by the pool) this time. Tentatively scheduled for Sunday **August 6th**, 2:00p-6:00p. \$10 suggested donation. Rich is hoping the DSR committee will invite "friends, relatives, co-workers, other dog lovers, and so on" for this event. Mark your calendars!!

If you interested in attending, please contact me.

I'll keep you posted.
Deb Castro

TWO MORE AIRLINES ANNOUNCE PET TRAVEL CHANGES

Canine Legislation Department - June 1, 2000

AKC recently alerted fanciers to Delta Air Lines' summer embargo on acceptance of pets as checked baggage. This week, Continental and United Airlines followed suit by announcing major changes to their pet travel policies. All of these changes require shipping dogs as cargo rather than as checked baggage. Like Delta, United will only accept dogs as cargo from known commercial animal shippers.

AKC is urging the airlines to develop procedures to allow dogs to travel safely and affordably on the same plane as their owners. In the meantime, fanciers are encouraged to plan accordingly when making future travel arrangements.



Key points of the new policies:

- Effective from June 15 through September 7, United Airlines will not accept live animals checked as excess baggage. Animals may only be shipped as cargo by commercial or licensed breeders only, and extreme weather guidelines will apply. Animals will still be accepted as carry-on baggage if they meet certain criteria. Customers who have questions regarding the pet handling policy may call United reservations at 1-800-241-6522.
- Continental Airlines has announced a permanent change in their procedures for shipping live animals that will take effect June 1. Under the new "pet safe" program, Continental will no longer accept pets as checked baggage. Pets will instead be accepted as cargo, and shipment will be coordinated through the carrier's QUICKPAK Live Animal Program. According to Continental, this program will allow the company's cargo service to offer same day, airport-to-airport delivery with features designed to ensure an animal's comfort and safety. Continental will continue to accept small pets for travel in the cabin. Call 1-800-523-3273 for additional details.



2000 - 2001 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Conf. Judge (if Show)
Jun 25	Pikes Peak Obed Club	Match-Agility & Obedience	Colorado Springs, CO	719-495-0427	
25-26	Five Valley KC	Show - Close 6/7	Missoula, MT	Onofrio	C E Trotter A D Hussin
25-26	Colo. Dog Fancier Assoc.	Educational Showcase	Crossroads Mall, Boulder	303-469-8322	court_garrison@msn.com
Jul 1-2	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 6/14	Brighton, CO	Onofrio	M K Bryant J Mielke
15-16	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/28	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	B R Leininger B Capstick
16	Colorado Springs KC	Match—B/OB	Bonny Park, Colo Springs	719-382-7710	
20	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty - Close 6/28	Houston, TX	Newport	Annella Cooper
22	Rocky Mtn Agility	Match—Agility	Arvada, CO	Zona Tooke	303-456-7400
21-23	Houston Beaumont KC Galveston KC	Show - Close 6/28	Houston, TX	Newport	M Johnson-Snyder R S Forsyth Dr. H Smith Jr.
28	Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 7/12	Waukesha, WI	MB-F	Janet Cherne
29-30	Kettle Moraine KC Waukesha KC	Show - Close 7/12	Waukesha, WI	MB-F	E Cohen P A Mowbray
Aug 12-13	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 8/12	Fort Collins, CO	Onofrio	R Stenmark B D Alderman
18	Samoyed Club of WA	Specialty - Close 8/2	Enumclaw, WA	Brown	J Frailey
19-20	Olympic KC	Show - Close 8/2	Enumclaw, WA	Brown	N/A
19-20	Greeley KC	Show - Close 8/2	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Bernard Schwartz Col. Jerry H Weiss
Sep 2-3	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/16	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	Houston Clark R J Moore
15-16	Hutchinson KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 8/30	Salina, KS	Onofrio	Sharon C Smith Houston Clark Roxane Berton
15-16	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/30	Prescott, AZ	Onofrio	E Bivin D Canino
21	Metro Atlanta Samoyed	Specialty - Show 9/6	Atlanta, GA	Onofrio	Darla Cassidy
22-24	Douglasville KC Atlanta KC Newnan KC	Show - Close 9/6	Atlanta, GA	Onofrio	H L James D Welsh R C Thomas
23-24	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/6	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio	N/A
24	Electric City KC Helena KC	Show - Close 9/6	Helena, MT	Onofrio	Dorothy Hutchinson Thomas Conway
24	Council Bluffs KC	Show - Close 9/6	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	N/A
26-30	Samoyed Club of America	Specialty - Close	Frederick, MA	Jim Rau	J Nonhof (Intersex) L Blue (Dogs) K McFarlane (Bitches) P Hastings (Sweeps) A Cooper (Futurity) B Huffman (Obed) S Mesa (Herding)
Sep30-Oct1	Sunflower KC of Olathe	Show - Close 9/13	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	Constance Barton N/A
Oct 7-8	Intermountain KC	Show - Close 9/20	Riverton, UT	Onofrio	Marcia Tucker James Frederickson

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Oct 14-15	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Show - Close 9/27	Lawrence, KS	Onofrio	H Williams C Meyer
14-15	Pikes Peak Obedience Club	Obedience - Close 9/27	Colorado Springs, CO Pueblo, CO	Robert Miller	Robert & Marilyn Little Donna Albro
22	Chaparral KC	Show - Close 10/4	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio	N/A
28-29	Kachina KC	Show - Close 10/11	Goodyear, AZ	MB-F	R Fischer E Sullivan
Nov 11	Evergreen KC / Flatirons KC	Show - Close 10/25	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	N/A
18-20	Greater Sierra Vista Tuscon KC Canda Del Oro KC	Show - Close 11/1	Tucson, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A
19	Nebraska KC	Show - Close 11/1	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	Alice Downey
Dec 1-2	Yuma KC	Show - Close 11/15	Yuma, AZ	Bradshaw	Arthur Davidson George J Heitzman
2-3	Southern Colorado KC	Show - Close 11/15	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio	N/A
Jan 5	Samoyed Club of LA	Specialty - Close 12/20	Indio, CA	Bradshaw	David Powers
6-7	KC of Palm Springs	Show - Close 12/20	Indio, CA	Bradshaw	N/A
13-14	Platte Valley KC of Fremont	Show - Close 12/27	Fremont, CO	Onofrio	N/A
Feb 16-18	Plum Creek KC /Colorado KC	Show - Close 2/1	Denver, CO	Onofrio	N/A
?? ??	Denver Samoyed Association	Specialty - Close	Denver, CO		B Leininger J Beatty (Sweepstakes) L McClellan (Work Sw) J J Ham (Obedience)
Oct ?	Westminster KC	Show - Close	Madison, NY		Marion Hodesson(Sams) Klaus Anselm (Group)

Enter AKC Dog Shows Online!

If you don't already know about it, you can now enter AKC dog shows over the internet. It's very simple, but be sure to read all the instructions on the particular web site you are using. In all cases, a credit card processing fee, in addition to the normal dog show entry fee is assessed. This cost varies, see details below. In addition, these sites will e-mail a confirmation reply that your dog has in fact been entered in the show.

Jack Bradshaw - www.jbradshaw.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show where Bradshaw is the superintendent. There is a \$4.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. Bradshaw accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express

Ace Matthews - www.acematthewsdogshows.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show where Ace Matthews is the superintendent. There is a \$4.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. The type of credit cards accepted were not listed.

McNulty - www.mcnultydogshows.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show where McNulty is the

superintendent. There is a \$4.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. Bradshaw accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express.

MB-F - www.infodog.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show conducted by any AKC licensed superintendent in the U.S. The closing date and time parameters for accepting entries through this web site are:

- Infodog will take entries for MB-F superintended events up until the closing hour.
- Entries for **other** AKC licensed superintendent's shows will be taken up until 12:00 noon the day before entries close.
- Entries for shows with show secretaries will be taken up until 12:00 noon two days before closing.
- These parameters are necessary to allow them adequate time to forward your entries to the appropriate organization or person handling entries for the show.
- An additional fee may be charged for show secretaries and will be displayed to you before the entry is complete.
- They will NOT take entries for shows after these times.

There is a \$3.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. This web site accepts VISA and MasterCard only.

Newport - www.newportdogshows.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show where Newport is the superintendent. There is a \$4.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee.

Jack Onofrio - www.onofrio.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show where Onofrio is the superintendent. There is a \$2.50 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. (This is cheaper than the fax or telephone entry service fee of \$4.50, but of course not as cheap as mailing it in!) Onofrio accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover credit cards.

Showtime - www.dogshow-entry.com
Using this web site you can enter any AKC dog show conducted by any AKC licensed superintendent in the U.S. They accept entries until two hours before actual closing at noon. There is a \$20 annual membership fee and a \$4.00 fee in addition to the normal show entry fee. This web site accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

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SAM-O-GRAM



Have a safe and happy-
Fourth of July!



June 19, 2000 Meeting Reminder: Littleton Hospital - 7:15 PM
PROGRAM: "Flower Essences presented by Christine Bloome"

• **2002 DSA Local Specialty:**

- Vote for Judges.
- Discuss location and date

• **Board meeting to follow membership meeting**

- Review previous club motions and 2000 budget proposals

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no **HOME**, all **ALONE** **May Placements = 2 (1 referral)**

As of 04/26/00, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Male (Bisket) 11 yo Indoor/Outdoor Owner

Female (Trisket) 11 yo Indoor/Outdoor Owner

Comments: 70#(F), 80#(M) Leash trained; formal obedience training. Medium to low activity level. OK with older children, and other female dogs. Not sure about cats.

Why: Owner will be traveling a lot and doesn't want them kenneled all the time.

Male (Rossco) ~2 yo ?House/Outdoor? Boarded

Comments: 74# Most likely a mix with Malamute. Very sweet and starved for attention. Shorter coat, pure white. OK with most other dogs, no cats. Crate trained. No leash training. 6' fence required – escape artist.

Why: Aurora shelter.

Female (Sassy) 2 yo House/Outdoor Foster Home

Comments: Smaller in size. Cute! OK with other dogs. Firm requirements for new home - adult only home preferred. Prescription diet food will be required indefinitely. Sassy's socialization skills with people are very limited, but continue to develop.

Why: Sioux Falls puppy mill.

Male (Boca) 5 yo House/Outdoor Owner

Female (Moo-Shu) 6 yo House/Outdoor Owner

Comments: 75#(M) 65#(F) Owner would like to place together. Leash trained, basic commands. OK with kids and dogs of the opposite sex..

Why: Owner doesn't have time for them.

Female (Candace) 5 yo House/Outdoor Foster Home

Comments: Very sweet. VERY overweight, requires Thyroid meds. Knows basic obedience commands. Low activity level. OK with other dogs and cats.

Why: Owner says she needs a more active household.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call one of the Rescue Committee members. Thanks!