

## Pre-application Questions

- Why do you want a Samoyed?
  - Do you rent or own your home? Are there known restrictions for pets, either by a landlord or community covenants?
  - Will the dog be considered a part of your family?
  - How do you envision spending time with your dog?
  - What activities do you see you and your dog involved in?
  - Do you have a fenced yard?
  - If not, how will the dog be exercised?
  - Will the dog be allowed in the house?
  - Will the dog have free run of your home?
  - If you work, where will the dog be kept when you aren't at home?
  - Are you a compulsive cleaner?
  - How do you feel about hair on your clothing, furniture, etc.?
  - Who will feed the dog? What will you feed it?
  - Who will groom the dog?
  - Who will scoop up after the dog?
  - Will the dog be allowed to accompany you on family excursions?
  - Are you away from home during the day? At night?
  - What will you do with a dog when you go on vacation?
  - Are you willing to spend time training a dog?
  - Are you willing to use a crate/kennel?
  - What will you do if your dog has an accident on your rug or chews one of your favorite items?
  - What will you do if your dog digs holes in your lawn?
  - If your dog barks a lot when he/she is outside, how will you handle it?
  - Would the addition of a baby to your family make you decide you no longer need or have time for a dog?
  - If a member of your family develops allergies, what will you do?
  - If you have children, do they understand how to treat a dog?
  - How do you plan to keep your dog from getting out a door or gate?
  - Have you previously owned a Samoyed or other breed?
- If yes, did it live to an old age? If no, why not?
- If your dog gets loose, what steps would you take to locate it?
  - Are you prepared to pay for proper vet care if your pet should become ill?
  - Do you prefer a calm, quiet greeting when you come home over a boisterous, enthusiastic greeting?
  - Do you know that large breed dogs are susceptible to hip problems and/or arthritis in their older years?
  - Are you prepared to give this dog a good home for possibly the next 10-15 years?