



Samoyeds possess a white, biscuit, or cream double coat - an outer coat of harsh, straight guard hair for protection against the weather, and a downy, soft undercoat for warmth. Grooming requirements are not onerous, but they are regular and must be thorough to retain the dogs comfort and beauty. Shedding of the undercoat is seasonal, and part of life when one owns a Samoyed. Sun and moisture are the enemy to the Samoyed's coat, and care must be taken to prevent the damaging effects of the elements through thoughtful housing.

Samoyeds are not natural guard dogs. Their friendly nature often make them neighborhood favorites, and it is likely that they would greet a thief with almost as much exuberance as they offer those they know. This is one of their most beloved traits however, and fanciers treasure the faithful and loyal smile that greets them every time they come home. No toy or miniature versions of the Samoyed exist. Although there are breeds that bear physical resemblance - the treasured Samoyed nature remains exclusive to itself.



## Honouring the Samoyed Breed since 1964

SAC goals include:

- collectively bettering the Samoyed breed;
- promoting the owners; and
- collecting and disseminating beneficial information about the breed.

SAC

- holds an annual national specialty show
- maintains a web site to keep members and the public informed about the breed and the club
- offers certificates of recognition for achievements of members and their Samoyeds
- publishes a quarterly newsletter – the “Sammy News”
- supports regional Samoyed clubs in their activities
- encourages members to engage in a variety of activities with their Samoyeds
- welcomes new members (apply online at <http://samoyed.ca/join-sac>)



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Association  
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presents ...*



## the Samoyed

**the sparkling white dog  
which carries joy in its  
smiling face and in its  
heart!**



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## Samoyed History



With its dark, almond-shaped eyes, thick coat of white fur, and lush plume of a tail, the appearance of the Samoyed speaks to its origins in the Siberian tundra. The name Samoyed (pronounced SammyYed) derives from the nomadic reindeer herders who used these dogs as hunting, hauling and herding companions. The dogs lived in close proximity with their owners and to this day Samoyeds have a great affinity with people and a special affection for children.

By 1900, Arctic and Antarctic explorers such as Nansen and Amundsen discovered these strong and reliable sledge dogs. It was dogs from their expeditions that were brought to England through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn-Scott, and they became the foundation for the breed as we know it today.

## The Breed Standard

The Samoyed has always been a working dog; any faults of soundness should be considered serious. The Samoyed should appear beautiful, alert and strong. The coat should be heavy and weather resistant, and must be white, white biscuit, white cream, cream or all biscuit. Male dogs measure 21 to 23½ inches (53 to 60 cm) at the withers, females 19 to 21½ inches (48 to 55 cm) at the withers. Both sexes should give the appearance of being capable of great endurance. Samoyeds should be friendly but conservative, not distrustful or shy. Their gait is smooth and effortless, covering the most ground with the fewest number of steps.

## Living With A Samoyed

When you choose a Samoyed as your companion, you must be prepared to learn the facts about your canine family member. Samoyeds thrive on attention. They do not do well confined to a kennel or back yard. They want to be part of your family and all the activities of family life.



Being with “his people” is a Samoyed’s social heritage and birthright

Samoyeds need a lot of exercise. A tired dog is a happy dog, so be prepared for daily walks. Other activities might include Frisbee toss, biking, jogging, or “fetch the stick”.

Samoyeds love toys; a selection of chew or plush toys can divert attention away from coffee tables. Grooming is essential to the beautiful appearance of the Samoyed. Weekly brushing with a slicker brush and pin brush keeps your dog’s coat shiny and clean. Nails must be trimmed regularly and teeth brushed.

Ask the experts! If you have a question, find some expert advice from your dog’s breeder, veterinarian, professional dog groomer or local kennel club. Be warned! Samoyeds have well deserved reputations as barkers and hole diggers. They can be very strong minded. A set of obedience classes with a professional trainer may help you develop your ideal canine companion.

Here’s to good health! Feed a good quality dog food. Monitor your dog’s weight. Consult a veterinarian about vaccinations. Spaying and neutering pets may help them to live a longer and healthier life, and form a deeper bond with the human family



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