

Looking for a Breeder

Reliable Breeder

The word reliable begins with ethical breeding, not breeding a bitch too young, never at two consecutive heats. The studs are used only on quality bitches for the purpose of bettering the quality of the breed. The pedigrees of bitches and studs are studied carefully LONG before the breeding is to take place. The bitch is conditioned for this mating. A reliable breeder does not just drop in with their bitch *in heat* to a stud owner. The stud owner would not accept such a breeding. Quality breeding is NOT A HAPPENING! Both should be x-rayed and proved free of hip dysplasia. More bitches should be refused for breeding than accepted, many to be referred to another stud who will compliment her more. The reliable breeder does NOT feel their stud is the answer to every bitch owners prayer.

The reliable breeder is a GIVER to the breed, he loves the Samoyed and his concern is in the breed, not in making money. His expenses usually exceed twice the income. His reward is PRIDE in the quality he produces. Each breeding is well planned for a litter that will become a fine representation of the breed, whether sold as a pet or to show. His concern is proper placement of his puppies; prospective buyers are screened for their reason in choosing the Samoyed, if they can and will give it the proper care, attention and accept its bad habits, the shedding problems, etc., or would another breed fit this home better?

He is not a pusher of puppy sales, the buyer must want this puppy very much. He would not resort to hauling young puppies to dog shows for sale reasons. He spends much time with his puppies, building character and security in relationship to humans. He will be honest, explaining the demands, care and handling of the breed to keep it presentable as a pet or show dog, a fine example of the breed. He will furnish you with breed information or help you to get it. You will hear from this breeder periodically. His dogs receive the best of care whether sold as a pet or show dog. Dewclaws are removed at three days. Cleanliness and health go together and are this breeders concern.

Don't rush out to buy a puppy, see them, talk it over with the family, this breeder will want it that way. You may have to place your name on a waiting list with a down payment if you decide to own one to assure you of a choice of sex and/or show prospect from this breeder. Be assured in your mind that he is a reliable person to deal with, that you would like a puppy from his kennel.

Characteristics to Look for:

- Belongs to the local or national Samoyed Club and has signed a Code of Ethics which you can read.
- Isn't making their living from their puppy sales.
- Shows their dogs (remember the "pet quality" puppies were produced with the same level of care)
- Will provide references upon request.
- Keeps puppies until a minimum of 8 weeks old.
- Sells on a contract and wants the dog back, no matter what age, if you can't care for them.

- ❑ Doesn't advertise (most have waiting lists).
- ❑ Has only one or two breeds.
- ❑ NEVER imports puppies for sale from other breeders. These would probably be from puppy mills, but they would not admit it to you.
- ❑ Let's you meet the puppies mom and/or dad.
- ❑ Let's you visit their kennel.
- ❑ Spends time with you and expects you to call if questions come up.
- ❑ Insists on a spay/neuter contract unless the puppy is show quality and the breeder is involved in the process, usually as a mentor.
- ❑ Plans to follow up on the spay/neuter contract until you provide proof
- ❑ Interviews you as thoroughly as you would interview them.

If You Don't Want a Puppy, WSSH can Help!



Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven

The mission of Wonderland Samoyed Safe Haven (WSSH) is to rescue, rehabilitate, and provide a safe haven and home for Samoyeds in need. Guided by the humane ethic, we protect the breed from neglect, abuse, and exploitation. WSSH seeks to inspire awareness and compassion for all living things.

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