



# SAMOYED DOG

## Care Sheet

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## SAMOYED DOGS AS PETS

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Keeping a Samoyed dog is a long-term commitment which is why it's best that you always consider which characteristics you want in a dog. This is why the most important thing to consider is why you want to keep Samoyed dogs as pets in the first place. At the end of the day the main reason should be because a dog is something that your family wants to really take care of and have as a companion.

The Samoyed dog is a medium-sized breed so they do not require as much space as some dogs. It is important to consider, however, that this breed is highly active. They do need a lot of daily exercise and, ideally, a fenced outdoor space where they can run and play. Keep in mind that the ultimate responsibility will fall on you as a keeper. Make sure that you are willing to commit the time, money, and energy to having a Samoyed dog.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR SAMOYED DOG

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When it comes to understanding your Samoyed dog, socialization is essential. This should be done as soon as possible, even if it is little things like you spending time with them so that you can get to bond with them and understand them better. When it comes to making your Samoyed safe, knowing the indicators and also signs and symptoms of a scared dog can help you address his worries and fears prior to it being intensified.

Familiarize yourself with the indicators of anxiety in your Samoyed dog so you can notice the slightest tip that a pet is stressed about something in his environment. Pets communicate via body movement. A few of a dog's body movement is more subtle, the important thing is to always pay attention.

## TRAINING YOUR SAMOYED DOG

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Socialization is really just spending time with your new puppy, and getting him accustomed to your presence. What he does need to learn at this point is that just because something is new or strange does not make them a threat. He can freely explore the world and satisfy his curiosity without being overly timid or shy.

### Tip #1

Good obedience training schools for pets go far beyond obedience issues and are much better qualified than also the most loving keeper to retrain a significantly scared pet dog.

### Tip #2

Dog trainers and veterinarians recognize that certain dogs are unable to respond to behavior strategies alone. For these dogs, proper medicines to reduce stress and anxiety can be practical. Medicine alone is not a remedy. It may be the best way to minimize your pet dog's stress and anxiety and also anxiety to a point where behavior strategies can work.

### Tip #3

One of the hardest issues to deal with when refurbishing shelter pets is training them to behave in a certain way. Some dogs especially those who came from rescue centers have actually been physically abused. Some mildly fearful pets might be treated by caring owners without training.

### Tip #4

When it comes to socializing your Samoyed dogs, it's best to start them out when they're young. It is a way to accustom them to the presence of humans and other animals and it keeps them calm in the face of anything new or strange. This makes future training easier,

and it allows your Samoyed dogs to live a stress - free life without being under constant anxiety or fear should anything new or strange presents itself to them or in their environment.

### Tip #5

Sidetracking your pet with obedience commands sometimes works. It is seldom effective to punish a dog that has actually dedicated some act of hostility or participated in harmful habits. That might be one reason the dog is fearful. Scared dogs probably need professional assistance.

## KEEPING SAMOYED DOGS AS PETS

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Samoyed dogs are large breeds and they are very active which is why you need to make sure that they get enough exercise; you will also need to provide him with certain things. Just like any dog breed, it's highly recommended that you provide them with high – quality food because this will make them strong as it grows. The amount that your pet will eat depends on their current size, activity level, age and gender. Sometimes it also depends on whether or not they have an existing condition.

### CRATE BASICS

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Buying crate is one of the most important things you will need when you bring your new Samoyed puppy home. Not only will it be a place for your puppy to sleep, but it will also be a place where you can confine him.



# SAMOYED DOGS AS PETS

Tips on How to Select a Puppy  
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## 1 FIND THE RIGHT BREEDER

Make sure the facilities where the puppies are housed in clean and sanitary if there is evidence of diarrhea, do not purchase one of the puppies because they may already be sick.



## 2 WATCH THE PUPS

### WATCH THE PUPS

Avoid puppies that appear to be lethargic and those that have difficulty moving - they could be sick. The puppies should be active and playful, interacting with each other in a healthy way.

## 3 INTERACT WITH THE PUPS

If the puppies appear frightened they may not be properly socialized and you do not want a puppy like that. The puppies may be somewhat cautious, but they should be curious and interested in you.



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### PERSONALITY CHECK

Pet the puppies and encourage them to play with a toy, taking the opportunity to observe their personalities. Single out any of the puppies that you think might be a good fit and spend a little time with them.

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### CHOOSE ONE

The puppy might squirm a little but it shouldn't be frightened of you and it should enjoy being pet.



## Basic #1

As your Samoyed grows into his adult size you may need to replace his crate with a bigger one. Ideally, your dog's crate should only be large enough for him to comfortably stand up, sit down, lie down, and turn around in. Your puppy will also need some other basic things. This includes a water bowl, a food bowl, a collar, a leash, toys, and grooming supplies.

## Basic #2

When shopping for food and water bowls, safety and sanitation are the top two considerations. Stainless steel is the best material to go with because it is easy to clean and resistant to bacteria. Avoid plastic food and water bowls because they can become scratched and the scratches may harbor bacteria.

### **Basic #3**

For your Samoyed dog's collar and leash, choose one that is appropriate to his size. This may mean that you will purchase several collars and leashes while your puppy is still growing. You might also consider a harness – this will be helpful during leash training. It will improve your control over your puppy and it will distribute pressure across his back. And not putting it all on his throat.

### **Basic #4**

Make sure to ask your vet regarding the specific amount of food your dog needs. It also equates to more food per month compared to other smaller dog breeds. They are the kinds of dogs that won't leave anything on their plate – they just love to eat. You should have computed on how much their food will cost you and if you can afford it, before you even acquire one. Of course, you can't also forget the treats because all dogs need treats as a reward for having a good behavior.

### **Basic #5**

Provide your Samoyed puppy with an assortment of different toys and let him figure out which ones he likes. Having a variety of toys around the house is very important because you'll need to use them to redirect your puppy's natural chewing behavior as he learns what he is and is not allowed to chew on. Samoyeds are a very intelligent breed, so you should have some interactive and puzzle toys for your puppy to play with as well. Leaving one of these toys with your puppy when you are away from home will help to reduce the risk for destructive behavior.

## A TRIP TO THE VET

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A general check-up should be done annually and when the Samoyed's is older, the check-ups can be done twice a year. Always follow the orders given, especially when there is a medical condition. Prolonging the Samoyed's life is not hard. Maintaining optimal health is the key and when regular check-ups are done, the vet helps you see potential problems that can be avoided or resolved. It may be an old, overused adage but truly, prevention is always better than cure.

### **Keeping them Stimulated**

Let your Samoyed's mind stay in shape. As with people, a healthy mind is a healthy body. Your dog's mind needs to be stimulated so that they will stay alert and happy. A Samoyed that is bored can easily get depressed which can compound to other mental and even

physical illnesses. Keep your Samoyed busy and happy. Play games and train with him, as well as for other enrichment activities like obedience lessons or agility sports. Not only will you stimulate his mind, you will also form a stronger bond with him.

### **Maintain the Weight**

You should always check with a vet so that you can help him maintain a healthy weight. Remember, an overfed dog can be overweight or obese and can develop



joint problems and even heart diseases. Learn to check labels and give your pet healthy food. Avoid excess sugars and sodium as well as unnecessary fillers found in generic meat products. Whole ingredients are best.

### **Oral Hygiene is a Must**

Give your dog dental toys and safe chew toys. A vet should also be able to check his teeth at least once a year. Poor oral hygiene for your Samoyed can lead to gingivitis and plaque. The dog can also develop periodontal disease that can cause organ damage and heart problems.

### **Exercise Goes a Long Way**

Your dog needs to be in the best shape if you want it to reach its full potential. The life expectancy of Samoyed can be optimized when they exercise. As a bonus, when you exercise

with your dog, like jogging and brisk walking, you will also become healthy and prolong your life. Scientific research has proven that exercise not only makes the body physically healthy, it also helps lower stress and improves the mood. Allowing your dog to socialize is a good way to exercise and reduce stress, as well as improve the quality of your Samoyed's life.

## CONCLUSION

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When it comes to the habitat and exercise requirements for Samoyeds, they do not require as much space as some dogs but exercise is a must. Providing the right habitat is very important since Samoyeds are huge dogs to begin with. If you live in a small condo or an urban apartment without access to the outdoors, the Samoyed is probably not the right breed for you. You also need to take your dog on a thirty – minute walk at least once a day. This is to meet his most basic needs for physical exercise. Samoyed dogs are a fairly adaptable breed but only if their exercise needs are met.

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## About

A life-long animal lover, Lolly Brown is equally comfortable writing about exotic creatures like the Mexican axolotl or dispensing practical advice to dog owners about kennel cough.

As a child, Brown first learned about fish and aquaria when her father brought home a 10-gallon aquarium as a surprise for his daughter. Within months, the father-daughter team graduated to a 120-gallon tank and were immersed in the intricacies of tank population management.

"We had that go-big-or-go-home mentality common to the hobby," Brown said. "Now I look back and think about what we did to Mama's living room! She was very patient with us."

Brown's fascination with animals continued in college, where she took numerous field biology and wildlife classes that allowed her to view the behavior of many species in their native habitats.

She calls this period of her life the "rodent years," since her only apartment roommates were two hamsters, Hemingway and Leo (Tolstoy). "I also adopted a Guinea pig purely because I couldn't stand the conditions in the pet store," she said. "Trust me, I was in no way prepared to care for Molly and I had to learn fast!"

"The only other time I went into a pet adoption blind," Brown added, "I came home with two green anole lizards. Then I found out I was going to have to feed them live crickets.

While volunteering at her local zoo, Brown first encountered capybaras, a South American mammal that looks like an over-sized Guinea pig. The experience sparked her interest in exotic pets, a subject she continues to pursue with avid interest.

A freelance writer by trade, Brown's animal books are written for her own pleasure and the edification of her readers. She is a strong supporter of animal rescue and welfare organizations, and works with programs educating young children about the proper care of pets.

Brown maintains something of a menagerie of her own, making room in her home for a 180-gallon saltwater fish tank, a 20-year old Scarlet Macaw, a Golden Retriever, and several highly tolerant cats. (She advises that good cages make good multi-species homes.)

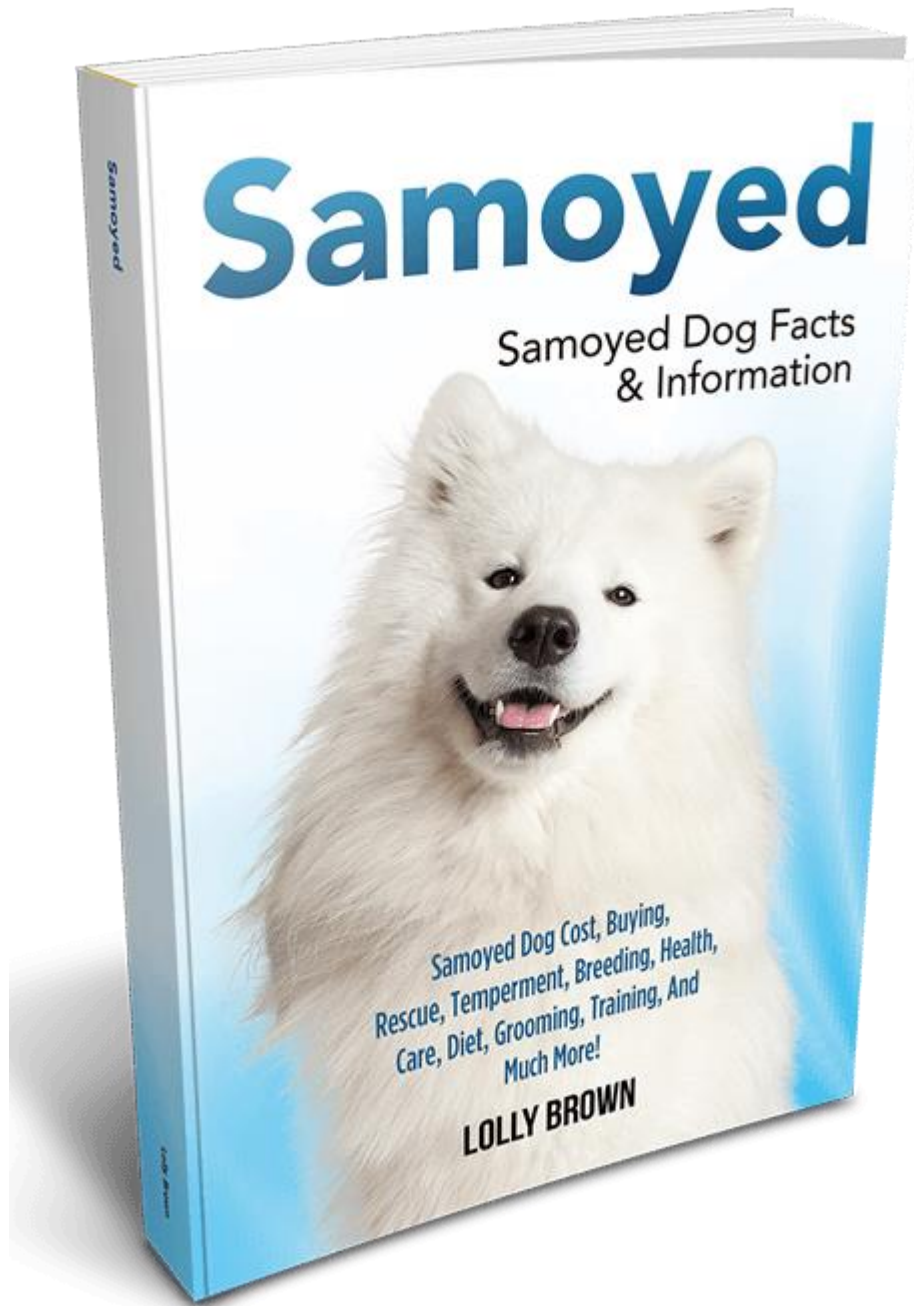
"If I become interested in a particular animal and have no direct experience with the creature, I get some before I start to write," Brown says. "All animals have a unique perspective on the world and their place in it. They all have particular needs -- physical and emotional -- and they all have unique personalities. These are things I want to understand before I try to communicate them to my readers."



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