

"The one and only Tigara, Reg." (Retired 1984)

by Dorothy Dillingham

We retired with our name "Tigara" in 1984. Many of the AMCA members that have been in this sport know our history in the breed. The Alaskan Malamute, by some may have just heard the name and know that I was one of the Charter Members of the Alaskan Malamute Club of America. However, my beginning in the breed did not begin until D.C. Dillingham and I met at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club and I was a single mom at the time with two "Kotzebue" from Bras Coupe Alaskan Malamutes. D.C. was a well-known breeder of Chows and the President of the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club and I had just become a member. We married a year later and started our family. Also started with what became "TIGARA" Alaskan Malamutes. We bred many Alaskan Malamute Champions, in which this line produced Multi Specialty winners and National Ranked Tigara dogs. Our Alaskan Malamutes came known for our genetic bank in producing consistently correct breed type and Alaskan Malamutes with good angulations that covered ground when watching them in the ring. This became a family affair with our daughters, D.C. and me showing them against the Top Pro Handlers of the day.

Looking back of the many years in the breed and the many people that came for companions joined us at shows with their families showing their dogs and making them Champions. The memories at Tigara Kennels on Katella Ave in Orange where we gathered for many picnics and many weekly training classes to teach these people how to show their dogs. Many wanting to learn, to breed to the true, correct type with consistency. People who came World Wide to add our dogs to their breeding program to improve in what they needed because our dogs were very tightly line bred.



BISS Ch Tigara's Torch of ArctiCAROM



**Ch Tigara's Jo-Dan of Arctica Best Veteran in Show -
National Speciality Show 1973 10 years old!**

Pictured is one of our most important dogs that came from Tigara Kennels. Ch. Tigara Jo Dan Of Arctica. We sold Jo-Dan at 8 months old to a Pro Handler that lived locally. Eventually he was sold to a young couple who were very impressed with our dogs and wanted to breed him to their M'Loot bitch. So they could improve on what they had. Jo Dan was 9 years old when he went to his new home. A year later Jo Dan was entered at the 1973 National Specialty here in California and won the very large Veteran Class. My daughter Shelly showed Jo Dan in the Best of Breed class.

The judge pulled out 3 dogs for his consideration for the breed and Jo Dan was one of them. The Memory of that day I will never forget----although Jo Dan did not win the Breed---people witness that day this Veteran Dog covered ground and not letting down. The owner of this dog at the time was Bernadette Quercio--Arctic Luv Kennels.

Bernie was a frequent visitor at our kennel and talking for many hours with D.C. on breeding and the dogs. D.C. mentored her on his formula and teaching her to see the Alaskan Malamute on what they are suppose to be. Bernie has applied his formula and his mentoring to what she has bred today. Like us she has tightly line bred pedigrees which produce the Correct Type and dogs that have the angulations to cover ground. It is good to know our many years in the breed were not wasted.

Some of the outstanding Tigara Alaskan Malamutes

Photos Courtesy of D Dillingham (photos by Ludwig, Henry, Missy)

Ch Tigara's Arctic Eve



Ch Tigara's Far Land Thunder Storm

BISS Ch Tigara's Whip of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Sam Spade

Ch Tigara's Shagluck of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Far Land Flash



Ch Tigara's Tara of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Lash of Arctica



BISS Ch Tigara's Diamond Jim



Ch Tigara's Rogue of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Tonyas of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Dangerous Dan McGrew



BISS Ch Tigara's Torch of Arctica **ROM**



BISS Ch Tigara's Togiak Chieftain



Ch Tigara's Karluk of Roy-el (8.5yrs!)



Ch Tigara's Sabrina of Arctica



Ch Tigara's Kiska Corazon



Ch Zorba of Brigadoon



Tigara's Far Land Icon



Ch Tigara's Far Land Trapper



Ch Tigara's Endora

