



My Dogs

Cody and Twister

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I am a musher and I
have two dogs:
Cody and Twister

- Cody is a Husky mix, maybe malamute, but we do not know. He is 9 years old.

- Twister is an Alaskan Husky from Team Warren. She is 2 years old.

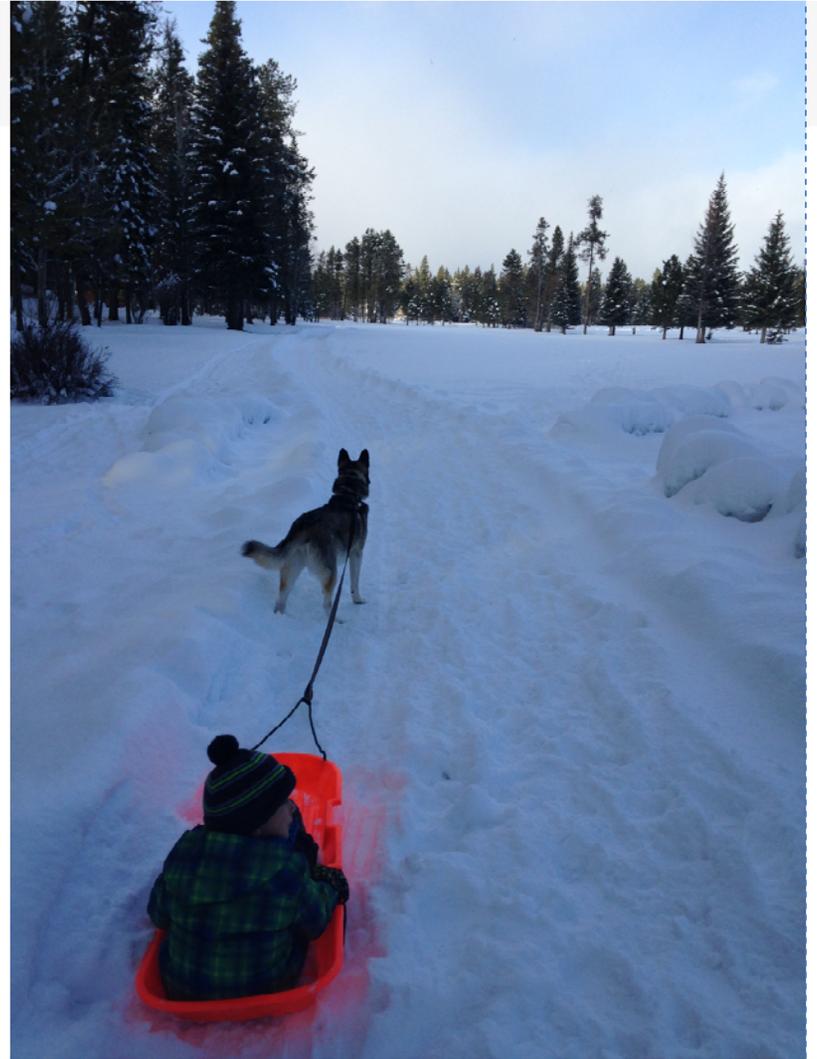


Cody

- We adopted Cody when he was one year old from the Northern California Sled Dog Rescue:

<https://www.norsled.org/>

- He loved to pull us on our skis, skateboard, and even on my old plastic sled!





- After watching the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge, I was inspired to become a musher. I got a sled, but needed one more dog to make my first team.



Twister

- I met Twister when we went to Team Warren's Kennels to learn about running sled dogs.
- It was love at first sight.





- Twister is an Alaskan Husky. The Alaskan Husky is a type rather than an actual breed.
- Alaskan Huskies are a blend of various Nordic breeds, depending on the breeder's preferences and needs in a sled dog. Pulling ability and team player qualities are more important than looks (<http://www.vetstreet.com/dogs/alaskan-husky>).





- Twister's mother was Storm and her litter was all named storm themes. She has brothers Ty (Typhoon) and Cane (Hurricane) and sisters, one named Gale.

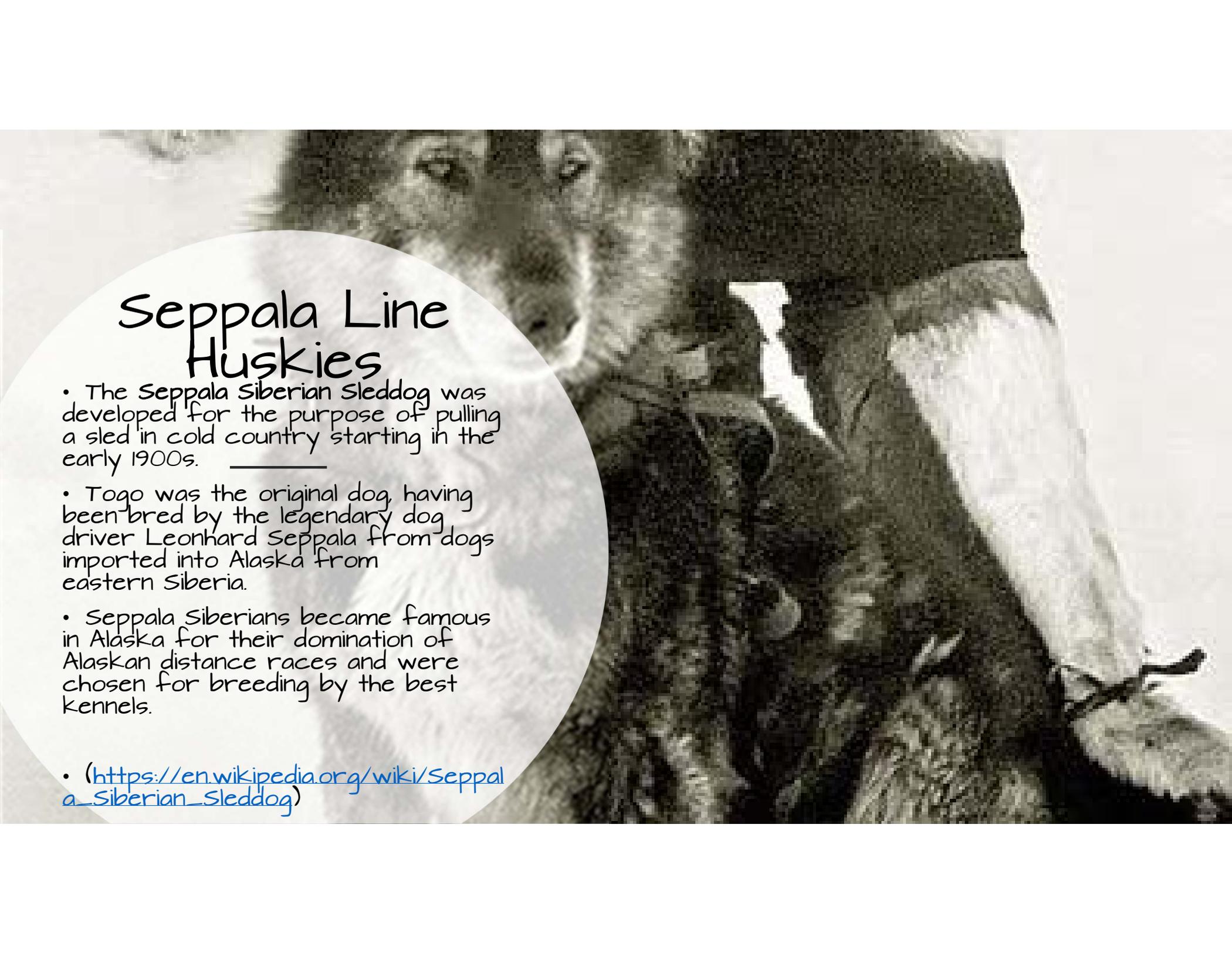
- Twister is bred from a line of dogs from Jeff King.

- Jeff King is recognized as the "Winningest Musher in the World."

Jeff King

- Jeff King's victories include not only the Iditarod in 1993, 1996, 1998, and 2006, but also over two dozen first place finishes in races all across Alaska.
- He breeds dogs at the Huskie Homestead Kennels in Alaska.
- Twister's ancestors were Iditarod Champions.





Seppala Line Huskies

- The Seppala Siberian Sleddog was developed for the purpose of pulling a sled in cold country starting in the early 1900s.
- Togo was the original dog, having been bred by the legendary dog driver Leonhard Seppala from dogs imported into Alaska from eastern Siberia.
- Seppala Siberians became famous in Alaska for their domination of Alaskan distance races and were chosen for breeding by the best kennels.
- (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seppala_Siberian_Sleddog)

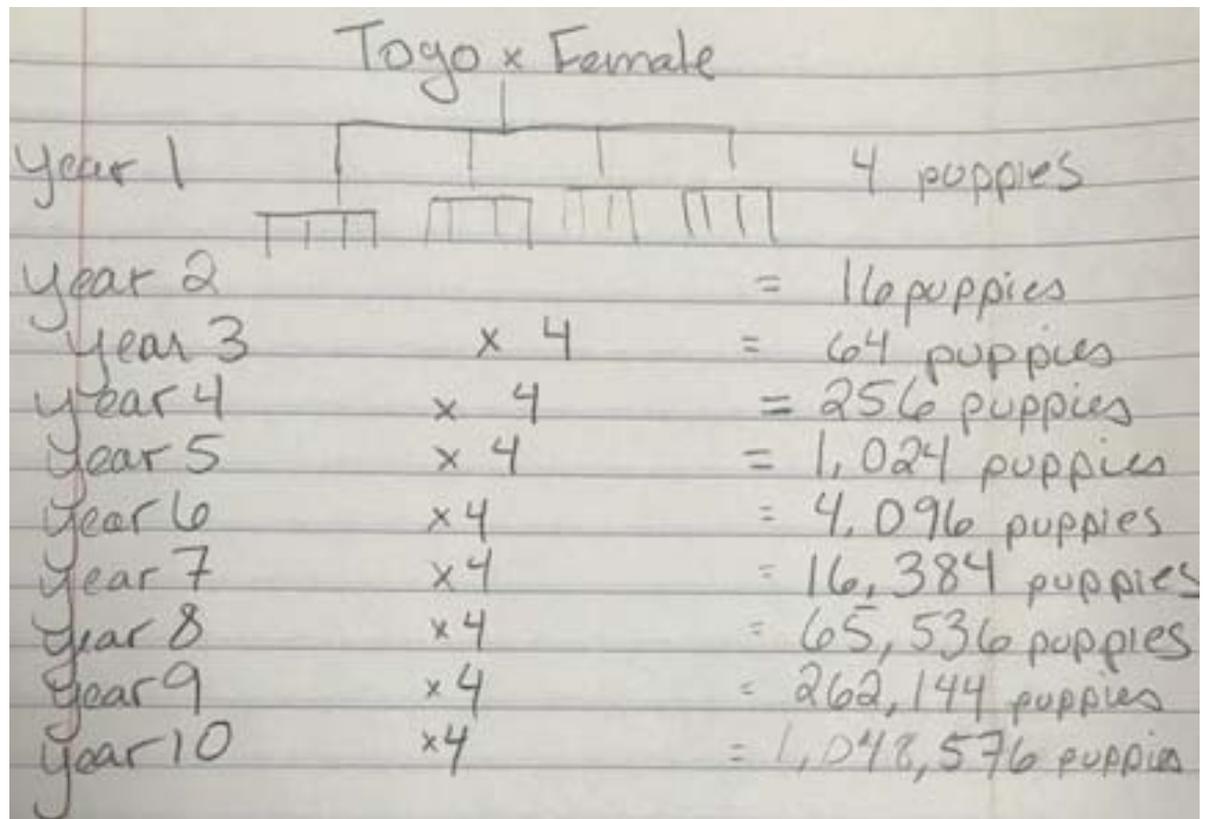
- Little history is known about the preregistered Siberians in the early 1900s and it is probably true that most of them or their ancestors did pass through Leonard Seppala's hands at one time or another.
- Thus, all contemporary Siberian Huskies could be called Seppalas.
- (<https://www.seppalanews.com/?id=100>)

Could Twister be Related to Togo? Probably!

- If Togo mated with one female and they had 4 puppies, and the next year each of those 4 had 4 puppies, then in 10 years approximately 1,048,576* puppies could trace their lineage back to Togo. And that is only one line of puppies!

- The Seppala line was the most sought after by breeding kennels in Alaska in the early 1900s and continues today.

*not all litters are 4 pups and not all pups would go on to have litters. Females only have one litter per year, but males could have many, you still get the idea!



No matter
who she is
related to,
Twister is
the best
lead dog



I love my pups
and my pups
love me!

