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### "Star" Samoyed for Hip Scoring



Star

The Samoyed breed is characterized by an alert and happy expression and Star is a fine exponent of those aesthetic virtues. Looking good however is only part of the equation. It is important to add those qualities onto a chassis which is built to last.

A friend of mine who works for Nissan cars in Sunderland explained to me that, once the cars are finished on the production line, they all have to pass a rigorous quality control standard. Any faults found appear as a score and if the finished article scores more than 10 it is sent back to the production line to rectify anything which will impact their durability and reputation.

Interestingly he also said that they regularly buy their rivals' cars and put them through the same testing. One manufacturer achieved a score of 120! Needless to say I have never bought from that company!

Whilst Star doesn't have to endure quite the same degree of scrutiny her owners nevertheless tried to ensure that her hip joints were designed to last by having them radiographed and scored. The lowest score of zero being the best possible score and with the worst score of 106 I am hopeful that Star will be sufficiently durable to be given the all clear to go into "production" and maintain that happy smile!

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