

# The Silent Way

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Hej all adventure fellows and dog lovers!

For six days ago we took our warm hats off and we put away our long wool underwear for this time. So we have had summer here in Umnäs for six days, we had snow and ice out May. Since then it has been cold weather with no mosquitoes.

The dogs had a great but cold and tough season but we all managed to keep ourselves in good shape and health. The dogs were very strong this season and had a lot of good will. The competition team did a great job in the training for the competition and during the race, we are so proud of them. After the race they were very fit and the tours were like a piece of cake for them.

Now they have their summer holiday and they have a really good rest in the sun. In August Tanja is giving birth to a litter, the happy and lucky father is Gert. We hope that this litter will be good. We let you know how it goes; she is looking good big already. Tanja was not so happy about Gert or any boy at all, but in the end, just a couple of days before the heat were over she decided that Gert was okay anyway so they mated three times.



Tanja is telling, No!



Gert is very patient.

The 11 young dogs are all doing very well and all of them have been out on at least one long tour. They look very good, are happy, social and good pullers. One of Sessans puppies – Sky, is death but she is doing okay and she is very cute.



Sky and Greta in the move.

When young dogs is coming up they are taking place for some old or injured dogs so to the sad news. We had to take away Pirat 10 year; he had been limping for nearly one year and

also started to get old. Pumba 13 year, did a okay season but was very tired after the tours, Henke 9 year, pain in the shoulder for a long time, Boris 7 year, got a bad back and could not continue the work, Cayenne 5 year, never stopped coughing, we had her to the vet many times but we never found out what it was, Momo 14 year, too old but she did a great job training the puppies, she pulled 10 – 20 km and then she just laid down and like to sit in the sled, Sessan 11 year, she got a very bad liver and could not eat.

Some of you have been here many times during the years and have learned to know this dogs very good, also you that been here once maybe have your favorite dog amongst this dogs. You that been up here many times also have your heart to some of them. Life goes on...

The season started early this year; we had tours from the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. The snow conditions and the ices were very good from the beginning. We could write 2000 words or more about the season but we do it in 4 words: A great season - again! If you are more curious about the season, just take a look at the guestbook on our site. Catte is working with it and it will soon be out.

We have been updating our site a little bit with some new pictures and words. We also have some more small videos and more is coming up on the picture gallery. You can see the dogs having a party on moose bones and also when they are eating flowers. Much enjoyable. We also make a new site in Swedish and an Index site in German.

Now we are working for a new great season!

We want to **Thank you all** that been here and made the season so great!

Catte, Kenneth and all the 48 dogs wish you a nice and warm summer!



The 29<sup>th</sup> of April on Överstjuktan Lake, we are standing on one sled each, Kenneth is driving a 12 team and Catrine a team of 10. Take a look in Kenneth's sunglasses and you see the dogs.