

Denver Samoyed Association

# SAM-O-GRAM

May 2026



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Mother's Day!



## Meeting Date and Location for May Meeting!

**May 18, 2026**

**6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Natural Grocers Denver**

**Colorado Blvd and Evans**

**DSA April Membership Meeting -  
Monday, April 20, 2026**

**Natural Grocers, Wheat Ridge**

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Tamara Barach, Joe Trojan, Terry Walb, Julie Morris, Joe Morris, Kent Cherne, Jan Cherne, Rodney Martin, Cheryl Martin, JoDee Putnins, Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl, Rachel Paulson, Martha Lageschulte, Michele Schmitt, Valerie Passmore, Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen.

**President: Martha Lageschulte**

No report.

**Vice President: Linda Kitzman**

No report.

**Recording Secretary: Donna Dannen**

Corrections to March meeting:

- Sue Wangerin requests that the Denver Rescue report of last month's meeting (March) should be amended (below)
- DSR, the donation to St. Louis Samoyed Rescue should read:  
DSR donated \$500 to St. Louis Samoyed Rescue for their work with 9 of the 33 dogs rescued from a breeder in Iowa.

**Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert**

No report.

**Treasurer: Terry Walb**

General Fund \$32,011.04

Rescue \$31,411.41

Time Deposit CD \$5000.00

The CD for \$20,000 matured on April 14th. We moved these funds to the Rescue Account temporarily until the \$5000 CD matures in May. At that time, we will combine both amounts into one CD to enable all funds to accrue at a higher interest rate. We originally opened the larger CD in April 2024 and earned \$1642.82 in interest since then.

We received a notice from King Soopers that we will be getting a check for \$191.50. This is lower than what the quarterly average of \$310 was for 2025.

There were a couple errors on the Committee report that was in the Sam-O-Gram. I linked to the wrong area in the data. The updated report is on the website in the Members Area in the Treasurer Folder.

**Board: Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin**

No report.

**Committees**

**Agility: Terry Walb**

We are all set for the next trial. Application has

been approved. Contracts are in place.

**Awards: Kris Schopfer**

No report.

**Cheer: Donna Dannen**

Cards were sent to Lorrie McAllister and to Terry Brewick & Rick Morales-Brewick.

**Colorado Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister**

The Farm Bill is about to go to Congress. Check out the AKC update to write to your legislators.

**Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl**

The final version of the Premium List has been sent to Onofrio.

Grooming: payment for reserved grooming spots will be on our website Store. There will also be a map for grooming spots that are not in our reserved section.

Trophies will be tagged soon.

There will be a drawing for prizes.

The Ice Cream Social is finalized.

**FastCat: Tammy Linnert**

No report.

**Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen**

The library needs to go to other club members as Donna is selling her house and going to move to Ohio.

Donna will set up a day in May for members to help her move and disperse the library items.

**IT: Terry Walb, JoDee Putnins, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister**

All club website services are going up price either for this year, or in the near future.

WIX will go up, but payment is every 3 years

The committee will meet on Thursday, April 23rd.

**Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert**

The banquet likely will be at Fox Hollow again this year

**Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera**

Sunday's judge, Kathy Bube, has reported her plane fare here to judge will be \$626. Do we pay this, or do we choose another (local?) judge? 4.00 per dog entered. Our club has a cap of \$200 for charges per dog.

Tammy Linnert volunteered to research for cheaper plane fares.

**Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin**

No report.

**Programs/Public Education: Pam Buhl**

Pam is contacting a local barn hunt group for information about sponsoring a day to learn about Barn Hunt.

Pam will head up the Meet the Breeds for 2027 at the CKC shows. She is hoping for a Saturday time for our breed.

Movie Night: Lori Elvera: May 16th, with theater to be determined. We are hoping for a 3-4:00 showtime with dinner afterwards

### **Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte**

Need articles and items by first of month.

Linda Kitzman suggested that any info for events, or other ideas to be brought up at meetings, or ideas from committee chairs should be given to Tammy Linnert to go on the announcement that goes out before each meeting

### **Social Media: Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl**

No report.

### **Rescue: Sue Wangerin**

Two applications to adopt were received.

A family in Loveland wants to re-home a 4-year-old Samoyed female due to health issues with their child.

### **Old Business**

No items.

### **New Business**

For the Peak-to-Peak Working Group Show in August, we need to request outdoors at mid-morning.

### **Voting for 2028 Local Specialty Judges**

Item to be addressed: of our judges for the 2027 Specialty, Heather Stevinson can judge juniors, but Tina Leininger cannot, so one juniors' judge is needed. We need a 2026 juniors' judge and up to two for 2028.

Results after club voting for the 2028 Local Specialty Judge's Panel & order of judges to be contacted for acceptance:

### **Conformation**

- Ryan Grady
- Ken Granacki
- Shanan Streweler
- Patty Widick-Neale
- Annella Cooper

### **Sweepstakes**

- Noel Ramsey
- Pam Buhl
- Carol Volberg

### **Obedience**

- Pat Maynard
- Carol Evans

### **Rally**

- Pat Maynard
- Marrin Sampson
- Julie Yamane
- Beth Bailey

### **Juniors**

- Diane Wilson
- Robin Hug
- Sarah Karle
- Karen Rooks-Nauer
- Marlene Groves

### **Barks 'n' Growls**

**Martha Lageschulte:** At the last two agility trials Capella finished her Excellent Jumpers title, finished her Open Standard title, got 2 Excellent Standard legs, and her first Masters Jumper leg.

**Tamara Barach:** Jimi received Select at Terry All on Friday and Saturday.

**Pam Buhl:** Terry-All Kennel Club Shows: GCH Queen City's Dancing in the Moonlight (Appa) showed all 3 days. Friday she was Select Bitch and OHBOB and was awarded a OH Group 3. Saturday, she won BOB/OHBOB and an OH Group 1 under judge Kimberly Meredith, and a Regular Group 4 under judge Victor Rosado. She ended the weekend with a BOS/OHBOB and an OH Group 1 under Judge Cledith Wakefield.

Scottsbluff Kennel Club Shows: MOHBIS GCHS Queen City's Heart of Gold RN, BCAT. FITB (Shimmer) came to play and earned a Select Bitch and OHBOB on Friday along with an OH Group3 under judge Dr. Steve Keating. Saturday she was BOB/OHBOB under judge Sheree Sanchez. Shimmer's daughter, Queen City's Soul Sister (Hiccup) attended her very first show at Scottsbluff. On Friday she was WB/BOW/BBE/BOB under Dr. Keating! Then she entered the regular working group under Judge Joyce Love and earned Group 2!! She also won Group 2 in the BBE working group. Saturday she was WB/BOW/BBE under judge Sheree Sanchez and went on to earn a BBE Group 1! She ended her first weekend of shows Sunday earning a WB/BOW under judge Joyce Siddall.

Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen, Recor Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 4/30/2026

**GENERAL FUND**

1/1/2026 - 4/30/2026		
<b>Category</b>		<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$32,196.20</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Agility Trial	12,276.00
	Concurrent Specialty Income	863.16
	FastCAT Income	7,497.25
	Local Specialty	629.68
	Membership	682.48
	Ways & Means	406.87
	Total Income	22,355.44
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Agility Expense	-9,596.70
	Bank Charges	-18.3
	Concurrent Specialty Expense	-450
	FastCAT Expenses	-720.18
	Hospitality	-60.88
	Legislation	-100
	Local Specialty Expenses	-600
	Miscellaneous	
	- Postage	-31.2
	- State Periodic Report	-25
	- Total Miscellaneous	-56.2
	Public Education	-91.14
	Treasurer Expense	
	- Quicken	29.12
	- Quicken Backup	-23.88
	- Total Treasurer Expense	5.24
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-11,688.16</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,667.28</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>32,503.69</b>

**RESCUE FUND**

1/1/2026 - 4/30/2026		
<b>1 Account</b>	491 Categories	1 Tag
<b>Category</b>		Rescue Fund
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$10,268.59</b>
<b>Income</b>		
	Donation to DSR	\$ 5,148.50
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Charitable Donations	
	- Samoyed Rescue	\$ (1,250.00)
	DSR CD	\$ (5,000.00)
	Total Expenses	\$ (6,250.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ (1,101.50)</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$31,411.41</b>

## Denver Samoyed Association's King Soopers/City Market Grocery Fundraiser Program

Did you know that everytime you shop at King Soopers or a City Market location, you can be making DSA money without any expense to you? You continue to add up rewards points and DSA gets a percentage of your purchases. And it really adds up!

PLEASE NOTE: You must have an Email to proceed

1. If you shop at King Soopers: Go to [www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards)
- If you shop at City Market: Go to: [www.CityMarket.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.CityMarket.com/CommunityRewards)
2. Click the "Enroll Now" link.
3. If you already have an online King Soopers/City Market account setup, then:
  - a. Enter your Email Address and Password.
  - b. Click the "Sign In" button.
  - c. Go to Step #4 below.

If you DO NOT have an online King Soopers/City Market account setup:

- a. Click "Create an account" link located under the Sign In buttons (see image below).
- b. Enter your Zip Code.
- c. Enter your Email Address.
- d. Enter your Email Address again to confirm the email address entered.
- e. Enter a Password. It must have at least 8 characters, with at least 1 letter, and 1 number.
- f. Enter your First Name.
- g. Enter your Last Name.

### Create an Account

**1**

Your Location

**2**

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

First Name

Last Name

### Sign In

Sign in to your existing Kroger account.

Email Address

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If you already have a Sooper Card/Value Card:

- i. Enter in the Value Card # field, the 12 or 13-digit card's number that appears on the back, left, bottom corner of the card, below the bar code.
- ii. OR Enter the 10-digit phone number that you previously associated with the card.
- iii. At the checkout stand, give your card to the cashier to scan, or swipe your card on the credit card machine, to receive the 'Value Customer' discounts on your bill.

### Already Have a Value Card or Alt ID?

When you add your Value Card number or Alt ID to your account, you can access hundreds of digital coupons, track your savings, check your fuel points, and more!

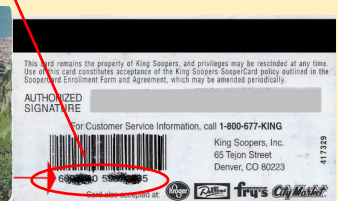
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[Or, Create Your Alt ID Online](#)

Yes! Email me personalized offers, and hundreds of dollars in savings!  
Note: You'll still receive account-related emails and a welcome email if you choose not to receive promotional emails.

Based on my purchase history and browsing behavior on The Kroger Co. websites and mobile apps, you may share my information to help make advertising and offers I already see on other websites, mobile apps and digital channels more relevant to me. Please note that The Kroger Co. will not share my name, contact information or purchase history with these websites, mobile apps and digital channels.

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If you DO NOT have a Sooper Card or Value Card:

- Click the link "Or, Create Your Alt ID Online".
- Enter your 10-digit phone number (numbers only, no dashes or parenthesis)

iv. At the checkout stand tell the cashier your 10-digit number or enter it on the credit card keypad, to receive the Value Customer discounts on your bill.

i. Read and check/uncheck the two checkboxes, as you desire, about receiving email offers or sharing your purchase history.

j. Click the "Create Account" button.

4. Link the Denver Samoyed Association to your Community Rewards account:

a. Enter "Denver Samoyed" in the "Find an Organization" search field

b. Click the "Search" button

c. The Search should show this result containing:

Denver Samoyed Association, Inc,  
120 Western Sky Circle, Longmont, CO 80501

d. Click the "Enroll" button that displays inside the square

e. The system will then display the message: "You have been successfully enrolled in Community Rewards" and the Donation Summary will indicate DSA as the organization name that you have specified to receive the donations from your purchases.

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By creating an account, you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#) and our [Privacy and Security](#) policies.

Create Account

6. Email Pam Buhl – DSA's treasurer: queencitysams@gmail.com – to let her know you have completed your enrollment.

Every time you use your Sooper Card or Value Card at the checkout stand to receive grocery discounts and earn fuel points, DSA will benefit from your purchases! The Kroeger Community Rewards program will mail a check quarterly to our club.

## DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE

### DSR Fundraisers:

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes chip and enrollment fee.

To make an appointment: Pam Buhl, 303.915.1725; Linda Kitzman, 303.794.7136; Pam Arnold 719.337.3686

## Smarter Imaging. Better Answers. More Good Days.

Oral tumors are common cancers in dogs, and one of the most important questions at diagnosis is whether the disease has started to spread.

When cancer spreads beyond its original location, it impacts treatment choices and outcomes. Veterinarians depend on this information to customize care. Families need to understand this to prepare for what lies ahead.

Finding those answers isn't always easy. Cancer often spreads locally first, and when it occurs in the mouth, it can invade deeper structures in the head where detection is much harder, creating uncertainty at a time when clarity is most important.

"Oral tumors are common in dogs. What we have a hard time doing is ensuring that we can effectively make sure that there's no evidence of metastasis," said Christopher Pinard, founder of the Toronto Animal Cancer Centre and former professor at the Ontario Veterinary College.

### A Challenge in Diagnosing Spread

In human medicine, physicians often inject a small amount of dye or tracer around a tumor and track its movement through the lymphatic system. This technique helps identify which lymph nodes are most likely to contain metastatic cancer cells.

Veterinarians use a couple of methods to determine whether cancer has spread to nearby lymph nodes, each with its own tradeoffs.

One option is to use a fine needle to collect a small cell sample from the lymph node. This method is quick and minimally invasive, but because it only samples a small part of the node, it can sometimes miss cancer cells.

The other option is to surgically remove lymph nodes near the tumor site for examination in their entirety. This provides the most definitive answers, but it is a more invasive procedure, comes with higher costs, and isn't suitable for every dog.

"And then the lymph node might come back from testing as normal," Dr. Pinard explained. "So we've asked, is that appropriate?"

### Looking at Cancer Through a New Lens

Dr. Pinard and his team at the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College explored a new possibility.

What if a scan could determine whether cancer has already spread to the lymph nodes without needing additional procedures?

Dr. Pinard and his team are exploring this possibility using radiomics, an approach that combines advanced imaging with artificial intelligence to identify patterns invisible to the naked eye.

A radiologist first locates the lymph nodes on a CT scan, then a machine learning model assesses subtle features within those images, learning to distinguish between nodes that contain cancer and those that do not.

While similar techniques have shown promise in human medicine, applying this technology to canine oral tumors is a completely new frontier.

"This work had never been done for this specific purpose before," Dr. Pinard said.

### Encouraging Early Results

To explore this approach, the team studied 50 dogs and closely evaluated 200 lymph nodes, including those known to contain metastatic cancer.

By combining CT imaging with radiomic analysis, they were able to identify patterns that signal whether cancer has spread, demonstrating that this technology can meaningfully distinguish between affected and unaffected lymph nodes.

"These were small numbers, but we were able to correlate CT features in metastatic versus non metastatic lymph nodes," Dr. Pinard said.

These early findings suggest a promising path toward more precise, less invasive ways to assess metastatic disease for dogs with oral tumors.

### The Future of AI in Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Pinard sees this work as just the beginning.

By unlocking rich data from routine medical tests, this approach could extend well beyond identifying metastatic lymph nodes.

Future research may uncover patterns that help predict how a dog will respond to chemotherapy or radiation therapy, or provide earlier insights into overall prognosis.

Simultaneously, his team is working with a diagnostics company to investigate how imaging data can be combined with blood or urine tests to improve cancer detection and guide treatment choices.

For Dr. Pinard, the potential of artificial intelligence lies in its ability to bring greater clarity, accuracy, and confidence to veterinary care.

"It's about doing a better job for patients," he said.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation supports innovative research like this to advance new diagnostic tools, expand treatment possibilities, and create a healthier future for dogs everywhere.

Every discovery brings us one step closer to a world filled with more good days.

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