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Volunteer Needed

Why Do Sled Dogs Run?

New York Times:
February 14, 2010
Editorial Notebook
By VERLYN KLINKENBORG

At 10 degrees, the Minnesota air is just cold enough for the dogs with heavier coats, like the left wheel-dog, who dips his snout in the snow more often than the dogs ahead of him. I am seated in the basket of the sled, as stiff as a quartered moose. Behind me, riding the runner, is the musher, Kelly Murphy. We slow now and then to let the teams behind us stay close, and when we do, the dogs — seven of them, right and left of the gangline hooked to their harnesses — look impatiently at us, haunches quivering, ready to pull and pull again.

We have been sledding down an old portage road, along the lip of a beaver dam, through a tunnel of young white birch with rosy bark, all within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Now we break onto the open ice, wolf tracks looping away to the low, wooded islands in the distance. I take my turn at the handle bow — riding where the musher rides, minding the brake — while Murphy jogs ahead of the dog team. They follow him in a wide curve, cutting a new track that will eventually lead us back to the place on the portage where, overnight, the wolves reduced a deer to a few scraps of hide. We are six miles out from where we started, so this is only a sprint for the team.

I listen to the one-way singsong between Murphy and his dogs, encouragement and caution and admiration. I watch the driving legs ahead of me — 28 of them — on dogs whose frames are small and light, nothing like the creatures I'd imagined. And as we cut through the white ash swamp, hissing across the ice, I find myself wondering, why do sled dogs run?

It is not a matter of driving them. All the work is in pacing them, restraining them. When Murphy stands on the brake and sets the snow hook — a two-pronged anchor — the gangline quivers with tension. The dogs torque forward again before he can shout, "Let's go!" All the one-word answers to my question are too simple: love, joy, duty, obedience.

The dogs were out yesterday, and they'll be out again tomorrow. They don't run for a reward or toward a goal — the greyhound's mechanical rabbit. They get yelled at when they chew on the gangline and petted when the run is over. They don't catch or flee anything. They would keep running if the musher fell off his sled.

The start is a mayhem of yelping and baying and yipping. The finish is 21 dogs, three teams' worth, silently lapping the air with their tongues. And between the two — start and finish — is a reason the dogs describe in the only way they know how, by running and running and never letting the line go slack.

Special points of interest:

- * **March 15th Program: "Estate Planning for Your Pet"**
- * **2011 Specialty Judge Nominations will be taken at the March meeting. Do your research for your choice for the sweepstakes, breed and obedience judges for 2011!**

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Meeting Minutes

01/18/10 - Membership Meeting

Present:

Lori Elvera, Martha Lageschulte, Jamie Powell, Chris Stewart, Sue Wangerin, Tom Lisec, Thalia Peletis, Mary Lloyd, Rachel Paulson and Michael Prewitt.

Guest: Margaret & Alex Hoover, Kelly Oliver

-Meeting was called to order at 07:35 PM by Lori Elvera.

-Review of the 11/16/09 membership meeting minutes for corrections.
Minutes were approved as written.
December minutes were not recorded, but meeting held and the Hoover's application read during that meeting.

-President's Report, Lori Elvera:

Thank all the outgoing officers and board, and thank to the new officers and board.

- Vice President's Report, Michele Sottile Membership:

- Tonight we are voting on the Hoover's membership. Background on the Hoover's:
 - They purchased a puppy from Lori Elvera 6 years ago and have recently moved to Colorado after getting married.
 - They worked the trial.
- Mary Lloyd motioned "I motion to approve Alex and Margaret's membership into DSA". Motion seconded. They were unanimously approved for membership.
- Lori will remind Michele to send the Hoover's a new membership packet.

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:

No Report.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Michael Prewitt:

- I will prepare the SCA Local Color by the end of the month for the SCA Bulletin.
- Lori received some correspondence from AKC that she passed around including if we want to appoint an AKC liaison for dog legislations issues. Lori will complete the paperwork and include our Legislation Committee chairperson as our liaison.

-Treasurer's Report, Tom Lisec:

- 2010 Agility trial net profit: \$3903.71
- Grocery certificate fundraiser net profit: \$3505.00
- 2009 End of Year bank balances:
 - General Fund: \$18288.61
 - Rescue Fund: \$15614.14
- Jane Reller Memorial Fund: \$2,659 donations received at the end of 2009.
- 2009 Final Audit report shown in SOG. The information will be sent to Ed Sledzik to file our Federal 990 Tax Year Return.

-Committee Reports

Agility – Michele Sottile

Martha - Agility Yahoo group listed multiple compliments on our trial:

- "I want to thank the Sammie club and Dave Nauer [trial judge] for a truly fun set of agility trials. Dave's courses lived up to his reputation for wonderful flow. And the Sammie club, well, they don't hold back on anything. They have so many club members pitching in that it was hard to find a place to work. And they all had these delightful smiles on their faces any time I talked to any of them."
- "The Sammie Club trial is always fun and the club members REALLY get in and work. They seem to be everywhere. Dave Nauer put up great courses as always. Thank you."
- "Thanks to the Sammie Club for another wonderful, well organized trial. Always one of my favorite trials. I love seeing all the members of that club show up and help make it a success."
- Don Hansen the videographer stated "DSA has set the bar that all other agility clubs need to held up to".

Awards – Mary Lloyd

No report.

Breeder Referral – Katherine Metter

Thalia for Kathi – Please let Kathi know if you are planning or have a litter, or an any older dogs that you need to place. Cheer - Terry Walb

No report.

Designated Specialty '10 – Mary Lloyd

Mary asked who has the tablecloth linens for the trophy table. Lori E. has them.

Historian/Librarian – Tom Lisec

New additions to the library will be placed in the upcoming Sam-O-Gram.

Hospitality –

Volunteers for Hospitality subcommittees:

Agility – Lori Elvera (Note, this budget is part of the agility trial, and not under the Hospitality committee budget).
Specialty Match – Alex & Margaret Hoover
Local Specialty – Rachel Paulson
Holiday Party – Linda Kitzman. December club meeting Date pending the Eukanuba shows.

Local Specialty(2010) – Jamie Powell

- Jamie asked "What is the budget for the Local Specialty?"
- Jamie asked if we needed to hire a Jr. Showmanship judge as we have done in the past. The answer was no, since our breed judge Jeanne Nonhof will handle Jr. Showmanship judging.
- Obedience Judge is still needed to be hired. Martha suggested to ask Evergreen KC for the name of their obedience judge. Martha will also contact Pat Maynard and find out how much she charges for 5 or less entries.
- Lori reminded Jamie to reiterate to the liaison the ring location and grooming area. Also, ask if the show photographer could be located somewhere else in the facility. Last year's location caused a significant amount of congestion near the entrance to our ring, and non-DSA mem-

bers/exhibitors were helping themselves to our hospitality table's offering while waiting to take their pictures.

- The show application is pending due to selection of the obedience. The application is due in March.
- Volunteers for Specialty Subcommittee:
 - Mary Lloyd - Trophy Chair
 - Rachel Paulson – Hospitality. Lori suggested that our Agility Caterer has catered up in Greeley and he can be up there legally. Rachel will investigate.
 - Lori Elvera - Rosettes

Local Specialty(2011) – Volunteer Needed No report.

Program – Mary Lloyd/Chris Stewart

- Mary announced that in the latest SCA At Your Service, there are new guidelines for herding. The rules indicate we need to videotape the session if not an accredited trial. Mary asks the members to read the AYS to confirm that regulation.
- Mary will follow-up with Diana McQuarrie for a Pet Therapy program.
- In March, we are schedule to have an Estate Planning for our Pets program organized by Jamie Powell!
- Mary asked if people might be interested in a beginning agility clinic. She will research the possibility.

Public Education – Michele Sottile

We will take part at the Plum Creek Kennel Club's Meet the Breeds event at the February shows. Our time slot is 1PM for 1 hour. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this event, please contact Michele.

Sam-O-Gram/Web Site – Thalia Peletis

- In the January issue the 2009 Annual DSA Awards report, 2009 Rescue Report, and 2009 Final Audit Report were included.
- Thank you to all the people that send me interesting articles to include in the newsletter. It really saves me time to put the newsletter together.

Sammy Rescue – Andi Mast

Please see the newsletter for the 2009 Annual Rescue Report.

- We had 14 placements.
- We did have to euthanize one senior dog, since it was determined after we took her into our program, that she had cancer that had already metastasized.
- We have one dog, Beau a 6 yr-old male, still available for adoption that came into our program on Nov 2009.

Specialty Match – Volunteer Needed. No report.

-Unfinished Business:

None

-New Business:

DSA Recognition Ad into the SCA Bulletin Ad. For years 2002-2009, the club submitted a SCA Bulletin ad that appeared in the Spring issue, which included member's dogs that they have bred or owned, which have earned AKC

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or SCA titles in the year prior or placed/won at the National Specialty in the year prior to recognize this achievement. Thalia has put together this ad for 7 years and asked for a break. She stated it is a very time consuming effort. The discussion amongst the members present felt that the members who had accomplishments with their dogs typically place their own individual ads and given the time effort and expense (~\$200), it was time to retire the ad. Motion: "The club will not submit an ad for 2009 titlists and SCA 2009 placements in the SCA Bulletin". Motion second. Motion approved.

Club banner. Lori researched the cost for a new club banner. Camera ready artwork, color banner, 4' x 6' – 1st bid \$136 and 2nd bid was \$180 + \$30 setup fee. Lori is waiting back to here from the first bidder if there is an additional setup fee.

Pet insurance seminar. Members expressed interest in a Pet Insurance program. Tom had found out the only way to get information is online. There are no insurance representatives. Tom said he would provide information to post in the Sam-O-Gram.

January Meeting Location and Time. Question posed "What about holding the January meeting at the agility trial after the close of the trial?" The poll of the members present: yes! Motion presented and tabled for vote at the April meeting "Change the January 2011 meeting location and time to follow the January 2011 agility trial."

Library update. Tom reported that Julie Morris donated 2 Jon Katz books. The author lives in upstate NY who writes about this interactions with his animals. They are fascinating reads. Lori will also look into another training book. Lori had forwarded a book suggestion to Tom about Puppy Intensive Care. Tom will look into it purchasing it for the club. **Just let Tom know if you are interested in any of the materials contained in our library:**
www.denversamoyed.org/Library.htm

Mary asked to request a later show time when submitting entries for PCKC / CKC shows.

\$25 Grocery Card door prize won by Michael Prewitt.

-Barks and Growls:

Martha Lageschulte: At SCLA specialty, Karma received Best Opposite Sex and at the following Sunday show she also got Best Opposite Sex. At the DSA Agility trial she earned her AX title and Earned her MAJ title.

Michael congratulated the group for a job well done at the Agility Trial.

-Meeting was adjourned at 09:00 PM.

01/18/10 – Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Lori Elvera, Tom Lisce, Martha Lageschulte, Sue Wangerin, Chris Stewart, Thalia Peletis, Mary Lloyd, Michael Prewitt

-Meeting called to order by 7:20 PM.

-President's Report, Lori Elvera:

No Report

- Vice President's Report, Michele Sottile

No Report

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:

No Report.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Michael Prewitt:

No Report.

- Treasurer's Report, Tom Lisec:

Donna Dannen's membership. Tom says that Donna reported she paid her dues in cash at the 2008 holiday party, but he does not recall. In addition, he also has her dues check for 2010, so he asked the board for guidance. Martha motioned "Since Donna Dannen's 2009 dues payment was in cash, we have to assume she paid, and we will accept her dues check for 2010 with no interruption in her membership status". 2nd by Chris. Motion approved.

Tom stated in the past year, we had several activities that exceeded the amount designated or budgeted. Board's response, let's conduct a separate Board meeting to review our financial activity, minimum 5 year comparison report. Date proposed: January 30th, 2PM at Sue Wangerin's neighborhood clubhouse.

-Unfinished business.

None.

-New Business

None.

-Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM

01/30/10 – Board Meeting

Present: Lori Elvera, Michele Sottile, Tom Lisec, Martha Lageschulte, Sue Wangerin, Chris Stewart, Thalia Peletis, Mary Lloyd, Michael Prewitt

Meeting called to order by 6:40 PM.

-President's Report, Lori Elvera:

No report

- Vice President's Report, Michele Sottile

No Report

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:

No Report.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Michael Prewitt:

No Report.

- Treasurer's Report, Tom Lisec:

No Report

-Unfinished business.

Club Banner. Lori reported that she has had no response after two weeks regarding the additional setup fee charge from the company that gave her the 2nd bid for the club banner. She will move forward with the first company. Lori motioned: "Permission to move forward with the purchase of a new club banner". Motion seconded and approved.

Thalia stated that rescue also needs a new banner to reflect our current DSR logo. Martha agreed to help the rescue committee design a banner this year that incorporates the current logo.

-New Business

Per our existing Committee Guidelines, the January Board meeting agenda includes reviewing and analyzing the past year's financial activity.

Modification to Committee Guidelines.

Before the analysis began, Tom suggested that we add to our existing Committee Guidelines (reprinted below as originally approved by the membership in 1994), a statement on how a Chairperson can acquire more information to help them prepare their budget for the upcoming year. In brackets [] below is the additional text that motioned and approved by tonight's Board.

Committee Guidelines Budget

Financial and activity reports are due to be turned in by the December meeting. These reports should give a detailed budget of the year of the profits/losses and expenses incurred. Also an activity report of what was accomplished, the strengths and weaknesses, and what should be continued or deleted in the future should be included.

These reports are to be delivered (in person or mailed) to the President by the December meeting. These reports are to be compiled and copies are to be given to the new Board members at the January Board meeting to be discussed and analyzed.

Any non-committee generated profits are to be included in the Ways and Means report. Members responsible for generating this income are responsible for getting a written report to the Ways and Means chairperson in a timely fashion. All monies are to go directly to the Treasurer. For example, stewarding, training classes, grocery coupons, clinics, etc.

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Refer to the by-laws for spending guidelines.

Estimated budgets are due to the President by the April meeting from the new chair people. These budget reports are to be given by the President to the Board at the May Board meeting. [New chair people are encouraged to consult with past chairs, and/or any Board member, for guidance on their committee, including help with preparing their estimated budget. The budget should include the committee's anticipated income and expenses for the ensuing year by taking into consideration the goals the committee wishes to accomplish. Past year's committee financial reports may be viewed on the club web site or by requesting them from the club's Treasurer].

Communication

All events organized by a committee are to be announced to the general membership, so all members can take part. Any form of media to be used (flyers, banners, etc.) must list the Denver Samoyed Association as the sponsoring club.

Any topics evoking general membership interest to be taking place at committee meetings (voting, judge selections, public relations, etc.) is to be published in the meeting reminder section of the Sam-O-Gram. The Sam-O-Gram Editor must have the information by the first of the month.

If phone calls need to be made to the general membership, complete information must be shared amongst all members. It is suggested that a written agenda to be followed and given to all members called.

Violators of these guidelines are answerable to the Board.

Guidelines may be amended by suggestions by the general membership through the Board.

Board Review of Prior Year's Financial Activity.

Prior to tonight's meeting, a spreadsheet was prepared by Thalia and Tom containing a multi-year comparison by Budget Year, starting with 2004 through 2010 Year to Date. This report contains the same information as published in the Sam-O-Gram's January issue, Year End Final Audit Report → Budget Year section, but it shows multiple years instead of just one year. The intent was so that the Board could see patterns in spending by a committee across multiple years. In addition, the report shows the net gain or loss for the year.

The feedback from the Board was that the above report was a very useful tool to use for

this annual review. It was decided that in addition to the year-end audit report, that this report be appended with the year-end results. Also, this report will be published to the club's web site in the Members Only → Treasurer's Report section.

In general, DSA is in excellent financial condition. The multi-year report showed an average net profit of \$2471 over the years 2004 through 2009. In addition, DSA continues to demonstrate an inordinate ability to raise funds through hard work and commitment to the agility trial, as well as their support of the grocery certificate fundraiser. The Board and the Committees consistently demonstrate conscientious choices when handling club financial assets. However, the concern was raised that the amount of money currently in our General Fund coffers is more than needed to support our activities. Therefore, the challenge now is for DSA to learn how to spend the surplus money wisely.

To give some perspective, Thalia mentioned that in 2004 with just \$4500 (including grocery certificates) in the General Fund we were able to conduct an Agility Trial, Local Specialty, Designated Specialty, and Specialty Match; publish a newsletter and web site; sponsor year-end awards for our members; and make a nominal donation to SCARF and the SCA National Trophy fund. At 2009 year-end, we had four times that amount in our General Fund and the only additional items we have added is more hospitality-related, club-funded events for our members, and some increases to our donations.

So, based on this historical data, our current financial portfolio, and our continuing ability to raise money, the Board voted and approved the following:

- 1) Modify the Committee Spending Limits. **(See section below called Modification to Committee Spending Limits).**
- 2) When a committee has an expenditure that exceeds their spending limit, the Board may opt to conduct a vote of the expenditure via phone/email communication, if waiting for the regular Board meeting is not timely enough. This will ensure the Board's involvement, but instill the flexibility needed to react to a committee's needs in a timely manner.
- 3) For committees that are composed of subcommittees, all expenditures must first be reviewed and approved by the Committee Chairperson, before the bill is paid by the Treasurer. Examples of committees that contain subcommittees (Local Specialty subcommittees: Trophy, Ribbons, etc, Agility Trial subcommittees: Food & Beverages, Ribbons, etc).
- 4) If, at the annual Board financial review meeting it is determined a profit was made the previous year, the Board will decide how that surplus is used. Options include

1) donate a part to a charitable cause, 2) commit a portion to reward and reinvest in its membership (e.g. via a fun activity, DSA jacket, etc), 3) all the above, or 4) none of the above. In addition, this year-end decision on the surplus amount does not preclude other donations, or activities to enhance the benefits of club membership from occurring throughout the course of the year. It is simply an agenda item for the Board's Annual Meeting to keep the amount of monies we have in reserves in balance with what is actually needed to support the club's activities.

In response to point # 4 above, although in 2009 we had a small net loss of \$683, our average profit from 2004 through 2009 was \$2,471, so Thalia motioned "DSA makes a \$1000 donation to SCARF." Discussion followed the motion. The Board wanted to learn a little more about SCARF. Lori explained that the research studies are specific genetic research projects for the Samoyed breed and suggested they view the SCARF web site for more details: www.samoyedhealthfoundation.org.

Mary commented that the club seems too restrictive with its money. Thalia stated that instituting a year-end review of profits generated is a good initial step toward balancing our reserves against charitable donations and reinvestments efforts for our club members. Examples of charitable donations include SCARF, Morris Animal Foundation, or crisis-related donations for animal shelters that are aiding animals after natural disasters, etc. Examples of reinvestment efforts for our club members include a club-funded holiday party, movie night, DSA-logo jackets, etc.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Modification to Committee Spending Limits.

On July 14, 2003 the Board passed the following motion for spending limit guidelines on individual expenditures:

"Given our current club's assets, our ability to raise funds fairly readily, and inflation, the following motion was approved by the Board to modify the committee spending limit guidelines as follows:

The maximum spending limit allowed without Board approval is:

- Local Specialty and Rescue committees – increase limit to \$1000
- Ways & Means committee – Grocery Certificate purchases only – increase limit to \$3000.
- All other committees remain at \$200 limit.

As long as the expense does not cause the overall:

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- General fund bank balance plus grocery certificate balance to fall below \$750.
- Rescue fund bank balance to fall below \$5000.

If the club's asset's decrease drastically and/or our ability to raise funds is reduced, then the spending limits will be reviewed by the Board and adjusted accordingly."

At the time this motion was made we had roughly \$4500 in the General Fund assets. At 2009 year-end, we had approximately four times that amount, ~\$18,000 in the General Fund, and our fundraisers continue to be supported by the membership and are successful. Therefore the Board has modified the individual expenditure spending limit to account for the changes in grocery certificate purchases (now buying \$5000 at a time to obtain the maximum discount), agility and local trial expenditures for judges and secretary fees, rescue purchases for fundraiser inventory and general inflation that affected other committees.

On 11/16/09, the Board motioned and approved the following motion:

"The [General Fund] Treasury including unsold Grocery Certificates should not fall below \$10,000 without Board approval.

To combine the intent of these motions and update the limits for today's conditions, the Board motioned and approved the following motion which supersedes the previous motions.

"Given our current club's assets, our ability to raise funds fairly readily, and inflation, the following motion was approved by the Board to modify the committee spending limit guidelines as follows:

The maximum spending limit allowed without Board approval is:

- 1) *Local Specialty and Rescue committees – increase limit to \$2500*
- 2) *Ways & Means committee – Grocery Certificate purchases only – increase limit to \$5000.*
- 3) *All other committees remain at \$500 limit.*

As long as the expense does not cause the overall:

- *General fund bank balance plus grocery certificate balance to fall below \$10,000.*
- *Rescue fund bank balance to fall below \$5000.*

If the club's asset's decrease drastically and/or our ability to raise funds is reduced, then the spending limits will be reviewed by the Board and adjusted accordingly."

Separate Annual Board Meeting for Finance Reviews

The general consensus was that holding a separate Board meeting (i.e. not held after the regular membership meeting) to review the prior year's financial activity is beneficial. It allows more time for analysis of the new Multi-Year Budget Comparison Report. It is recommended that future Boards also hold separate finance meetings which are open to all members desiring to participate.

-Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM

Library News!

New library acquisitions!

Puppy Intensive Care: A Breeder's Guide to care of Newborn puppies

Author - Myra Savant-Harris

If puppies are on the way, you want those newborns to have the best possible chance of survival and good health. Learn how to administer simple but effective measures to help puppies in distress if you cannot call upon the services of a vet in a timely manner. What you need to know when you most need to know it delivered in friendly, non-technical terms from a long-time breeder. Comes with a 32 minute DVD to better illustrate the techniques recommended.

Dog Days: Dispatches from Bedlam Farm

Author – Jon Katz

In this "New York Times"-bestselling book, Katz chronicles his transformation from a suburban New Jersey dog owner to squire of Bedlam Farm, and shares his experiences of life with animals--what they teach us, and what they bring out in us. A generous donation from Julie Morris.

Izzy & Lenore : Two Dogs, an Unexpected Journey, and Me

Author – Jon Katz

In his previous books, "New York Times"-bestselling author Katz introduced readers to the delightful menagerie at Bedlam Farm, including Izzy, the unforgettable rescued border collie. Now, Katz delves deeper into his connection with the beautiful, once-abandoned dog. A generous donation from Julie Morris.



Interested in checking this book out? Just contact Tom at lise44@msn.com / 303-741-5778!

To view all the selections in our library visit our Library page on our club's web site:
<http://www.denversamoyed.org/LendingLibrary.htm>

DSA Designated Specialty Results

On February 12, 2010 DSA held its 7th Designated Specialty show together with Plum Creek Kennel Club!

DSA Show Chairperson: Mary Lloyd

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Jan Warner

Puppy Dogs: 6 < 9 mos.

- 1 - HYMN SINGER'S VIKING SONG
Nancy Parker
- 2 - POLAR MIST PARTY AT LUNASEA
Helen Chen

Puppy Dogs: 9 < 12 mos.

- 1 - KRYSTALL'S HIGH COUNTRY BARON
William Brummel

Puppy Dogs: 12 < 15 mos.

- 1 - KRYSTALL'S GOES GAMBLIN WITH
SANORKA
Nancy Golden

Junior Dogs: 15 < 18 mos.

- 1 - DENKA'S WHEREFORE ART THOU
Katherine, Taylor & Whitney Karamigios-Metter

Puppy Bitches: 6 < 9 mos.

- 1 - SING GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE R
SPOKEN
Kent Dannen

Puppy Bitches: 9 < 12 mos.

- 1 - WHITESTAR'S LAND OF ENCHANTMENT
Anne O'Neill
- 2 - SILVERPLUME'S LOOK WHO'S TALKING
Tom & Krisit Schopfer
- 3 - KRYSTALL'S VALKYRIE OF
WOODHAVEN
Heather Wendt
- 4 - KRYSTALL'S RIPPLIN' WATERS
Carole Selleck & Nancy Golden

Junior Bitches: 15 < 18 mos.

- 1 - DOUBLE HELIX LIZZIE BLIZZARD
Lynn & Kevin Foley &
Robin Dunahugh-Ralston
- 2 - DENKAS ESKIMO KISS
Katherine, Taylor & Whitney
Karamigios-Metter
- 3 - DENKA'S MYTHICAL SILVER LINING
Thalia Peletis & Katherine Metter

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes:

WHITESTAR'S LAND OF ENCHANTMENT
Anne O'Neill

Best Opposite Sex to BIS Puppy Sweeps:

KRYSTALL'S GOES GAMBLIN WITH
SANORKA
Nancy Golden

Conformation—Regular Classes

Judge: Larry Chu

Puppy Dogs: 6 < 9 mos.

- 1 - HYMN SINGER'S VIKING SONG
Nancy Parker
- 2 - POLAR MIST PARTY AT LUNASEA
Helen Chen

Puppy Dogs: 9 < 12 mos.

- 1 - KRYSTALL'N BRAVEHEART'S PERFECT
STORM
Mary Lee Lloyd
- 2 - KRSYTALL'S POLARIS AT CHINOOK
STAR
Barry & Kathleen Weaver & Nancy Golden
- 3 - KRYSTALL'S HIGH COUNTRY BARON
William Brummel

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - T-SNOW STAR'S BEYOND THE LEGEND
Mary Jo Willdigg & Lindsey Ragsdale
- 2 - KRYSTALL'S GOES GAMBLIN WITH
SANORKA
Nancy Golden
- 3 - SILVERADO'S SOLSTICE SHAMAN
Sally Jack Wheeler
- 4 - BRAVEHEART'S DON'T FENCE ME IN
Mary Lee Lloyd

Open Dogs

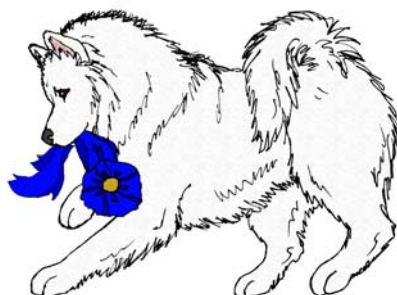
- 1 - T-SNOW STAR'S RIGHT ON CUE
Amanda & Daniel Plank & M J Willdigg &
L Ragsdale
- 2 - CLOUDNINE TICKET TO RIDE
Michele Sottile & Janet Cherne
- 3 - DENKA'S WHEREFORE ART THOU
Katherine, Taylor & Whitney Karamigios-Metter
- 4 - NORTHMOOR ONE FOR THE ROAD
Kathleen Conway & Teresa Elliott

Winners Dog:

T-SNOW STAR'S BEYOND THE LEGEND
Mary Jo Willdigg & Lindsey Ragsdale

Reserve Winners Dog:

T-SNOW STAR'S RIGHT ON CUE
Amanda & Daniel Plank & M J Willdigg &
L Ragsdale



Puppy Bitches: 6 < 9 mos.

- 1 - BRAVEHEART'S MOUNTAIN MIST AT
TAKHARI
Shanan Streweler & Mary Lee Lloyd
- 2 - KRYSTALL'S RIPPLIN' WATERS
Carole Selleck & Nancy Golden
- 3 - KRYSTALL'S VALKYRIE OF
WOODHAVEN
Heather Wendt
- 4 - WHITESTAR'S LAND OF ENCHANTMENT
Anne O'Neill

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - ANGELBEARS TOTEM SPIRIT
Shannon Ballard & Tana Clark
- 2 - TRILOGY'S DEVIL WEARS PRADA
Julia & Carol Beatty
- 3 - T-SNOW STAR'S ONCE UPON A TIME
Mary Jo Willdigg & Lindsey Ragsdale
- 4 - SING GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE R
SPOKEN
Kent Dannen

Open Bitches (1 absent)

- 1 - DENKA'S MYTHICAL SILVER LINING
Thalia Peletis & Katherine Metter
- 2 - TAIGA RUN'S SPLENDOR IN THE
GRASS
Michele Schmitt
- 3 - NORTHMOOR'S CASTING SPELLS RE
Denice Norby & Kathryn Kudron & Kathleen
Conway
- 4 - CLOUDNINE'S ATTITUDE MATTERS
Terry & Butch Walb & Janet Cherne &
Julie Morris

Winners Bitch:

DENKA'S MYTHICAL SILVER LINING
Thalia Peletis & Katherine Metter

Reserve Winners Bitch:

TAIGA RUN'S SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS
Michele Schmitt

Best of Breed:

CH BRAVEHEART'S STORM CLOUD
Mary Lee Lloyd

Best of Opposite Sex:

CH STARQUEST'S WHAT COMES AROUND
AX AXJ
Martha Lageschulte & Andi & Robert Mast

Best Puppy

BRAVEHEART'S MOUNTAIN MIST AT
TAKHARI
Shanan Streweler & Mary Lee Lloyd

What your Show Ribbons Could be Worth Some Day!

Check out the value of this ribbon quilt! If you are crafty, consider saving your show ribbons and sewing a fun quilt like this!

What Is It? What Is It Worth?

*Our antiques specialist,
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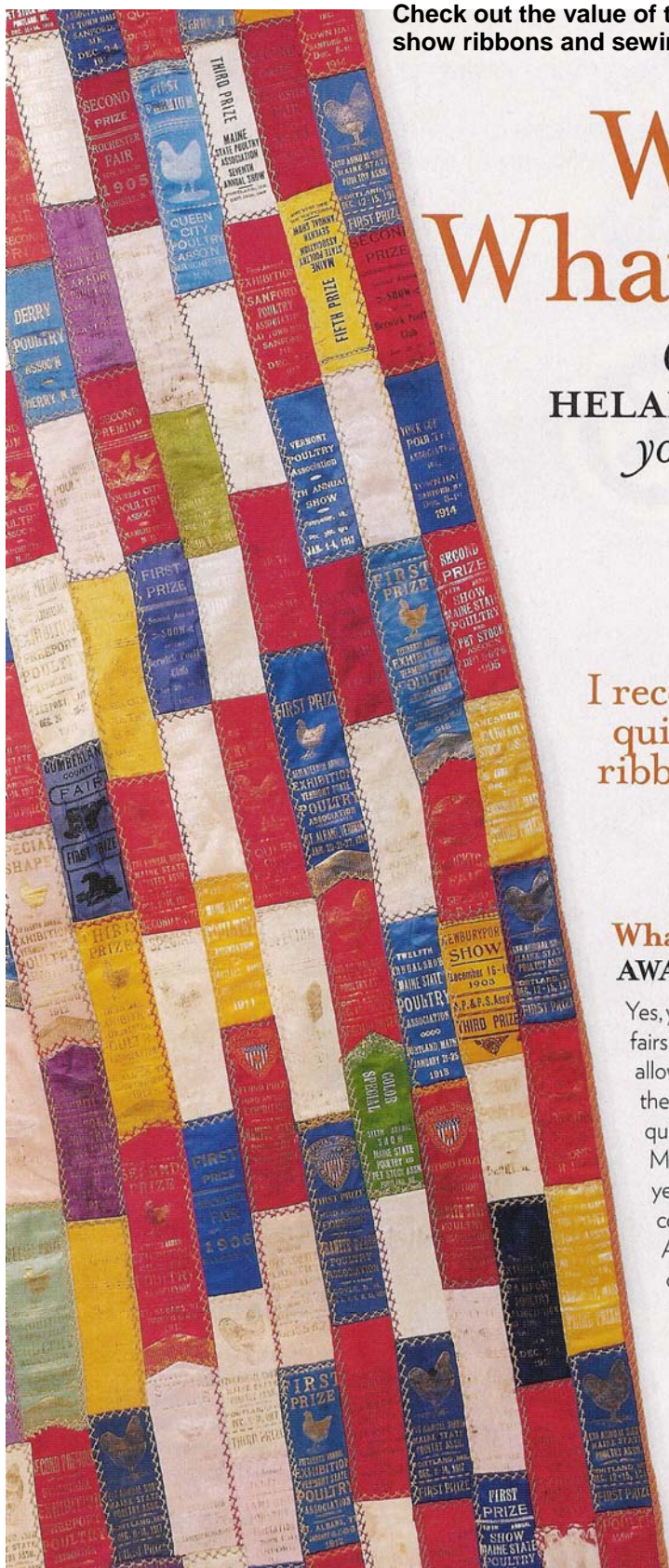
I recently bought this 54- by 42-inch quilt, sewn from agricultural-award ribbons, for \$85 at a Maine antiques shop. Is my find a prize?

—C.H., Bethlehem, New Hampshire

What it is: EARLY 1900s POULTRY AWARDS QUILT

Yes, your quilt's quite winning! Beginning in the early 1800s, agricultural fairs in the United States—like the ones where these ribbons originated—allowed farmers to socialize, view exhibits of new tools, and enter their produce and livestock in competitions. The person who won this quilt's ribbons owned chickens that ruled the roost at contests in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont between the years 1902 and 1918. Those dates, along with the blanket's polished cotton backing, indicate that your find comes from the early 20th century. According to Laura Fisher of Fisher Heritage, a New York City dealer in antique quilts, "This piece has charm because of the wide variety of poultry shows represented, the various levels of achievement, and the fact that the ribbons are legible and dated." If the seamstress had assembled the colors in a stronger graphic pattern, your quilt might bring up to \$2,000. Nevertheless, you got a great deal on a beautiful example of folk art.

What it's worth: \$500



FDA Launches Pet Food Recall Site

A workman's hard hat, mold and thiamine deficiencies all led to pet food recalls near the end of 2009. Now you can access a new Web site to find out about all pet food recalls—almost as soon as they are announced.

Launched recently by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring, Md.), the pet food-specific site lists recalls as they are announced as well as recalls dating to Jan. 1, 2006. Users can click on more than 100 brand names listed to find recall numbers and additional information. In addition, they can search by brand name, pet type—cat, dog or horse—or combinations of those.

Users also may download a list of all recalled products in an Excel spreadsheet.

Nearly 1,000 entries had been posted at press time.

Food recalls, which can be voluntary, may be related to a variety

of incidents. For example, Nutro Products Inc. (Franklin, Tenn.) in early October announced a voluntary recall after an employee's plastic hard hat was sucked into the production machinery. Later in the month, Diamond Pet Foods (Meta, Mo.) voluntarily recalled some of its cat foods because of a lack of thiamine, also known as vitamin B1, which can lead to neurological problems in felines. And Wysong Corp. (Midland, Mich.), which makes natural and holistic pet foods, announced a voluntary recall in October because of batches that contained "above acceptable moisture levels and may contain mold."

Find the FDA's searchable recall list and more information at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/newpetfoodrecalls/>. In addition, you can find consumer-friendly information from all federal agencies that deal with food and food safety, including alerts on food recalls, at www.foodsafety.gov. [December 2009 PET AGE]

The Myth of the Humane Society of the United States

Editor's Note: Ron Manor, *Samoyed Club of Washington State / Northwest Sams Rescue coordinator and webmaster*, contacted the author of this article to receive permission to reprint the article which is included in this link: www.nwsams.com/themyth and is also reprinted below.

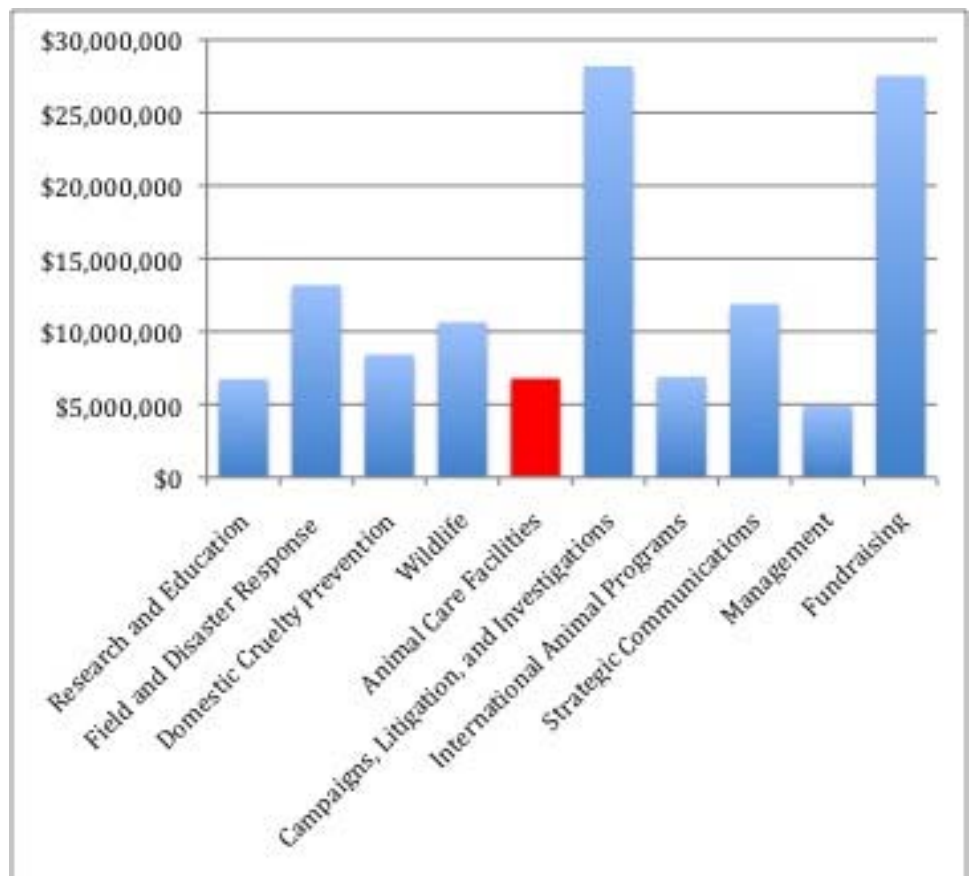
By John Dillard

I recently viewed a commercial for the Humane Society of the United States. It contained footage of pets suffering from abuse. The footage of dirty cats with split ears to dogs visibly suffering from neglect and malnourishment was intended to tug at the heartstrings of anyone with half a heart. In addition to the animal footage, the commercial featured the actress Wendie Malick (of *Just Shoot Me* fame) asking the viewers to commit to a \$19 monthly pledge to help save these animals from abuse and neglect. The tone of the commercial indicates the funds raised by the ad campaign would ostensibly be used to fund animal rescue efforts and animal adoption services.

For less than a dollar a day, it seems

like a common sense move for a pet lover with disposable income to contribute to the HSUS. Who doesn't like

the idea of an organization dedicated to rescuing animals from neglect?



The Myth of the Humane Society of the United States

There is one minor detail left out of these commercials. The Humane Society of the United States is not a large network of animal shelters, as it would have you to believe. In fact, the HSUS does not own, operate, or directly control a single animal shelter in our country. Instead, it is primarily a special interest lobby that is clever and shrewd enough to capitalize on the good name of local "humane societies" which actually do the good work of taking in strays and finding suitable adoptive homes for unwanted pets.

While most local animal shelters scrimp and scrape to collect enough funds to cover overhead, the HSUS has a healthy budget of well over \$100 million. According to their most recent annual report (2008), \$6.7 million, or 5.4% of their \$125 million budget was spent on animal shelters. The bulk of the balance was spent on fundraising, campaigns, lawsuits, propaganda, and salaries.

2008 HSUS Expenditures (2008 HSUS Annual Report)

Deception notwithstanding, the HSUS has cornered the market on the animal rights movement. It has wrestled the lead in the animal rights world from PETA, and does not appear likely to give it back. PETA is a highly visible, yet it is destined for the fringe due to its radical approach. Throwing red paint on fur coats or having B-list bombshells pose nude save a few leaves of lettuce is sure to garner attention, but it is not enough to open the hearts and wallets of middle

America. To be sure, HSUS shares the same goals as PETA, namely the eradication of animal agriculture in the United States. However, HSUS learned valuable lessons from PETA's radical approach, thus we have the lady from *Just Shoot Me* pleading for donations.

The HSUS' calculated approach is largely successful. Unable to gain traction in state legislatures and Congress, it has taken to ballot measures and referendums for its boldest initiatives. This method of legislation suits their mass-appeal approach much better than lobbying legislators who must analyze facts and balance the interests of their constituents. HSUS can frame the issue and develop a campaign that gives the casual voter an impression that voting "Yes" on a ballot initiative is the right thing to do. This was the case with California and Proposition 2 in 2008.

Proposition 2, widely overshadowed by Proposition 8, was a ballot initiative that would impact animal husbandry practices for swine, poultry, and dairy farms, with most of the burden resting on egg layers and pork producers. HSUS poured millions into PR for the ballot initiative and attracted the support of all manners of celebrity, including a special on *Ellen*. The measure passed with 63% of the vote and will take effect in 2015. HSUS declared it a resounding victory and vows to move on to the next battle.

Herein lies the problem with the HSUS. As a national lobbying organization with a large war chest, they are

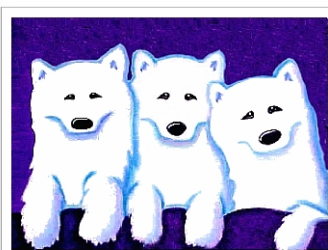
able to successfully lobby for mandated changes in animal rearing practices from afar. After their victory, they can pop the champagne and *move on* to the next adventure. Meanwhile, their targets are left to deal with the consequences. The majority of California egg and pork producers will not change *how* they raise their animals as a result of Prop 2. Instead, they will cease to raise animals as a result of Prop. 2. California farmers will have scramble to pay down the millions in debt they owe on expensive, sophisticated, and safe housing for animals they will not be able to raise after 2015. California consumers will pay more to have pork and eggs hauled in, increasing the food miles of their breakfast and moving their food dollars further away from their community.

Perhaps if the Humane Society of the United States used its resources towards the animal shelters it would like you to believe it operates in the communities it seeks to regulate by fiat, there would be a more collaborative and productive dialogue on issues of animal welfare.

If you would like to donate to a LOCAL animal shelter, please use ShelterFinder.info to find a shelter near you.

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2010 Treasury Report

General Fund						
Beginning General Fund Bank Balance			\$18,744.61			
Beginning General Fund Outstanding Checks (from 2009)			(\$456.00)			
2009 Checks Voided in 2010			\$56.00			
Beginning Grocery Certificates Balance			\$0.00			
Total Beginning Balance			\$18,344.61			
	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2010 (2010 Committee Reports)		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Agility						
Entry Fees	\$10,961.00	\$488.00	\$10,473.00	\$10,961.00	\$444.00	\$10,517.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$700.00	(\$700.00)	\$0.00	\$700.00	(\$700.00)
Food & Beverages	\$0.00	\$647.33	(\$647.33)	\$0.00	\$647.33	(\$647.33)
Judge's Fees	\$0.00	\$1,028.38	(\$1,028.38)	\$0.00	\$1,028.38	(\$1,028.38)
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$100.40	(\$100.40)	\$0.00	\$48.00	(\$48.00)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$173.34	(\$173.34)	\$0.00	\$173.34	(\$173.34)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$1,944.00	(\$1,944.00)	\$0.00	\$2,144.00	(\$2,144.00)
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$485.00	(\$485.00)	\$0.00	\$1,170.00	(\$1,170.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$390.21	(\$390.21)	\$0.00	\$390.21	(\$390.21)
Secretary Fees	\$0.00	\$1,302.24	(\$1,302.24)	\$0.00	\$1,302.24	(\$1,302.24)
T-Shirts	\$45.50	\$220.25	(\$174.75)	\$45.50	\$220.25	(\$174.75)
Agility Total	\$11,006.50	\$6,778.75	\$3,627.75	\$11,006.50	\$7,667.75	\$2,738.75
Cheer						
Cards	\$0.00	\$45.73	(\$45.73)	\$0.00	\$45.73	(\$45.73)
Ink Cartridge	\$0.00	\$65.55	(\$65.55)	\$0.00	\$65.55	(\$65.55)
Labels	\$0.00	\$13.42	(\$13.42)	\$0.00	\$13.42	(\$13.42)
Cheer Total	\$0.00	\$124.70	(\$124.70)	\$0.00	\$124.70	(\$124.70)
Designated Specialty						
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$212.95	(\$212.95)	\$0.00	\$212.55	(\$212.55)
Designated Specialty Total	\$0.00	\$212.95	(\$212.95)	\$168.00	\$227.95	(\$227.95)
Hospitality						
Club Meeting	\$0.00	\$53.09	(\$53.09)	\$0.00	\$53.09	(\$53.09)
Hospitality Total	\$0.00	\$53.09	(\$53.09)	\$0.00	\$53.09	(\$53.09)
Library : Books/Video	\$0.00	\$20.94	(\$20.94)	\$0.00	\$20.94	(\$20.94)
Local Specialty						
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Local Specialty Total	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Membership : Dues	\$835.00	\$0.00	\$835.00	\$785.00	\$0.00	\$785.00
Miscellaneous						
Envelopes	\$0.00	\$1.36	(\$1.36)	\$0.00	\$1.36	(\$1.36)
Meeting Room Rental	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)
Postage	\$0.00	\$44.34	(\$44.34)	\$0.00	\$44.34	(\$44.34)
State Periodic Report	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)
Supplies	\$0.00	\$49.96	(\$49.96)	\$0.00	\$49.96	(\$49.96)
Treasurer	\$200.00	\$201.90	(\$1.90)	\$200.00	\$201.90	(\$1.90)
Miscellaneous Total	\$200.00	\$322.56	(\$122.56)	\$200.00	\$322.56	(\$122.56)
Public Education						
Banner	\$0.00	\$226.38	(\$226.38)	\$0.00	\$226.38	(\$226.38)
Educational Brochures	\$0.00	\$6.86	(\$6.86)	\$0.00	\$6.86	(\$6.86)
Public Education Total	\$0.00	\$233.24	(\$233.24)	\$0.00	\$233.24	(\$233.24)
Sam-O-Gram/Web						
Copy Services	\$0.00	\$5.99	(\$5.99)	\$0.00	\$5.99	(\$5.99)
Ink Cartridge	\$0.00	\$65.80	(\$65.80)	\$0.00	\$65.80	(\$65.80)
Postage	\$0.00	\$17.60	(\$17.60)	\$0.00	\$17.60	(\$17.60)
Subscription	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Web Hosting Fee	\$0.00	\$59.90	(\$59.90)	\$0.00	\$59.90	(\$59.90)
Sam-O-Gram/Web Total	\$10.00	\$149.29	(\$139.29)	\$10.00	\$149.29	(\$139.29)
Supported Entry						
Trophies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Supported Entry Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Trophy Donations						
SCA National	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Trophy Donations Total	15\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)

Grocery Certificate
Fundraiser 2010

Profit: \$500

Donated: \$25

Easiest way to
support DSA is by
purchasing
King Soopers or
Safeway grocery
certificates!

You buy \$100,
You spend \$100,
and the
club earns 5%!!

Contact Tom Lisec
to purchase!

Happy



St. Patrick's



Day!

2010 Treasury Report				Budget Year 2010 (2009 Committee Reports)		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Ways & Means						
Barks & Growls	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00
Grocery Certificates	\$10,000.00	\$19,000.00	(\$9,000.00)	\$10,000.00	\$19,000.00	(\$9,000.00)
Ways & Means Total	\$10,003.00	\$19,000.00	(\$8,997.00)	\$10,003.00	\$19,000.00	(\$8,997.00)
Grand Total	\$21,534.50	\$27,695.52	(\$6,161.02)	\$22,004.50	\$28,732.52	(\$6,728.02)
Outstanding Checks (EOY)			\$0.00			
Total Ending General Fund Balance			\$12,183.59			
Ending Grocery Certificate Balance			\$9,975.00			
Total Ending Balance			\$22,158.59			

Rescue Fund			
Beginning Rescue Fund Bank Balance			\$15,614.14
Beginning Rescue Fund Outstanding Checks (2009)			\$0.00
Total Beginning Balance			\$15,614.65
Category	Income	Expenses	Net
Adoption Fee	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Boarding	\$0.00	\$750.00	(\$750.00)
Charitable Donations: ABRN	\$0.00	\$40.00	(\$40.00)
Donations Received	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$380.00
Fundraiser			
Collars & Leashes	\$1,857.45	\$1,893.05	(\$35.60)
Dog Packs	\$237.00	\$420.00	(\$183.00)
Microchip Clinic	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Fundraiser Total	\$2,119.45	\$2,313.05	(\$193.60)
Grooming	\$0.00	\$45.00	(\$45.00)
Rescue Misc			
Licenses/Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$175.00	(\$175.00)
Recognition Gift	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Supplies	\$0.00	\$151.48	(\$151.48)
Rescue Misc Total	\$0.00	\$426.48	(\$420.48)
Grand Total	\$2,749.45	\$3,589.52	(\$940.07)
Total Ending Rescue Fund Balance			\$14,774.07

Knees, Hips, Environment

The Dog Press
November, 2009

Dogs are born with pre-determined color, size, and structure whereas joints, ligaments, and bone health are affected by environmental factors. Bone and joint deformities are usually the result of accelerated growth in puppies and obesity at any age. Hip, elbow dysplasia, cruciate ligament injury, and luxating patellas are the most common.

Barbara (BJ) Andrews © TheDogPlace - We can x-ray our dogs into an early grave, or use common sense and prevent deterioration of joints. X-ray is only a tool by which we confirm what we suspect, i.e. dysplastic hips or luxating patellas (knees). X-ray does nothing to prevent "popping" hocks, hip dysplasia, splayed feet, soft pasterns and a host of other structural problems.

Medial patellar luxation (1) is common in toy breeds. It is said to be hereditary, developing in the fetal stage. I strongly disagree. I believe it is a combination of nutritional factors and pogo jumping which most toy breeds do as a result of environmental factors. Do your toy dogs stand in one place and jump up and down when out in the yard? No. Toy breeds pogo when they are kennelled or in x-pens and then only when there's something or someone they want to see from the

vantage point of height.

Lateral patellar luxation (2) is common to large and giant breed dogs. The patella slips out of the groove to the outside of the knee. A shallow groove may be inherited but expression of the problem is dictated by growth rate, muscle strength, and weight. Many large and giant breed puppies are overfed and under-exercised. Roadwork is for adults; large grassy paddocks in which to run and play naturally are vital for puppies.

We are born with all of the pieces to a pattern which inherently shapes our bodies, from eye, hair, and skin color, to height, bone structure, longevity, and of course, predisposition towards genetic diseases. Barring complications of pregnancy, no predatory species is born with bad hips and knees. Were that not the case, we wouldn't have to

poison wolves and coyotes to control population. Unable to hunt, they would become extinct.

Purebred dogs are not yet endangered although in Europe they might say otherwise. Breeders strive to produce sound, healthy dogs, whether for show and breeding or as family pets. We would therefore be foolish not to consider diet and environment equally as important as genetic factors. Forcing puppies into early development is as detrimental to bone and joint health as is substituting fat for substance and allowing pets to become obese. No wonder we have an "epidemic" of hip, knee, spinal and elbow problems!

Pushing puppies with corn-based puppy food and "nutritious" formulations guaranteed to insure maximum growth and development insures bone and joint deformities. As Pat Hastings points out, we can accelerate bone growth but NOT muscle and tendons. If your litter develops bowed front legs, stop using that dog food because invisible damage to hips and knees is also occurring.

The last place you should see overweight dogs is in the vet's office. Dogs that were born with good hips and knees suddenly turn into opportunities for hip, patella, and cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) surgeries. Diet food for dogs? Ridiculous! Feed a dog the way nature intended and you will have a structurally sound dog well into old age.

Knee joints meant to hold up 30 pounds can not

possibly support 40 pounds of blubber and flabby muscle!!! Let me repeat that. A Labrador bred to be an active hunter at 65 pounds can not remain sound at 80 pounds, yet despite the standard, many are shown FAT. As a group, most Sight-hounds are sound compared to Working Breeds which are often shown overweight (to give the appearance of substance) whereas an overweight Saluki wouldn't be in the ribbons? And what about toy breeds? What is the incidence of hip and knee problems in Pugs as compared to Minpins?

Just like dogs, humans are born with hip and knee joints capable of supporting a genetically predetermined weight. I don't know a single obese person who doesn't have knee problems.

O'BJ Akitas were virtually free of knee and hip problems but it wasn't our superior genetic knowledge, it was simply the way they were raised. Puppies were fed kibble, fresh veggies, meat and fish. They enjoyed regular exercise in half-acre grassy paddocks. I haven't bred Akitas in a decade so this isn't a sales plug, its just proof that your beliefs and protocol can make a huge difference.

Likewise, my position on hip dysplasia (3) is/was grounded in fact. Long before computers were invented (much less the internet), I published the Rottweiler and later, the Akita Handbooks, both of which involved painstaking research. During the 60s and 70s, it became evident that x-raying might be a good selling point but had little to do with hereditary hip soundness.

Dr. Corley (OFA) and I had more than one contentious conversation due to cited inconsistencies and risks associated with the dogma of the day. OFA was doing well just reading hip x-rays but I also kept up with Jerry Schnelle, DVM (one of the founding OFA vets) after he publically resigned from the board. No fan of OFA or Corley, I hammered the faulty concept in years of seminars and columns, and later, also pointed out hips were only two out of a hundred joints that could cripple a dog. Finally, due to OFA's declining financial health; the successful Penn Hip program; and AKC coming to its rescue by attaching OFA numbers to registrations, OFA began certifying elbows. Having a true dog person at the helm now (Eddie Dzuik, one of Uno's owners) is the best thing that's happened to OFA since its inception.

When Dr. Barden's fulcrum x-rays became the rage, I exposed the false logic and associated risk. Some of you have been around long enough to remember but for others, this isn't self-aggrandizement. I offer these references because I have no veterinary degree with which to impress you. My degree is 50 years of in-depth clinical experience and hundreds of top ranked AKC Chs.

So when I suggest that nature has an infallible plan (discounting the platypus) and that it is commerce which upsets the balance of canine structure and soundness, I hope you will think about what you are feeding your dogs, their growth rate, weight, and type of exercise.

Now if only someone would invent a kennel run with a retractable low top to prevent dogs from hopping up and down I'd be ever so grateful but until that happens, I'll continue to apply common sense to feeding, rearing and maintaining my eight little dogs. I hope you will too.

2010 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
Mar 26-28	Madera Canyon KC Canada Del Oro KC	Show - Close 3/10	Tucson, AZ	Onofrio	Izumi Awashima Katie Gammill Judy Harrington
Apr 3-4	Scottsbluff KC	Show - Close 3/17	Mitchell, NE	Onofrio	Donavan Thompson Donna Buxton
9-11	Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club	AKC Agility—Open 2/10	Castle Rock, CO	Ascher	Katherine Leggett Terry Smorch
9-12	Kachina KC / Arrowhead KC	Show - Close 3/24	Glendale, AZ	Onofrio	Eric Liebes / Robert Whitney Robert Shreve Roger Hartinger
9-12	Hutchinson KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 3/24	Valley Center, KS	Onofrio	Janis Church-Stadler John Ronald Jay Richardson
10-11	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 3/24	Brighton, CO	Onofrio	Lawrence Stanbridge Edward Lyons
11-12	Arrowhead KC	Show - Close 3/24	Glendale, AZ	Onofrio	Robert Shreve Robert Hartinger
18	Metropolitan Atlanta Samoyed	Specialty—Close 3/31	Perry, GA	Onofrio	Cindy Stansell (Sweeps) David Haddock
24-25	Buckhorn Valley KC	Herding Test/Trial Close 4/7	Wellington, CO	Hansen	
24-25	Mile High Agility Club Boulder	AKC Agility - Open 3/4	Golden, CO	Makowski	Don Farage
24-25	Potomac Valley Samoyed Old Dominion KC of N. VA Antietam Creek Samoyed Baltimore County KC	Designated Specialty - Close 4/7	Timonium, MD	MB-F	Nancy Hermle (Sweeps) John Ronald Barbara Zubrickas (Sweeps) Kathleen Ronald
May 1-2	Seward County KC	Show—Close 4/14	Seward, NE	Onofrio	K. McFarlane/B Alderman
6-9	Utah Valley Intermountain KC	Show - Close 4/21	South Jordan, UT	Onofrio	Robert Caswell J D Jones Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna Michele Mulligan
8	Buckeye Samoyed Club	Designated Specialty - 4/21	Bucyrus, OH	MB-F	Brian Palmer(Sweeps) Kathy Bube
8-9	Arizona White Mountain KC	Show—Close 4/21	Heber, AZ	Onofrio	Patricia Sosa Arlene Rubenstein
8-9	Mountain States Dog Training	Obedience - Close 4/21	Brighton, CO	Robert Miller	Carol Hein / JoAnna Yund James Ham
14	Barbary Coast Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 4/28	Woodland, CA	Sandy Sidwell	Leah Seman (Sweeps) Peter Emily
15-18	Rio Grande KC Coronado KC of NM	Show - Close 4/28	Albuquerque, NM	Onofrio	Kenneth Buxton Jean Fournier/W Cunnig- ham
16-17	Rocky Mountain GSD Club	Herding Test/Trial Close 4/26	Fort Lupton	Morgan	
21-23	Durango KC	Show—Close 5/5	Cortez, CO	Onofrio	Arley Hussin / Pete Dawkins Robert Shreve
22-23	Sunflower KC of Olathe, KS	Show—Close 5/5	Gardner, KZ	Onofrio	Jan Sigler/Bernard Schwartz
22-23	Mount Ogden KC	Show—Close 5/5	Logan, UT	Onofrio	Cindy Meyer / Charles Olvis
28-29	Central Wyoming KC	Show—Close 5/12	Casper, WY	Onofrio	Toddie Clark / Arley Hussin
30-31	Laramie KC	Show—Close 5/12	Laramie, WY	Onofrio	Ruby Hertz / Joyce Vanek
30	Greater Pittsburgh Samoyed Trumbull County KC	Designated Specialty - Close 5/12	New Castle, PA	MB-F	Anita O'Berg (Sweeps) Beth Sweigart
Jun 5-6	Flatirons KC	Show—Close 5/19	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	Judith Voran / Jean Pero
11-13	Front Range Agility Assoc	AKC Agility - Open 4/15	Castle Rock, CO	Horacek	Edith Allyn / Terry Culley Karen Paulukaitis

2010 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
Jun 11	Northern California Samoyed Lake County	Designated Specialty - Close 5/26	Vallejo, CA	MB-F	Phil Freilich Julia Rylander
12-13	Flagstaff KC	Show—Close 5/26	Flagstaff, AZ	Onofrio	Alane and Tomas Gomez
12-13	Colorado Springs KC	Show—Close 5/26	Colorado Springs, CO	Onofrio	Kenneth Buxton/Judith Goodin
19	Samoyed Club of San Diego Bahia Sur KC of Chula Vista	Designated Specialty - Close 6/2	Chula Vista, CA	MB-F	Gary Anderson (Sweeps) John Studebaker
25	Williamette Valley Samoyed	Specialty Close 6/9	Canby, OR	MB-F	Sakura Moses (Sweeps) Adrian Woodfork
26-27	Mile-High Rottweiler Club	Herding Test/Trial Close 6/3	Fort Morgan, CO	Bolton	
Jul 3-4	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show—Close 6/16	Loveland, CO	Onofrio	Leah Ryan / Michael Chaloux
16-18	Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club	AKC Agility—Open ?	Castle Rock, CO	Ascher	
17-18	Roaring Fork KC	Show—Close 6/30	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	Alvin Krause / James Noe
17-18	Nebraska KC	Show—Close 6/30	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	Robert Stein / Dana Cline
22	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty—Close 7/7	Houston, TX	Onofrio	N/A (Sweeps) Darla Cassidy
30	Greater Milwaukee Samoyed	Specialty—Close 7/14	Waukesha, WI	Onofrio	Judi Schold (Sweeps) Ellen Vanden Avond
Aug 6-8	Durango KC	AKC Agility - Open 6/17	Dolores, CO	Scott	N/A
15	Pikes Peak Herding Assoc	Herding Test/Trial Close 7/27	Elizabeth, CO	P. Walsh	N/A
20	Samoyed Club of Washington State	Specialty—Close 8/4	Enumclaw, WA	Swearingen	N/A
21-22	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/29	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Robin Hug / Bruce Voran
21-22	Jesse James KC	Show - Close 7/29	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	Lourdes Carajal Jay Richardson
26-29	Manhattan KS KC / Topeka KC	Show - Close 8/11	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	N/A
28-29	Rocky Mountain All Terrier	AKC Agility - Open 7/7	Windsor, CO	Ascher	N/A
Sep 4-5	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/18	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	Houston Clark /Theresa Hundt
10	Denver Samoyed Association	Specialty - Close 8/25	Greeley, CO	Hittesdorf	Gail Campbell (Sweeps) Beth Tallentire (Working Sw) Jeanne Nonhof
11-12	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 8/25	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	N/A
11-12	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close 8/25	Roswell, NM	Onofrio	Barbara Ann Brooks Vincent T Grosso
12-13	Pikes Peak Herding Assoc	Herding Test/Trial Close 8/26	Elizabeth, CO	Walsh	N/A
18-19	Flatirons KC	Obedience - Close 9/8	Longmont, CO	Ascher	N/A
16-19	Intermountain West Working Group Bonneville Basin KC				
19-20	Continental Divide Herding	Herding Test/Trial Close 9/2	Fort Morgan, CO	Hansen	N/A
25-26	Arapahoe KC	Show - Close 9/8	Aurora, CO	Onofrio	N/A
25-26	Mountain States Dog Training Timberline Basset Hound	AKC Agility - Open 8/4	Golden, CO	Markowski	Carol Lynn Evans
Oct 1-3	Wichita /Hutchinson/ Salina KC	Show—Close 9/15	Salina, KC	Onofrio	N/A
8-9	Terry-All KC	AKC Agility - Open 8/18	Brighton, CO	Ascher	N/A
10-11	Buckhorn Valley KC	Herding Test/Trial Close 9/23	Wellington, CO	Hughes	N/A
21-24	Platte Valley KC Fremont NE Cornhusker KC of Lincoln, NE	Show—Close 10/6	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	Alane Gomez / Toddie Clark Tomas Gomez / Mildred Byrant
22-24	Rapid City, SD	Show—Close 10/6	Rapid City, SD	Hughes	B Alderman / Sherrie Morgan Pat Hastings / Gary Bassett
Nov 6-7	Flatirons KC	AKC Agility - Open 9/22	Longmont, CO	Ascher	Kera Holm / Keith Harold

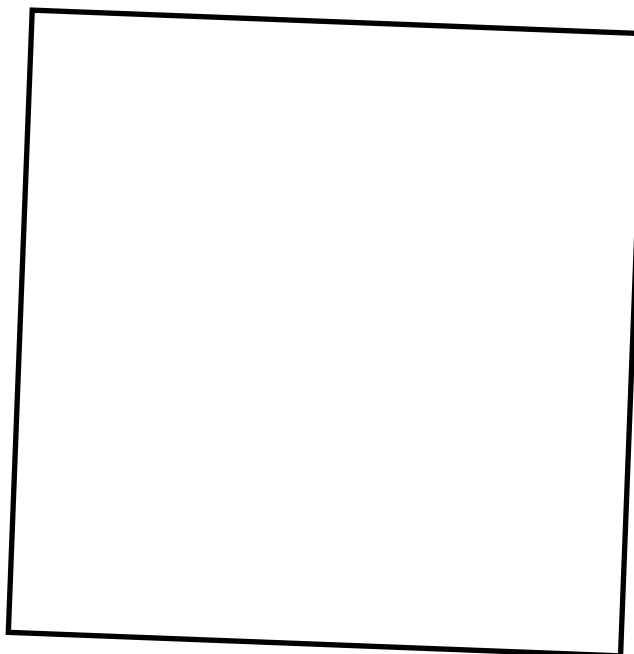
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Mar 15, 2010 Meeting Reminder - 7:15 PM - St. Joseph Episcopal Church

- **March Program: Estate Planning for Your Pet - 7 PM to 8 PM**
- Discuss 2010 Specialty Obedience Judge
- 2011 Specialty Judge Nomination (All-Breed Judge)
- Motion Tabled and will be voted on at the April Meeting: Change January 2011 meeting to our 2011 Agility Location, and conduct the meeting on Sunday, following the conclusion of the trial.
- Board meeting will follow regular meeting.
- Deadline for newsletter articles is 1st day of the month!

March Program!

Estate Planning for Your Pet

Presented by: Douglas J. Traeger
OLSEN & TRAEGER, LLP
Attorneys and Counselors at Law

When: Monday, March 15, 2010
Where: St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
11202 West Jewell Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80232
Time: 7:00-8:00pm



Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE As of 03/07/10, we have no Sammies available for adoption.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call the DSR at 303-453-1360, or contact one of the Rescue committee members:
Andi Mast, Sue Wangerin, Thalia Peletis, Michele Sottile. Pam Arnold or Deb Castro, Thanks!