

SAM-O-GRAM

June 2026



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have several items to vote on at the next meeting!

The DSA Board is proposing updating the By-Laws for the club. These have been emailed to all members and were also attached to the SOG email.

The updated sections included:

- Changing the wording, per AKC, on the geographical area that DSA covers
- Proposed staggered Board terms, which is in line with SCA. This is intended to keep some consistency from year to year on the Board.
- Nominating Committee clarifications
- Adding FastCAT to our events list

Also DSA has options for where/when the Local Specialty is held. The information is in the following pages in this newsletter - the pages outlined in green.

Read through this information, it is important to DSA's future; and be ready to vote.

Hope you see you all there!

Martha Lageschulte
DSA President

Meeting Date and Location for June Meeting!

June 15, 2026

6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Natural Grocers Wheat Ridge

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**DSA May Membership Meeting -
Monday, May 18, 2026**

Natural Grocers, Denver

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Tamara Barach, Terry Walb, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Pam Buhl, Jan Cherne, Julie Morris, Sue Wangerin, Cathy An, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera.

Guest: Julie Beth Yelin

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Linda Kitzman

1st reading of a membership application for Julie Beth Yelin. Sponsored by Lori Elvera & Pam Buhl.

Recording Secretary: Donna Dannen

Approved the minutes from last month. Martha asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the role for the rest of the year to contact her. Donna Dannen is moving to Ohio, and will be missed.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Treasurer: Terry Walb

General fund: \$31,566.43

Rescue: \$9,768.59

CD: \$26,674.61

Both CDs have matured and combined into one.

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

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

No report.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No bill from the vendor yet for last year.

Cheer: Donna Dannen

Tamara Barach will be taking over.

Colorado Legislation Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

No report.

Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl, Shanan Streweler

Rosettes are here and ready to be tagged. Possibility of having dinner at Duets Bistro in Longmont Friday after groups. There will be a drawing for prizes on Saturday 1 ticket for every entry. Pam is looking for raffle tickets if anyone has some. The ice cream social is ready to go we will have root beer floats and ice cream sundaes. Grooming sold out for the 10 spots the club had originally purchased.

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen

Pam suggested we all go up to Donna's and get the boxes of books.

IT: Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister

Martha is asking for a few new volunteers with computer skills to reach out to her if you would like to join the committee.

Summer Soiree: Tammy Linnert

Our first evening outing is June 25th at 6:00pm at The Block & Bottle, 20 Wilcox St #101, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Everyone is welcome hope to see all the South Side members.

Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

Doug Co application is completed and deposit made. Robin Hug will be doing juniors this year. AKC has approved our application for Saturday. T Shirt color samples are coming. Lori passed around a copy of the logo. If you want to help proof the premium list please let Lori know. Grooming will be marked this year we will have designated spots. Thinking about DIY for photography and having everyone share their win photos. May reach out to Lorrie McAllister to see if she would like to help. Still have a lot of major win trophies available please see the DSA store. This year 1st place will get the larger trophy and 2-4th place something smaller.

Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin

All judges contracts are now completed and signed.

Programs: Lorrie McAllister

"Not just a vet check", suggesting having vets, expert breeders, maybe a repro vet to speak to the group. Cover health issues, screenings and possible flyers for newer people in the breed. If interested, please reach out to Lorrie.

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Need articles and items by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl

No report.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

Application to adopt received from previous adopters. Referred them to the 4 yr old female mentioned at the April meeting. Email from St. Louis Samoyed Rescue looking for foster home for a 2 yr old female in Aurora. Email from a couple looking to foster or adopt, referred them to St. Louis Samoyed Rescue about the 2 yr old.

Old Business

Jan Cherne will be taking over the quarterly for SCA, reporting on DSA events and activities. Taxes have been filed for 2025 (due May 15th) with the CPA and an extension was filed by the CPA.

New Business

Pam Buhl received a proposal from "Under the Sun Dog Training" in Colorado Springs for a possible location going forward or as a backup for our November Specialty. The rental cost for the facility is \$1,800.00 for Saturday and Sunday. Move in on Friday for no charge. This includes all rings, gates, grooming area, and obedience/rally equipment. Tables and electrical boxes will be billed after the event, so we pay for what we use. Obedience equipment, including the AKC approved jumps are \$25.00 a day. Electrical Outlets (4 to a box) are \$25.00 each. We can still do the banquet \$5.00 per table, no charge for chairs. There is also a dog bath area for an additional \$50.00 if interested. More details in the May board meeting minutes.

In addition Martha mentioned that the Palmer Divide Agility Club would be interested in going in with us for the Doug Co location. The specialty dates would change to the 2nd weekend of March. We would keep our current venue and would be on the books a year in advance. The board discussed the pros and cons of both options. Location, airport, accommodations, restaurants and the ultimate decision would be up to the membership.

Barks 'n' Growls

Julie Morris: Tracy was WB for 2 pts in the Wyoming shows, Saturday May 16th. On May 17th Tracy earned her DCAT in Fast Cat.

Jan Cherne: Our Aussie, Buzz completed his Grand Championship in grand style being shown by his breeder recently. In three weekends he garnered 6 Best of Breeds worth 5pts each, a Select Dog for 2 pts totaling 32 pts. He is now GCH Alnair Makita Fly'n Oncl9 TKN BCAT and now moving on to more performance events near home while he grows up.

Becca our other Aussie completed her Fast Cat DCAT title hosted by the Rocky Man Beagle Club & Harmony Dog Sports on May 3rd. She is now GCH Western Skies Make Mine Blue DCAT.

Lori Elvera: Miles was at the Lawrence, Kansas shows last weekend where he took Select Dog three times and Best of Breed Owner Handler twice. He also got an Owner Handler Group 2 twice.

Also my son Nick Elvera is now engaged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary

DSA May Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 14, 2026

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:04 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin. Guest: Pam Buhl and JoDee Putnins.

Specialty Discussion

Pam Buhl received a proposal from "Under the Sun Dog Training" in Colorado Springs for a possible location going forward or as a back up for our November Specialty, this offer is only good for the Thanksgiving weekend. The rental cost for the facility is \$1,800.00 for Saturday and Sunday. Move in on Friday for no charge. This includes all rings, gates, grooming area, and obedience/rally equipment. Tables and electrical boxes will be billed after the event, so we pay for what we use. Obedience equipment, including the AKC approved jumps are \$25.00 a day. Electrical outlets (4 to a box) are \$25.00 each. We can still do the banquet \$5.00 per table, no charge for chairs. There is also a dog bath area for an additional \$50.00 if interested. The footing is artificial turf with a mezzanine upstairs for viewing. There are large bathrooms located in the building adjacent to the room where the rings are located. The show secretary could have her own room with a window that opens to the show area. They have dry camping with 3-4 spots at \$25.00 each. In addition Martha mentioned that the Palmer Divide Agility Club would be interested in going in with us for the Doug Co location. The specialty dates would change to March starting in 2028. We would keep our current venue and would be on the books a year in advance. The board discussed the pros and cons of both options. Location, airport, accommodations, restaurants and the ultimate decision would be up to the membership. Martha began the meeting stressing the importance of our comments reflect how the club is viewed. Think before you respond to an email maybe write your thoughts and wait till the next day before sending it. It is important to work together for the betterment of the club.

President: Martha Lageschulte

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Recording Secretary Vacancy

Tammy Linnert will be taking the meeting minutes for the board and membership meeting in May. But moving forward the board will be replacing Donna Dannen who is moving to Ohio. Martha will bring this position up at the membership meeting on Monday.

IT Committee

Martha began the process of rescinding the motion (26-006B) from the last board meeting stating Lori Elvera would be the "Chaperone" for the Google Drive as part of her role on the IT committee. A new motion (26-007B) was made by Martha that all IT Committee members will have full access to IT materials. This includes Google Drive, Website, Wix, Ecwid, and What's App. Motion seconded by Donna Dannen and approved. Martha then shared that both Terry Walb and JoDee Putnins will be resigning from the IT committee. Linda expressed concern about the resignations and asked for further detail. Terry explained that she had received an email from a committee member that was dissatisfied with the quality of the website and fairness within the committee. Due to the internal conflict between the IT committee members, the committee is in the process of making some changes. There was a lengthy discussion on people not feeling welcome and the need for change to start with the board. Heartfelt commitment to improve our actions and perceptions. Martha will address at the membership meeting on Monday the replacement of Terry & JoDee. Most were sad to hear they are leaving us since they are an excellent resource due to their knowledge level.

Program

Lorrie McAllister proposed a new health focused program for Samoyeds. She will provide more details at another meeting. Another Board Meeting Session will be scheduled next Thursday May 21st to begin the review of the bylaws presented by the bylaw committee.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary

DSA Board Meeting to Review Bylaws - May 21, 2026

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the bylaws and the updates made by the bylaw committee. The focus the first hour was on membership requirements and the board structure.

The committee discussed proposed changes to Article 3, Section 3 regarding Election to Membership. There was a proposal to change the requirements for new members applying for membership to the club if wanted Individual/Household membership to attend 3 meetings and volunteer at one club event in the first year before becoming a voting member. Lorrie suggested requiring new applicants to attend four meetings in total, 2 before submitting the application and 2 after reading the application. Also proposed an additional requirement for members attending 50% meetings or events to be eligible to vote. The group discussed focusing on transitioning from an associate to full membership after the first year. Tammy explained that sponsors would need to take a more active role in guiding new members and help them understand the club activities and who we are. The group discussed how to communicate these changes to a new applicant and the importance of engaging potential members to ensure they understand the commitment levels for different membership types. It was agreed that sponsors should reach out to those they

sponsor based on their interests to make them feel welcome and involved. The discussion also covered how to handle out of state members and maintain engagement, with suggestions to use committee work as a way for them to be involved.

The next topic was staggered board teams for board members. This was an item that was carried over from the last bylaw updates. Tammy explained the proposal that will be used as a motion at the next membership meeting. The intent is to elect 2 board members for a 2-year term and 2 for a 1-year term the initial year to get the staggered terms started. Dan questioned ensuring new members can bring fresh perspectives while maintaining institutional knowledge. The group agreed on the wording for the motion and to bring it to the next membership meeting. The group agreed to remove confusing language between Section 1 and Section 2 of Directors and Officers. Nominating committee will now have only one alternate instead of two since they are rarely utilized. Also it was agreed to add a requirement of the nominating committee to contact all eligible members to gauge their interest in serving. A review was done on the language for committees Section 1 and wording was added for the Board to help develop the scope of the committees.

The meeting was wrapped up with Linda suggesting further discussion on the Election to Membership Section. Linda will put together a proposal of alternative wording and requirements for Section 3 incorporating ideas of attendance and events with a more positive approach.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Linnert,
Corresponding Secretary

DSA Board Meeting for Further Review of Bylaws May 28, 2026

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin.

The meeting began with reviewing the entire document for the changes that had been made in the prior meeting and approving them. It was determined since there wasn't a consensus on how to handle the Election to Membership Section 3 it would be dropped from this update, and we would revert to the way we have it currently. There was a decision to update the wording in the bylaws that the individual/Household applicants to be present for both application readings before being voted in as a member. Lorrie would like to take a more

active role in reviewing the application and making updates to that document. Staggered terms were again discussed in how the implementation would look and what we need to be aware of as we move into the election this year. Tammy was tasked with sending the proposal out again for all the board members to review one last time for any language changes before sending it to the membership. A discussion on the definition and requirements for a special or closed board meeting was reviewed, with Martha going into detail on the difference. The discussion concluded with the agreement that our current meeting procedures comply with nonprofit governance standards. Moving into the nominating committee it was mentioned that it would be best if someone ran for an office that they should not be on the nominating committee to avoid a conflict of interest although this is not part of the current bylaws. The goal is to give the nominating committee more flexibility. Martha shared that

Pam Buhl is willing to finish out the year for Donna Dannen as the Recording Secretary. Donna is currently preparing to move to Ohio. It was put to a voted and was approved Pam will take over these duties.

The evening was completed with a discussion on the decline in participation in dog sports overall. The expectations of new members and those that are looking for a more social atmosphere compared to a structured meeting environment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Linnert

Corresponding Secretary

WHY TITLE A DOG?

Not just a brag, not a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.



-Sandra Mowery

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 5/31/2026

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance		32,503.69
Income		
	Agility Trial	12,276.00
	Concurrent Specialty Income	1,016.20
	FastCAT Income	7,497.25
	Local Specialty	668.49
	Membership	702.48
	Ways & Means	406.87
	Total Income	22,567.29
Expenses		
	Agility Expense	-9,596.70
	Bank Charges	-18.3
	Concurrent Specialty Expense	-1,044.77
	FastCAT Expenses	-720.18
	Hospitality	-60.88
	Legislation	-100
	Local Specialty Expenses	-1,132.57
	Miscellaneous	-56.2
	Public Education	-91.14
	Treasurer Expense	5.24
	Website Expenses	-966
	Total Expenses	-13,781.50
TOTAL		8,785.79
Closing Balance		30,567.77

RESCUE FUND

Opening Balance		31,411.41
Income		
	Donation to DSR	5,148.50
	Transfer from CD	21,642.82
	Total Income	26,791.32
Expenses		
	Charitable Donations	
	- Samoyed Rescue	-1,250.00
	DSR CD	-5,000.00
	Transfer to CD	-21,642.82
	Total Expenses	-27,892.82
Closing Balance		9,768.59
TOTAL		-1101.5



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LOCAL SPECIALTY OPTION 1

Proposal for DSA November Specialty Douglas County, Thanksgiving Weekend

Facility Rental	3 days	\$600	\$1800	deposit \$500
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Friday set up, Saturday and Sunday shows

Ring & Obedience Equipment	\$350
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No charge for tables or chairs

No charge for electricity

Total	\$1150
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Continue as we have for the past years.

The big change is that we cannot get a signed contract for the facility until 6 months prior to show.

TV spots \$30/space.

LOCAL SPECIALTY OPTION 2

Proposal for DSA November Specialty Douglas County, 2nd weekend of March

Facility Rental	3 days	\$600	\$1800	deposit \$500
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Friday set up, Saturday and Sunday shows

Ring & Obedience Equipment	\$350
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No charge for tables or chairs

No charge for electricity

Total	\$1150
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We would be subletting the facility through Palmer Divide Agility Club. This allows us to get a signed contract 12 months prior to our event.

RV spots \$30/space.

LOCAL SPECIALTY OPTION 3

Proposal for DSA November Specialty at Under the Sun Dog Training (THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE AT THIS COST FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)

Facility Rental	2 days	\$900	\$1800
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Saturday and Sunday (Move in Friday No Charge). Plenty of space for grooming in the facility

Obedience Equipment	1 day	\$25	\$25
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Saturday only

Tables	30	\$5	\$150
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Estimate the need for 20 tables on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. They have a combo of 6' and 8' tables (15 of each size) No charge for chairs

Electrical Outlets (4 to a box)	15	\$25	\$375
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***Estimated**each electrical outlet has 4 plugs total of 60 plugs. They will not charge until after show and we know how many we need*

Total			\$2350
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Dog bath available for the weekend for an additional \$50.

****They will bill electrical and tables after the show to reflect what was really used****

Large bathrooms located in the building adjacent to the room the where the rings are located.

There is a breakroom with a fridge, table and counter we can use for our coffee pots, etc. This would save electrical outlet use in the ring area.

Banquet can be set up in the facility like we do at DougCo.

Separate room for Show secretary that joins the show area via a window that opens.

Dry camping for 3-4 rigs @\$25 each.

5 pet friendly hotels within 5 minutes of the facility, another 8 hotels within 10 minutes.

Footing is artificial turf. There is a mezzanine (upstairs) for viewing.

PA system available to rent but never needed in the past, so not included.

SUMMER SOIREE

JUNE 25TH

Location:

The Block & Bottle

20 Wilcox St, #101, Castle Rock, CO 80104

6:00 PM

Everyone is Welcome!!! RSVP June 9th to 12th to Tammy Linnert
Icefire10@msn.com

