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Bloat: Do You Know the Deadly Warning Signs?

By Robert Goldstein, V.M.D. and Susan Goldstein, Animal Nutritionist via Love of Animals July 1997 Vol.3, No.7

In our household, one of the most dreaded disorders is a condition which often occurs in large, deep-chested dogs, called acute gastric dilation or torsion, more commonly referred to as bloat. You need to be aware of this potentially fatal problem, especially if you live with a large or giant dog. Bloat is an enlargement of the stomach due to a combination of excessive fluids and gases, often mixing with large amounts of concentrated food, particularly dry dog food.

Bloat is most prevalent in large breeds such as St. Bernards, most Shepherds, Borzois, and Great Danes. Susan and I have even seen it in Golden and Labrador Retrievers and even some smaller Cocker Spaniels and Schnauzers.

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August 18, 1997 - Membership Meeting

-Ring Steward Program commenced at 7:25pm.

Martha Lageschulte and Brenda Abbott presented a brief program on Ring Stewarding.

- Do not wear club logo emblems or apparel. It is not allowed.
- Check in with show committee at least ½ hour prior to show.
- Stewards receive the following at check in: catalog, Steward's book, ribbons, arm bands, and rubber bands.
- Steward's duties include:
 - Check in people
 - Give out armbands
 - Call classes to the ring
 - Have ribbons ready for judge, laid out on their book
 - Mark Steward's book accurately.
 - Call for clean up, photographer, or AKC Rep as needed.
- Things to ask judge prior to judging:
 - If they want dogs in catalog order or not.
 - How to deal with late arrivals to the ring.
 - Will they allow handler changes after dogs went in.
 - Upon entry into ring, where should dogs set up.
 - In smaller breeds, where should table be placed in ring.
 - Do they need anything from hospitality.
 - Do they want bitches separated from the dogs in the Best of Breed class.
- At the lunch break take everything you received at check in: catalog, Steward's book, etc.
- After completion of your stewarding assignment:
 - Keep the Steward's book for 1 year. If there is a discrepancy, they can call on the Steward.
 - Return rest of things back to show committee table: unused ribbons, walkie talkies, etc.
- Always know which class is in the ring.
- Know which dogs you need to call back into the ring for the Winners and Reserve.
- It's courtesy to tell the class winner to stay close to ring, for the Winners and Reserve Class.
- Always call the class, if entries exist, even if no one has picked up their arm bands.
- If the exhibitor has any questions regarding their entry, refer them to the superintendent's table. If someone has been moved up and it is not marked in the Judge's book, they must provide you paperwork from the superintendent.
- If you steward for junior handling, they have different colored ribbons. They are marked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.
- Check your Steward's book versus the Judge's book, while judging is occurring. If you notice a discrepancy, bring it to the attention of the judge.
- Your first priority is getting people in the ring, noting placements accurately in the Steward's book and then getting people's armbands.

Present:

Brenda Abbott	Linda Kitzman
Carolyn Bateman	Martha Lageschulte
Denise Baugh	Andi Mast
Steve Baugh	Heidi Nieman
Carol Beatty	Thalia Peletis

Julie Beatty
 Deb Castro
 Jan Cherne
 Nancy Golden
 Colleen Groseth

Jane Reller
 Michelle Schmitt
 Bob Sencenbaugh
 Debbie Sencenbaugh
 Sue Wangerin
 Ellen Young

-Meeting was called to order at 7:45PM by Andi Mast.
 -Review of the 7/21/97 membership meeting minutes for corrections. Clarification on the increase boarding kennel dues, DogTown has increased from \$4.00 to \$4.50 a day. The alternate boarding kennel costs \$4.25 a day. Minutes were approved as written.

-President's Report, Andi Mast:

Andi received an OFA report called "30 years of Progress", about improvements in Dog Hips. Andi highlighted that for Samoyeds, there was an increase of 46.9% in Excellent ratings, from 1986-87 to 1993-94. Also, it noted that hip displaysia decreased by 33.3%. They do make the comment that more people are aware about displaysia, and may not be submitting those X-Rays. However, that the number of Excellent ratings is a good barometer about how breeders are doing in regards to this topic.

The Nominating Committee for the 1998 Board and Officers is: Debbie Sencenbaugh, Colleen Groseth, and Heidi Nieman (Chairperson). Tom Lisec and Nancy Golden are alternates.

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis - No Report. Several newsletters and Samoyed Quarterly Reports were passed around.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Sue Wangerin: Notebook to pass around. Includes newsletters, and AKC information.

-Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Bateman
 General Fund: \$663.35 + \$2,900 in certificates
 Rescue Fund: \$426.84.
 Old boarding kennel balance due to Jim Alford: \$1430.00.

-Committee Reports-

All Breed Match - The Board.

Still need 2 judges for obedience. Jan still needs 6 volunteers for ring stewards and 4 people for "take down".

We are accepting donation items for the Doggy Basket to be raffled at the match.

A bake sale will be offered. Denise will pass around another sign-up list. She needs extra coolers for the pop.

Deb Castro provided the following information on the raffle license DSA has attained.

Deb attended class - game keeper / raffle license.

- Have to keep separate bank account for all proceeds from the raffle.
- Any money earned from the raffle may not be mixed into any other account.
- All checks must be reported to Secretary of State on a quarterly report.
- Money in the raffle account can be turned over to the following year, only with special permission from the Secretary of State.
- Raffle prizes in excess of \$250 require special tickets to be printed and pre-approved by the Secretary of State.

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- Once we have sold one ticket we must have the raffle. It can not be rescheduled, changed or cancelled.
- Only active DSA members can sell tickets.
- A report has to be submitted to the Secretary of State on a quarterly basis, whether we have conducted a raffle or not. At that time a fee of .003% of the proceeds from a particular event, is due to the Secretary of State.
- No restrictions on advertising the raffle, but they can not be sold out of state.
- Our license expires December 31st.

Darlene Wilson donated a print called "Test Run" to benefit Rescue. Can we start selling raffle tickets now, if we raffle it at the February 1998 Specialty? Can we roll over money earned this year into next year? Deb will check into these questions.

Awards - Debbie Sencenbaugh - No report.

Breeder Referral - Martha Lageschulte

Let me know if you have puppies to place. Have 2 - 3 calls a week. Mostly for pets.

Brenda passed out the new SCA format for breeder referral listings.

Breeder's Showcase/Public Education - The Board. Breeder's Showcase held on July 25 and 26.

Thanks to the following people who participated in the Showcase:

Thalia and Collins Peletis, Denise and Isis Baugh, Deb and Thunder Castro, Carolyn and CC Bateman, Jamie Cherne, Sue and Katie Wangerin, Linda and Puffin Kitzman, Andi and Bob Mast, Martha, Nike and Connie Lageschulte and Jane and Sydney Reller.

Cheer - Debbie Sencenbaugh - No report.

DSA Liaison to SCA - Martha Lageschulte.

September Bulletin will contain my report on DSA activities.

Brenda passed around the new format for SCA breeder referral. She mentioned that SCA has a motion to charge people for the breeder referral list, but she plans to vote No on this topic. See Brenda if you have questions.

Historian/Librarian - Tom Lisec - No Report.

Hospitality - Denise Baugh - Coffee and soda available.

Membership - Sue Wangerin - No report.

Program - Tom Lisec - No Report.

Sam-O-Gram - Thalia Peletis

In the future, if you want your Bark or Growl to be published please write it down and pass it to me before the end of the meeting. I have trouble hearing the information sometimes on the tape. I also do not want to misspell or mistake the award your dog received.

Sammy Rescue - Deb Castro

Deb brought the remaining donated items leftover from the Jumble Sale. The sale earned over \$550. If you wish to participate in game of skill, to guess the # of jelly beans in the jar for the grand prize of the Scott Kennedy "Rise and Shine" print, it's a \$1a guess.

A Rescue person donated a Microchip Scanner. It works with Home Again chip. It does not read all types of chips, but it will detect if a chip is present.

Rescue Sammies: (DSR Rescue update from list published in August Sam-O-Gram)

- *Shadow* not available, his owner put him down.

- *Rocky* placed.
- 18 month *Bear* placed.
- *Stormy* placed
- *Sammy* was either reclaimed or adopted.

Specialty Match - Martha Lageschulte

Martha will send out a flyer for people who do not receive the Sam - O-Gram. If you know anybody who might want to receive this flyer, let Martha know. Denise mentioned that we will have a Summer picnic after the match. DSA will supply sandwich foods, and if members could please bring side dishes. Denise passed around sign-up sheet. She will give you follow up call prior to the Match.

Tournament - Nancy Golden.

It will be held Sept 6th, following the Specialty Match. In the Sam-O-Gram is the entry form for the Tournament. Nancy can take your entry tonight, or you can mail it in, or sign up on the day of the event.

Trophies - No report.

Ways & Means - Steve & Denise Baugh

Tons of stuff, will be available at the All-Breed match and next Sam-O-Gram will have a list of available merchandise. DSA has close to \$2000 in inventory.

Working Dog - Michele Schmitt :

Herding instinct test - Dave Weatherspoon can accommodate some Samoyeds. There are several options: Friday Aug 29th, Friday Sept 12th, starting at 5:00 PM. He will also donate his time for an all-day fundraiser, Oct 4th and Oct 11th. Charges \$15 a dog unless we want to do a fundraiser. It takes 15 minutes a dog. He gives an evaluation on dog after come out of ring. This judge is capable of judging both the 1st and 2nd leg. Call Michelle if you wish to participate.

If you are interested in watching a Herding Trial one is being held Sept 20th, in Hudson, CO. One Samoyed is entered.

Michele pass around flyers for Plum Creek KC B-Match All Breed Match.

Specialty - Jane Reller:

* A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Regular meeting and convene the Specialty membership meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Jane Reller.

Non-Regular Classes Vote.

- Sled Dog, Sled Bitch, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Vet Dog and Vet Bitch for 1998 Local Specialty. Voting was as follows:

Class	For	Against
Sled Dog	12	1
Sled Bitch	12	1
Brood Bitch	12	4
Stud Dog	12	4
Vet Dog	16	0
Vet Bitch	16	0
Brace	11	5
Parade of Title Holders	2	8

- Trophy Donation List was passed around.
- Discussion regarding Sweepstakes money and how it's divided. The choices included: divide money between Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite Sweeps only, or leave the dispersal of funds as is. The vote

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was to keep the dispersal of funds as is.

- If you want names added to the premium lists, E-mail or call Jane Reller. Jane must get it into Daphane by mid-September.
- Remaining motions made in previous meeting, pending vote by the membership:
 - "Beginning in 1999, alternate judges for Local Specialty shows for regular and non-regular classes, excluding sweepstakes, between Breeder and All-Breed judges. The 1999 Local Specialty judge will be an All-Breed judge." **Motion approved.**
 - "From now on, the club will secure Local Specialty Judges' assignments, 2 years in advance". **Motion approved.**
 - "Setup a procedure for picking Local Specialty Sweepstakes Judges every other year from interested club members. Alternating years they would be chosen by nomination and majority club vote". **Motion failed.**
- New Motions made in this meeting and tabled for vote in the October membership meeting:
 - ✓ "We will hold a drawing, each year to determine our DSA Specialty Sweepstakes Judge and that the drawing be made up of only interested DSA club members. Two names shall be drawn - first name being the Sweeps judge, second name is the alternate. DSA members who have judged in the past and in future DSA Specialties will be eliminated from future drawings. Alternate's names will be returned to the next drawing if they choose and did not judge at the Specialty. This drawing will continue until no more names of interested DSA members exist. The drawing will be audited to ensure that all eligible and interested DSA members names have been included. The drawing should be held at the March meeting, a year in advance."
 - ✓ "All nominations for Sweepstakes Judge, which includes interested club members and non-club members, would be put into hat and the judge is drawn from hat". This motion was withdrawn.
 - ✓ "When choosing DSA Local Specialty judges, the traditional method of Robert's Rules of Order will be followed." *Robert's Rules of Order states the first person on the list, who receives a majority vote is the selected winner, and it ends the voting.*
 - ✓ "When choosing DSA Local Specialty judges, the traditional method of Robert's Rules of Order will be followed. The listed order of the nominees are then determined by a drawing from a hat". *Robert's Rules of Order states the first person on the list, who receives a majority vote is the selected winner, and it ends the voting.*
 - ✓ "Club members who have previously judged Sweepstakes, are ineligible from being nominated, if other club members are interested in judging."

* A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Specialty meeting and reconvene the regular membership meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Andi Mast.

-Unfinished Business: None.

-New Business:

Julie Beatty brought up a question and concern regarding the cost of postage on the Sam-O-Gram. Her

question was whether we could save on postage by just mailing the minutes of the meeting and provide the articles, flyers, events calendars, etc only at the meeting. Andi responded that mailing the Sam-O-Gram to all members is an effort to improve communication amongst all club members. She also stated that the newsletter replaced the meeting reminder postcard, which offset some of the postage. Thalia stated that the Sam-O-Gram 1997 budget was submitted and approved for \$250. The expenses to date are listed below:

Nancy Golden - announcement: Her veterinarian received a letter from OFA stating, in order for a dog's pedigree to list OFA to be printed it must be tattoo or have an ID Microchip. This also includes CERF. This requirement started in 1996.

-Barks and Growls:

Bark -

Jane - Starquest's Coup d'Essai, "Cooper" received

Date	Amount	Description
3/8/97	\$55.00	Postage 100 @ \$.55
4/16/97	\$24.03	Embossed Seal - pre-approved Ways & Means expense
6/9/97	\$19.20	Postage 60 @ \$.32
Subtot	\$98.23	Reimbursed - Check #779 for Sam-O-Gram Postage and Embossed Seal.
7/16/97	\$22.00	Postage 40 @ \$.55
8/12/97	\$55.00	Postage 100 @ \$.55
Total	\$175.23	
	\$250.00	1997 Sam-O-Gram Budget
-	\$151.20	Postage Costs to Date.
=	\$98.00	1997 Remaining Budget

his CD last Saturday at Greeley KC.

Debbie - Trailblazers Rumor Has It, "Kit Kat" was Winners Bitch at Greeley, Sunday.

Jan - Cloudnine's "Starstuff", my newest puppy, Buckhorn Valley KC, at his second show, went Winners Dog for a 3 pt major.

Greeley KC, Saturday, Starstuff went Winners Dog for 2 pts.

Greeley KC, Sunday, went Reserver Winners Dog.

Sassallie's Chances R Brite "Chaz" went Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 3 pt major.

Nancy - Krystall's Li'l Uff-da (owner/breeder Nancy Golden) and litter sister Krystall's Snow Kristal (owner Summer & Lisa Price, breeder Nancy Golden) both finished their championship titles the weekend of August 9 & 10, 1997.

Andi - Congratulations to Randy and Rhonda DeYoung on the birth of their daughter, Richelle, on April 26th.

-Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Treasury Reports

Treasury Report for August, 1997 August 18, 1997 - GENERAL FUND

7/21/97 Ending Balance	\$ 460.79
Deposits:	
8/4/97 \$2,000.00	
8/14/97	<u>1,550.66</u>
Total Deposits:	\$3,550.66
Checks Paid Out:	
#790 Nancy Lisec	21.00
Park fee- Tourn. & Spec Match	
* #791 AKC	50.00
'98 Specialty Fee	
#792 CDFA	13.00
Dues	
#793 Denver Samoyed Rescue	645.10
Profits from Casino Trip	
#794 Safeway	776.00
Certificates	
#795 King Soopers	<u>1843.00</u>
Certificates	
Total Checks Paid Out:	<u>3,348.10</u>
Ending Balance 8/18/97	<u>\$ 663.35</u>
<u>Deposit Breakdown:</u>	
8/4/97 - K. Soopers/Safeway	2,000.00
	<u>2,000.00</u>
8/14/97- K. Soopers/Safeway	361.50
- Dues	10.00
- Casino Trip (\$300.00 re-deposit)	
	<u>1,131.50</u>
- Garden Center	38.66
- Barks	<u>9.00</u>
	<u>1,550.66</u>
Total Deposits	\$3,550.66

* Denotes Specialty Items.

Treasury Report for August, 1997 August 18, 1997 - RESCUE FUND

7/21/97 Ending Balance	\$ 232.49
Deposits:	
8/4/97 \$ 645.10	
8/14/97	<u>357.25</u>
Total Deposits:	\$ 1,002.35
Checks Paid Out:	
#1042 Deb Castro	156.00
Final boarding to Dogtown	
#1043 Jim Alford	650.00
Boarding (Old Bill)	
Total Checks Paid Out:	806.00
Bank Service Charges	<u>3.50</u>
Ending Balance 8/18/97	<u>\$ 425.34</u>
<u>Deposit Breakdown:</u>	
8/4/97 - DSA-Casino Trip profit	\$645.10
	<u>\$ 645.10</u>
8/14/97- Items	5.00
- Donations	71.25
- Crate	156.00
- Adoptions Fees	<u>125.00</u>
	<u>357.25</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,002.35

These reports were prepared by Carolyn M. Bateman,
DSA Treasurer

Buy Your Holiday Gifts Early!

The Ways and Means Committee has a large inventory available
for sale, so get your Holiday gifts early!

DSA Logo:

T-Shirts:

Short Sleeved, Purple and Blue - \$12.00, White - \$10.00

Long Sleeved, White - \$15.00

Sweatshirts, White - \$20.00

Nylon Lined Jackets, White - \$35.00

"Sammies Give the Best Hugs":

T-Shirts:

Short Sleeved Two-Tone (Black with Pink, Teal or Green) - \$10.00

Long Sleeved Red, Dark Blue, Black, Teal - \$8.00

Sweatshirts: Red, Dark Blue, Black, Teal - \$12.00

Various Samoyed Wooden Items:

Bank - \$25.00, Carousel - \$13.00, Clock - \$35.00, Leash Rack - \$10.00

Hair Dryer Rack - \$15.00, Napkin Holder - \$8.00, Sled - \$10.00

Notecards 10 per pack - \$5.00

Notepads: 1/2 page - \$2.50, 1/4 page - \$2.00

Please contact Denise Baugh - 438-7235, or sbaugh@henge.com to bring items to meetings or events.

Bloat: Do You Know the Deadly Warning Signs?

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Our own dog, Leigh, bloated after breaking into a 20-pound bag of dog food and ingesting its contents.

The size and weight of the stomach can actually cause it to flip or twist, blocking the inflow (from the esophagus) and outflow (to the small intestine, or duodenum) of its contents. This rotation (torsion) is very serious, often leading to shock and requiring emergency surgery.

Know the Signs of Bloat

1. Sudden, acute restlessness
2. Swollen abdomen which continues to increase in size
3. Acute onset of gas

If any of these conditions occur, especially if your dog has recently eaten a large meal or exercised, you need to **seek immediate veterinary assistance**. If bloat is diagnosed, treatment can be either watchful waiting, insertion of a stomach tube to mechanically remove the stomach contents or surgery to correct the situation. Once again, torsion is a serious, and if not addressed immediately, can lead to shock and death.

What Causes Bloat?

While research veterinarians have never been able to conclusively prove its cause, the condition is commonly associated with overeating, overexertion, exercise immediately after eating and the combining of fluids and solids. Bloat has also been linked to low-quality foods containing soy and other ingredients which are indigestible and can cause ballooning of the stomach.

Looking at the condition holistically, I believe that the stomach and intestines of domesticated dogs have become flabby, and lost their tone, making them more prone to stretching and dilation. In the wild, wolves eat chunks of meat, bone and organs which will "work out"

the muscles of the intestines, giving them tone. Often, our domesticated dogs are fed highly processed, highly emulsified foods that contain little substance, roughage, and fiber for the GI tract to work out against.

Follow These Guidelines to Prevent Bloat in Your Dog

Prevention is the approach you need to take with your best friend, and the best way to avoid gastric dilation and torsion is to adhere to these precautions:

- ✓ Keep all opened and unopened dry dog food bags out of your animal's reach.
- ✓ Never mix exercise and food together. Allow at least two hours after meals before aggressive exercise, such as running, speed walking, Frisbee-catching, ball-playing, hide-and-peek, etc.
- ✓ If possible, feed two to three smaller meals per day rather than one main meal.
- ✓ Remove water one-half hour before feeding and withhold for one-half hour immediately after.
- ✓ Feed fresh, whole foods high in fiber to "aerobically" strengthen the GI tract.
- ✓ Give your dog plenty of exercise and fresh air to tone muscles and improve circulation.
- ✓ Provide antioxidant vitamins and minerals and life-force enzymes to improve metabolism and strengthen the immune system.

If you live with a dog at risk for bloat, it is well worth your time to become familiar with its signs, so your awareness of this sudden and potentially fatal disease becomes second nature.

Things We Can Learn From a Dog

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Note: If it's a dogs life you're leading... or you're working like a dog... Take a moment, take a breath and give thanks & just enjoy being alive (not everyone we love are...)

AKC Proposed Changes in Obedience Regulations



It is the intent of the American Kennel Club and the Obedience Department to make changes to the Obedience Regulations, as necessary, to keep the sport in step with the times and the desires of those that participate in the sport. In addition, input from participants is not only desired but is essential.

In this spirit, after reviewing numerous comments and recommendations that have been received, a number of changes to the Obedience Regulations are being considered. These changes are in areas that appear to be irritants to those that participate in the sport, yet have little or no bearing on the dogs' performance or score. If there is sufficient support, and no real reasons not to make the following changes, it is intended to recommend the following effective January 1, 1998.

The proposed changes are as follows: (with **bold** type indicating the change)

Chapter 2, Section 17. Collars: The intent will be to allow collars of any color, and/or decorative design or pattern on the collars, and allows more various methods to "buckle", or fasten the collars, yet still prohibit those collars not considered appropriate.

Chapter 2, Section 17, Will read:

"Section 17. Collars. Dogs in the Obedience ring must wear properly fitted collars, as approved by the judge. **Collars with protrusions on the inside, electronic collars or other special training collars** or collars that are either too tight or so large as to hang down unreasonably in front of the dog, are not permitted. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars."

Chapter 3, Section 1. Novice A Class, and Chapters 4, Section 1. Open A Class:

The proposed change will allow any handler who has never put an Obedience title, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, or OTCH on a dog, to enter Novice A. A handler would be considered to have put a title on a dog if they earned one of the qualifications toward a title or points toward an OTCH. An individual who co-owned a dog that earned a title, but where the handler never earned a qualifications or points would be allowed to enter Novice A. In addition, a handler would be allowed to enter more than one dog in Novice A. If the handler completes a Novice title the handler may continue to show that and any other eligible dog in a Novice A for 60 days after obtaining CD title. The proposed changes further allow a handler with more than one dog in Novice A or Open A to have anyone handle an additional dog, if the owner cannot make arrangements to have the dogs in separate groups. This eliminates the requirement for "immediate family."

Novice B would remain the same, except a dog could continue to be shown in this class until the dog received

a qualifying score in the Open class. If approved, a handler could enter Novice B and Open A at the same trial. Once a qualifying score is earned in the Open class the dog could not enter the Novice class in any obedience trial whose closing date has not passed.

The proposed Sections will read:

Chapter 3, Section 1, Novice A Class. The Novice A class shall be for dogs not less than six months of age that have not won the title CD. **A handler must own the dog entered, or be a member of the owners household and may not have previously handled a dog that has earned a qualifying score or points toward an American Kennel Club obedience title.**

The same person shall handle the dog in every exercise. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the additional dog(s) in for the group exercises.

Section 2. Novice B Class. **The Novice B Class shall be for dogs not less than six months of age that have not earned a qualifying score in the Open Class. Once a qualifying score has been earned in the Open Class, and the closing date for a trial has not passed, the dog may no longer be entered in this class. Until a qualifying score is earned in the Open Class a dog may be entered in Novice B and the Open Class. The same person shall handle the dog in all exercises. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the additional dog(s) in for the group exercises.**

Chapter 4, Section 1. Open A Class. ...Owners may enter more than one dog in this class. **The same person shall handle the dog in every exercise. In the event arrangements cannot be made for a handler with more than one dog entered in this class to have the dogs in different group exercises, a different handler may take the additional dog(s) in for the group exercise.**

Chapter 2, Section 26, Training on the Grounds. The intent is to allow warm-up/training type exercises to be performed as long as they are not disruptive to any dog in a ring or other exhibitors and spectators. Training should be as far from the ring as reasonably possible. In addition, warm-up exercises are not to be intensive or harsh. All warm-up/training must be on lead. This change would allow recalls, retrieves, jumping etc. Clubs would be permitted to place restrictions on the warm-up/training allowed, but must state those restrictions in the premium list.

The proposed Section will read:

Chapter 2. Section 26. Training **and Warm-up** on the Grounds. There shall be no intensive or abusive training of dogs on the grounds or premises at a Licensed or Member Obedience Trial, or at a Sanctioned Match. No practice rings shall be permitted. **Collars with**

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protrusions on the inside and electronic collars or other special training collars shall not be used on the grounds or premises at an Obedience Trial or Match.

These requirements shall not be interpreted as preventing a handler from moving normally about the grounds or premises, **nor from training or warming-up his dog to include recalls, retrieves, jumps or any other exercise as performed in the obedience ring. Any training or warming-up of a dog shall not be disruptive to any dog in a ring or any person. It shall be performed as far from the obedience ring as reasonably possible.** However, physical or verbal disciplining of dogs shall not be permitted except to a reasonable extent in case of an attack on a person or another dog. **All dogs shall be kept on leash except when in the obedience ring or exercise ring.**

The Superintendent, or Show or Trial Secretary, and the members of the Bench Show or Obedience Trial Committee, shall be responsible for compliance with this Section, and shall investigate any reports of infractions.

Chapter 4, Section 10, Retrieve over High Jump. The intent of the proposed change is to reduce the maximum height jumped by a dog, from one and one quarter the height of the dog at the withers to once the height of the dog at the withers, except for selected massive breeds, which will jump three quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

In addition, dogs would not be required to be measured. The honesty of the exhibitor would be respected, except the judge shall be allowed the option of measuring dogs, to verify the height of the dog.

The proposed new section will read:

Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 remain the same.

The jump shall be set at the nearest multiple of 2 inches to three quarters the height of the dog at the withers for the following breeds:

Great Pyrenees
Mastiffs
Newfoundlands
Irish Wolfhounds
Bernese Mountain Dogs

The jump shall be set to the nearest multiple of 2 inches to the height of the dog at the withers for all other dogs, with no dog jumping less than 8 inches nor more than 36 inches.

For breeds that jump three quarters the height of the dog at the withers, the jumps shall be set in accordance with the following table:

Measured height of dog at withers	Height to be jumped
20" to less than 23"	16"
23" to less than 25 1/2"	18"
25 1/2 to less than 28"	20"
28" to less than 31"	22"
31" to less than 33 1/2"	24"
33 1/2 to less than 36"	26"
36" to less than 39"	28"

The jumps may be preset by the Stewards based on the handler's advice as to the dog's height. The judge must make certain the jump is set at the required height for each dog. **The judge may, at his discretion, verify the height of all, or selected, dogs at the withers.**

The side posts of the High Jump shall be 4 feet high and the jump shall be 5 feet wide and shall be constructed as to provide adjustments for each 2 inches from 8 inches to 36 inches. It is suggested that the jump have a bottom board 8 inches wide including the space from the bottom of the board to the ground or floor, together with three other 8-inch boards, one 4-inch board, one 2-inch board. A 6-inch board may also be provided. The jump shall be painted flat white. The width in inches, and nothing else shall be painted on each side of each board in black two inch figures, the figures on the bottom board shall represent the distance from the ground or floor to the top of the board.



It is requested that any comments or recommendations to the above be provided to the Obedience Department at the American Kennel Club by September 25, 1997. You can fax your comments to 212-696-8299.

Any comments on additional changes will be reviewed and considered, however, these changes will be considered at a

later date.

It is the intent of the American Kennel Club, and the Obedience Department, to keep the sport of Obedience in step with the times, and to make every Obedience Event more enjoyable for all involved.

Dog Behaviour

Remember Dogs are Dogs!

So many of the problems we humans find with dogs are because we forget this simple fact. There seems to be a clear "love-hate" relationship between mankind and the dog! A dog can go from being loved to being hated, neglected and cruelly treated within a very short space of time!

Ask any Dog Control Officer and they'll tell you that there are no such thing as "dog problems" -- they are all people problems! They will also tell you that most people will always see the owning of an animal as a "right" and not a very special privilege.

Today's dogs are all descended from the first canids, and they were the first animals to be domesticated by man. The reason was simple -- the wolf (the main member of the canid group) has a similar social structure to the human family, so when the first stray pups would be brought home as pets, they easily fitted into the human family.

Humans found a dog to be very useful for guarding, helping in the hunt, and to provide warmth on a cold night! They were working dogs! The dog became "man's best friend" and from these early canids -- the diversity of today's dogs arose.

So despite the passage of time, people who keep dogs should expect them to behave like dogs! The dog is a pack animal. It is also a scavenger. Males will wander in search of females and to define territory. Dogs will bark -- a trait which developed with domestication as no wild canid (eg dingo, fox or wild African dog) barks.

Dog's Senses

Appreciating how a dog perceives life is also important in avoiding trouble. Many owners forget that dogs are different. How different?

Touch is very important to a dog -- indeed because of its early environment, to touch a dog is to pay it the highest compliment - provided it's in the correct non-threatening place. Don't grab it by the scruff or the testicles or you'll find out. Hold your hand out and let it sniff you, then rub its chest.

In general a dog's vision covers an area up to 70 degrees wider than a man's, but binocular (two-eyed) vision which provides perception of distance is about 20 degrees narrower. So a dog's ability to pick up movement at the side of the head is about 10 times more sensitive than man's. Dogs have good long vision and better night vision than man but they don't have our ability to see things close up and in detail. At close quarters a dog's nose is more useful. They have limited colour vision.

Dogs have very acute hearing covering a much wider frequency than ours (20 to 50,000 cycles/second). Human hearing peaks at 20,000 cycles/second and dogs can hear sounds out of our range. Some people use the high pitched "silent" whistles for dogs that we can only hear as a hiss. People seem to forget that a dog does not understand English!. It is responding to a

sound and the tone of that sound is critical. I know many dogs that can tell their owner's car engine from the others that drive past.

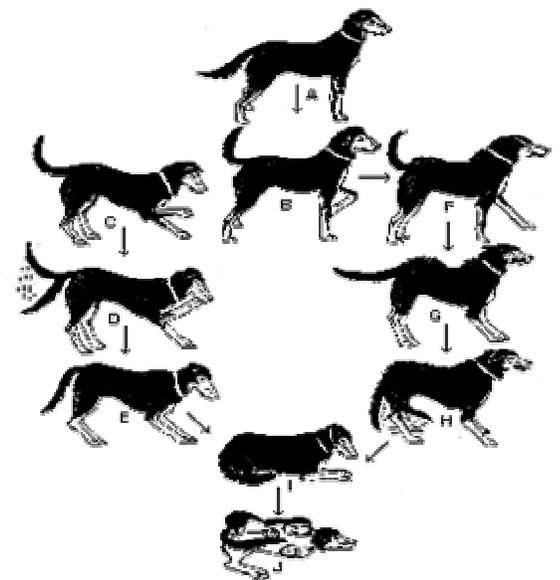
Dogs have a very acute sense of smell and it is generally described as at least 100 times more sensitive than ours. The sense of smell is due mainly to a very sensitive nose structure, a special scent organ behind its canine teeth on the roof of its mouth (the vomeronasal organ) and a much larger part of the brain concerned with smell compared to man.

Dog Body Language

Dogs do a lot of communicating through body language -- something that anyone who visits or passes strange houses should recognise. The drawings in the figure describes them. Note how important the dog's tail is in communication -- a sound argument for not cutting it off which they do in some breeds!

Expressive Social Responses in the Dog

Changes in body postures and facial expressions by which dogs indicate their feelings and intentions to other dogs.



A-B: Neutral to alert attentive positions

C: Play-soliciting bow

D-E: Active and passive submissive greeting -- tail wags, ears fold back, weight is transferred to hind legs

I: Passive submission

J: Rolling over and showing belly and genitals

F-H: Gradual shift from aggressive display to ambivalent fear/defensive/aggressive posture

1997 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact
Sep 12-14	Greater Emporia KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Salina, KC	Onofrio
13-14	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Prescott, AZ	Onofrio
13-14	Rock Mtn Agility	Agil. Trial USDAA-ACAT	8910 W. 52nd Arvada	719-545-8461
14	Plum Creek KC	B Match All-Breed Conformation & Obed.	Corner of Parker Rd & Main St. Registration @ 7:30-8:30AM	Marty Krenek 646-3094
19-21	Electric City KC Yellowstone Valley KC Helena Montana KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Helena, MT	
20	Mile High Agility Club	Agility Fun Match	14328 W. 96th Ave - Arvada	642-7557
20-21	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio
20-21	Fort Worth Texas KC	Show	Fort Worth, TX Mesquite, TX	Onofrio
21	Cont. Divide Herding Asso	Herding Test-Close 8/27	Hudson, CO	Hildy Morgan
26-28	Heart of the Plains KC	Show - Close 9/10/97	Lubbock, TX	Onofrio
27-28	Sunflower KC of Olath	Show	Gardner, KS	Onofrio
28	Friends of Pikes Peak O.C	Fun Match-Obed / Agility	18210 Quarter Horse Lane	719-495-0427
Oct 4-5	Rio Grande KC Sangre De Cristo KC	Show	Santa Fe, NM	Onofrio
4-5	Intermountain KC Mount Ogden KC	Show	Magna, UT	Onofrio
10-11	Chaparral KC Rio Pecos KC	Show	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio
11-12	Pikes Peak Obed.Club	Obedience Trial	Colorado Springs, CO	Robert Miller
12-13	El Paso KC Mesilla Valley KC	Show	Las Cruces, NM	Onofrio
14-19	SCA National	Specialty	Sturbridge, MA	Jim Rau
18-19	Rapid City KC	Show	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio
24	Samoyed Club-Central AZ	Specialty	Phoenix, AZ	G. Eshleman
25-26	Kachina KC	Show	Goodyear, AZ	
25-26	Sioux Valley KC Sioux Empire KC	Show	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio
25-26	Travis County KC	Show	Austin, TX	Onofrio
26	High Country Newf. Club	Obed Fun Match-8 AM	Adams Cty Fairgrounds	303-421-3282
Nov 1-2	Bartlesville KC Mid-Continent KC	Show	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio
8-9	Evergreen KC Flatirons KC	Show	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
8-9	Mid-Del Tinker KC Oklahoma City KC	Show	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio
15-16	Greater Sierra Vista KC Tuscon KC	Show	Tuscon, AZ	Onofrio
17	DSA - presented by Pam Hahler	Program - Skijouring	Littleton Hospital before Membership Meeting	770-2167
29-30	Southern Colorado KC	Show	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio

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DSR Success Letter

"Brie"

Dear Debora,

Enclosed please find some pictures of Brie over the past year as well as a donation.

I couldn't possibly begin to tell you just how lucky I feel to be able to love and care for Brie.

Thank you for providing these wonderful Samoyeds protection and the chance for a new home. Please let me know if I may be of help in your rescue work.

Truly,
Cecilie



DSR Thank You Note

Denver Samoyed Rescue wishes to thank the following individuals who made the effort to contribute time and/or "stuff" to our recent Jumble Sale:

Deb Castro
Jan & Kent Cherne
Jennifer Matchum
(primary organizer & donation solicitor!!)
Andi Mast
Sue Wangerin
Janet White
Bobbie Wlodarek

Sammy Smiles to each of you - our big, white, fluffies appreciate your help!!!

**"It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich."
Sarah Bernhardt**

All-Breed Match \$ Results

On August 24th, DSA held their annual All-Breed Conformation and Obedience Fun Match. Listed below is the financial report for that match:

Match Proceeds:	\$548.66
Match Expenses:	
Park (previously paid):	\$100.00
Judges' gifts	50.00
Biscuits, etc	<u>15.45</u>
	\$165.45
Match Net Profit:	\$383.21

Also,

1) For DSR Rescue	
Jumble/Garage Sale:	\$ 40.00
Animal Communicator	<u>90.00</u>
	\$ 130.00
2) Ways & Means	\$ 15.00
3) Raffle	\$ 26.00

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE **Dogs placed during the month of August: 8 (2 referred)**

As of 09/04/97, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Male(Dozer) 4 yrs. House/Outdoor Private Rescue Group

Comments: Great Pyr/Samoyed mix. Large (80#). OK with kids and female dogs. Housebroken. Very people oriented. Needs a 6' fence.

Male(Toby) 7 yrs. Outdoor Owner

Comments: 60#. Medium/low activity level. OK with kids, cats, and other dogs. Knows basic obedience commands. Housetrained, but prefers to be outside.

Why: Don't have time to spend with him. Nice boy. Needs grooming

Female(Spring) 3.5 yrs. House/Outdoor Foster Home

Comments: Has an eye problem that will require treatment with a topical ointment for life (\$15/mo). She can be outside, but needs a place where she can get out of the light (at her own discretion) - prolonged exposure to light is uncomfortable for her. Good with kids and other dogs. Very cute!

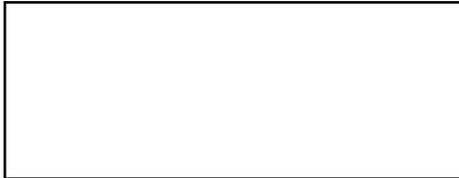
Why: From Fort Collins H.S. Owner moved.

Female(Angel) 7 yrs. House/Outdoor Owner

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Denver Samoyed Association
c/o T. Peletis
8885 West Clifton Avenue
Littleton, CO 80123-5324

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September 15, 1997 Meeting Reminder: (Littleton Hospital @ 7:15 pm)

- **Voting will occur on multiple motions. See page 4 for details.**
- Call Carolyn in advance to place your grocery certificate order.

Attention!!!

If you know of any individual, or any business with boarding kennel facilities in the Denver metro area that may be willing to accommodate our rescue dogs, please contact Deb Castro at 220-7536. DSR is beginning to push the time limit with our current facility (they are giving up their lease) and we need to make alternate boarding arrangements as soon as possible!

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Comments: OK with older children and male dogs, no experience with cats. Low activity level. 65#. No formal obedience, but very responsive.

Why: Multiple dog(6) household, recently started fighting with other females.

Male(Kodi) 4 yrs. House/Outdoor Owner

Comments: 52#, good physical condition. LOVES kids and other animals! Rides well in the car, but cannot be left loose in the car. Kodi does require eye drops and is afflicted with dwarfism. High energy.

Why: Owner thinks he needs kids and other animals.

Female(Sula) 6 yr. House/Outdoor Owner

Comments: Knows basic obedience commands. OK with other dogs, cats and kids. Low activity level. VERY people oriented! 65#. Dog is in Oregon. Current owner prefers a holistically oriented family.

Why: Owner must be mobile/flexible to move on short notice and thinks that is unfair to the dog.

Male(Eddie) 2 yrs. House/Outdoor Owner

Comments: Knows basic obedience commands. Good with kids, not socialized with other dogs. Very afraid of thunderstorms. Smaller size, high activity level. Will need training.

Why: New house, new baby, no time.

Male(Sampson) 1 yr. House/Outdoor Will be kenneled 09/08

Comments: Will jump a 3' fence. OK with other dogs and kids, chases cats. Still working on housebreaking. No formal training, but eager to please. Medium activity level. Needs grooming and someone to pay attention to him.

Why: No time for him, and new house.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call Heidi (660-1472), Carolyn (750-1740), or Deb (220-7536).