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## Repairing Torn Ligaments with Grafts

You've probably heard of people tearing or injuring their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), but did you know it can happen to your dog? In dogs, this ligament is called the cranial cruciate ligament and is located in the knees of the hind legs. Usually when a dog injures its cranial cruciate ligament, it temporarily stops using the affected leg. The lameness may improve, but in some cases the ligament may rupture, causing joint instability. At that point, treatment is recommended to stabilize the joint and help prevent arthritis. Grafts are commonly used to treat ruptured cranial cruciate ligaments.

In people, torn ACLs are typically replaced with patellar tendon or hamstring grafts. While patellar tendon grafts are already used in dogs, the hamstring graft was not studied until recently. Since hamstring grafts are successful in people, Drs. Mandi Lopez and Paul Manley of the University of Wisconsin-Madison wanted to explore the procedure for dogs, too.

"This study looked at whether it was feasible to use the hamstring graft for dogs and, if so, whether that graft could replace the injured cruciate ligament," Dr. Manley explains. The location of the canine hamstring graft makes this procedure unique.

"A lot of grafts are harvested from the outside of

the leg. They have to be moved to the inside to reconstruct the cranial cruciate ligament," Dr. Lopez says. "One of the advantages of a hamstring graft is its location on the inside of the leg."

The hamstring graft offers several advantages over other graft methods. Side effects are unlikely. The graft is left attached to the bone, which promotes graft survival. The graft, also effectively stabilizes the knee joint, which helps to prevent arthritis.

Since the investigators have completed their study, the hamstring graft technique has been used in a limited number of dogs with great success.

"In orthopedics, we are always looking for ways to improve joint health," Dr. Lopez says. "This technique may be advantageous to the long-term health and well-being of the dog and could advance veterinary surgical techniques."

*For more information about this study, please see Veterinary Surgery Journal: Lopez, MJ, Markel MD Kalscheur V, Lu Y, Manley PA. Hamstring graft technique for stabilization of cranial cruciate ligament, deficient stifles. Vet Surg 32:390-401, 2003.*

— Via Morris Animal Foundation, Animal News, Volume 4, Number 2

### Special points of interest:

- **Where do you want your club to go next? Come help decide what the 2005 club goal should be! See page 3 for details.**
- **Volunteers are needed! Please see page 8 for details!**

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## Membership Meeting Minutes

### 05/17/04 - Membership Meeting

Present: Janet and Kent Cherne, Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Tom Lisec, Mary Lloyd, Andi Mast, Julie Morris, Thalia Peletis, Michele Schmitt, Terry Walb, Sue and Gene Wangerin, Jane Reller

Guest: None;

- Meeting was called to order at 08:45 PM by Julie Morris.
- Review of the 04/19/04 membership meeting minutes for corrections.
- Minutes were approved as written.

#### President's Report - Julie Morris:

Julie made a motion that due to the length of this evening's program that we postpone all business until next month. It was seconded and passed

#### Secretary's Report - Terry Walb: No Report

It would be appreciated if you could email any reports that you have already typed to Terry for the Sam-O-Gram.

#### Corresponding Secretary's Report - Jane Reller: No Report

#### Treasurer's Report - Thalia Peletis: No Report.

#### Committee Reports-

*Agility* – Jane Reller - No Report

*Awards* – Mary Lloyd- No Report

*Breeder Referral* – Martha Lageschulte- No Report

Please continue to let Martha know about puppies.

*Cheer* - Terry Walb - No Report

Please let Terry know if new titles or cheer wishes need to be sent.

*DSA Liaison to SCA* - Andi Mast- No Report

*Historian/Librarian* – Tom Lisec

If you have any requests from the library please let Tom know.

*Hospitality* – Lori Elvera - Thanks **Lori and Mary** for bringing snacks tonight

*Membership* - Martha Lageschulte- No Report

*Program* – Mary Lloyd and Tom Lisec

A program on laparoscopy-assisted surgical procedures was presented by Drs. Cox, Kuschel, and Hailey from Deer Creek Animal Hospital. Topics ranged from: Gastropexy, for gastric dilation (bloat) referring to distension of the stomach or gastric volvulus (torsion-GVD) referring to a rotation of the stomach, cryptorchid, spay, and liver biopsy.

Whether you would choose to do a preventative laparoscopy-assisted gastropexy (tacking) may well depend on the genetic background of your dog. It is important, as always, to have honest, thorough communication regarding health issues in your breeding lines.

Risk factors for bloat and GDV were: large and giant breed dogs, deep and narrow thorax (Great Danes in particular). Studies have not supported a relationship between soy-based or cereal-based dry dog food and GDV. Various behaviors have not been proven to help risk factors, such as feeding wet or dry, high or low, quiet for an hour after feeding, etc.

Copies of the handouts are available from Terry Walb if requested.

If you have any ideas for programs, please let Mary know.

*Public Education* – Jane Reller - No Report.

*Sam-O-Gram/Web Site* – Thalia Peletis - No Report

*Sammy Rescue* – Andi Mast - No Report

*Specialty Match* – Open - No Report

*Tournament* – No report.

*Ways & Means* – Lori Elvera - No Report - No Report

*Working Dog* – Mary Lloyd / Bob Sencenbaugh - No Report

*'04 Local Specialty* – Mary Lloyd - No Report

*'05 Local Specialty* – Terry Walb - No Report

**Unfinished Business:** - No Report

**New Business:** - No Report

#### Barks and Growls:

Mary Lloyd – 'Gus' (CH. Braveheart's Gusto Weather) was WD/BOW at Garden City with Judge R. Thomas, WD/BOW at Hutchison with Mrs. Billings, WD/BOW at Salina with Dr. Mays, WD/BOW at Marshallton for a 3-point major with Mr. Shipley, and WD/BOW at Marshalltown for another 3-point major with Mrs. Gam-mill to finish his championship with 4 majors at barely one year old. He went on to BOB at Emporia with Mr. Cline, BOB again at Emporia with Mrs. J. Brown, BOB at Durango with Mrs. Gomez and BOB at Albuquerque with Mr. Lucas.

'Spring' (Braveheart's Primavera) was WB/BOS at Salina with Dr. Mays, WB/BOS at Wichita with Mrs. Forsyth, WB at Marshalltown with Mr. Shipley, WB/BOS at Emporia with Mr. Cline, WB/BOS at Emporia with Mrs. J. Brown, WB/BOW/BOS for a 3-point major at Durango with Mr. Esporte.

'Bear' (Braveheart's Winter Storm) WD/BOW at Wichita with Mrs. Forsyth, WD at Durango with Mr. Esporte.

Meeting was adjourned at **08:50 PM**.

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 05/17/04 - Board Meeting

Present: Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Tom Lisec, Mary Lloyd, Andi Mast, Julie Morris, Thalia Peletis, Terry Walb, Jane Reller

Guest: None

Meeting was called to order at 08:50 PM by Julie Morris.

#### President's Report, Julie Morris:

Julie made a motion that due to the length of

this evening's program that we postpone all business until next month. It was seconded and passed.

**Secretary's Report**, Terry Walb: No Report.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**, Jane Reller No Report.

**Treasurer's Report**, Thalia Peletis: No Report.

**Unfinished Business:** No Report.

**New Business:** No Report.

Meeting was adjourned at 08:52 PM.

## Laparoscopy Gastropexus - Preventing Canine Stomach Torsioning

**Editor's Note:** Below is a synopsis of the May 17th education program provided by Dr. Ray Cox and Dr. Markee Kuschel Deer Creek Animal Hospital and Dr. Jim Hailey—My Pets Place Vet Clinic

### Gastric Dilatation—Volvulus (GDV)

Bloat and or torsion of the stomach is a life threatening condition that has a 33% mortality rate in dogs that were seen at veterinary teaching facilities.

Risk factors include large and giant breed dogs with a deep narrow thorax (chest), with high levels of stress or a nervous type of temperament. Great Danes are ranked #1 of all breeds predisposed to GDV. Studies show no relationship between feeding soy-based or cereal-based foods and GDV. Most causes are unknown.

Most dogs presenting with GDV are in shock. When the stomach flips or torsions the blood supply is decreased to the stomach, which will lead to necrosis (gangrene) of the stomach wall. This also causes engorgement of the spleen thus

decreasing return blood flow to the heart resulting in decreased cardiac output. Shock can result in multiple organ damage including the kidney, heart, pancreas, liver and small intestines. Ultimately, shock reaches the point of irreversibility and death occurs.

Surgery is needed to reposition to stomach and gastropexus is done to help stop the stomach from twisting in the future. Laparoscopic gastropexus involves tacking the stomach to the abdominal wall in a minimally invasive procedure. The laparoscope is inserted into a small incision to perform the procedure. Recovery time and pain is greatly reduced using this procedure.

In breeds with a high risk of GDV, prophylaxis gastropexus is done to help stop the stomach from twisting in the future. Studies have shown that without gastropexus the recurrence of volvulus is 54-75.8%. With gastropexus the recurrence is 4-6%. They may still bloat, but the stomach does not flip or twist.

Dr. Cox recommends everyone who travels with a dogs at risk to have a bloat kit with them. This includes a large, long needle (2-3 inches, 16-gauge), and a stomach tube. Warning signs include depression, restlessness, belching, and/or excessive flatulence and abdominal enlargement. If you are unable to get help right away when your dog is bloating, you can use the needle to decompress the stomach. He also showed us the California Shake Down that one could try on their dog. Basically you hold the dog up under its front legs and shake to dog up and down. This may cause the stomach to untwist in some cases.

Other uses for laparoscopes include spays, cryptorchids (retained testicles), liver biopsies, cystoscopy, thoracoscopy, arthroscopy on elbows, shoulders and knees, otoscopy and rhinoscopy.

If you would like more information about this procedure you may contact Dr. Cox at Deer Creek Animal Hospital, 303-973-4200.

## Risk Factors for Canine Bloat

Since 1994, Glickman and Associates at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine have followed nearly 2,000 dogs of 11 large and giant breeds, in a controlled study of canine bloat. The breed with the highest lifetime likelihood of developing bloat is the Great Dane 42.4%. Other deep-chested pure or mixed breeds also are at high risk, especially the Bloodhound, Irish Wolfhound, Irish Setter, Akita, Standard Poodle, German Shepherd Dog, and Boxer.

Their predisposition to develop bloat is believed to be a polygenic, heritable trait. Risk factors for bloat in addition to breed type include deep or narrow chests, lean weight versus overweight, older age, gulping food quickly—15% increase, presumably from more swallowing of air, dogs with fearful, nervous, or aggressive temperament, eating one large meal daily, and stress.

For large breeds the risk of bloat goes up 20% for every year above age 5, whereas

in giant breeds, it increases 20% for every year after age 3. About 30% of dogs that develop bloat die or are euthanized.

First degree relatives of dogs with bloat history have a 63% greater risk of also developing bloat. Additionally, there has been a 1,500% increase in the incidence of canine bloat in the last 30 years. As this has coincided with the increased feeding of dry dog foods, mixing it with home-prepared or canned food has been shown to decrease the bloat risk. While raising the height of food and water bowls has been touted as being preventative, when studied, the risk of bloat actually increased by 110%.

Factors found not to be associated with increased bloat risk include the degree of exercise before or after eating, recent vaccination, brand of dog food consumed, and timing or volume of water intake before or after eating.

The best chance against producing dogs

at increased bloat risk is to breed those with lower chest-depth to chest-width ratios, and whose littermates have not bloated.

*From Antech Diagnostics Labs news sheet.*

*- Via Mountain Dog Messenger*



## DSA's 2005 Club Goal — To Be Determined at Jun '04 Meeting

*NOTE: Due to the length of the education program in May, all non-critical business was postponed until the June meeting. So, the club goal is now slated to be determined at the June '04 meeting.*

At the April 2001 meeting, the club passed a motion stating that at the May club meeting, the membership determines the specific goal of the club for the following year. The Board of Governors is responsible for carrying out this goal for the club and may not delegate this to a committee. No particular focus shall encompass the goal in the previous 3 years.

**The 2004 goal was to update our club's bylaws and get our financial/tax situation in order. This was accomplished!**

So, at the June '04 meeting, we will be deciding the club's 2005 goal.

**This is YOUR chance to help YOUR club  
accomplish what YOU believe is an important goal!**

Please put on your thinking caps, and bring your ideas to this important meeting. Thank you!

## Four Families of Dog Breeds

### GENETIC ANALYSIS

#### DNA tags how dogs differ

**New study shows that the majority of purebred pooches have a genetic signature that is much more distinctive than expected**

BY BRYON NELSON  
STAFF WRITER

May 21, 2004

Dog breeders have long boasted of the unique qualities of their favorite purebred pooches. Now they have the genetic proof to back that claim.

An extensive genetic analysis of 85 dog breeds - representing the majority of registered

purebred dogs in the United States - has revealed that pooch pedigrees from the Shiba Inu to the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog each possess a genetic signature far more distinctive than expected. The surprising discovery, researchers say, may help them pinpoint the underlying basis of a host of genetic diseases shared by dogs and humans alike.

Authors of the study, published today in the journal *Science*, said the extent of the genetic differences surprised them since most purebred lines have been separated only within the past few centuries.

"It's a much more striking difference than is seen among

human populations that evolved on different continents," said Howard Hughes Medical Institute researcher and co-author Leonid Kruglyak in a news release.

The genetic signatures also allowed researchers to separate the breeds into four main evolutionary groups, including a collection of 14 breeds whose evolutionary branches are closest to that of wolves. Three other canine groups appear to have arisen more recently.

Among them, the study genetically linked about a dozen Mastiff-like breeds, another eight breeds with a herding heritage, and a much larger group of European hunting dogs that includes terriers,

spaniels, pointers, retrievers and scent hounds.

Intriguingly, several breeds commonly known for their ancient origins, such as the Pharaoh hound, Ibizan hound, and Norwegian elkhound, were notable by their absence in the oldest evolutionary grouping. The current versions of these breeds, the study suggests, were likely re-created relatively recently through combinations of other dog breeds.

The study's main contribution, however, may be in elucidating the genetic basis of both canine and human disease.

"The number one killer in dogs? Cancer, the same thing

*(Continued on page 6)*



## The Latest on DSA's First Agility Trial

The Denver Samoyed Association is preparing to conduct its first American Kennel Club Agility Trial!

### Current Status:

When: December 4th and 5th, 2004.

Where: Jefferson County Fairgrounds

15200 West 6th Avenue, Golden, CO 80401

Agility Trial Secretary: Helen Hittesdorf - PO Box 33153 Northglenn, CO 80233-0153

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Agility Trial Judges: Sheila Lavin and Joni Weed

AKC Trial Status: AKC has approved the event and our judges. Working on draft for premium list.

Entry Information: Open: 10/27/04. Close: 11/24/04 Total Entry Limit: 600.

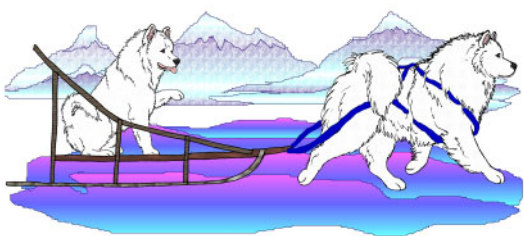
Application Acceptance: First Received. Entry Fee: \$20 - 1st / \$10 - 2nd

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Agility Committee Members (so far!): Andi & Bob Mast, Julie & Joe Morris, Terry & Butch Walb, Jan & Kent Cherne, and Michele Schmitt.



## Musher's Questionnaire 2004—Responses Needed by June 21st!



Dear Musher,

The upcoming September/October issue of Mushing magazine will be our 100th. As a special part of this milestone issue we would like to include comments from active mushers across the nation on some of the most important aspects of dog care. We want our readers to be able to review responses from a variety of dog mushers involved in all aspects of mushing.

Please consider these questions and send your responses to Mushing by June 21.

Thank You!  
Mushing Magazine

### Musher's Questionnaire 2004

#### Health and Nutrition

What do you do to ensure good health and nutrition for your dogs? How does it change seasonally?

#### Training

What do you consider when training your dogs?

#### Equipment

What changes to your gear have been the most important to your performance over the years?

#### Kennel Design and Management

How has your kennel changed over the years? What improvements helped most?

#### General

Which people, organizations, and publications do you go to as your primary sources for reliable mushing information?

What trail systems would you recommend to mushers in your area?

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## Four Families of Dog Breeds

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we care about in humans," said Elaine Ostrander, a study co-author and a geneticist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. A year ago, Ostrander's group collaborated with Norwegian researchers to map a gene mutation for kidney cancer that appeared in the last 20 generations of German shepherds bred in Norway and the United States.

"Because we had all the pedigree information, we could trace it back 20 generations and say, 'Aha! This is where the problem is,'" Ostrander said.

A mutation in the same gene has been linked to kidney cancer in humans, demonstrating the potential for genetic detective work in dogs to aid both the canines and their faithful human companions.

Dog owners, it seems, were especially helpful to the study. Heidi Parker, the lead author and a graduate student in Ostrander's lab, traveled to dog shows across the country to help solicit DNA by swabbing the inner cheek of dogs, and met with an overwhelming response.

For each of the study subjects, the researchers sequenced 96 short segments of DNA. Based on the comparisons of these identity tags, the scientists properly assigned all but four of the 414 study participants to their official breed designations.

"This is a scientific story that really worked because of public participation," Ostrander said - a participation that extended to her own Border collie, Tess.

"And she is proven to be a Border collie, as she was advertised to be," the proud owner stated for the record.

### THE FOUR FAMILIES

Scientists evaluating the genetic information of 85 popular dog breeds discovered that all the breeds examined can be grouped into four genetic categories. The finding may help improve canine and human health by boosting the understanding of more than 350 inherited disorders.

#### ANCIENT BREEDS (14)

These breeds all date to antiquity, trace their heritage to Africa or Asia, and are closest genetically to their wolf ancestors.

Afghan  
Akita  
Alaskan Malamute  
Basenji  
Chow Chow  
Lhasa Apso  
Pekingese  
Saluki  
**Samoyed**  
Siberian Husky  
Sharpei  
Shiba Inu  
Shih Tzu  
Tibetan terrier

#### HERDING DOGS (8)

These breeds either are progenitors or descendants of various types of dogs that may have been used to herd livestock.

Belgian Sheepdog  
Belgian Tervuren  
Collie  
Borzoi  
Greyhound  
Irish Wolfhound  
St. Bernard  
Shetland Sheepdog

#### HUNTING DOGS (51)

These breeds are of relatively recent European origin and include the hound, retriever, spaniel and terrier families.

Airedale Terrier  
American Hairless Terrier  
American Water Spaniel  
Australian Shepherd  
Australian Terrier  
Basset Hound  
Beagle  
Bedlington Terrier  
Bichon Frise  
Bloodhound  
Border Collie  
Cairn Terrier  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Chesapeake Bay Retriever  
Chihuahua

Clumber Spaniel  
Cocker Spaniel (American and English)  
Dachshund  
Doberman Pinscher  
Flat-coated Retriever  
German Shorthaired Pointer  
Giant Schnauzer  
Golden Retriever  
Great Dane  
Ibizan Hound  
Irish Setter  
Irish Terrier  
Italian Greyhound  
Keeshond  
Kerry Blue Terrier  
Komondor  
Kuvasz  
Labrador Retriever  
Manchester Terrier  
Miniature Schnauzer  
Norwegian Elkhound  
Old English Sheepdog  
Pharaoh hound  
Pointer  
Pomeranian  
Portuguese Water Dog  
Pug  
Rhodesian Ridgeback  
Schipperke  
Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier  
Standard Poodle  
Standard Schnauzer  
Welsh Springer Spaniel  
West Highland White Terrier  
Whippet

#### MASTIFF-LIKE DOGS (12)

These large-breed dogs may have gotten their size from their ancient Mastiff-like ancestors.

Bernese Mountain Dog  
Boxer  
Bulldog  
Bullmastiff  
French Bulldog  
German Shepherd  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Mastiff  
Miniature Bull Terrier  
Newfoundland  
Presa Canario  
Rottweiler

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## Agility Worker Job Descriptions

### HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT TAKE TO PUT ON AN AGILITY TRIAL?

by Kathy McCoubrey

Putting on an agility trial can be a moneymaking event for a club but it is also very labor intensive. Each ring at a dog show requires a judge and a ring steward. Each ring at an obedience trial requires a judge, 2 ring stewards, and a couple of jumps for the open or utility classes. Each ring at an agility trial requires a judge, 3 ring stewards, a timer, a scribe, a gate steward, two or three scorers, a leash runner, a scribe runner, 3 or 4 course builders, and anywhere from 13 to 20 pieces of equipment depending on the level of the class. So what do all these people do?

**Ring stewards** - The ring stewards are positioned around the ring to replace any bars that may be knocked down, to straighten the chute on the closed tunnel after every run, to reposition tunnels if a fast charging dog knocks them out of position, and to change jump heights after each height division.

**Timer** - The timer's job is extremely important. The stopwatch is started when the dog crosses the start line and stopped when the dog crosses the finish line. Exhibitors in the Excellent B division can earn MACH points based on how many seconds under time they run. Obviously they don't want a nonchalant timer. The timer also has to let the judge know if a dog crosses the finish line before completing the final obstacle or if the dog exceeds maximum course time.

**Scribe** - When a dog incurs a fault on course, the judge indicates the fault by various hand signals. It is the scribe's job to watch the judge closely and to put the faults the judge indicates on the scribe sheet. Then the time is added to the sheet and the sheet is passed to the scorers.

**Scorers** - These people compute the score for each dog based on the scribe's markings, the time, and the faults that are allowed for each class. Then they have to record the scores in the catalog. There must be two copies of the marked catalog to go to AKC, one copy for each judge, and at least one copy for the club. The scorers have to be familiar with what faults are permitted at each level. For example, a wrong course in a novice standard class would still allow the dog to qualify but a wrong course in any jumpers with weaves class is a disqualification.

**Gate Steward** - This is another important job as it is up to the gate steward to get the exhibitors on the line and ready to run in a timely fashion. The gate steward tries to keep three exhibitors on deck and ready to go but exhibitors are not always cooperative about this.

**Leash Runner** - This person picks up the leash the exhibitor leaves at the gate and takes it

to the exit gate. The exhibitor is supposed to put the leash back on the dog as the team leaves the ring. This is a great job for a teenager or someone with boundless energy.



**Scribe Runner** - This person takes the scribe sheet from the scribe to the score table.

**Course Builders** - These people will take the course map supplied by the judge and set the obstacles as indicated. Many judges use a baseline system that allows the obstacles to be set using coordinates similar to the Cartesian coordinate system you used to draw graphs in geometry.

**Judge** - An agility judge has to do a lot more work than a breed or obedience judge. First of all they have to design all the courses that they will use for the trial. Most judges try to design the courses so there will be minimal moving of the heavy contact obstacles like the A-frame and dogwalk. There is a lot to consider when designing a course...how many obstacles, making sure you have all the required obstacles, making sure the approach angles are correct for the level of the class, and making sure the course has a suitable number of challenges. Then the courses are sent to an AKC agility field rep who reviews them and may ask the judge to make changes. If there are serious flaws in the course the changes may have to be resubmitted. If the judge uses the baseline system for setting the course, he or she must then compute the coordinates of each piece of equipment for each class. At the trial the course builders will usually set the course but the judge has to check it and determine that everything is correct and may have to 'tweak' some obstacles.

It is the judge's responsibility to see that all of the equipment meets AKC requirements and that there are no safety issues. Then the judge must measure the course twice...once for 4", 8", 12", and 16" dogs and once for 20" and 24" dogs. The course measurements are used to determine the standard course time. The judge also briefs the handlers on such things as what is and isn't allowed, tells them the course times, and also tells them when the next dog should be ready to start. The judge briefs the timer, scribe, and ring stewards to be sure they know

their job.

As each dog competes the judge uses hand signals to indicate to the scribe what faults to list on the scribe sheet. A raised fist indicates the dog had a refusal/runout. A raised open hand indicates a wrong course. Both hands up and open indicates failure to perform such as missing a contact or dropping a bar. Hands in a T-shape or just 2 fingers up indicate a table fault. If the handler or dog does something that requires they be excused immediately, such as the dog fouling the ring or the handler touching the dog, the judge blows a whistle. The scribe would write R for the refusal/runout, W for the wrong course, F for failure to perform, T for table faults, or E for excused.

**Ribbon Coordinator** - After each class has been judged and the placements determined, someone has to be in charge of getting the ribbons ready. Agility trials do not have to print the date of the trial on the ribbon. The ribbon coordinator will usually have a pre-printed sheet of stickers that list the class, jump height, and date. These stickers are put on the back of the ribbon so the exhibitor will have a record of the win. A trial needs one person to be in charge of the ribbons for the whole trial. Of course, the trial also needs a trial secretary and a trial chairperson.

**Trial Secretary** - The trial secretary prepares the premium lists, accepts the entries, sends out the judging schedule, and makes sure all of the paperwork that goes to AKC is in the proper format. This is an incredibly time-consuming job. It takes a person who is very well organized and who can pay attention to even the smallest detail. The trial chairperson usually hires the judges and has to be sure there are people assigned to each of the other jobs described above. Most trials do not use a superintendent like the breed shows do. However, as agility has grown almost exponentially in popularity and as the entries at trials have become so large that many trials need three rings and three judges, some superintendent services are starting to appear. These are ideal for smaller clubs that want to participate in the exciting sport of agility but lack sufficient members to cover the jobs.

These are the bare minimum number of workers. It is nice to have extra ring stewards, hospitality people, and a volunteer coordinator. Fortunately people who know absolutely nothing about agility can do many of the jobs. I have participated in agility trials from all perspectives...exhibitor, trial chairperson, volunteer worker at every job, and as a judge...and I know how much exhibitors and judges alike appreciate a well-run trial. So the next time you enter a trial pull out that volunteer form and sign up for a job. Everyone benefits when people volunteer to help.

## Treasury Reports as of 6/07/04

Subcategory	General	Raffle	Total	General	Raffle	Total
Income Categories	CALENDAR YEAR 2004			BUDGET YEAR 2004		
<b>Designated Specialty</b>						
Entry Share	132.00		132.00	132.00		132.00
Judge's Gifts	(26.17)		(26.17)	(26.17)		(26.17)
Recording Fee				(15.00)		(15.00)
Trophies	(60.00)		(60.00)	(60.00)		(60.00)
Unclaimed Sweeps Money	40.94		40.94	40.94		40.94
<b>Total Designed Spec</b>	<b>86.77</b>		<b>86.77</b>	<b>71.77</b>		<b>71.77</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>						
Interest		0.82	0.82		0.82	0.82
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>Local Specialty</b>						
Trophies	263.75		263.75	472.00		472.00
<b>Total Local Specialty</b>	<b>263.75</b>		<b>263.75</b>	<b>472.00</b>		<b>472.00</b>
<b>Membership</b>						
Dues	240.00		240.00	495.00		495.00
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>240.00</b>		<b>240.00</b>	<b>495.00</b>		<b>495.00</b>
<b>Ways &amp; Means</b>						
Barks & Growls	40.00		40.00	40.00		40.00
Grocery Certificates	(1,731.00)		(1,731.00)	(1,731.00)		(1,731.00)
<b>Total Ways &amp; Means</b>	<b>(1,691.00)</b>		<b>(1,691.00)</b>	<b>(1,691.00)</b>		<b>(1,691.00)</b>
<b>Total Income Categories</b>	<b>(1,100.48)</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>(1,099.66)</b>	<b>(652.23)</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>(651.41)</b>
Expense Categories	CALENDAR YEAR 2004			BUDGET YEAR 2004		
<b>Agility</b>						
Recording Fee	35.00		35.00	35.00		35.00
Rental Fee	275.00		275.00	275.00		275.00
<b>Total Agility</b>	<b>310.00</b>		<b>310.00</b>	<b>310.00</b>		<b>310.00</b>
<b>Awards</b>						
SCA Bulletin Ad	85.00		85.00	85.00		85.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>85.00</b>		<b>85.00</b>	<b>85.00</b>		<b>85.00</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>						
Service Charge	24.00		24.00	24.00		24.00
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>	<b>24.00</b>		<b>24.00</b>	<b>24.00</b>		<b>24.00</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>						
Holiday Party	16.54		16.54			
<b>Total Hospitality</b>	<b>16.54</b>		<b>16.54</b>			
<b>Miscellaneous</b>						
Postage	42.76		42.76	42.76		42.76
State Periodic Report	10.00		10.00	10.00		10.00
<b>Total Hospitality</b>	<b>52.76</b>		<b>52.76</b>	<b>52.76</b>		<b>52.76</b>
<b>Sam-O-Gram/Web</b>						
Blank CDs	25.00		25.00	25.00		25.00
Postage	44.40		44.40	44.40		44.40
Subscription	(30.00)		(30.00)	(30.00)		(30.00)
Web Hosting	99.00		99.00	99.00		99.00
<b>Total Sam-O-Gram/Web</b>	<b>138.40</b>		<b>138.40</b>	<b>138.40</b>		<b>138.40</b>
<b>Taxes</b>						
Tax Prep	490.00		490.00	490.00		490.00
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>490.00</b>		<b>490.00</b>	<b>490.00</b>		<b>490.00</b>
<b>Trophy Donations</b>						
SCA National	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00
<b>Total Trophy Donations</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>100.00</b>
<b>Total Expense Categories</b>	<b>1,216.70</b>		<b>1,216.70</b>	<b>1,200.16</b>		<b>1,200.16</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(2,317.18)</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>(2,316.36)</b>	<b>(1,852.39)</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>(1,851.57)</b>
<b>Grand Total After Selling Remaining Grocery Certificates: \$3,025</b>						
	<b>707.82</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>708.64</b>	<b>1,172.61</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>1,173.43</b>

## Account Balances

General Fund	2,157.23
Raffle Fund	
(DSA 65.21 / DSR 253.19)	318.40
Rescue Fund	16,708.96
Grocery Certificates	3,025.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>22,209.59</b>

**2004  
Grocery  
Certificates  
Profit  
\$1,183**

Due to our newsletter's space constraints, net amounts are displayed on these reports.

Detailed reports are on file in the President's and Treasurer's books and also available on the web site in our Members Only section.



## Volunteers Needed!

**We have a few committees that still need a chairperson:  
Specialty Match 2004, Designated Specialty 2005, and Local Specialty 2006  
It's just one match, or one show that you are giving up to help your club!**

**Local Specialty 2004 is just around the corner!  
Let's make this event a great success! Contact our extremely hard-working specialty chairperson, Mary Lloyd at 303-688-4684, to find out how you can help!**



## Treasury Reports as of 6/07/04

Subcategory	Rescue	Raffle	Total	Rescue	Raffle	Total
<b>Income Categories</b>						
Adoption Fee	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00
Donation	1,328.00		1,328.00	1,328.00		1,328.00
<b>Fundraiser</b>						
Quilt	63.94		63.94	63.94		63.94
Santa Pet Pictures	665.00		665.00	665.00		665.00
Total Fundraiser	728.94		728.94	728.94		728.94
<b>Investment Income</b>						
Interest		0.80	0.80		0.80	0.80
Total Investment Income		0.80	0.80		0.80	0.80
Placement Fee	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00
Total Income Categories	2,606.94	0.80	2,607.74	2,606.94	0.80	2,607.74
<b>Expense Categories</b>	<b>CALENDAR YEAR 2004</b>			<b>BUDGET YEAR 2004</b>		
<b>Bank Charges</b>						
Cashier Check Charge		3.00	3.00		3.00	3.00
Service Charge	10.00		10.00	10.00		10.00
Total Bank Charges	10.00	3.00	13.00	10.00	3.00	13.00
<b>Boarding</b>	220.00		220.00	220.00		220.00
<b>Charitable Donations</b>						
Animal Shelter		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00
Total Charitable Donations		100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00
<b>Microchip Enrollment</b>	37.50		37.50	37.50		37.50
<b>Rescue Misc</b>						
Cards	21.41		21.41	21.41		21.41
License/Membership Dues	75.00		75.00	75.00		75.00
Pet Food	9.00		9.00	9.00		9.00
Phone Card	20.00		20.00	20.00		20.00
PO Box Rental	48.00		48.00	48.00		48.00
Postage	23.00		23.00	23.00		23.00
Total Rescue Misc	196.41		196.41	196.41		196.41
<b>Shelter Fees</b>	110.00		110.00	110.00		110.00
<b>Tags</b>	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00
<b>Veterinary Services</b>						
Blood Panel	120.90		120.90	120.90		120.90
Exam	55.25		55.25	55.25		55.25
Fecal Panel	18.20		18.20	18.20		18.20
Heartworm	28.45		28.45	28.45		28.45
Microchip	89.40		89.40	89.40		89.40
Shots/Meds	258.44		258.44	258.44		258.44
Vet Services—Unassigned**	970.67		970.67	970.67		970.67
Total Veterinary Services	1,541.31		1,541.31	1,541.31		1,541.31
Total Expense Categories	2,240.22	103.00	2,343.22	2,240.22	103.00	2,343.22
<b>Grand Total</b>	366.72	(102.20)	264.52	366.72	(102.20)	264.52

**\*\* NOTE:**

The "Vet Services—Unassigned" category is a result of the last bill paid to the veterinary clinic for a total amount of \$970.67. The veterinary services, charges (including rescue discount) and the dog that received the services needs to be clarified by the front office before we can correctly split out the bill into the distinct sub categories like Shots/Meds, Heartworm, etc.  
Update: Meeting has been scheduled on June 7th, with the Vet Clinic to clarify bill.

## 2004-2005 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
Jun 27	Colorado Kennel Club	B Match—Conf/Obed/Rally	Adams Cnty Fairgrounds	Regina May	303-622-4732
Jul 10-11	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/23	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	Joan Frailey Stuart Rogell
15	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty - Close 6/30	Houston, TX	Onofrio	Cathy Del La Graza (Sw) Patricia Trotter
18	Rocky Mtn Siberian Husky Club	CERF Clinic—\$17/dog	Boulder Cnty Fairgrounds	Kandy Tigerman	303-823-0260
23	Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 7/7	Hartland, WI	Onofrio	Sheila Hermann (Swp) Mrs Edeltraud Laurin
25	Evergreen KC	B Match—Registration 8 AM	Morse Park, Lakewood	Joan	303-733-8428
Jul 31 Aug 1	Colorado KC	AKC Agility - Close 7/14	Denver, CO	C Makowski 303-665-9007	Pamela Cumming Christin Dewey
Aug 7-8	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 7/21	Fort Collins, CO	Onofrio	Joyce Vanek Joan Anselm

## 2004-2005 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
12-15	Manhattan KC Topeka KC	Show - Close 7/28	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	Virginia Lyne Nelson Huber Anna Wanner Nelson Huber
13	<b>Samoyed Club of Washington State</b>	<b>Specialty - Close 7/28</b>	<b>Enumclaw, WA</b>	<b>BaRay</b>	<b>Jeanne Nonhof Cheryl Loper (Sweeps)</b>
14-15	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/28	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Steven Gladstone Patricia Hastings
28-29	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/11	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	Christina Hubbell Stephen Hubbell
Sep 3 '04	<b>Denver Samoyed Association</b> <b>Show Chair: Mary Lloyd</b>	<b>Specialty - Close 8/18</b>	<b>Greeley, CO</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Gary Griffin (Sweeps) Connie Rudd (Wk Sw) Elizabeth Lockman Nancy Pollack (Obed)</b>
4-5	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 8/18	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Ronald Menaker Maxine Beam
4-5	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close 8/18	Roswell, NM	Onofrio	Col Joe B Purkhiser / N/A
10-11	Wichita KC Hutchinson KC Salina KC	Show - Close 8/23	Salina, KS	Onofrio	Bonnie Linnell Clarke Joan Frailey Shirley D Limoges
11-12	Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close 8/25	Farmington, UT	Onofrio	Carolyn Alexander Janet Sinclair
11-12	Sangre De Cristo KC	Show - Close 8/25	Santa Fe, NM	Onofrio	Ruth Zimmerman Joseph Gregory
11-12	Prescott AZ KC	Show - Close 8/25	Chino Valley, AZ	Onofrio	Marilyn Gitelson Arlene Rubenstein
11-12	Sangre De Cristo KC	Show - Close 8/25	Santa Fe, NM	Onofrio	Ruth Zimmerman Joseph Gregory
11-12	Prescott AZ KC	Show - Close 8/25	Chino Valley, AZ	Onofrio	Marilyn Gitelson Arlene Rubenstein
16	<b>Metropolitan Atlanta Samo- yed Club</b>	<b>Specialty - Close 9/1</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>	<b>Onofrio</b>	<b>Betty Cline (Sweeps) Lynette Blue</b>
18-19	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/1	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio	Harriet Campbell Dawn Hansen
Sep 20-25	<b>Samoyed Club of America</b>	<b>National Specialty - Close 9/1</b>	<b>Topeka, KS</b>	<b>Onofrio</b>	<b>Mardee Ward-Fanning Annella Cooper (Dogs) Jan Cherne (Bitches) Nancy Golden (Futurity) Wade Koistinen(Sweep)</b>
24-25	Grand Island KC	Show - Close 9/7	Grand Island, NE	Onofrio	N/A
24-26	Terry-All KC	AKC Agility - Open 7/8	Brighton, Co	Deb Ascher	Larry Brockett James Sanders
Sep 26	Denver Foothills Tracking Assoc	Tracking - Close 9/8	Littleton, CO	Lynn Kemmerer	303-794-9248
Oct 1-2	Mesilla Valley KC	Show - Close 9/15	Alamagordo, NM	Onofrio	Pete Dawkins Frank McCarthy
2-3	Cornhusker KC of Lincoln, NE	Show - Close 9/15	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	N/A
3-4	Chaparral KC	Show - Close 9/15	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio	Joyce Vanek Nelson Huber
9-10	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Show - Close 9/22	Lawrence, KS	Onofrio	Ronald Menaker William Hossler
9-10	Valencia Valley KC	Show - Close 9/22	Los Lunas, NM	Onofrio	Vern Haney Clay Coady
15-17	Rapid City KC	Show - Close 9/29	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio	Denny Mounce Virginia Hampton Robert Indeglia

Visit our web site for the latest events in our local area: [www.denversamoyed.org/ScheduleOfEvents.htm](http://www.denversamoyed.org/ScheduleOfEvents.htm)

## 2004-2005 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
<b>Oct 16</b>	Mountain States Dog Trng Club	AKC Agility - Open 8/25	Golden, CO	Makowski	Jay Acker
<b>17</b>	Timberline Bassett Club	AKC Agility - Open 8/25	Golden, CO	Makowski	Jay Acker
<b>16-17</b>	Kachina KC	Show - Close 9/29	Goodyear, AZ	Onofrio	Joseph Gregory John Ramirez
<b>22-24</b>	Front Range Agility Association	AKC Agility - Open 8/11	Castle Rock, CO	Debby Funk	Joan Meyer Karen Holik
<b>23-24</b>	Sioux Empire KC	Show - Close 10/6	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio	N/A
<b>24</b>	Denver Foothills Tracking Assoc	Tracking - Close 10/6	Littleton, CO	Lynn Kemmerer	303-794-9248
<b>30-31</b>	Longs Peak Dog Training Club	AKC Agility - Open 9/1	Greeley, CO	Woodmansee	E Allyn / M Sjogren
<b>31</b>	Denver Foothills Tracking Assoc	Tracking Ex - Close 10/13	Littleton, CO	Patti Pigeon	303-279-8334
<b>Nov 12-13</b>	Southern Colorado KC	Show - Close 10/26	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio	N/A
<b>12-13</b>	Tucson KC	Show - Close 10/27	Tucson, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A
<b>13-14</b>	Flatirons KC	AKC Agility - Open 8/31	Longmont, CO	Deb Ascher	Pat Guticz / Deb Funk
<b>15-16</b>	Canada Del Oro KC	Show - Close 10/27	Tucson, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A
<b>20</b>	<b>Minuteman Samoyed Club South Windsor KC</b>	<b>Designated Specialty - 11/3</b>	<b>W Springfield, MA</b>	<b>MB-F</b>	<b>Ann Bark (Sweeps) Kathleen Ronald</b>
<b>20-21</b>	Sahuaro State KC	Show - Close 11/3	Phoenix, AZ	Onofrio	Irma Ferti Carl Gene Liepmann
<b>20-21</b>	Nebraska KC	Show - Close 11/3	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	Chris Walkowicz Robert J Moore
<b>20-21</b>	Mile High Agility Club of Boulder	AKC Agility - Open 9/22	Golden, CO	Makowski	N/A
<b>26-28</b>	Southern Colorado Agility Club	AKC Agility - Open 10/2	Pueblo, CO	Liz Williams	Lavond Herring / N/A
<b>26-29</b>	Yuma KC Imperial Valley KC	Show - Close 11/10	Yuma, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A / N/A Clay Coady Marion Mason Hodesson
<b>Dec 4-5</b>	<b>Denver Samoyed Association</b>	<b>AKC Agility - Open 10/27 Close 11/24</b>	<b>Jefferson Cty Fairgrounds</b>	<b>Helen Hittesdorf</b>	<b>Sheila Lavin Joni Weed</b>
<b>May 7-8</b>	Platte Valley of Fremont KC	Show - Close 4/20	Fremont, NE Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	N/A
<b>14-15</b>	Rio Grande KC	Show - Close 4/27	Albuquerque, NM	Onofrio	N/A
<b>Sep 2005</b>	<b>Denver Samoyed Association</b> <b>Show Chair: Terry Walb</b>	<b>Specialty &amp; Judges - PENDING</b>	<b>Greeley, CO</b>		<b>Jim Shea (Sweeps) ?? (Work Sw) Mrs. Lee Canalizo Carole Joy-Everett</b>
<b>24-25</b>	Grand Island KC	Show -Close 9/7	Grand Island, NE	Onofrio	N/A

## Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

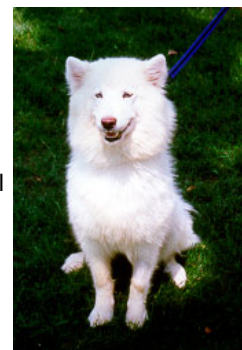
no **HOME**, all **ALONE** May Placements = 4 ( 1 referral)

As of 05/10/04, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Female (**Sprig**) 10 yr House/Outdoor Fostered

Comments: 43#. OK with other dogs, and children. No cats or small animals (i.e. ferrets). Is leash trained and LOVES to ride in the car. Low activity level. Responds to basic obedience commands. Sprig is a special needs dog – she is blind, although she can still distinguish between darkness and light. She does require once daily medication, oral and eye drops, and will indefinitely. She is a cute girl and her physical activity is surprising; she adapts quickly to new situations.

Reason: Owner surrender.



## Denver Samoyed Association

DSA members  
are committed to the  
protection and advancement  
of the Samoyed breed.



c/o Thalia Peletis, Editor  
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### Jun 21, 2004 Meeting Reminder - 7:15 PM - St. Joseph Episcopal Church

- 1) Membership determines the specific goal of the club for the following year (2005). The Board of Governors is responsible for carrying out this goal for the club and may not delegate this to a committee. No particular focus shall encompass the goal in the previous 3 years.
- 2) Board meeting will follow regular meeting. Agenda: Review committee budgets.

## Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

(Continued from page 11)

Female (**Moo-Shu**) 9 yr Indoor/Outdoor Owner  
Male (**Boca**) 10 yr Indoor/Outdoor Owner

Comments: Place as a pair. Moo-Shu, 75#, Boca 100#. OK with other dogs and children. Walks comfortably on a leash, responds to basic obedience commands. OK when left alone, inside or outside. Low energy level. Boca is beginning to develop cataracts. Reason: Owner surrender

Male (**Zeke**) 9 yr Indoor/Outdoor Boarded

Comments: 75#. Zeke loves people, but has shown jealousy toward young children. OK with cats, but would do best as an only dog. Responds to basic obedience commands. Enjoys car rides and walks. Does take a daily aspirin to offset slight stiffness due to arthritis, but condition does not impede his desire to play or go for walks. Coat is in good condition. Reason: Owner surrender

Female (**Samantha**) 7 yr Indoor/Outdoor Boarded

Comments: Is very overweight. Is cautious around other dogs, fine around cats (with supervision). Responds to basic obedience commands. Loves car rides but it is hard for her to get in because of weight. Does not like to be crated (confined space). Came in with Mickey, see below. Reason: Owner surrender.

Male (**Mickey**) 5 yr Indoor/Outdoor Boarded

Comments: Very mild mannered and loves attention, wants to play. Loves kids and other dogs, is very curious when allowed in the house supervised. Needs some work on the obedience side. House manners may not be reliable at this point. High activity level. Came in with Samantha, see above. Reason: Owner surrender.



Moo-Shu

Boca



Zeke

Samantha

Mickey

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