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Meeting Minutes

Membership Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

Attendees: Pam Buhl, Thalia Peletis, Marnie Grube, Donna Dannen, Terry Walb, Sue Wangerin, Lori Elvera (acting as Recording Secretary), Rachel Paulson

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Presidents Report: Pam Buhl-none

Vice President Report: Sydney Langner-none; needs to send a Welcome Packet to Lynn Hunkins

Recording Secretary Report: Heidi Nieman - none

Corresponding Secretary Report: Lori Elvera -Has forwarded to pieces of correspondence from AKC to the club.

Treasurer's Report: Thalia Peletis - none

Board Member's reports: None

Agility 2018: Terry Walb - Ann Carpenter who we rent the agility equipment had suddenly passed away. Terry is going to wait and see what becomes of the arrangement, regarding the equipment.

Historian: Donna Dannen -garage is full again; having knee surgery; postpone the clean out of historian collection

Specialty 2017: Thalia Peletis -all event are approved; working on trophies/decorations; Pam has scheduled an "audition" for a new photographer who will be taking "test" photos at Pam's house on June 10.

Programs: Terry Walb -herding; can't get ahold of Kathy Blu; spoke with Jim Dekeffer, if we wait till fall, dogs can get an AKC title. Will ask for further details.

Thalia-Stem Cell Therapy: will call Deer Creek

Pam-Lure Coursing: facebook page called "Zoiboyz" has information regarding the events.

Sammy Rescue: Sue Wangerin- Ollie has 2 potential homes, 1 family has a female Sammy, and the other family is a gentleman whose Sammy recently passed away.

Rescue Guidelines were presented at the meeting. The Board will review and make adjustments as needed.

Rachel provided feedback on Ollie's baths.

Specialty Match: Linda- absent; Pam will call South Suburban and Foothills to check availability on parks.

Old Business:

CO Federal Dog Legislation: Dues renewal is in question, reason being clubs are not being provided information regarding meeting notices, minutes of their meetings, treasurers report. Rocky Mountain Farmers Union founded in 1907 was discussed.

2018 Judges: the list of judges was sent to Helen. Pam was not sure if Helen received the email.

New Business: The board will review our Constitution and By-Laws; discuss our voting procedure regarding judges. Several members expressed a desire to review our current voting policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

Board meeting followed, board discussed the review of our Constitution and By-Laws and will review the Rescue Guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Special points of interest:

Join us for the
Education Program in
August - See Page 4!

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2017 Specialty



Denver Samoyed Association 2017 Back-to-Back Specialties

Saturday, November 25, 2017

Regular & Non-Regular Classes
Jeanne Zuver

Puppy, Veteran & Working Sweepstakes
Sharon Johnson

Obedience & Rally
Ronnie Bizer

Wonderful indoor location, plenty of grooming space, and RV parking!
Douglas County Fairgrounds
Castle Rock, CO (just south of Denver)

Come join us for a great weekend with great judges, ring-side hospitality, banquet dinner, beautiful rosettes and amazing trophies!

Show Chair: Thalia Peletis

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Junior Showmanship,
Regular & Non-Regular Classes
Darla Cassidy

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
Pee Wee Classes
Donna Dannen

**Show/Trial Secretary
&**

Judge's Liaison:

Helen Hittesdorf

Email: fordogstuff@msn.com

For more details visit:
www.denversamoyed.org/LocalSpecialty.htm

2017 Specialty



What's New for the 2017 Specialty!

Each Pee Wee unit consists of the child, his/her parent/guardian/responsible adult, and the dog. This is not a competitive class, but rather a fun, learning experience for the child and the adult.

SAFETY IS A PRIMARY CONCERN!

Requirements:

- For children between the age of 5 and 9 years old.
- A dog must be at least four months of age and be a Samoyed to enter the Pee Wee class.
- Bitches in season will not be allowed to participate. If pre-entered, a dog may be substituted that meets the eligibility requirements as specified by the club.
- All dogs entered must have the proper lead and collar.
- A responsible adult must be present with the child both inside and outside the ring. The adult is to maintain control of the dog outside of the ring.
- In addition to an entry form, a release must be signed by the child's parent or legal guardian. A release form will be available to download from the DSA website along with the Premium List.

DSA Requirements:

- Requires that an entry be completed and submitted to the show secretary, along with the release form mentioned above.
- Requires that the dog be an AKC registered Samoyed..
- The Pee Wee Class entry is FREE, Just like Junior Showmanship!
- A Participation Ribbon and prize will be offered to all Pee Wee entrants.

For more information visit: <http://www.akc.org/events/junior-showmanship/pee-wee-guidelines/>



For the 2017 Specialty, all local obedience judges had previous commitments and were unable to accept the assignment.

Obedience judges are not as prevalent as Rally judges.

The club discussed last year and agreed to hire an out of state judge, for 2017 to judge both Obedience and Rally classes. The club recognized we will take a hit on our expenditures, but this was the first time in 30 years that a local judge was not available.

Her name is Ronnie Bizer, and her breed is Rottweilers. She has judged Obedience since 2001.

Ronnie was recommended by Kathy Howse, one of my instructors at Sally Terroux Dog Training. I explained to Kathy that our entry is light, and we have a breed that may not always exhibit the same level of obedience aptitude as say a Rottweiler, so we wanted a patient, kind judge and maybe one that has a little sense of humor!

I encourage you to think about trying to earn your first Rally Novice leg, or Beginner Novice Obedience leg. If you start a training class now, it is very achievable to be prepared for either of those classes by the end of November! If I can do it with a teenage boy, you can do it!

Helen Hittesdorf has since secured Sue Oviatt-Harris for future years, if no alternating local judge is available. Sue near the show site and was very willing to help us. **A BIG thanks to Helen for making this possible!**

DSA Veterinary Education Program



DSA Veterinary Education Program

- ⇒ **WHEN:** Monday, **August 21st** – Room will be open at 6:30 PM – with program beginning at 7:00 PM.
- ⇒ **WHERE:** Deer Creek Animal Hospital -10148 W. Chatfield Ave., Littleton, CO 80127 – Meeting Room 2nd level
- ⇒ **RSVP!!:** If you belong to the Denver Samoyed Asso. & Friends Facebook Group please RSVP to the Event notice that I created for this posting, or email me privately, so I can get an estimate on the number of people that might be attending.

**You do not need to be a club member to attend, so feel free to invite puppy people,
and maybe they will consider it after they attend! :)
Please make sure they RSVP!**

Presenters: Dr. Raymond Cox (with Dr. Markee Kuschel in the background where she prefers!) will present an education program for our Colorado Sammy community on our regular meeting night.

Topics include

1) Laparoscopic Surgical Procedures including Gastropexy - A preventative surgery for stomach torsioning that occurs when a dog bloats.

Deer Creek had presented this program to us 13 years ago in 2004. Since bloat is still an issue in our breed, I felt it would be beneficial to some of the new members in our club, and also receive an update on what they have learned and what has changed. Deer Creek has led the way on this type of surgical technique and more importantly strives to teach others in their field this technique.

2) Cold Laser Therapy

Cold laser therapy is used to treat multiple ailments and injuries in dogs and cats. Treatable conditions include: Joint injuries, Ligament or tendon injuries, Fractures, Muscle sprains or strains, Skin lesions or abrasions, Post-trauma wounds, Post-surgical incisions, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal diseases, Nerve injury.

3) Care for Senior Dogs / and leaving this third topic a bit open in case one of their newer vets wants to do a program on Acupuncture, and/or Dr. Cox has some good topics!

Sammy Rescue - State Regulations Changes - Letter to the Board

Rescue Committee Note: *In the spirit of complete transparency with all DSA members, the following email was provided to the Board on May 31, 2017 regarding the rescue committee's desire to update the DSR Rescue Guidelines that were originally approved by the DSA Board 20 years ago, in April 1997. Many house-keeping changes were needed, but we then learned afterwards that the Colorado Department of Agriculture has made a fundamental change to their PACFA regulations which requires all animal rescue or shelter operations to be licensed, regardless if you re-home 1 dog, 25 dogs or 200 dogs. The email explains the reasons why the rule change was put in place, and the committee's response.* — Thalia & Sue - DSR Co-Chairs

From: Thalia Peletis

Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:56 AM

To: Sue Wangerin; Pam Arnold, Deb Castro; Michele Sottile; Elisabeth Evans; Pam Buhl; Martha Lageschulte; 'Scooter Nieman'; Marnie Grube; Terry Walb; Donna Dannen; Lori Elvera; Sydney Langner

Subject: PACFA Rule Change - Rescue must be licensed again - Agenda Item for Board Meeting

Dear DSA Officers, Board Members and Rescue Committee:

On Thursday, May 18th, the rescue email account received an email from a group called Colorado Pet Care Union, citing that the Colorado Department Of Agriculture - Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) changed their regulations effective May 30, 2017. The email stated the change will affect small rescue groups in particular. We don't know who this Colorado Pet Care Union is, but the email caught our attention.

Below is some background about our Samoyed Rescue committee and our involvement with PACFA to date. At the bottom of this email is a question for the Board.

First, some background about Samoyed rescue and PACFA. The DSA Samoyed Rescue committee started in 1993. In 1997, changes were made, including the creation and approval by the Board of the DSR Guidelines,, paid for a membership fee with the All-Breed Rescue Network, an umbrella group for purebred rescue groups, and finally obtained a PACFA license since we were placing 24 or more dogs per year. In fact in 1997, we placed 50 Samoyeds. The fee in 1997 was \$50. Deb Castro and later Andi Mast served as the club's PACFA business contact, and were responsible for keeping track of the adoption and foster home agreements (contracts), and reporting statistics to PACFA on the number of dogs we placed. From 1997 to 2010, PACFA agents only physically audited our records once that Deb recalled, which might have been when the initial application with PACFA was handled. In 2010, Andi had spoken with our PACFA representative and since DSR had not placed 24 or more dogs in a year, in the previous year, much less previous five years, we did not need to purchase the license. **(See Andi's email to the rescue committee below).** Andi did go ahead and purchase the license for 2010, for \$175, but after that we chose not to renew since our adoption numbers were way down.

Second, when we received that recent email about the rule change, I contacted PACFA via email where they confirmed that the **24 or more dogs threshold had in fact been removed**, which means all rescue groups must now obtain a PACFA license even if 4 dogs are adopted in a year, like what DSR adopted out in 2016. Nick Fisher the PACFA Program Administrator stated in the email reply to me:

"This decision was not made lightly. The PACFA rule is required to go through an extensive public hearing process prior to implementation. Stakeholder meetings were held on January 18, 2017 with notice of the meeting e-mailed to current licensees and posted on the CDA website. A public hearing was held on March 21, 2017 with notice given to all PACFA licensees via e-mail and publicly posted on the CDA website with the proposed rule change. The rule was approved by the Agriculture Commission on April 12, 2017 with public notice posted on the CDA website with the proposed rule. <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aginspection/pacfa> "

Well we don't monitor the PACFA site regularly, and sadly All-Breed Rescue Network disbanded, so that communication

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channel ended, and not having a Colorado legislative group provide communications to breed clubs (and there are other clubs that also do rescue like us), it caused a perfect storm for missing this regulation change.

Since Andi solely managed the annual PACFA renewal application for the club, neither Sue nor I saw what the application looked like. For all we knew the form could have changed since Andi handled it, but Sue and I had questions. So, on Friday, May 26th, we held a phone conference with Adrienne Bannister, PACFA Administrative Assistant. In short, she confirmed the rule change. She also told us the reasoning for the change. **In 2016, 40,000 (yes, forty thousand) cats and dogs were transferred into Colorado.** In 2015, it was 36,000. In 2014, it was 30,000. She said that many of these transfers are done by rescue groups pulling dogs from a number of states and making a profit, (we interpreted that to mean 'retail rescue'). In 2016, there were **2000 rescue and shelter facilities** (this does not include low volume rescues like DSR), that are monitored by PACFA that consists of **9 department members**: 6 inspectors, 1 investigator, 1 administrative assessment and 1 program director. Also in 2016, PACFA received over **500 complaints** by consumers (adopters are considered consumers in this context). Adrienne cited a complaint example, where the dog they listed on the website, ended up not being the dog they received. I also asked Adrienne, if any of this activity was the result of HSUS and she said no.

Personally, we support their rule change, as it may put a stop to the less than ethical rescues out there, we just wish it didn't cost us \$225 per year!

Part of our questions to Adrienne were regarding the form:

Business Contact for PACFA-

PACFA prefers this is the same person that is listed as the registered agent for the corporation, that is on file with the Colorado Secretary of State. Denver Samoyed Association, Inc. is a corporation under the State of Colorado and we file annual reports to let them know we still exist. I, as the club's treasurer, am the registered agent for the club. However, in light of Andi's passing, I just feel the club has too many eggs in one basket with me, and I also prefer there is some separation of duties. Sue has helped manage the paperwork for rescue for years, filing the applications, and adoption agreements as well. Sue is willing to serve in this capacity. Adrienne accepted this preference.

The application form also states the business contact is legally responsible for the business and is the main contact for the business ('facility'). We explained to Adrienne that rescue is just one facet of our club's 'business', but there is no way this contact is legally responsible for all the activities that the club engages in, including agility, the specialty, etc. Adrienne, stated the business contact is the person responsible for the PACFA paperwork (maintain the records, be available for audits, and submit the end of year statistics) and serve as the club liaison to PACFA. However she suggested that along with our application, to include a listing of the club's board and their contact information, in the event they are unable to reach the business contact provided. She said other rescue groups have done this and for precisely the reason mentioned above.

Audits of our records, contracts, etc.

Adrienne said once we apply for a license an inspector will setup an appointment to review our records and our contracts (adoption agreements, foster home agreements). We have used the same forms since rescue began, and if I recall correctly, they were reviewed by a lawyer at that time. Adrienne said the inspector will provide suggestions for improvements, and it is our opportunity to ask questions. I asked if PACFA had any sample contracts that we could review in advance of this appointment, and she said no. I asked if they had lawyers that they would recommend to review our contracts, and she said no.

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In addition to reviewing the contracts, they will want to know if we have an established relationship with a vet. As of right now, we have 3, the longest standing vet relationship is with Deer Creek Animal Hospital, and within the last year we have established relationships and an account with Mesa Veterinary Hospital and VRCCC. So we are well-covered on this front. In addition, they like to see that any dog adopted out is microchipped, so luckily between Deb and Pam Arnold, we have that covered too.

After the initial appointment with the inspector, they could request an "unannounced" record inspection, but most likely they will call and ask to review our records within a 24-48 hour period. That is why the "hours of operation" on the application form must be filled out, so they know when the business contact is available for this inspection.

Additional questions/suggestions:

If we do transfer dogs in or out of state, we must use a licensed transporter. We asked if the group we had used on multiple occasions, Colorado Animal Rescue Express (CARE) Transport is a licensed transporter. She said that group is going to be dissolving and they will be merging with a bigger group. I said I would contact Linda Fox, the CARE transport organizer to get more information, and she was familiar with Linda. Also, I asked if we have club members that are able to transport a dog for us, if that was allowed. She said as long as their personal dog and the transported dog are not co-mingling in the vehicle, i.e. they are in separate crates, that was ok, but we need to have health certificate from the sending party's veterinarian, rabies tag information, and any vet protocol for the animal in writing. We typically try to have as much medical tests done while the dog is at the source shelter/rescue anyway.

She recommended on our DSR Facebook page to turn on the feature that any comments posted by the public will be first reviewed before it is allowed to be published on the page. I completed this change on that same day as our phone conference.

She recommended our contracts (adoption agreements, foster home agreements) are in plain English and we go over the bullet points of the contract with the adopter, before they sign the agreement to minimize any confusion or lack of understanding. Typically, we have sent out the adoption agreement in advance and asked them to let us know if they had any questions, but she was suggesting we go over each point with the adopter. In addition any veterinarian protocol that is in place for a dog that is adopted, should be in writing and attached to the adoption contract. For example, if Ollie is adopted, that we clearly state in writing the bathing schedule and supplements we are currently providing.

The rescue committee will work toward moving our completed applications, signed agreements, etc. to be available to anyone on the rescue committee, (and Board) via methods like Google Docs or Microsoft One Drive, so that these physical records are not in one person's home, and they are also current. Having good backup amongst the team has benefits to more than just PACFA bookkeeping and is a goal that we will pursue this year. We will write up documentation and provide to the Board on how to access this information and explain the format once this effort is complete. The goal is transparency, and backup coverage.

The annual renewal period is January/February and Adrienne suggested we discuss it with our board starting in November, to make sure this is something the club wishes to continue.

Our club has its next membership meeting on June 19th. We understand the new rule goes into effect on May 30, but Adrienne agreed to allow us some time to meet with our board to review this change. She said it is taking her 2-3 weeks to review each new application, but if we are contacted by the state, to make them aware that we have been in touch with PACFA.

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Sue and I wanted to send out this information to the Board in advance of the June 21st meeting so you can absorb the information. We would like to request a special board meeting to review this information due to the time-line. The main questions we have for the Board are:

Are you in favor of rescue obtaining the PACFA license? The annual fee is \$225.

Are you ok with the Board member names and email address included with the application. This not required by PACFA, but is more to serve as backup contacts in the event they cannot reach Sue or me. By the way, the Board and it's contact information is also included in every tax return form submitted to the IRS. That is required by the IRS.

If the Board is ok with # 1 and # 2, I have attached the proposed revisions to the DSR guidelines with the latest PACFA changes. It is the "track changes" version that compares the original guidelines to the most recent revision so you can review more easily what exactly was changed beyond formatting.

If the board approves this change, then we will complete the attached PACFA application and include the attached cover letter containing the Board's e-mail information.

Thank you for your time.

Thalia and Sue

DSR Co-Chairs

Email referenced on Page 5 above.

From: Andi Mast- Dog stuf

Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 4:55 PM

To: Tom Lisec

Cc: *Thalia Peletis; Sue Wangerin; Michele Sottile; Michael Prewitt; Deb Castro (home); Pam Arnold

Subject: PACFA License

Hi all - I completed the PACFA paperwork and noticed that they had a substantial increase in their fee this year. I think in the past it was \$80 and it increased to \$175. This got me thinking about our need for this license at all. I called the state and talked it over with our rep, Chris Thompson today and since we do not place over 25 dogs each year, we do not need the license. Thalia and I checked, and in the past 5 years we have not placed this many dogs. If in the future we start placing a lot more dogs (dogs that actually come into our care), then we can reapply.

To avoid a penalty if we needed the license I did mail the form that was due by March 1. I am sending an e-mail next to the state and they will issue us a refund for our fee. \$175 is a spay and vaccinations!

A few less collars and leashes we need to sell!

Andi

!! UPDATE !!

Due to the June DSA meeting's cancellation, the rescue committee received authorization from the DSA Board to spend the \$225 for the PACFA license fee, which is within the current DSA Committee Guidelines published (<http://denversamoyed.org/CommitteeGuidelines.htm>), approval to submit the PACFA application along with the list the Board's names and emails on the cover letter.

At the July 17th Board meeting, the revised DSR guidelines will be reviewed and a vote take for approval.

All members are welcome to participate in the board meeting that have an interest in these changes..

One the next 7 pages, the revised DSR Guidelines—with 'Track Changes' turned on, so you can easily see the "Before" and "After" working is what was presented to the Board in advance for review.

DSR Rescue Proposed Guidelines Revisions

Guidelines for Denver Samoyed Rescue

~~As approved~~Pending approval by the ~~DSA~~Denver Samoyed Association governing board, ~~April 1997~~May 2017

*The following guidelines have been formulated to allow those not familiar with the rescue procedures, a chance to better understand issues related to rescue. While it is strongly suggested that these guidelines be used in most cases, there may be a dog that will not "follow the book". Exceptions to these guidelines will need to be made. In all matters not covered by these guidelines, the welfare of the breed shall be the prime consideration. **Where there is a conflict between the welfare of the breed, and the welfare of an individual animal, the welfare of the breed shall take precedence.***

What is rescue?

Denver Samoyed Rescue (DSR) was officially formed in 1993 to assist abandoned, unwanted, or otherwise neglected Samoyeds find new homes. The group functions as a committee of the Denver Samoyed Association (as approved by the DSA governing board) and works with individuals, local animal shelters, ~~as well as the local All Breed Rescue Network, and the national Samoyed Club of America~~ Rescue coordinator, and other Samoyed rescue groups in the United States. It is also the goal of DSR to help educate the public about the Samoyed breed, to counsel owners who are considering surrendering their dogs to work through their problems, so the dog may remain with them, ~~and.~~ Also, upon request, ~~to~~ aid law enforcement officials with evaluating bite cases. DSR also acts as a safety net for breeders who have lost track of a puppy ~~they've~~ they have placed, and as another possible source of information for owners who have lost their Samoyed. All dogs placed by DSR will be spayed or neutered before going to a new home, or a foster home, ~~in order~~ to prevent further overpopulation of the breed.

Where does DSR get the dogs that need to be placed?

DSR takes in dogs from shelters who cannot keep them long enough to be placed, owners surrendering their dogs, and people who have found a Samoyed and are unable to locate the owner (these are known as rescuers).

What dogs will DSR accept?

DSR accepts dogs with even, stable temperaments who are healthy, or can ~~easily~~ be restored to health. Each dog must be evaluated individually. DSR does not take older dogs from people who do not wish to euthanize them. DSR may, however, assist the person in evaluating their situation and may act as support for that person when the time for euthanasia comes. Older dogs must be carefully evaluated as to their potential adoptability. Bite cases must also be carefully reviewed, to determine the situation in which the bite occurred. If the dog appears to have bitten out of fear or an unstable temperament, DSR may choose to either turn the dog away, suggest euthanasia to the owner, or as a last resort, take the dog and have it euthanized at the owner's expense. A dog with this type of problem should not continue to misrepresent the breed. In this situation, at least two DSR members must evaluate the dog.

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In the event DSR is contacted to assist with an out-of-state Samoyed in need of rescue, we will assist where we can reasonably do so.

Once in rescue, where is the dog kept?

Owner Released Dogs:

DSR will STRONGLY encourage that the dog ~~remain~~remains with ~~it's~~his/her owner until it is placed. An owner surrendering a dog will be required to sign a release form ~~whether or not~~regardless if the dog stays with them. If the dog remains with the owner, and is still intact, the dog will be spayed/neutered before going to a new home.

If the dog cannot remain with the owner, the dog will be placed into foster care in an approved DSR foster home. Proof of current shots and spay/neuter will be required before the dog is placed in the foster home. The dog will be declared healthy by a certified veterinarian before it is placed with a new owner. ~~With For~~ each dog ~~the in a~~ foster home ~~cares for~~, that ~~home~~foster caregiver will sign a "DSR Foster Care Agreement". Foster ~~care homes~~caregivers will be reimbursed for pre-approved veterinary bills ~~only~~. All other expenses incurred will be considered ~~donations to DSR~~on a case-by-case basis.

~~———— If a foster home is not available, the owner will be required to pay a boarding fee based on DSR's estimate as to how long it will take to place the dog. This estimate will be based on the average length of stay with DSR for other dogs of similar age and temperament. Minimum boarding fee required will be \$50, however in the case of a financial hardship, circumstances will be evaluated on case-by-case basis.~~

~~———— If a foster home is not available, the dog will be boarded.~~

Shelter Dogs:

In the event a dog is available to rescue from a local shelter, and there is no foster home available, or DSR is not financially able to board the dog as determined by the DSA governing board, DSR will not be able to accept that dog into its program. However, every effort will be made to direct potential adopters to that shelter in hopes of finding the dog a suitable home.

~~———— All calls from ABRN (All Breed Rescue Network) and shelters will be returned in a timely manner even if DSR is unable to help the dogs identified in the calls.~~

What does it take to become a foster home?

Potential foster homes must fill out a "DSR Foster Home Application". Once the application has been received, a DSR member must visit the home to make sure it is kept in a manner suitable to meet Colorado's Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA) requirements. Foster ~~care givers~~caregivers must be willing to allow a PACFA/DSR representative to inspect their property upon request. At minimum, an inspection will be conducted annually. (A copy of PACFA requirements will be provided to each Foster Home.) Foster ~~care givers~~caregivers must be familiar with the Samoyed breed. ~~They must also be willing to absorb all costs related to the dog, including transportation costs, but excluding pre-approved~~

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~~veterinary costs.~~ They are expected to work with potential adopters in making arrangements to ~~see~~visit the dog. They may not place the dog on their own, but must refer potential adopters to DSR.

How are potential adopters found?

They are found through the DSR/DSA website, social media, word of mouth, breeder referrals, veterinary referrals, groomer referrals and internet contacts, ~~and ads placed in the newspaper when the list of available dogs exceeds 5.~~

What does a potential adopter haveneed to do to adopt a dog?

They must fill out a "DSR Application for Adoption". Along with the application, DSR will provide information on breed characteristics ~~will also be provided.~~ Once the application has been filled out and returned, a DSR member will call the veterinarian listed on the application to inquire about the care of current and previous animals owned by the potential adopter. If all is well there (the receptionist knows them by name, or records indicate they bring in their pets whenever necessary), ~~they~~the applicant will be interviewed by a DSR worker. The DSR worker should feel comfortable with the information gleaned from this interview. However, they still should consider conducting a home check to verify information. A DSR worker may discuss various dogs on the list with the potential adoptive home at any time during this process. If one seems particularly suited to that home, the DSR worker MUST notify the person keeping the "available list". The DSR worker can NEVER promise a dog to any home until it has been fully approved. Nor should they provide any specific details about the dog's location or current owner until the applicant has been approved. In the event, there are multiple applicants interested in the same dog, preference will be given to the home offering the best match to the needs of the dog in question. DSR does not make a practice of placing rescue dogs on hold until a potential adopter makes up their mind. We ~~can not~~cannot let an opportunity to place a dog be missed because of indecision on the part of another applicant. If a home does not meet approval, the DSR worker may tell the family what needs to be done ~~in order~~to be approved, but it is not required to give any reason. The application states "DSR reserves the right to refuse any applicant."

What happens once a dog has been placed?

Continuing follow up is done. In the first few days, calls and/or visits are made to help the new owners and their rescue dog with adjustments. New owners also receive a DSR identification tag for their dog, and an information packet with advice on training, health issues, tips on helping the dog adjust to its new surroundings, as well a brief explanation of the Denver Samoyed Association.

Why have a DSR tag?

This is an effort to ensure the dog will have every opportunity to stay with its new owners. Often a rescue dog will try to escape from its new home within the first days, or in the event of a natural disaster (or even a thunderstorm) where the ~~dogs~~dog escapes, DSR will act as an outside contact.

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Why have a microchip?

Microchips provide a secondary means of identification should the dog wander from the family's home. Shelters and veterinarians are supposed to scan any stray dogs for a microchip, and contact the primary owner registered on that microchip. All DSR dogs, if not already microchipped, will have a microchipped implanted. The microchip will be registered with DSR as the primary owner. When the dog is adopted, the new family's contact information will be added as secondary owner.

Once a DSR dog, always a DSR dog.

As part of the terms of the DSR adoption agreement, if the family cannot keep the dog for any reason, they must contact DSR, so that we can rehome the dog. This condition is true, whether the dog has been in the home for a day, or for a decade. We recognize that changes occur, sometimes unrelated to the dog itself, and outside of the family's control, such as illness, death, or financial hardship.

Are there costs involved with rescue?

Yes! DSR asks an owner surrendering their dog for a minimum boarding/placement fee of \$50. However, this can be adjusted for an owner keeping their dog until placed or the "reluctant due to financial reasons" owner. ~~As stated earlier, a boarding fee will also be required.~~ The ~~minimum~~ adoption fee is ~~\$75~~\$250 per dog, ~~\$100 per~~ but this fee may be reduced in cases involving senior dog, a dog with a significant medical issue, or increased for a pair of bonded dogs. This fee needs to be evaluated on a regular basis to determine its ability to cover the costs of the dogs. DSR also accepts donations from anyone interested in helping ~~out~~ financially. DSA provides a yearly budget for rescue, and ~~fund-~~raisers/fundraisers are done on an as needed basis.

In addition to the day-to-day costs to operate rescue, namely boarding fees, spay/neuter costs, and ~~shots~~veterinary care, there are two expenses that ~~will occur on a yearly basis~~may be incurred annually:

- ~~ABRN Membership fee—\$50. Provides liability insurance coverage for our rescue program, volunteers, and foster homes. In addition ABRN membership offers a network of rescue people and organizations to support rescue volunteers and foster an attitude of cooperation and trust between breed-specific rescues and area shelters. Membership year and liability insurance assessment runs March 1st of the current year through February 28th of the following year.~~
- ~~PACFA licensing fee—\$50. Required~~License: Colorado requires a PACFA license regardless of the number of dogs placed each year. The license costs \$225 per year. This license is for "…any person who accepts pet animals for the purpose of finding permanent adoptive homes for animals and does not maintain a central facility for keeping animals, but rather uses a system of fostering in private homes, or boarding, or keeping in licensed pet animal facilities." ~~This license is valid March 1st of the current year through February 28th of the following year and is required for any rescue group that places 24 dogs or more per year.~~licenses pet animal facilities."
- Additional Property Insurance: Rescue activity is covered under the Denver Samoyed Association's liability and property insurance coverage. Rescue has opted to pay \$200 per year, for additional property insurance to cover the various fundraiser product assets.

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What are the jobs done by DSR workers?

- ~~Record Keeping~~ – PACFA requires one person to maintain all paperwork, though during busy times, a helper can improve the efficiency of rescue efforts. Records required by PACFA include:

Record Keeping:

- o Physical description of each animal, sex and age
- o Source of the animal, date of acquisition, name and address of surrendering party if applicable
- o Medical treatment while in custody of DSR
- o Disposition of the animal, date of adoption, name and address of adopting party
- o Current list of street addresses where pet animals are kept (foster homes)

Bookkeeping - Again, one main person needs to handle this. However, during busy times, a helper can improve the bookkeeper's ability to stay on top of the work. All expenses incurred by DSR will be paid monthly. Outstanding debt will be reported ~~on a monthly basis~~ (Treasurer's report).

Interviewers for:

- o ~~Ads/Hotline Calls~~ - Someone needs to ~~be willing to have their phone number listed when DSR places an ad in the paper~~ take and take/return calls generated by that ad the DSR website.
- o **Monitoring and Responding to DSR Emails** - Someone needs to check the DSR email account and respond to email inquiries.
- o **Owners surrendering their dogs** - Sometimes these people only need counseling to resolve problems with their dog. For owners not willing or able to work through problems, information on the dog needs to be taken. ~~A visit to actually see~~ A physical visitation with the dog may be necessary.
- o **Potential adoptive homes** - Families who have filled out an application need to be interviewed by phone to clarify any information and to discuss a possible match. Phone calls also need to be made to the potential adoptive home's veterinarian to verify the care of other animals.
- o **Home Checks** - A visit to a potential adoptive home may need to be made.

Transportation volunteers - Dogs need to be transported from the shelter to a foster home, kennel or veterinarian's office. They also may need other visits to the veterinarian's office. In some instances, these same transportation needs may apply to owner surrender dogs.

Groomers - For the dogs in kennels, someone needs to help keep the dogs groomed and at their best for visits with potential adopters. Foster families may also need guidance and help as to the proper care and grooming of Samoyeds ~~and/or particular foster dogs.~~

Follow-up Support – Volunteers to make follow-up emails or phone calls to new adoption families, to check-in on the dog's status, and ask if they have any questions or need help with any behavioral problems, or training issues that might be transpiring now that the dog is in their new home.

Fundraising coordinators and volunteers - With EACH ~~fund-raiser~~ fundraiser there will need to be someone in charge to coordinate all aspects of the event. This will include finding locations to have ~~fund-raisers~~ fundraisers, coordinating volunteers, collecting moneys and keeping records of such funds to hand to the bookkeeper, and sending thank you notes to those donating time, services or space to a

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fundraising event. The coordinator may wish to delegate tasks, but will ultimately be responsible for making sure all of them are done. Fundraising will be an ongoing need for DSR.

- ~~• Volunteers to check for lost dog ads — Looking for potential matches to dogs that have recently come in to our rescue program.~~

What happens if DSR finds a breeder's dog?

In the event a dog with AKC registration papers/pedigree from an identified breeder is turned over to DSR, the breeder(s) (owners of both the dam and sire) will be notified, and asked if they are willing to assist with the placement of the dog.

For breeders willing to assist, ~~therethis matter~~ will be ~~no further discussion regarding that breeder or any other breeder(s) listed in the pedigree kept private within Denver Samoyed Rescue~~. However, all information concerning breeder's dogs turned over to DSR will be recorded statistically and ~~catagorized~~categorized as local DSA member breeder, SCA member breeder, or unknown breeder.

For breeders who do not respond, have multiple dogs needing placement or unwilling to assist, we will inform the DSA Board and ask for guidance on how we can help.

If a breeder becomes known after a rescue dog has been placed, that breeder will be notified, and given an opportunity to make a contribution to DSR. The same statistical information as mentioned above will be recorded.

What if a breeder would like DSR's help in placing a returned puppy or dog?

DSR will only be able to help in this situation when there are no rescue dogs on the adoption list that match a prospective home. **The rescue dogs must always be promoted first.** ~~DSR is willing to assist a breeder with placing a returned dog/puppy, to keep a potential adopter from seeking out a backyard breeder or buying a Samoyed puppy from a pet store or puppy mill.~~

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———If a breeder wants assistance from DSR in placing a dog, they will need to provide DSR with an evaluation of the dog ~~— and ensure the dog is spayed/neutered before placed through DSR.~~ The breeder will be responsible for making necessary arrangements to house the dog until it is placed.

The “breeder's list of returned dogs” and the list of rescue dogs will be shared with prospective adoptive homes. The rescue worker and the prospective adoptive family will see if there is a suitable match.

DSR will tell prospective adopters that all contracts associated with the breeder, are the responsibility of the breeder and they will need to meet the requirements of that breeder. DSR will NOT be involved in any transactions between the breeder and adopter, and DSR will not promise any family a specific dog.

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If the breeder does not wish to place the dog with the referred family, the breeder will refer the family back to DSR. If the breeder places the dog with the referred family, the breeder will be expected to contribute to rescue either financially or through volunteer work, to compensate for the placement fee normally required of an owner who asks for DSR's help in placing a dog.

How busy is rescue throughout the year?

The activity level of DSR varies. Whenever ~~an ad is placed in a dog or dogs are on the paper~~ DSR website, the time required will drastically increase. A person can easily spend 30 hours or more a week "doing rescue" during a busy time. The same person may spend 10 hours or less a week during slow times. Having more volunteers involved means the time per person remains at a ~~managable~~ manageable level. Unfortunately, rescue is not a passive activity associated with convenience. Volunteers may be called upon at any time to assist with a rescue situation. However, even if you ~~can not~~ cannot commit 100% to rescue, there are always jobs that can be done on a temporary basis.

Don't the volunteers burn out?

Yes. Burnout is a very real threat to rescue efforts. If one person starts to burn out and asks for help, this needs to be immediately addressed so rescue won't lose that volunteer. When only a handful of people take on the responsibility for rescue, the impact of burnout threatens the whole organization, not just that individual. Unfortunately, the ones who suffer the most from the human condition of burnout are the dogs.

What are the forms that DSR uses?

DSR constantly updates and refines all ~~of~~ the forms used. Following is a list of forms currently in use, ~~or to be used in the near future:~~

Application for Adoption	Adoption Contract	
<u>Medical Addendum</u>	Foster Home Application	Release Form
<u>Adoption Home Visit</u>	<u>Adoption Packet</u>	Foster Home Agreement
Evaluation of Dog		
<u>Adoption Agreement</u>	<u>Owner Surrender Release Form</u>	<u>Volunteer Application</u>

What can I do?

If you are interested in helping DSR in any way, please contact the DSR committee to find out what is currently the greatest area of need.

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Martha Lageschulte's graphic
design is now featured on a new
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July 17, 2016 Awards/Holiday Party Reminder- 7:00 PM

Location: Natural Grocers, 2053 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222

- Discuss on-going donation motions to SCARF, SCA National Specialty Trophy Fund and Supported Entry Trophy Fund.
- Discus potential housekeeping and other changes to club By-Laws.
- Other business pertinent to the club.
- Board meeting to follow.
- Agenda: Review/Vote on revised rescue guidelines

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE As of 07/17/17, we have no Samoyeds available for adoption!

Ollie was adopted by his foster mom and fellow DSA Club Member in June, 2017!

He is now enrolled in obedience class and down to monthly baths!

We did not release the original picture of Ollie to the public that was sent by the shelter, but as club members we wanted you to see the before and after.



BEFORE :(

AFTER :)



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