

Denver Samoyed Association

SAM-O-GRAM

August 2025



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not just what can DSA do for you, but what can you do for DSA?

An old line from a speech (mostly) given by JFK years ago - and so very fitting for our club and membership.

Are you interested in serving as an officer or a Board member? The nominating committee for the 2026 slate is meeting as we speak - looking for volunteers that would like to run. If you are interested - reach out to Lori Elvera (chair), Connie Rudd, or Linda Kitzman.

It is early yet, but think about chairing or serving on a committee. The Board is currently finishing up our Job Descriptions for all positions - you can read through to see if something pops out that you are interested in and fits your skill set. Even if you are new to this, you are very welcome to shadow the chair and help out and learn as you go! Watch for news when the Descriptions are posted and you can check it out.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool!

Martha Lageschulte
DSA President

Meeting Date and Location for August Meeting!

August 18, 2025

6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

Zoom -

Watch your email for link

**DSA July Membership Meeting -
Monday, July 21, 2025**

Zoom

Meeting called to order 6:52 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Connie Rudd, Terry Walb, Donna Dannen, Pam Buhl, JoDee Putnins, Julie Morris, Lynn Hunkins, Pam Arnold, Tamara Barach, Michele Schmitt, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Joe Trojan, Sue Wangerin, Kris Schopfer, Jan Cherne, Chris Maslin-Cole, Bob Sencenbaugh, Debbie Sencenbaugh, Donna Cummings

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Terry Walb

No report.

Recording Secretary: Lorrie McAllister

No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

4-H Colorado State dog trials are asking for repeat donation. We're not sure what we donated last year.

Motion 25-022: Lori Elvera moved, Jan Cherne seconded. DSA will donate \$50 this year to 4-H. Passed.

Treasurer: Pam Buhl

General Fund - \$27,871.01

DSR - \$11,520.09

CD - \$20,899.06.

T-shirt payment \$1,183.16

Board:

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

We are now in a holding pattern.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No report.

Cheer: Donna Dannen

Sent a card to Chris Maslin-Cole card for her husband Ray, who is home now after a medical event. Also sent a get-well card to Kris Schopfer.

Legislative Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

No report.

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

Going back to two days. Need help on Friday before event.

Librarian/Historian: Donna Dannen

Working on it. Donna Dannen needs info on Merle Mays. Lori Johnson was a suggested contact.

IT: Terry Walb

She sent out a corrected roster and uploaded to website.

Hospitality: Pam Buhl

B-match was successful, with prizes. Original judge was sick, Jan Cherne judged. \$90 income. Old trophies yielded \$20.

Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Local Specialty 2025: JoDee Putnins

Thanks to Terry Walb for taking care of things.

Lori Elvera is still looking for tea cups and saucers.

Photographer Donna Dannen—has been unable to reach Tails of Voyage. She sent contract. Premium list says we are doing self-photos. If we get an outside photographer, we can list in catalog.

Trophies need sponsors, particularly Sweepstakes.

T-shirts will be available at the Casper shows.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

No report.

Programs: No chair.

If you have an idea for a program, contact Martha Lageschulte.

Public Education

Our Summer B-match qualified for AKC credit.

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Needs need input by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera and Pam Buhl

Most posts have been for Specialty, t-shirts. They have posted on public page and private page. Public page has 15 new followers.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

No report.

Sam-O-Gram printed DSR's last quarter report.

Adoptapet often lists Samoyeds needing homes on West coast, East coast, and TX.

Old Business

Job Descriptions Martha Lageschulte—they have been updated, but we are waiting to finalize the Treasurer tasks. Information on vacant positions are on website. Check if you're interested in volunteering. Next quarter the job descriptions will be available to members.

Emergency Contacts: Linda Kitzman

Revised version of form will be uploaded to website. Add examples of how Rescue might help. The form came about because of difficulties determining timely care of Kent Dannen's dogs when he passed suddenly.

Form will be available on the website. Will also be sent out with dues notice. Will be available as a fillable PDF.

Information would not be widely available. The form would avoid unnecessary delays in helping

situation. This will be stored on Google Drive and website: just the Board has access, only to be used in an emergency.

Lori Elvera-if the emergency contacts answer no to the questions, DSA would not take action. DSR help examples-transport, food, bathing, fostering, veterinary care.

DSR will not take someone's dogs away from them. If no information or opportunity to help, local authorities will step in and take the dogs.

This process should prompt people to prepare instructions, have discussions at home. Make sure family members know who vet is, how to contact. Let veterinarian know what you authorize.

Kris Schopfer will help Linda Kitzman. Lori Elvera has additional input.

Dues notices go out in November. Form will be ready before then.

Designated Specialty

Lori Elvera has researched an affiliation with Peak-to-Peak. They have asked us to join their show at February or September. Concurrent specialty would be in the afternoon. Onofrio is superintendent.

September could be indoors or outdoors. We could reserve 10 grooming spots, DSA pays. Lori says the more complete information on Peak-to-Peak is in the April DSA minutes.

Clubs pay DSA per dog.

Linda Kitzman-Flatirons KC (chair Andrea Floyd) is inviting our participation. 10 grooming spots, if want more, they'd group together. They want suggestions for judges. We'd need to pay for our judge's fee and one night hotel. It would be a designated specialty.

Concurrent - go on to group, same day.

Rodney Martin also suggested contacting Greeley KC. Groups for specialties.

Lorrie McAllister will assemble spreadsheet so we can make decisions as a club.

Encourage newer members to consider chairing a designated specialty, which is much less work than a standalone specialty.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Lori Elvera will chair, Connie Rudd and Linda Kitzman (board member) will be members. Tammy Barach will serve as a fourth member.

Martha Lageschulte stated three members is minimum, can have more.

By-laws: "During the month of July, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members and two (2) alternates, not more than one (1) of whom may be a member of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall immediately

notify the committee persons and that person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before the August meeting."

Other Activities

Lori Elvera suggested Bingo—2 locations. Governor's Ranch clubhouse, or a location at Wadsworth and Jewell. \$3/pack (3 games). 3rd Tuesday at Governor's Ranch. Bring your own food/drink. Tammy Linnert is interested in Bingo.

Paint and Sip night at Governor's Ranch clubhouse. Maybe \$5? September, October, November are possible months. We would get dates and post it. Must RSVP.

Pam Buhl-SCA National Basket

Jane Emmel doing auction at SCA 2025. Basket for Colorado to be auctioned off. Need items by September

Barks 'n' Growls

Lori Elvera-started zucchini—tons of loaves of bread!

Connie Rudd-Denver two BOBs and a Group 2 at Roaring Fork KC.

Donna Cummings—Keira Cummings put two 5 pt majors on her girl. Rogue finished his Grand Championship.

Donna Dannen-Kayla got FCAT! Monday at Roaring Fork KC Kayla sent BOS.

Pam Buhl-June Plum Creek-Juno won BOB, OH Group 2, Group 3. Magic at Roaring Fork, Keira Cummings showed Magic to Winners Dog.

Linda Kitzman-in WA, Valerie and Linda's girl got Best in Specialty Show (BISS).

Terry Walb-Travis earned his Grand Championship.

Tammy Linnert-Winter took select on Saturday at Plum Creek and Saturday at Roaring Fork KC.

Kris Schopfer-Dancer has five healthy puppies, 3 weeks old. Needs a few homes.

Growl - Kris will be in neck brace for another 6 weeks.

Growl - Lori Elvera-Encouraged exhibitors to respect hotels. At Roaring Fork, there were two problems which could suspend people from AKC. Dog limit, no dye or shampoo. Because of that problem, staff did not get bonuses. Don't book room where no pets are allowed.

Michele Janowiak-GCH CH Silverado's All that Jazz (Velma) became a Champion on April 4, 2025 at the Terry-All show. Velma finished her Grand Championship 11 weeks later on June 22, 2025. She achieved this with 4 BOBs and 3 Selects, all of which were majors. Velma is co-owned by Michele and Sally Zack Wheeler, her breeder.

Adjourn: 8:22 pm. Julie Morris and Lori Elvera

DSA July Board Meeting - July 17, 2025

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:03

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Lorrie McAllister, Tammy Linnert, Donna Dannen, Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl, Julie Morris, Rodney Martin, Terry Walb

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Terry Walb

No report.

Recording Secretary: Lorrie McAllister

No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

She has received AKC documents/packets for rally and obedience—will give to Terry Walb.

4H asking for repeat donation; we will bring it up at the July membership meeting

Treasurer: Pam Buhl

General Fund - \$27,371.01

Rescue - \$11,520.09

DSR CD - \$20,899.67

King Soopers card-40 households participating; \$281.70 received for the past quarter.

Board:

No report.

B match

Made about \$90.

Sandwiches from Sprouts were good. King Soopers couldn't do them in time.

Expenses - \$80 to rent park, \$129.57 for food and beverage.

\$20 income for sale of unused trophies.

an Cherne judged instead of original judge.

Date was good.

Local Specialty 2025

Terry Walb-we have enough stewards now.

Premium list sent with revisions.

Need hotel payment authorization to charge DSA, so they don't charge judges.

We will do more email blasts for trophy donations.

Photographer for DSA Specialty 2025

Donna Dannen reported that she has a contact for the photographer for specialty. Ellen and Julie with Tails of Voyage, who were at FastCat, might work out. Website: <https://www.tailsofvoyage.com/> All their work is typically outdoors.

We would not utilize artificial lighting. Donna says they can do indoors.

Contract provides for \$50, banquet ticket, hotel room.

They must agree to provide photos for the club history.

We want to see indoor photos from Tails of Voyage before finalizing an agreement.

We will list the photographer in the catalog.

Catalog Memorial

Donna Dannen asked what the plan was for a memorial ad for Kent Dannen.

Donna will write some thoughts for use in Sam-O-Gram and catalog.

Martha will craft the ad—she needs a photo.

Longer article with photo for Sam-O-Gram.

Condensed article/ad for catalog.

Reminder that DSA is pledging \$75 for Best in Working Sweepstakes and Best Opposite in Working Sweepstake at the DSA specialty. At SCA national specialty, DSA is pledging \$75 each for best working dog and best working bitch.

DSA Specialty T-shirts went to printers last Wednesday. We had orders for over 115, so best price.

Designated Specialty

Linda Kitzman spoke to Andrea Floyd at Flatirons KC. They pay for judges, and they pay DSA. We cover one night of hotel for judge. Also pay their fee for our specialty. We can request judges for panel. Committed to doing provisional judges and breeder judges.

FKC would reserve some spots for grooming. LK suggested back part of grooming building. Probably max 10 spaces held—not free. If more, will try to group Sams together.

2026 judges have already hired. We would see who's on panel and who can do Thursday. Otherwise, if DSA wants to pick our own judges, we would have our first specialty in 2027.

List of 2026 judges:

Karen Hynek, John Ramirez, Azelea Alvarez, Marisa Clark, Carolyn Herbel, Pam Schroeder, Martha Lageschulte

If we hire judge instead of using the club's panel. FKC could hire for a day to help with our expenses—maybe they're provisional.

For 2027, we could suggest judges. We can consider a wider pool of judges: could bring in judges for all breed show that we are not feasible at the DSA November specialty.

Lorrie McAllister will consolidate information on Flatirons, Peak to Peak and Greeley clubs in a spreadsheet, gathering from Linda Kitzman, Lori Elvera and Rodney Martin.

We'll gather member input at July and August meetings.

In September, if there's adequate support, we will vote on club/venue.

Make sure there's enough support to put on a second show.

Nominate judges possibly in September after venue chosen.

Vote in October or November.

Email draft info to board. Information needs to be available by August 1 for publication in the Sam-O-Gram for review at the August meeting.

We discussed a variety of questions/issues to consider:

- What classes-puppy sweeps, veteran sweeps and regular classes
- Designated or concurrent
- How would groups be handled
- No rally and obedience
- Spayed/neutered dog eligibility
- Would professional handlers be prevalent

Job Descriptions

Pam Buhl is not finished reviewing. Donna Dannen says we need to delete reference to librarian.

Terry Walb says that IT needs changes for WhatsApp membership, and to reflect that we do not use Google Groups.

Emergency Contact Form

Linda Kitzman forwarded two versions of the form, one more detailed than the other.

We want to define what potential rescue assistance might look like (transportation, grooming, access to dogs for care). We will add to membership meeting agenda in July and publish in the Sam-O-Gram for August.

Send corrections/suggestions to Linda K. and Martha Lageschulte before the meeting.

Nominating Committee

Tammy Linnert reminded us that the nominating committee is chosen at the July board meeting. Committee consists of one board member, two other non-board members. We also need two alternates and we will reach out at the membership meeting.

Lori Elvera will chair.

Linda Kitzman will serve as board member.

Connie Rudd will be asked to serve as well.

Adjourn: 8:39 pm.



TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 7/31/2025

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Agility Trial	
Entry Fees	12,133.00
Entry Refund	-231.00
Food & Beverages	-165.65
Judge's Fees	-3,174.93
Miscellaneous	100.00
Recording Fee	-2,546.50
Rental Equipment	-1,100.00
Rental Fee	-975.00
Secretary Fees	-1,391.69
T-shirts	-376.05
TOTAL Agility Trial	2,272.18
FastCAT Income	9,145.10
Hospitality	-256.01
Jackets	-280.17
Park Rental	-200.00
Ribbons	-238.56
Supplies	-144.83
TOTAL FastCAT Income	8,025.53
Local Specialty	
Application Fee	-275.00
Banquet	-86.77
Rental & Cleanup Fees	-931.68
Rental Equipment	-300.00
T-Shirts	1,138.33
Towels	234.20
Trophies	-894.79
TOTAL Local Specialty	-1,115.71
Membership	
Dues	554.00
TOTAL Membership	554.00
Specialty Match	
Entry Fee	90.00
TOTAL Specialty Match	90.00
Ways & Means	
Grocery Certificates	654.46
Unused Trophies	20.00
TOTAL Ways & Means	674.46
TOTAL INCOME	10,500.46

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	
Service Charge	18.00
TOTAL Bank Charges	18.00
Coupons Used	489.00
Credit Card Fees	204.03
Hospitality	
Holiday Party	250.00
TOTAL Hospitality	250.00
Legislation	
Dues	75.00
Political Action Committee	100.00
TOTAL Legislation	175.00
Miscellaneous	
State Periodic Report	25.00
Supplies	76.17
TOTAL Miscellaneous	101.17
Summer Social	80.00
Food & Beverage	129.57
TOTAL Summer Social	209.57
Trophy Donation	50.00
Website Design	214.73
Zoom Subscription	174.53
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,886.03
OVERALL TOTAL	8,614.43

RESCUE FUND

INCOME

Donation to DSR	550.00
Investment Income	404.42
TOTAL INCOME	954.42

EXPENSES

Credit Card Fees	8.52
Rescue Misc Grooming	370.00
Veterinary Services	1,251.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,630.25

OVERALL TOTAL

-675.83

DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE

DSR Fundraisers:

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes chip and enrollment fee.
 Make an appointment with
 Lorrie McAllister - siriusenergy@msn.com or Pam Arnold - davepamarnold@msn.com

A New Era in Canine Sports Medicine

CHF Launches Groundbreaking Residency Program to Train the Specialists Our Dogs Deserve

Like human athletes, dogs who compete in sports, work in the field, or serve on the front lines—from agility champions to search-and-rescue heroes, TSA K9s, and herding dogs—face a high risk of injury. In fact, studies show that up to 40% of athletic dogs may experience injuries during their careers. But it's not just working and sporting dogs who benefit from specialized care—aging pets also face mobility challenges that affect their quality of life. Despite this growing need, veterinarians with advanced training in canine sports medicine and rehabilitation remain incredibly rare.

That's about to change.

In 2024, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) took bold action to address this gap, establishing a first-of-its-kind Canine Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency Program with one clear mission: to support a new generation of veterinary specialists to meet the needs of active, athletic, and working dogs.

And now, we're proud to announce—the program officially launches this July with the first cohort of residents placed at two outstanding institutions: Penn Vet (University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine) and Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

"It almost brings tears to my eyes, because without your support, we couldn't do it," said Dr. Cynthia Otto, Executive Director of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center and mentor to one of the inaugural residents. "It's a new specialty, especially in the canine world, and we're going to keep dogs moving longer and better."

Meet the Inaugural Residents

Dr. Tesa Stone – Penn Vet

Dr. Stone's path to sports medicine was inspired by both family and firsthand experience. Raised among veterinarians—her grandmother and aunt were both in the field—her journey began early at the family animal hospital. Her love for working dogs grew in college while raising puppies for The Seeing Eye®, but it was an internship at the Penn Vet Working Dog Center that solidified her calling.

"That experience combined everything I loved—medicine, research, and performance in dogs," she said. "The toughest part is that it's so new, but I hope to contribute to the field through both clinical practice and research."

Dr. Stone will train under the mentorship of Dr. Cynthia Otto beginning in July 2025.

Dr. Alexis Heffernan – Colorado State University

A former varsity soccer player, Dr. Heffernan's background blends scientific rigor with a deep appreciation for movement and performance. After earning a Master's in Microbiology and Immunology and completing Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at CSU, she discovered a passion for sports medicine while in veterinary school.

"I especially loved seeing improvements that didn't require surgery," she said. "It's amazing what hands-on rehabilitation and targeted therapies can do."

She begins a three-year residency at CSU under the guidance of Dr. Felix Duerr, a respected expert in canine orthopedics. Dr. Heffernan is eager to grow the field's visibility and eventually hopes to build a practice that combines orthopedics and rehabilitation.

Backing the Dogs Who Go the Distance

Canine sports medicine and rehabilitation is a young but in-demand field—one that's transforming how we care for active dogs, aging dogs, and those recovering from injury. Because the field is still small, creating new training positions for even a few residents each year has a meaningful impact—and helps ensure more dogs get the expert care they deserve.

This trailblazing program is only possible thanks to the generosity of our visionary partners. CHF is deeply grateful to the American Kennel Club, Golden Retriever Foundation, Portuguese Water Dog Foundation, and Border Terrier Club of America for sharing our commitment to keeping dogs healthy and active. Their support is ensuring that canine athletes, working dogs, and beloved pets have access to the expert care they need to live longer, stronger, and more vibrant lives. Because of them, we're able to launch this program and send a loud message of support for a new standard for canine sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Together, we are.