

DSA Membership Meeting 3-16-2026

Members present were Kent Cherne, Jan Cherne, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Terry Walb, Sue Wangerin, Julie Morris, Joe Morris, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Tamara Barach, Pam Buhl, Linda Kitzman, Shanan Streweler, Sam Streweler. Kris Schopfer, Cathy An, Joe Trojan, Donna Dannen

Linda Kitzman, Vice President (In president, Martha Lageschulte's absence) called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. at Natural Grocers, Colorado Blvd.

Officer's Reports

President's report (Martha Lageschulte): none

Vice President's report:

- VP (Linda Kitzman) made the 2nd reading of Kent Cherne for his Individual member application.
- His sponsors are Julie Morris and Dan Elvera.
- The membership voted, and approved Kent as an individual member.

Recording Secretary (Donna Dannen's) Report:

- The February minutes were approved by the membership.

Corresponding Secretary (Tammy Linnert's) report: None.

Treasurer (Terry Walb's) report:

- **General fund: \$25,106.30**
- **Rescue: \$25,268.59**
- **Premier Time CD: \$21,281.37**
- **Time CD: \$5000.00**

Board Members' report: none

Committee Reports

Agility (Terry Walb):

- Contracts for 2027 agility judges, equipment and facility are done.
- We had to ask AKC to change their saved date for the trial as they had it at the 4th weekend of January 2027, and we have reserved the facility for the third weekend since our contract is for the weekend of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Awards (Kris Schopfer): No report

Cheer (Donna Dannen): a card was sent to Jan & Kent Cherne on the loss of Jodi.

Legislation (Pam Buhl & Lorrie McAllister)

- Colorado HB 1101 has passed the House and is on to the Senate for consideration. It has been introduced and has been sent to committee. The committee hearing is March 24th in the Old Supreme Court chambers at the Capitol. Do we want to attend?
- I posted a note on Denver Samoyed Association & Friends about the bill. AKC opposes it, and CFDO has been silent recently. I reached out to Linda Hart of CFDCO via email but haven't gotten a response. I also checked their Facebook page, and it is woefully out of date.
- The Flatirons Kennel Club lobbyist reported at their last meeting that CFDCO was opposed to the bill, and FKC will also oppose and ask for amendments.
- The letter I posted is below for reference:
- **PLEASE OPPOSE HB1011: TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN PET ANIMALS**

This bill restricts pet stores from selling pets other than those from shelters and rescues. At this time, the Colorado regulations for retail pet stores are much more stringent than those for shelters and rescues. Pet stores are required to document the dog's kennel name, breeder, and state of origin. Rescues and shelters are not required to document any of this, thus encouraging "retail rescues". The AKC is opposed to this bill and provides additional details about the bill below, along with contact information for members of the Senate committee.

The Colorado House has passed the bill in late February, and it now goes to the Senate for consideration. It has been assigned to the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee with a Hearing (14:00:00 3/24/2026 Old Supreme Court) on 03/24/2026.

Summary:

This bill would ban sales by brokers (defined as those that sell, offers to sell, or transfers ownership a pet animal bred by another person) and pet stores and only allow stores to “showcase” dogs from shelters and rescues. The bill also makes false and offensive claims that all commercial breeders are “puppy mills” and all pet stores “engage in deceptive business practices”. It further claims that the bans in this bill will “end cruelty to dogs in these facilities”, protect consumers, and “support responsible breeders, animal shelters and pet animal rescues.”

AKC believes the better solution is strong enforcement of current Colorado laws and regulations for breeders, and considering stronger regulations of shelters, rescues, and transports, to ensure those dogs receive the same level of humane care and oversight. AKC appreciates that the broker ban provides a few exemptions, including law enforcement, service animals, and sales by the original breeder, and is working with the Colorado federation to further clarify these sections of the bill.

However, this bill creates other significant concerns, including:

- **Removing existing consumer protections for animals purchased at pet stores** – Current law requires pet stores disclose the dog’s kennel name, breeder, and state of origin as well as federal or state license numbers and the purchase price and interest rates. Ironically, this bill strikes all these requirements and restricts pet shops to showcasing pets from sources with less stringent regulations (i.e., shelters, rescues, and other similar organizations). Instead of reinforcing protection for pet owners and pets, HB 26-1011 guts the state’s excellent consumer protection laws, because shelters and rescues cannot provide the guarantees necessary for consumer protection. It bans the sale of pets from known, regulated and inspected sources, and restricts pet shops to showcasing pets from sources with less stringent regulations (i.e., shelters, rescues, and other similar organizations). **The full language of the bill is at .**

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Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee Contact Information:

If you are a constituent, please mention that in your message:

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Colorado: Ask Committee to Oppose Bill Restricting Pet Choice and Consumer Protections

Concurrent Specialty (Pam Buhl & Linda Kitzman):

- From Lorrie McAllister's research: David Lewis of the Brewhop Trolley got back to me yesterday. Unfortunately, the \$200 deposit is nonrefundable, and would need to be paid soon. The balance of the payment would also be due several weeks before the tour. That's a major change from 2021. We will not be able to offer this activity in conjunction with Flatirons KC.
- The Premium List has been finalized.
- We will receive everything for us posted on the Flatirons Portal.
- Chris (from Onofrio) will be moving to his parents' recently remodeled house in Loveland, so we will have an Onofrio dog shows representative close to us.
- All listed trophies for the concurrent specialty are now sponsored.
- Shanan Streweler's friend will be making our rosettes.

- Linda & Pam checked out the pavilion at Boulder County Fairgrounds where we will hold the specialty, and it is very nice.
- Tammy Linnert reported on the Ice Cream Social we will provide: The Sweet Cow will charge \$15.24 per quart of ice cream.
- They will need one week's notice for an order to take place.
- Their toppings are expensive & can be purchased elsewhere more cheaply.
- The Sweet Cow was endorsed favorably by the Cherne's and Morris's!
- Terry Walb reported that we have ice cream scoops with our hospitality crates stored at Sue Wangerin's home.

Fast CAT (Tammy Linnert, chair):

- Our check, received from Harmony Dog Sports, was for \$7488.25 for our February/March Fast CAT event.
- Tammy thanked all who volunteered to help with the event, as it moved smoothly and we received quite a few compliments from the participants.
- A huge thank you goes out to "Fast CAT Joe" (Joe Trojan) for his fantastic and sometimes difficult job as releaser at the Fast CAT starting line!

Historian/Librarian (Donna Dannen): No report

IT (Terry Walb, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister)

- Fast CAT photos are now up on the website, and on our Facebook page.

Hospitality (?). No report. **I do not know who chairs this committee**

Holiday Party (Tammy Linnert)

- Due to lack of construction, we will likely repeat our banquet at the Fox Hollow Clubhouse this year.

Local Specialty 2026 (Lori Elvera, Show Chair)

- We need a Juniors judge for Sunday since our judge is not approved for Junior Showmanship.
- Question: Saturday's judge is approved to do Juniors: should we not do Juniors on both Saturday and Sunday this year?
- We will need to nominate a judge and vote in April.

***26-004 Pam Buhl motions we do Junior Showmanship and hire a Juniors judge for the Sunday local specialty show.**

Seconded by Julie Morris. The motion was approved by the membership.

***26-005 Lori Elvera moves that we do not offer a Brace Class at the local specialty in 2026**

Seconded by Tammy Linnert

- Discussion revolved around the time this class takes, trophies needed, and a low entry at last year's attempt, as well as the fact that this class is usually offered at the National Specialty.

The motion was approved by the membership

Local Specialty 2027 (Cheryl Martin, Show Chair) No report

Programs

- Lori Elvera announced our first movie night to be determined sometime in May to view Michael (a movie about Michael Jackson's life). More on this next month.
- Pam Buhl will research the possibility of our having a Barn Hunt "learning day" with one of the local "Ratter" clubs.

Public Education

- No one volunteered at this time to chair a "Meet the Breeds" event at the 2027 Colorado Kennel Club shows.

Sam-O-Gram (Martha Lageschulte)

- Any materials to add to the April S-O-G are due by April 1, 2026.

Rescue (Sue Wangerin, Chair)

- **Rescue has received an application in hopes of adopting a female Samoyed.**
- A family in Tyler, TX contacted DSR to re-home 2yo female
- This is a dog to adopt from the West Texas Samoyed Rescue, but there are many obstacles with the dog to adopt.
- \$500.00 was sent to the St. Louis Samoyed Rescue for their work with 39 of the dogs rescued from a situation in Iowa.
- DSR received a \$50.00 donation from the Hockworters in memory of Jan and Kent Cherne's Jodi.

Old Business

- Lori Elvera reported that the T-shirts for the 2026 local specialty have been decided upon.

New Business

- Since we are not having our usual summer picnic social this year Donna Dannen and Lori Elvera propose we have a hike and picnic at Staunton State Park near Conifer, CO.
- The state park has 2 group picnic areas with parking, toilets, and grills with one at \$160.00/day, and a smaller area at \$90.00/day.
- More research on this will be coming.

- Discussion: we do not have all our judges assigned for 2027 (for our Sunday show).
- The above issue will be tabled for a future meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2028 LOCAL SPECIALTY JUDGES APPEAR ON SEPARATE PAGE

Barks & Growls

- Tammy Linnert: We went to the Austin Specialties where Winter won two BOS and 1 Select. Those wins qualify her for her Silver Championship!
- Joe Trojan: Xena won 2 points at the Dubuque Kennel Club all breed show in Madison Wisconsin last month!
- Terry Walb: Travis finished his TKN title! (Trick Dog Novice).

Lori Elvera moved meeting be adjourned.
Tamara Barach seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen
Recording Secretary

