

SAM-O-GRAM

August 2026



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer Soiree Events

DSA member's met yesterday for the final Summer Soiree of the season and had a lovely time. It was great to chat and catch up with other members in a non-show venue, and to see members we don't get to see as often. Thank you Tammy Linnert for setting these up for us and picking restaurants in different locations in the metro area! Thank you to all for attending, hope to see you (and more members) all next year!

Martha Lageschulte
DSA President

PS, unfortunately we couldn't get a group picture from yesterday.



Meeting Date and Location for July Meeting

August 17, 2026

6:45 pm

Zoom

Watch for the link in your email!

DSA July Board Meeting - Thursday, July 16, 2026

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:09 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Pam Buhl, Dan Elvera, Tamara Barach, Sue Wangerin, Lorrie McAllister.

Vice President - Linda Kitzman

New association member Diana Healy needs to be added to WhatsApp and to the SOG email list. Martha will add her name to the email list, and Tammy will add her to the WhatsApp. We will also add Julie Beth Yelin to the Zoom invite so she can attend the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary - Tammy Linnert

DSA received a thank you note from Cheri Hollenback regarding the concurrent specialty in June. She thanked us for the welcoming specialty and for the DSA sponsored trophies.

Treasurer - Terry Walb

Terry will send out the Zoom Meeting notice on Monday morning so that it doesn't get lost in everyone's emails. Terry expressed an interest in discussing changing CPA firms. Ours is currently out of state and not particularly responsive. Pam said her experience was like Terry's. Terry reached out to some other clubs, and to CPA firms that were recommended and have experience with non-profits. She met with the principal at Weigle & Weigle Accounting Services, the firm who does the taxes for Greeley Kennel Club, and really liked them, and they are local! Their costs are only \$50 more than we are currently paying. A motion was made by Tamara to change the tax firm beginning in tax year 2026 and seconded by Terry.

Motion 26-012B: Move that Denver Samoyed Association switches CPA firms for Tax and accounting services effective for the tax year 2026 to Weigle & Weigle Accounting Services of Greeley, CO. Motion Passed

Cheer

Martha will add Tamara's name to the Cheer Committee, and she will help Donna with the Cheer duties.

Concurrent Specialty - Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl

We had great feedback on the concurrent specialty, and Linda and Pam have several ideas for next year. The Samoyed entry was the biggest specialty breed entry at the Flatirons show, and they would love us back. Flatirons Kennel Club is planning improvements for us for next year, including a bigger ring and additional tenting. We will ask the membership at the July meeting if they want to have the specialty in 2027.

Librarian/Historian

Inventory is at Pam Buhl's house, and she is working on making a list of everything. We will

discuss the fate of the library at the general membership meeting

IT Committee - Lorrie McAllister

Reports that they are looking into having the membership application on the website as a fillable pdf. This would hopefully be more attractive to younger members and streamline information collection.

Martha pointed out that that applicants would still need to print for signatures.

The IT committee is also looking into developing a digital guide to Google Drive usage for Officers and Board, so we can use it to its fullest potential. The committee is also available for individual help and wants everyone to reach out if they have problems. The IT committee consists of Cathy An, Tammy Linnert, Lori Elvera, Lorrie McAllister and Elisabeth Walker.

Rescue - Sue Wangerin

We have received a few emails. There are 2 dogs looking for foster homes in Alamosa. Owner is in a rehabilitation facility. Also, a request from an owner in Ft. Morgan re: medical issues and grooming. Sue suggested that they reach out to their veterinarian. The conversation focused on concerns about increased Samoyed rescues following Taylor Swift's adoption of a Samoyed, with the board discussing the need for responsible breeding education. The group agreed to share an existing Facebook post about Samoyed care and consider adding content about finding responsible breeders to their website.

Old Business

Martha spoke with Tad Walden at the Roaring Fork Shows. Tad is now on the board of the Douglas County Fairgrounds and convinced the Douglas County Commissioners to allow dog events to reserve the buildings one year in advance, like we have always done, instead of 6 months as was the change made this year. This allows us to continue to reserve our buildings for next year right after our event, and gives us more certainty for our planning. Martha will reach out to Tad and get the name of the person at the Fairgrounds who should be our contact.

We will still have a discussion about the possibility of changing venues or dates in the future at the next membership meeting.

New Business

The Board needs to select nominating committee in July. Tammy reported that no one had volunteered for the nominating committee and proposed collecting names at the next meeting with a one-week deadline for expressions of interest, after which the board would make appointments

Pam moved to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18. Tamara Seconded.

Pam Buhl, Recording Secretary

**DSA June Membership Meeting -
Monday, July 20, 2026**

Zoom

Meeting called to order 6:48 pm

Present: Pam Buhl, Tamara Barach, Rodney Martin, Sue Wangerin, Lorrie McAllister, Heidi Nieman, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Julie Morris, Martha Lageschulte, Shanan Streweler, Samantha Steweler, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Michele Schmitt, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne, Linda Kitzman, Cathy An, Diana Healy, Terry Walb, Rachel Paulson, Donna Dannen, Valerie Passmore, Connie Rudd.

Guest: Julie Beth Yelin

June meeting minutes approved.

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Linda Kitzman

Linda Kitzman made the first reading of Julie Beth Yelin's application to be an Regular Member. Julie Beth owns 2 Samoyeds and has recently moved to Colorado from Texas.

Recording Secretary: Pam Buhl

No report.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

Tammy read a thank you note sent to the Club by Cheri Hollenback thanking the club for the trophies she won at the June Concurrent Specialty and commenting on how welcoming we were and how she enjoyed the ice cream social.

Tammy also mentioned that volunteers were needed for the 2026 Nominating Committee. We need 3 members and one Alternate. She described the duties of the committee and asked volunteers to reach her by Friday, July 24th, 2026.

Treasurer: Terry Walb

General fund: \$31,604.87

Rescue: \$9,768.59

CD: \$26,762.64

Our bank, First Bank, is transitioning to PNC Bank.

Board: Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

No report.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No report.

Cheer: Donna Dannen, Tamara Barach

Tamara sent Valerie a note on her surgery.

Colorado Legislation Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

No report.

Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl, Shanan Streweler

No report.

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

Tammy is working with Harmony on the contract.

Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen

Pam Buhl has not finished inventorying the library material that was received from Donna Dannen. There are several thoughts on how to proceed with the library materials, including scanning historical Sam-O-Grams (the ones not already on the website) and speaking with Jim Cheskawich to see if any of the Working Samoyed information we have might be a good fit for the Rex Library. Once everything is inventoried, we can make a better decision.

IT: Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister, Cathy An, Elisabeth Walker

Cathy An reported that the committee met and created a plan of action to address the website, WhatsApp, Ecwid, and Google Drive. Cathy and Elisabeth will also document actions for future reference. Another meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday.

Summer Soiree: Tammy Linnert

The first of 3 dinners will be June 25th at 6:00 pm at Block & Bottle in Castle Rock, CO. Reach out to Tammy if you have suggestions for the July (North) and August (Central) dinners. We have 18 people committed to the June dinner.

Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

Summer Soiree: 2 of the Summer Soiree's are complete, and if you haven't already attended one, we would love to see you at the next one, which will be brunch on 8/9/26. Watch WhatsApp and email for the location and other details.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

All the apparel items are at R&D awaiting logos! The last of the pre-purchased purple chairs will be depleted after the 2027 show. Shanan Streweler volunteered to store the chairs at her place. A motion was made by Julie Morris and seconded by Jan Cherne to approve the purchase of additional chairs.

Motion 26-013: DSA will purchase 12 purple Picnic Time chairs for Best of Breed Trophies for the November Specialties in 2028-2033. Motion passed.

Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin

No report.

Public Education

DSA will participate in Meet the Breeds at the Colorado Kennel Club Shows in February 2027

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Need articles and items by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl

Lori and Pam are trying to keep our pages active. Reminded members that they can also post themselves..

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

Sue reported that we were contacted about several dogs in need. A 7-year-old male that was then listed on Adopt-A-Pet and adopted, an 11-year-old male in New Mexico needing a home, and 2 females in Alamosa whose owner was place in assisted living and needed a foster for the dogs, although it might turn into a permanent situation. Sue also expressed concern, and others echoed the concern, that with the recent news that Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift have a Samoyed puppy, there will be a demand for puppies, then a subsequent increase in those puppies showing up in rescue when people found out the work required to happily coexist with a Samoyed. The Kansas City newspaper did a great interview with Jazmine Light, President of Heart of American Samoyed Club. We will try to post the link to that article on our Facebook pages and website.

Old Business

Martha had a conversation with Tad Walden at Roaring Fork KC Shows, and Tad told Martha that the Douglas County Commissioners decided that the various dog events held at the fairgrounds were very important to the fairgrounds and surrounding economy, so they had returned to allowing clubs to contract the buildings 1 year out, instead of the 6 month period they told us was going to be instituted this year. That means that after our show in November, we will immediately be able to contract for the use of the buildings next year.

Given the new information, is there any interest in a new venue for the November Specialty, or changing the specialty to a new date? General conversation indicated the majority would like to stay at Douglas County Fairgrounds and keep the show the weekend after Thanksgiving. However, a committee was formed to research entries at other Samoyed Specialties, so the club has additional information. The committee is Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Jan Cherne and Pam Buhl.

Summer Concurrent Specialty: Does the club want to hold a concurrent specialty in June 2027 with the Flatirons Kennel Club? There were questions presented about using indoor rings, having the start time of the specialty earlier and the time of the all-breed judging later and more tents and possibly misters for the judges.

It was noted by Lori Elvera that the trophies sponsored for the Concurrent Specialty may take away from the trophies sponsored for the

November Specialty.

Linda Kitzman made a motion to vote on holding the Concurrent Specialty in June 2027. Lorrie McAllister seconded the motion.

Motion 26-014: Move that Denver Samoyed Association holds a Concurrent Specialty on Saturday, June 5th, 2027 in conjunction with Flatirons Kennel Club in Longmont Colorado. Motion passed.

New Business

Contracts for Judges for the 2028 November Specialty have not yet been sent. Lori Elvera suggested that given the declining numbers of entries in obedience, that starting with the 2028 November Specialty we quit offering Obedience on Saturday and instead offer working Sweeps on both Saturday and Sunday.

Motion 26-015: Beginning in 2028 Denver Samoyed Association will no longer offer Obedience classes at the November Specialty. Lori Elvera moved and Lorrie McAllister seconded. Motion passed.

Barks 'n' Growls

Connie Rudd and Pam Arnold: Pam Arnold's puppy boy Ardon took Reserve Winners Dog on Saturday and Winners Dog on Sunday at the Roaring Fork KC. Pam handled Ardon for his first point out of the 9 -12 month puppy dog class. Arden is Summit & Azteca's Scouting for Arden Creek

Rodney Martin for Savannah Martin: Savannah was Grand Champion in Showmanship for her age group at the 4H competition and participated in the winning Rally Team competition!

Linda Kitzman: Showed her girl out of the Trudy X Chrome litter for the first time at the Roaring Fork KC shows and she was WB/BOW on Sunday.

Pam Buhl: GCH Queen City's Dancing in the Moonlight (Appa) made a quick trip up to Wyoming for the Sunday show at Buckhorn KC. She went BOB/OHBOB/OHGroup2. At the Roaring Fork KC shows, Appa was BOB 2 days and BOS 1 day, OHBOB all 3 days, and was OH Group 2, 3, and 4 over the course of the weekend.

Tammy Linnert: Winter was Select Bitch all 3 days at the Roaring Fork KC shows.

Jan and Kent Cherne: At Plum Creek KC, BUZZ - ASCA CH/GCH Makita Alnair Oncl9, TKN BCAT picked up 6 more quals in Fast Cat and needs just 8 points for his DCAT title

Rachel Paulson: Showed LOL's Zazie Takes Paris at Roaring Fork KC at was WB/BOW on Saturday for a 3-point major.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Pam Buhl, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 7/31/2026

GENERAL FUND

Monthly Opening Balance	\$ 30,524.63
Income	
Agility Trial	\$ 12,276.00
Concurrent Specialty Income	\$ 1,814.99
FastCat Coupons used	\$ 267.00
FastCAT Income	\$ 7,497.25
Local Specialty Income	\$ 4,687.75
Membership	\$ 682.36
PayPal Income Shipping	\$ 23.00
Ways & Means	\$ 406.87
Total Income	\$ 27,655.22
Expenses	
Agility Expense	\$ (9,614.78)
Bank Charges	\$ (18.30)
Charitable Donations- 4H	\$ (75.00)
Cheer	\$ (39.00)
Concurrent Specialty Expense	\$ (1,985.58)
FastCat Coupons Reversed	\$ (267.00)
FastCAT Expenses	\$ (720.18)
Holiday Party Expense	\$ (250.00)
Hospitality	\$ (60.88)
Legislation	\$ (100.00)
Local Specialty Expenses	\$ (3,604.68)
Local Specialty Shipping fees	\$ 46.00
PayPal fees Concurrent Specialty Grooming	\$ (17.70)
Paypal fees Concurrent Specialty Trophies	\$ (35.75)
Paypal fees Dues	\$ (34.07)
Paypal fees Local Specialty T- Shirts	\$ (112.09)
Public Education	\$ (91.14)
State Periodic Report	\$ (25.00)
Summer Social	\$ (194.02)
Treasurer	\$ (70.20)
Treasurer Expense	\$ 5.24
Website Expenses	\$ (966.00)
Zoom Subscription	\$ (185.45)
Total Expenses	\$ (18,415.58)
Monthly Closing Balance	\$ 30,642.76
TOTAL	9,239.64

RESCUE FUND

Monthly Opening Balance	\$ 9,768.50
Income	
Donation to DSR	\$ 5,148.50
Transfer from CD	\$ 21,642.82
Total Income	\$ 26,791.32
Expenses	
Charitable Donations	\$ (1,250.00)
DSR CD	\$ (5,000.00)
Transfer to CD	\$ (21,642.82)
Total Expenses	\$ (27,892.82)
Monthly Closing Balance	\$ 9,768.50
TOTAL	\$ (1,101.50)

Heatstroke in Dogs: Signs, Symptoms, Treatments

Dogs only have a few ways of dissipating body heat: panting, blood vessel expansion, and, to a lesser extent, sweating through their paw pads. When a dog's internal temperature exceeds 105.8 degrees Fahrenheit, they may suffer heatstroke. Also known as hyperthermia, this life-threatening condition can develop in minutes, especially in areas of high humidity or in confined spaces, like unventilated cars.

How Heatstroke Develops in Dogs

Heatstroke is a progressive, rapidly developing condition that can lead to serious complications or death if not addressed quickly. As a dog's body temperature rises, it begins to damage tissues and organs, potentially leading to multiple organ dysfunction.

"Heatstroke usually occurs when high ambient temperature overcomes the dog's ability to dissipate heat," says Dr. Jerry Klein, the American Kennel Club's Chief Veterinarian. "The degree of damage is determined by how high a body temperature is reached and how long the animal is exposed."

Some dogs are more vulnerable than others. Puppies, senior dogs, overweight dogs, and those with underlying health issues face increased risk. Breeds with short snouts, as well as dogs with conditions like hypothyroidism, cardiac disease, or laryngeal paralysis, also require extra caution in warm weather.

Signs Your Dog May Be Overheating

Recognizing the symptoms of heatstroke can help promote your dog's health, comfort, and safety. Early signs can include:

- Heavy panting
- Rapid breathing
- Excessive drooling
- Bright red gums and tongue
- Skin that feels hot to the touch
- Increased heart rate
- Dry mucous membranes
- Sudden hyperactivity
- Difficulty maintaining balance

As heatstroke progresses, symptoms can become severe:

- Pale or bluish gums
- Drop in blood pressure and shock
- Hyperventilation, dilated pupils, and muscle tremors
- Despondency or unwillingness to move
- Uncontrolled urination or defecation
- Collapse or coma

How Veterinarians Confirm Heatstroke

Even if your dog appears to recover after cooling down, a veterinary visit is essential. Heatstroke can cause internal damage that isn't immediately visible.

At the clinic, your veterinarian will take a detailed history of the incident, including possible triggers like exercise or confinement in a hot space. From there, they'll conduct a physical examination, which will include assessing your dog's temperature, response to stimuli, and the state of their gums. They may also pinch and lift the skin between the dog's haunches, judging its elasticity. If the skin "tents" or is slow to return, this could indicate severe dehydration.

Further testing may include bloodwork and urinalysis to detect organ damage and determine whether ongoing treatment is needed.

What to Do if Your Dog Has Heatstroke

Quick, careful action can help stabilize your dog before reaching a veterinarian. The goal is to gradually lower body temperature without causing shock:

Move your dog to a cool, well-ventilated or air-conditioned space

Spray or sponge them with tepid or cool (not cold) water, especially on their underside or where fur is close to the skin

Place your dog in front of a fan to promote evaporative cooling

Offer room-temperature water, if your dog is alert and able to drink

A rectal thermometer is a great tool to have in your dog's first aid kit, as it can help you monitor your dog's condition.

Continue your cool-down methods if your dog's temperature remains higher than 105 F. If it hits 104 F, or you can't get it below 105 F within a reasonable amount of time, keep spritzing them and get them to a veterinarian right away, preferably in a cool, air-conditioned car with the fans on high. Severely affected dogs may require fluids, medication, oxygen, and further support to recover.

Recovery and Risk After Heatstroke

Dogs who survive heatstroke may face ongoing health challenges depending on how severe the episode was. Some recover fully with prompt treatment, while others may need long-term care due to organ damage.

In those instances, your veterinarian will implement a treatment and monitoring plan tailored to your dog's health goals, which may include recurring examinations, medications, and limiting

outdoor activities. Other considerations, such as watching your dog's weight, can improve your dog's cardiovascular function and prevent future instances of heatstroke.

The prognosis for heatstroke also isn't a one-size-fits-all matter. While many can make a full recovery with prompt cooldown interventions and treatment, others need more intensive care, such as ongoing medication and routine testing, if they've suffered organ damage.

How to Help Prevent Heatstroke

Our dogs live to please us. If we ask them to jog, hike, or play catch, they'll do it with enthusiasm — even when temperatures soar into the triple digits. As such, we must plan ahead when going on outdoor excursions, whether that involves an hours-long hike or a frolic in the sunshine.

Pay attention to weather conditions, including temperature, humidity, and sun exposure. Always bring enough water for your dog's size and activity level, and plan breaks during outdoor activities.

Never leave your dog in a parked car, even for a short time. Temperatures inside vehicles can rise rapidly to dangerous levels, putting your dog at immediate risk.

Key Takeaways

Heatstroke in dogs can develop rapidly and become life-threatening above 105.8°F

Early symptoms include panting, drooling, and red gums; severe signs include collapse and shock

Immediate cooling with tepid water and prompt veterinary care are critical

Some dogs are at higher risk, including puppies, senior dogs, and those with existing health conditions

Prevention depends on limiting heat exposure, staying hydrated, and avoiding confined hot spaces.

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