

SAM-O-GRAM

March 2026



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Many hands make light work!

Last weekend was DSA's 3rd annual FastCAT trial and it went quite smoothly. The weather cooperated with us, thankfully, many dogs ran their fastest times ever!

There were so many club members volunteering for set up, working throughout the trial and tearing down Sunday afternoon - many who were relatively new to the sport. Another successful trial in the books, it indeed takes a village!

Martha Lageschulte
DSA President



Meeting Date and Location for March Meeting!

March 16, 2026

6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

**Natural Grocers Denver
Colorado Blvd and Evans**

**DSA February Membership Meeting -
Monday, February 16, 2026**

Zoom

Meeting called to order 6:48 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Tammy Linnert, Donna Dannen, Julie Morris, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Chris Maslin-Cole, Terry Walb, Amber Brown Stanley, Connie Rudd, Heidi Nieman, Brielle Bolena, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin, Shanan Streweler, Tamara Barach, Cathy An, Pam Buhl, Lynn Hunkins, Michelle Schmitt, Rodney Martin, & Cheryl Martin.

President: Martha Lageschulte

No report.

Vice President: Linda Kitzman

1st Reading of the application for Kent Cherne, individual membership sponsored by Julie Morris & Dan Elvera

Recording Secretary: Donna Dannen

Approval of the January meeting minutes

My computer crashed Tammy Linnert will handle the meeting minutes tonight.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

Email from AKC for the Digital Asset Portal will be available February 23. Can have 2 club contacts. Its a centralized Library of AKC assets that clubs may use to assist with messaging and promotions. Will look into it further and report more next month.

Treasurer: Terry Walb

General Fund \$25,485.79

Rescue \$10,970.09

Premier CD \$21,281.37

Time Deposit CD \$5000.00

We have received the donation from Mary Lloyd's Estate. It was put into a 90 day CD. When both CD's mature, they will be combined into one CD which will yield higher interest than the 90 day CD.

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

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

The 2026 trial is in the books. We made \$2230.87. The full report is in the Sam-O-Gram.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No report.

Cheer: Donna Dannen

No report.

Colorado Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

Key Colorado Dog Legislation for 2026 includeds

HB26-1011, aimed at banning the retail sale of puppies in stores and by brokers to stop puppy mills, and HB26-1131, which proposes new standards for pet custody during a divorce. Additionally, starting January 1, 2026, HB25-1207 requires public housing to allow up to two pets.

Major 2026 Colorado Dog Legislation Initiatives

- HB26-1011 (Pet Store Sales Ban) This bill aims to end the sale of puppies through third-party brokers and retail pet stores to curb puppy mills. It is supported by a large majority of Colorado voters.
- HB26-1131 (Pet Custody) Proposed legislation that would treat dogs more like family members rather than property during separation or divorce, requiring judges to consider the best interests of the pet, such as care, costs, and grooming.
- Affordable Housing Pet Allowance, beginning January 1, 2026 publicly funded affordable housing providers must allow tenants to keep up to two pets, dogs or cats.
- Insurance Protections: Laws enacted in 2025 that fully take effect in 2026 prohibit insurance companies from canceling or increasing premiums for renters or homeowners based solely on a dog's breed, unless the dog is officially deemed dangerous.

Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl

Trophies have been added to the store please go in and support.

Will be working on the premium list and will check with Andrea on a deadline.

The AKC application has been submitted and paid, we are currently in pending status as AKC reviews.

Rosettes will be handled locally, very pricey

Lorrie McAllister will get additional information on the Brewhop Trolley. She had organized one during the 2021 National and it was very popular. They do tours of local breweries, cideries & distilleries. It is on a continuous loop, with a safe flexible way to visit multiple spots. Mentions a non refundable \$200.00 deposit. We could do it on Saturday, 6-9 in the evening. Sunday most people going home and Friday getting ready for the show.

Planning an ice cream social for the event Tammy Linnert volunteered to put it together with the help of Linda Kitzman

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

The volunteer worker sheet is full as of today. Thank you to everyone that is volunteering we are thrilled to have you. The set up committee on Friday at 12:30 will be lead by Tamara Barach, Pam Buhl and Greg Linnert. Assisting with be Kent & Jan Cherne, Julie and Joe Morris, Dan Elvera, Cathy An & Linda Kitzman.

Everyone is welcome so please stop by and we will put you to work or just come to watch. Entries closed Friday and we were at 341 it takes 660 total to have a full trial both days, 330 a day.

Confirmed on those that are running dogs as the worker dogs will be running at 8 or 8:30 in the morning before the event starts. Donna will follow up on the photographer being there for the worker dogs.

More emails to follow for those involved in the event. Also asked if anyone might know where the photo banner might be and who possibly took it down last year to see if someone might be storing it.

Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen

No report.

IT: Terry Walb, JoDee Putnins, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert

Terry will put together a meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities with JoDee, Lori, Tammy, Lorrie and herself.

Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

Kent Cherne & Dan Elvera had a phone call with Zack, head of the fairgrounds to discuss our situation of not being able to submit an application for the speciality until May of this year and every year following. Although we do need to comply with the board of commissioners they feel we are 95% safe with getting the approval. The new current process is we complete an application for approval in order to submit the contract for the speciality site. Lori was given approval by Tory to start the application now and then submit in May. There has been in the past a cancellation clause in our contract but we were unaware until this came to light.

Ribbons have been ordered through Premier Ribbons

Obedience and Rally could start at 8am this year since the judge is staying locally and that would give us more time for sweeps and confirmation. Also the contracts have been signed by Martha and she will get those to Lori

Local Specialty 2027: Cheryl Martin

The judges contracts went out tonight by Pam Arnold.

Looking at doing a NASCAR theme with many options for decorating.

Public Education: Pam Buhl

On Sunday the 15th of February Pam Buhl headed up the "Meet the Breed" at the Colorado Kennel Club shows. Martha put together an updated flyer for the event. Special thanks to Chris Eberhardt, Rachel Paulson, Martha Lageschulte & Lizzy

Fetzer for your help. This event is a good service event and promotes the breed. If we do it next year please volunteer and follow through with participation

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Need articles and items by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl

Posting for FastCAT right now, will be posting for the concurrent specialty soon.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

Sent a thank you to Mary Lloyd's brother for the \$5000.00 donation from her estate.

Did a donation of \$750.00 to the Playing Again Sams in Wisconsin.

Received a possible rehoming for a dog in Boulder the couple might be moving back to Sweden

Old Business

No items.

New Business

Lori Elvera asked how the membership feels about the t-shirts for the speciality. Are we tired of them, do we want to continue? A few spoke up and said they still liked them. A pocket logo was mentioned as well. Terry Walb gives them to the grand daughters. Michelle Schmitt brought up the golf towels. If you have an opinion one way or the other please reach out to Lori.

Barks 'n' Growls

Martha Lageschulte: At the CKC shows, Capella finished her Companion Dog title with a 1st and 2nd placements and finished her Rally Advanced title with 99 and 100 scores.

Tamara Barach: At the CKC shows, Jimi was Select Dog & OH on Saturday with a group 3 in the OH group.

Pam Buhl: Shimmer at the CKC shows, entered in the Veteran class was BOB both Saturday and Sunday. She also won an OH group 3 on Sunday. Her win on Sunday earned her Grand Champion Silver title.

Linda Kitzman: I showed Clarissa Black's boy Polar Mist Legendary Reign and he was WD and BOW on Thursday, WD on Friday & WD, BOW, BOS on Sunday over the specials.

Tammy Linnert: Winter attended 2 days of the CKC shows and was SB on Saturday.

Heidi Nieman/Brielle Bolena: Nessie was BISS at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona Specialty and BOS plus OH group 2 the following day. At the Working Dog Club of AZ she was also BOB and OH group 2. Nessie went BOS at the Samoyed Club of San Diego Speciality.

Eira has earned 4 new titles this year: CGCA, CGCU, TKA, FDC. She was SB to her mom at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona Speciality. She

also was BOB and a OH group 3 at Arrowhead KC. Brielle was Best junior Handler at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona, Samoyed Club of San Diego and Samoyed Club of Los Angeles.

Connie Rudd: My girl Tess's singleton puppy, Ardon was entered in BPUP on Saturday only. He took BOB and a working group 2. Ardon is owned by Pam Arnold.

Cheryl Martin: Aries went to her first CPE agility trial. She hit all of her contacts, I am very proud of her.

Donna Dannen: Mikaela's broken toenail has grown back.

Adjourn at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 2/28/2026

GENERAL FUND

Income		
	Agility Trial	
	- Entry Fees	12,321.00
	Local Specialty	
	- Trophies	327.03
	Membership	
	- Dues	682.48
	Ways & Means	
	- Grocery Certificates	215.37
	Total Income	13,545.88
Expenses		
	Agility Expense	
	- Agility Trial Supplies	-50.31
	- Entry Refund	-54
	- Food & Beverages	-267.55
	- Judes's Expenses	-690.9
	- Judge's Fees	-1,225.00
	- Judge's Gifts	-31.22
	- Recording Fee	-3,150.00
	- Rental Equipment	-1,170.00
	- Rental Fee	-975
	- Ribbons	-39.37
	- Secretary Fees	-1,997.35
	- Total Agility Expense	-9,650.70
	Bank Charges	
	- Checks	-18.3
	Concurrent Specialty	
	- Trophies	33.46
	FastCAT Expenses	
	- Park Rental	-200
	- Ribbons	-117.97
	- Total FastCAT Expense	-317.97
	Hospitality	
	- Storage	-60.88
	Miscellaneous	
	- Postage	-31.2
	- State Periodic Report	-25
	- Treasurer	
	- - Quicken Subscription	5.24
	- Total Miscellaneous	-50.96
	Public Education	
	- Educational Brochures	-91.14
	Taxes	
	- Tax Prep	-500
	Total Expenses	-10,656.49
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Total		2,889.39

RESCUE FUND

Income		
	Donation to DSR	5,100.00
Expenses		
	DSR CD	-5,000.00
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TOTAL		100

ENDING BALANCES

General Fund.....	\$25,312.11
Rescue	\$10,970.09
CD 6-mon Premier.....	\$21,281.37
CD 3-month	\$5000.00

Denver Samoyed Association's King Soopers/City Market Grocery Fundraiser Program

Did you know that everytime you shop at King Soopers or a City Market location, you can be making DSA money without any expense to you? You continue to add up rewards points and DSA gets a percentage of your purchases. And it really adds up!

PLEASE NOTE: You must have an Email to proceed

1. If you shop at King Soopers: Go to www.KingSoopers.com/CommunityRewards
- If you shop at City Market: Go to: www.CityMarket.com/CommunityRewards
2. Click the "Enroll Now" link.
3. If you already have an online King Soopers/City Market account setup, then:
 - a. Enter your Email Address and Password.
 - b. Click the "Sign In" button.
 - c. Go to Step #4 below.

If you DO NOT have an online King Soopers/City Market account setup:

- a. Click "Create an account" link located under the Sign In buttons (see image below).
- b. Enter your Zip Code.
- c. Enter your Email Address.
- d. Enter your Email Address again to confirm the email address entered.
- e. Enter a Password. It must have at least 8 characters, with at least 1 letter, and 1 number.
- f. Enter your First Name.
- g. Enter your Last Name.

Create an Account

1

Your Location

2

Email Address

Confirm Email Address

Password

First Name

Last Name

Sign In

Sign in to your existing Kroger account.

Email Address

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Remember Me

New to King Soopers? [Create an account.](#)

If you already have a Sooper Card/Value Card:

- i. Enter in the Value Card # field, the 12 or 13-digit card's number that appears on the back, left, bottom corner of the card, below the bar code.
- ii. OR Enter the 10-digit phone number that you previously associated with the card.
- iii. At the checkout stand, give your card to the cashier to scan, or swipe your card on the credit card machine, to receive the 'Value Customer' discounts on your bill.

Already Have a Value Card or Alt ID?

When you add your Value Card number or Alt ID to your account, you can access hundreds of digital coupons, track your savings, check your fuel points, and more!

Value Card # or Alt ID

[Or, Create Your Alt ID Online](#)

Yes! Email me personalized offers, and hundreds of dollars in savings!
Note: You'll still receive account-related emails and a welcome email if you choose not to receive promotional emails.

Based on my purchase history and browsing behavior on The Kroger Co. websites and mobile apps, you may share my information to help make advertising and offers I already see on other websites, mobile apps and digital channels more relevant to me. Please note that The Kroger Co. will not share my name, contact information or purchase history with these websites, mobile apps and digital channels.

By creating an account, you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#) and our [Privacy and Security](#) policies.



If you DO NOT have a Sooper Card or Value Card:

- Click the link "Or, Create Your Alt ID Online".
- Enter your 10-digit phone number (numbers only, no dashes or parenthesis)

iv. At the checkout stand tell the cashier your 10-digit number or enter it on the credit card keypad, to receive the Value Customer discounts on your bill.

i. Read and check/uncheck the two checkboxes, as you desire, about receiving email offers or sharing your purchase history.

j. Click the "Create Account" button.

4. Link the Denver Samoyed Association to your Community Rewards account:

a. Enter "Denver Samoyed" in the "Find an Organization" search field

b. Click the "Search" button

c. The Search should show this result containing:

Denver Samoyed Association, Inc,
120 Western Sky Circle, Longmont, CO 80501

d. Click the "Enroll" button that displays inside the square

e. The system will then display the message: "You have been successfully enrolled in Community Rewards" and the Donation Summary will indicate DSA as the organization name that you have specified to receive the donations from your purchases.

Already Have a Value Card or Alt ID?

When you add your Value Card number or Alt ID to your account, you can access hundreds of digital coupons, track your savings, check your fuel points, and more!

Value Card # or Alt ID

Enter Card # or Alt ID

[Or, Create Your Alt ID Online](#)

Yes! Email me personalized offers, and hundreds of dollars in savings!

Note: You'll still receive account-related emails and a welcome email if you choose not to receive promotional emails.

Based on my purchase history and browsing behavior on The Kroger Co. websites and mobile apps, you may share my information to help make advertising and offers I already see on other websites, mobile apps and digital channels more relevant to me. Please note that The Kroger Co. will not share my name, contact information or purchase history with these websites, mobile apps and digital channels.

By creating an account, you agree to our [Terms and Conditions](#) and our [Privacy and Security](#) policies.

Create Account

6. Email Pam Buhl – DSA's treasurer: queencitysams@gmail.com – to let her know you have completed your enrollment.

Every time you use your Sooper Card or Value Card at the checkout stand to receive grocery discounts and earn fuel points, DSA will benefit from your purchases! The Kroeger Community Rewards program will mail a check quarterly to our club.

DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE

DSR Fundraisers:

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes chip and enrollment fee.

To make an appointment: Pam Buhl, 303.915.1725; Linda Kitzman, 303.794.7136; Pam Arnold 719.337.3686

When Kidneys Whisper Instead of Warning

Why understanding the type of kidney disease matters—and how a simple urine test could change everything.

Your dog's kidneys are quiet overachievers.

Every day, they filter waste from the blood, balance fluids, and help regulate vital body functions without fanfare or obvious signs. But when that system begins to falter, as it does in chronic kidney disease (CKD), the damage often progresses silently.

By the time dogs reach their senior years, nearly one in three will be affected. And while a diagnosis of chronic kidney disease is serious, it's also incomplete. Chronic kidney disease isn't a single illness, it's a group of diseases that all affect how the kidneys work. And knowing exactly what's happening inside the kidneys matters deeply for treatment, outcomes, and quality of life.

Not All Kidney Disease Is the Same

"Chronic kidney disease in dogs can arise from many problems, including damage to the glomeruli. These are the tiny filters that clean the blood," explains Dr. Mary Nabity, a clinical pathologist at Texas A&M University and a founding member of the American College of Veterinary Nephrology and Urology.

Glomerular damage can take many forms including scarring, protein leakage, immune deposits, or rarer underlying causes. From the outside, these conditions may look the same. Inside the kidney, they are very different.

Identifying why the kidneys are failing allows veterinarians to choose more targeted treatments and give families clearer expectations. But today, there's a major barrier.

The Biopsy Barrier

Currently, the only way to definitively determine the cause of glomerular kidney disease is through a kidney biopsy, which is an invasive procedure requiring anesthesia.

For many dogs, especially those who are older or medically fragile, a biopsy simply isn't an option.

"There are a lot of dogs with kidney disease that can't safely undergo biopsy," Dr. Nabity explains. "That's why the need for a non-invasive test that can categorize the disease and guide treatment is so high."

So what can be done for those dogs?

A Urine Sample...and a Breakthrough Idea

Dr. Nabity and her team at the International Veterinary Renal Pathology Service are working to close this gap.

In earlier studies, they identified a microRNA biomarker in canine urine that appears to be associated specifically with one important subtype of glomerular disease: immune-complex kidney disease.

Now, with support from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the team is investigating whether this biomarker could form the basis of a simple, non-invasive diagnostic test.

If successful, veterinarians could one day determine whether immune complexes are damaging a dog's kidneys using only a urine sample, possibly eliminating the need for biopsy in many cases.

How the Test Works (In Plain English)

The science is sophisticated, but the process is surprisingly straightforward:

A small urine sample is collected.

The sample is centrifuged to separate microscopic components.

RNA is isolated from the urine.

Researchers measure the activity of a specific microRNA biomarker.

That activity is compared across dogs with different types of kidney disease.

Early results are encouraging. Dogs with immune-complex kidney disease show higher expression of the biomarker, suggesting it may reliably distinguish this condition from other causes of chronic kidney disease.

Additional studies are underway to confirm accuracy and clinical usefulness.

Why This Matters for Dogs and the People Who Love Them

"Really, the main goal is to contribute to non-invasive diagnostic tests," Dr. Nabity says.

For dogs, that could mean:

- Earlier, safer diagnosis
- More precise treatment decisions
- Frequent, low-risk monitoring
- Fewer risky procedures

For families, it means answers without added harm.