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By Thalia Peletis

My local pet therapy group, Denver Pet Partners, a member club of Delta Society, was invited to participate in a new pet therapy event called Night Owls on Friday, April 18th. We had four teams present, which included Sue Wangerin with her Samoyed named Darcee, Patty Neville with her Bichon named Andy, Shannon Pryor with her Bulldog named Biscuit and myself with Samoyed, Sunny.

The purpose of the Night Owls program is to give parents who have children with disabilities, a night out, a respite. Parents who had signed up in advance, brought their children (including siblings) to the Denver University's Fischer Early Learning Center for a night of fun. Every child was then paired with a trained volunteer. This then allowed the parents to have a few hours for themselves to go out to dinner, see a movie, or whatever they wish do! The program has multiple activities that the kids can enjoy, and our



Sue with Darcee. Darcee loved the head rubs!

therapy dogs were just one of those activities. All the volunteers had light blue or tan shirts with a big Owl logo on the right pocket to clearly identify them as volunteers! (Sound familiar DSA gang?!)

The Night Owls program is brand new, so we visited with probably a dozen kids that night, including many repeat visitors!

The kids were very sweet with the dogs, and the volunteers were superb.

9news was present and interviewed some of the parents and organizers of this event. They filmed the therapy dog teams in action and Sunny (& I) made it on TV. Please go to this link to read more about the program: <http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=90212>



Sunny & Thalia enjoying the kids and volunteers!

Special points of interest:

- * Careful what you plant in your garden! See Page 6
- * Program with Allen Odum, AKC Rep, at our April 21 Meeting - see Page 9
- * Welcome to our new member Brett Schihl!

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Meeting Minutes

4/21/08 - Membership Meeting

Present: Jan Cherne, Michele Christian, Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tom Lisec, Mary Lloyd, Andi Mast, Julie Morris, Thalia Peletis, Kim Perry, Connie Rudd, Brett Schihl, Sue Wangerin and Marijean Zacha.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Julie Morris, President.

Program: Julie introduced **Allen Odom** who provided us with information on the new AKC requirements. He assured us that the activities DSA are involved in will meet those requirements. Likes and dislikes that judges have of exhibitors was discussed. Make sure you have the right dog with the right armband. Train your dog before entering a show and dress appropriately for the show ring. If you observe any inappropriate behavior occurring in the ring, let the judge know. Don't enter under judges that you don't respect. Pictures should be done last so judges can stay on time. Let the show superintendent know if that's a problem. Remember we are the eyes and ears of what's going on at shows. It's your responsibility to step forward if there are problems occurring at a show.

President's Report – Julie Morris: Committee chair budget reports are due. We will go over them in May.

Vice President's Report – No report

- **Membership – Martha Lageschulte – Brett Schihl** was accepted as a new member.

Recording Secretary's Report - Sue Wangerin: No report.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Martha Lageschulte for Jane Reller: No report.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Lisec: Gave the church a check for a swing set as our donation for the year for the use of their building. DSA received a nice thank you and cookbook from them. Tom suggested the cookbook be used as a rescue raffle item at our annual holiday party in December. The treasury is in awesome shape. Gave check to Jan for \$200 deposit for Local Specialty for cleanup. Tax attorney is working on our taxes.

Committee Reports-

Agility – Martha Lageschulte for Jane Reller: Jane has contracted a judge recommended by Sheila Kaufmann. Waiting to hear from National Western on whether they will need the building the day before our trial. Jane talked to Jeffco about the problem we had this past year of the building not being available at the time promised. Jeffco assured us that would not happen again.

Awards – Mary Lloyd – Keep winning and provide Mary with any awards earned thus far

for the year.

Breeder Referral – Thalia Peletis for Kathi Metter: Let Kathi know if you have a litter or expecting one. She is getting calls from people wanting to adopt.

Cheer –

02/20/2008 - Michelle and Cody Christian - Sympathy - Michelle's Dad
02/20/2008 - Bob Sencenbaugh - Get Well
02/27/2008 - Debbi Sencenbaugh - Birthday Card
02/28/2008 - Jane Reller - Loss of Dog - Silver-Star's Pretty In Pink 'Molly'
03/03/2008 - Lana McClellan - Conformation - Wolf River's White Shaman
04/03/2008 - Julie Beatty - Conformation - Trilogy Knows The Right Answer
03/15/2008 - Bob Sencenbaugh - Weight Pull - Arrow Silver Medalists
03/18/2008 - Jane Reller - Encouragement
03/18/2008 - Carol Beatty - Birthday Card
04/04/2008 - Linda Kitzman - Birthday Card
04/13/2008 - Julie Morris - Birthday Card
04/13/2008 - Jan Cherne - Birthday Card
04/18/2008 - Bill Stewart - Birthday Card
04/25/2008 - Anne O'Neill - Birthday Card

Designated Specialty 2008 – No report.

Designated Specialty 2009 – No report.

Historian/Librarian – Tom Lisec: CD from Karen McFarlane on the standard for the breed is now available from Tom. He also has the DVD from the Dog Whisperer and the Canine Good Citizen tape.

Tom received a 'thank you' from Don Duncan for the additional donation DSA gave him. Included was an updated CD of the Serum Run.

Hospitality – Marijean Zacha: Discussed different venues for the holiday party. One suggestion was El Rancho, another was Dardano's. Also, the clubhouse we have used in the past is available if we want to use it. Any other suggestions let Marijean know.

Local Specialty 2008 – Jan Cherne: Jan will be sending in contract to Jean Pero along with our \$200 deposit. Judges for the weekend will be on Saturday, Margaret Downy, and on Sunday, Adrian Woodfork. Trophy book is available if anyone wants to make a donation. We will be using the same caterer as last year for hospitality and are checking into providing both breakfast and lunch items.

Programs – Tom Lisec: Tom was thanked for arranging tonight's program with Allen Odom.

Mary Lloyd: Herding clinic held Sunday, April 20. See results in SOG.

Cathy Balliu sent DSA a thank you for our donation to help with her expenses to travel to

Wales to represent the United States at the International Herding Events. The card reads, "Thank you so very much for your kind and supportive donation of \$200 for my trip to Wales. It's been lots of fun working with all of you and your sweet dogs. I really appreciate the support of a club to help me finance this once in a lifetime trip. Again thank you, Cathy & Ben".

Public Education – Michele Christian: The owner of Pet Depot, Littleton, contacted us about doing a pet expo (breeder's showcase) at his store. Let Michele know if you are interested in participating.

Another public education opportunity would be Aspen Grove which is a pet-friendly shopping center that we could do a 'meet the breed' maybe in front of Starbucks. Michele will contact the local 'northern breed' clubs and see if they might be interested in joining us.

Sam-O-Gram/Web Site – Thalia Peletis: Deadline for SOG is the first of the month.

Sammy Rescue – Andi Mast: We have one dog in foster care.

We have sold lots of White Pine leashes and collars. A \$406 deposit was given to the treasurer tonight for sales.

Specialty Match – Need a volunteer.

Unfinished Business: Judges were voted on for the Designated and Local Specialty 2009. The first judge to get the most votes will be our judge for the Designated Specialty in February. The second judge to get the most votes will be our judge for the Local Specialty in September.

Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes:

1. Karen Brooks
2. Ron Horn
3. Chris Middleton
4. Pam Barbe
5. Bobbie LaFortune
6. Nancy Golden
7. Rachel Paulson

Working Sweepstakes (Local Specialty):

1. Connie Rudd
2. Marnie Grube
3. Pam Landers
4. Betsy Lampe
5. Pam Dunn

Breed (Local Specialty):

1. Beverly Capstick
2. Barbara Alderman
3. Judy Doniere

New Business: Approved \$25 gift certificate for Allen Odom as a 'thank you' for presenting tonight's program.

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Meeting Minutes

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Barks:

Jan Cherne – Cloudnine Lights It Up 'Max' won his 2nd major (3pts) at Scottsbluff Kennel Club, March 29th under Judge Stephen Hubbell.

Mary Lloyd - 'Celia', Moonfire's As You Like It, Hutchison KC, WB/BOS, 2 pts, Mr. Duerksen; Salina KC, WB, BOW, BOS, 3pt major, Mrs. Capstick, owners Barbara Arnest and Mary Lloyd.

'Cher', Braveheart's Moonstruck, Wichita KC, WB, 2 pts, Mr. Tracy, owner Mary Lloyd.

'Twister', Ch. Braveheart's Storm Cloud, Salina KC, BOB, Mrs. Capstick; Wichita KC, BOB, Mr. Tracy. 'Twister', Terry-All KC, BOB, Dr. Bond, Mary Lloyd.

Kim Perry – At the San Antonio Texas shows on March 7, 2008, under judge, Mrs Mildred Bryant, 'Ra-Ta' Timber Wind's Egyptian Sun God CGC was Reserve and 'Egypt' Wintermist's Ancient Mysteries was BOW for 2 points.

On March 8, under judge, Mr Vincent Chianese, 'Ra-Ta' was Reserve and 'Egypt' was Reserve. At the Samoyed Club of Austin Specialty, under judge, Audrey Lycan, 'Pharaoh' Wintermist's King of Kings was Reserve Dog!

On March 9 under judge, Mr Norman Kenney, 'Pharaoh' was Reserve, 'Egypt' was WB for 2 points, and 'Ra-Ta' was BOW for 2 points.

Jane Reller - Starquest Arctic Eyes of Kohl 'Kohlbi' earned his second major, with 4 points under judge, Dr. Louis G. Bond on Saturday at Terry-All.

Connie Rudd - I had a successful judging assignment in Baltimore, Maryland. I judged Puppy Sweepstakes and Veterans Sweepstakes for the Antietam Creek Samoyed Club Specialty.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Congratulations!!



**Congratulations to
Jane Reller & Michael Prewitt!**

**They were married on
Saturday, April 26, 2008!**



Membership Roster Updates



The 2008 DSA Membership Roster can be found on the club's website in the Member's Only Section >>

Membership Roster: http://www.denversamoyed.org/_dsaprivate/dsa1sam.htm

Martha Lageschulte has a new e-mail address: stargst@q.com

Welcome our newest member!

Brett Schihl

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Happy Birthday to our DSA Members!

May

Tom Lisec - 05/02
Bob Mast - 05/09
Mary Powell - 05/08
James Powell - 05/12

Martha Lageschulte - 05/15
Julie Beatty - 05/18
Arlis Keller - 05/26



AKC Statement of Compliance Form Questions - Answered!

Editor's Note: On 04/21/08, DSA held a program with Allen Odom to answer our member's questions on various topics. This included responding to our questions surrounding the criteria on the AKC compliance requirements, shown in the table below, with the AKC Office. He confirmed that all our activities meet their requirements, including rescue, herding clinics, boy scout / school programs, website/newsletter, etc. In fact, he said AKC was very pleased with the amount of work DSA does. In short, AKC just wants to make sure clubs are active in their community, educating them about their breed, and promoting the AKC activities we can do with their breed.

The following questions encompass the eligibility requirement that all show-giving clubs, including local specialty clubs such as DSA, must now include the completed AKC Statement of Compliance (SOC) along with our specialty show application, starting with the 2009 show application that is submitted in 2008.

1. Is it correct that local specialty clubs, like DSA, must now submit a completed Statement of Compliance along with our show application? **Yes**
2. Is a completed SOC required by AKC when we apply for our local specialty show **and** our designated specialty show (held with Plum Creek KC)? **Only one compliance form per year must be submitted and it will cover any all specialties conducted within that year.**
3. Is a completed SOC required by AKC when we apply for our agility trial? (It is our assumption this is only required when submitting a show application not an agility trial application, but wanted to confirm). **No**
4. If our show application is for our September 2009 local specialty show and it is submitted in September 2008, the activities that meet these compliance requirements are supposed to have occurred within the 2008 calendar year. Is this correct? **Yes**
5. Below is a comparison of the categories and activities listed on the Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows form (Form RE99A1 [02/08]) versus the AKC Statement of Compliance with AKC Policies Governing the Approval of Dog Shows (Form JE0002 [10/07]). These forms were downloaded from the AKC web site on March 17, 2008 at 2:00 PM Mountain Time. Differences between the two forms are listed in **red text** below.

Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows (Form RE99A1 (02/08))	AKC Statement of Compliance with AKC Policies Governing the Approval of Dog Shows (Form JE0002 (10/07))	Questions and/or Confirmation of DSA Activity Mapping
Category A – One activity is required		
Independent Match	Independent AKC Sanctioned Match	We submit AKC Sanctioned Match Application (Form AES999 (01/99)) and are approved by AKC to conduct a Specialty B/OB match each year. Please confirm this activity satisfies this Category A requirement. Yes this activity qualifies
Educational Match	Same	No questions.
Canine Good Citizen Test	Same	No questions.
Public Education Program	Same	For several years our members have presented programs at area schools and also boy scout events to educate them about the Samoyed breed, their history, their working purpose, and also provided actual demonstration of their abilities as sled dogs. Would this activity fall into this activity or the following Outreach Program activity? This would qualify in either activity in Category A.
National or Regional Specialty	This category is not listed on this form	First, since there is a discrepancy between the two forms, could you verify if this activity is part of the Category A activities? Yes Second, DSA holds an <u>Independent</u> Specialty Show with Obedience classes each year. We understand that an <u>Independent</u> Specialty Show is <u>different</u> than a <u>Regional</u> Specialty and therefore it would not qualify for this Category A activity.
AKC Classified Advertising Program	Same	No questions.

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AKC Statement of Compliance Form Questions - Answered!

Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows (Form RE99A1 (02/08))	AKC Statement of Compliance with AKC Policies Governing the Approval of Dog Shows (Form JE0002 (10/07))	Questions and/or Confirmation of DSA Activity Mapping
Other Outreach Programs	Other <i>Educational or Outreach</i> Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Eligibility form indicates we are required to submit the program in advance of conducting that activity to ensure the program will meet this activity's requirements. For example, our members held an education program for the Boy Scout troops on January 19, 2008. Can we still submit this particular activity to AKC for approval after the fact, so we can include in our compliance form when we submit our 2009 show application to AKC? Once we have this particular education program approved, do we need to resubmit the program for approval in subsequent years? Per Allen, has already received approval from AKC that this activity qualifies and we do not need to apply again for approval next year. Our club maintains a website that promotes the history and education of our breed, displays any upcoming programs that will be held at our club meetings, describes the activities our club sponsors and announces all upcoming club events as well as AKC shows, trials, herding, seminars, etc. in our state and surrounding states. The club also produces a monthly newsletter with much of the same information as the web site, and informational articles on health, training, and legislative activity. The newsletter is available to our members and anyone who would like to subscribe (\$10/year) or donate to our rescue fund. Does this activity satisfy this requirement, or does it fulfill any of the category activities mentioned in the eligibility form? Yes, this activity qualifies and AKC has already approved the activity.
Category B – Two activities are required		
Conformation and/or Obedience Training Classes	Conformation and/or Obedience/ <i>Rally</i> , or <i>Agility</i> Training Classes.	Because Colorado front range is saturated with conformation, obedience, rally, and agility training facilities, it would not be the best use of our volunteer resources to conduct our own training classes. However, one area that does not have a lot of training opportunities is herding. Therefore, DSA sponsors two to three Herding Clinics every year. The clinic provides an opportunity to see if their Samoyed has the instinct for herding, and also for the owner to learn the basics of herding and train toward their AKC herding title. Can DSA use this type of class to meet this activity's requirement? Yes. Allen confirmed with AKC this event qualifies for this category.
Breeder Referral Service	Same	<p>Our Breeder Referral committee is a standing committee for DSA. The Breeder Referral Service is advertised via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our club's website www.denversamoyed.org Our monthly club's newsletter that is available to our members and any individual who wishes to subscribe. Listed on all our club's brochures, business cards, & educational posters. Provided by our Rescue committee when individuals contact our rescue hotline and are debating between a puppy and a rescue Samoyed. <p>Please confirm this activity satisfies this requirement. Yes</p>
<i>This activity is not listed on this form</i>	Pure Bred Dog Rescue	<p>DSA has an very active Samoyed Rescue program. The Samoyed Rescue committee is a standing committee for DSA. It provides a significant service in not only helping re-home Samoyeds, but supplies valuable education about our breed to the public, similar to the Breeder Referral Service</p> <p>Since there is a discrepancy between the two forms, could you verify if this activity is part of the Category B activities? Yes, this is qualifying activity in Category B.</p>
Two Educational Programs Held at Club Meetings	Same	The requirements for this activity are clear. No questions.
Dog Show Tours	Same	No questions
Minimum of FOUR provisional judges on ONE panel (Specialties use ONE judge)	Same	We typically attempt to contract our judges 2 years in advance of our local specialty show. If a judge is 'provisional' at the time the contract was signed, but by the time of the show (or at least the printing of the show premium) their status has changed to 'approved', will that still count toward hiring a provisional judge? How will AKC make that determination? Provisional = status at time DSA hires the judge
Registered Handler Seminars or Workshop	Same	No questions
New Exhibitor Briefing	Same	No questions
AKC Show Committee Seminars	Same	No questions

You Can Talk to Your Dog!

By Dr. Nicholas Dodman

GOOD COMMUNICATION IS KEY to a rewarding relationship with your dog, and the conversation has to go both ways. Try these tips to convey what you want to your pet and to help you understand what he's "saying" in return:

- **Keep commands short and simple.** Dogs understand human speech by taking cues from distinct sounds. Short words ending in a clearly enunciated consonant are best.
- **Don't repeat yourself.** Voice commands should be said just once for maximum effect. Most dogs have better hearing than humans and will remember a word for up to two minutes. If they don't respond, it's not that they don't hear you—it's that they aren't listening!
- **Expand your dog's vocabulary.** Dogs can understand hundreds of words, but each should be linked to a specific object or action. Dogs cannot understand complete sentences. However, they will pick up on your tone of voice (happy, sad, concerned) and respond accordingly.
- **Use your body.** Recent studies show that dogs understand our gestures and body language. If you point at an object, your dog will not think you are imitating the Statue of Liberty—he will look toward where you are pointing.
- **Listen Closely.** Dogs' barks mean something. Many dog owners say they can tell by the tone of their dog's bark whether a friend or a stranger is approaching the house.
- **Check the tail.** A new study shows that a dog wagging his tail with a bias to the right is excited and happy to see you. A dog wagging his tail predominantly to the left is excited but unsure or fearful. Since it can be hard to tell the difference, interpret all tail-wagging in context: If a dog is wagging his tail but also growling, it's best to back off.
- **Look into his eyes.** Rapid blinking is a sign of nervousness or deep thought. A dog that blinks rapidly after being given a command is deciding whether or not to obey.
- **Get your licks.** Pups lick their mothers' lips to gee them to regurgitate food. When dogs lick people, it's a sign of submission or deference.
- **Let him lean.** If your dog leans against your leg, he is asking you for protection in a threatening situation. This is good—you should be in charge—but understands that your dog is counting on you to make him feel safe again.
- **Read the "writing" on the wall.** Call it pee-mail or canine graffiti—urine marking is an important method of communication for dogs. It may indicate territoriality, possessiveness or hostility. If you notice where he marks, you may be able to understand and address his concerns. And if a dog nudges you in the crotch or other pheromone-rich regions, he's just trying to get to know you from your scent.

Dr. Dodman is director of the Animal Behavior Clinic at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and author of "Dogs Behaving Badly" and other books.

- via PARADE • April 27, 2008

Rescue Success Story

"Klondike"
Adopted April 13, 2008



Hi Sue,

April 21, 2008

Klondike is doing very well. Bob took some time off work to stay home and be with Klondike and then my son was off for a few days. So, all worked out well. What can I say, we love him and I think he loves us! Bob sure has him spoiled. The first night Klondike decided to get into the bathroom trash, so we got a trash-can with a lid. Oh, and we have to keep the toilet seat down during the nights. He thinks it's his personal drinking water, even though got both dogs set up with fresh water through the night. Go figure!! He loves going outside but prefers to be in with us. The cats have become accustomed to him all except my baby "Spooky". She is just not ready to accept him

yet. Of course Klondike has taken away some of my time from her and she is very stingy with my affection towards my other animals. She just has to deal with it. "Missy" my lab is used to her now, she just doesn't like when Klondike tries to smell her behind. She gets a little perturbed. Anyway, I will send some pictures soon.

Klondike is spoiled and fits in perfect here. We all love him very much and I think he loves us too. Thanks for all you did to get us Klondike. He is family now!

Love,
The Oliva's Family

It's Gardening Time - Be Careful what you Plant!

Poisonous Plants and Pets.

Most people would be shocked to know that many of their plants around their home are toxic if not deadly to their pets. Some include:

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Hens & Chicks	



Toxic, Dangerous:

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Computer Decodes Dog Communication

Barking dogs might be better communicators than we thought, according to a new study. Computer software can distinguish individual dogs by their barks, and also suggests that certain barks act as a "universal language", carrying information about the dog's mind-set that is readily understood by their fellow pooches.

Csaba Molnár and his colleagues at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary, recorded 14 Hungarian sheepdogs barking in a range of situations: when approached by a stranger, during play, during a fight, and when the dog was alone.

Then they fed the sound recordings into an artificial neural network developed by a team led by Frédéric Kaplan at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland. The artificial neural network identified key audio features of each bark and Molnár's team found that the computer software could identify the situation in which a bark was recorded.

Varied accuracy

The accuracy of the software varied, however — while it correctly identified a dog barking at a stranger in 63% of cases, it correctly identified a bark recorded during play just 6% of the time. The software also varied in its ability to identify individual dogs, depending on the context in which the bark was recorded.

When played samples of dogs barking during play, the software could correctly identify indi-

viduals 60% of the time, but it struggled to distinguish between different dogs barking at a stranger — it could do this only 30% of the time. The results show that dog barks carry a wealth of information, says Molnár. "In the past, scientists thought that dog barks originated as a by-product of domestication and so have no communicative role," he says. "But we have shown there are contextual differences."

Human selection

Molnár thinks that selection by humans could explain why an artificial neural network is better at recognising that a dog is fighting than playing. Domestic dogs have always been used for their vigilance, and so it may be important for humans to quickly identify when a dog is barking at a stranger.

"In this context, every dog barks singularly," says Molnár. "But in a play situation, there has been no strict selection for creating a uniform bark among dogs, so each has its own individual style."

"The idea sounds totally cool," says Brian Hare at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, US. "This is animal behaviour research at its best. You see a pattern that no one else knew was there because we can't hear the difference ourselves."

"It's interesting that the domestic dog's communication may be more flexible than was formerly thought," adds Juliane Kaminski of the Max Planck Institute, Leipzig, Germany.

Learned patterns?

She says there are other possible explanations for Molnár's results, however.

"In play situations" she says, "dogs have many opportunities to learn something about the correlation between their vocalizations and the human's behaviour: 'which variation in my bark elicits what type of behaviour in the human?'"

If this is the case, it might be that it is the "play" barks that have evolved with time rather than the "fight" ones. "In fight situations, the dog barks aggressively and the human runs away, end of story," she adds, which might explain why these barks have changed little.

Either way, Hare thinks the new study shows the importance of research into dog behaviour. "People used to say dogs are really boring because they were artificially created by humans," he says. "But actually that's exactly why they're really cool."

Journal reference: Animal Cognition (DOI: 10.1007/s10071-007-0129-9)

<http://technology.newscientist.com/channel/tech/dn13197-computer-decodes-dog-communication.html>

Innovative Patents for Pets

The latest travel gadgets that make life easier or Fido, Fluffy and you

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If the number of new travel-related pet products that debuted at the Global Pet Expo in San Diego last week is anything to go by, patent attorneys will be chasing their tails to get patents in place to prevent copycats from pawing at some very innovative ideas.

The pet industry calendar is filled with trade shows throughout the year — so many, in fact, that one might think everything that could be invented already has been. However, many industry insiders were amazed at the number of unique ideas that were showcased and won approval from both local and international buyers who were busy with their checkbooks throughout the three-day event.

While there were dozens of original products, it was astounding to note how many were specifically geared for pets on the go, a testament to

the fact our pets are no longer stay-at-home creatures.

Global Positioning Systems are helping pet owners keep track of their pets, dramatically reducing the number that get lost or stray.

The **Zoombak Dog Locator** (zoombak.com/)



Zoombak Dog Locator is attached to the pet's collar.

products/pet/ sends a text message or an e-mail if the pet leaves the radius of a specific location, allowing the owner to quickly plot the pet on a computer map or call the customer care center and instantly locate the runaway pooch.

"The locator is lightweight and waterproof and has a long life battery," says Frank Cefalo the company's business development manager. "Our current locator is ideal for pets that weigh more than 15 pounds, and we are working on technology for smaller dogs that will be suitable for cats too."



Increasingly, people are more responsible about making sure their pets have current identification

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tags on their collars. But this information is useless if the owner can not be contacted. Pet owners often worry that no one will take care of their beloved animals if they are in an accident, hospitalized or worse.

"Pets have been known to die because no one has been alerted to their existence at the person's home," explains Michele Hayden president of **Alapet Pet Alert Bracelet** (alapet.com) and Response System, a Tarzana, Calif., company that manufactures emergency pet alert bracelets.



Alapet Pet Alert Bracelet come in a variety styles and colored bracelets.

"If you land up in hospital or even tragically die in an accident, our database holds the relevant information about whom to contact to take care of your pets, as well as detailing the dietary and medication needs of individual pets."

As for mobility, the **K-9 coil leash** (k9coil.com) is designed to give your dog six feet of freedom from your side and doesn't tangle around your legs when you try and bring him to heel.

"It's inspired by a surf leash," explains inventor and avid surfer Jeanna LaCross. "The coil also absorbs any shock reducing neck strain if your dog is pulling to get ahead of you."

Whether you're on a casual Sunday stroll or a sightseeing trip with your dog, the **Alpha Pac** (thealphapac.com) is a harness system that allows humans to handle multiple animals — hands-free.



Alpha Pac harness system allow you to walk multiple dogs at a time—hands free!



For pets that enjoy the great outdoors, the **Kool Collar** (koolcollar4dogs.com) can be filled with ice or frozen gel packs to keep dogs cool in the hot sun.

"It's designed to prevent heatstroke and other heat related issues," explained inventor Chad Watson. It can be used recreationally and for search and rescue work too."

A bone-shaped resealable water pouch that allows pets to drink at any location is another patented invention that will soon be available around the country. The uniquely designed pouch transforms into a bowl allowing pets of all sizes to drink with ease. The original water is vitamin enriched and there's a canine sports drink in the works.

For dogs that love rolling in the sand and swimming, the **Brush Buddy** (thebrushbuddy.com) is an all-in-one double mitt and towel that has several different textures in the design to dry a wet coat, brush out sand, clean off muddy feet and give Fido a massage.

Disposable booties are ideal for travelers to keep muddy paws out of hotel rooms, while a **special designer throw** (petzoff.com) — complete with aluminum coating on one side — is an ideal to keep pets off hotel furniture or that special couch at home.

For pets on the go, a revolutionary new feeding system may be on the way to replacing kibble and cans of dog food. The patented **WholeMeals** (wholemeals.com) system offers bowl-free eating for dogs. Developed by canine nutritionists and veterinarians, the "meal" is bone-shaped allowing dogs take time to savor the flavors instead of wolfing it down. The bones are available in various sizes, offering Jenny Craig-styled portion control and there is no messy or fatty residue to stain that brocade couch or silk rug.

And if you're traveling but want to give your pets controlled access to outside areas of your home, the **Catwalk and Dogwalk Pet Doors** (catwalk-petdoors.com) have taken remote-controlled garage door technology inside the home. A miniature remote control unit that fits onto the collar can be specially programmed to give individual pets different curfews to outside areas. The door slides horizontally upwards and stops if the pet is in its path. The codes can be set to accommodate multiple pets. Currently, if Fido is allowed out to play all day and Fluffy isn't, there's nothing to stop a second pet from queuing behind and sneaking out. But the New Zealand based company is working on it!

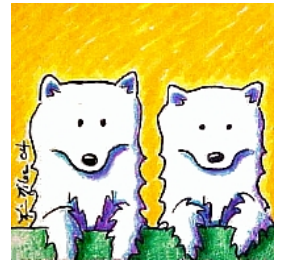


Petzoff throws with aluminum coating on one side help keep pets off your furniture.

General Fund						
Beginning General Fund Bank Balance			\$17,990.64			
Beginning General Fund Outstanding Checks (from 2007)			(\$267.78)			
Beginning Grocery Certificates Balance			\$0.00			
Total Beginning Balance			\$13,570.34			
	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2008 (2008 Committee Reports)		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Agility						
Entry Fees	\$10,868.00	\$340.00	\$10,528.00	\$10,868.00	\$340.00	\$10,528.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$497.17	(\$497.17)	\$0.00	\$497.14	(\$497.14)
Food & Beverages	\$0.00	\$696.59	(\$696.59)	\$0.00	\$696.59	(\$696.59)
Judge's Fees	\$0.00	\$917.28	(\$917.28)	\$0.00	\$917.28	(\$917.28)
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$20.00	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	\$20.00	(\$20.00)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$138.77	(\$138.77)	\$0.00	\$138.77	(\$138.77)
Postage	\$0.00	\$28.82	(\$28.82)	\$0.00	\$28.82	(\$28.82)
Premium List	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.49	(\$49.49)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$1,980.00	(\$1,980.00)	\$0.00	\$2,180.00	(\$2,180.00)
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$539.00	(\$539.00)	\$0.00	\$539.00	(\$539.00)
Secretary Fees	\$0.00	\$1,409.29	(\$1,409.29)	\$0.00	\$1,409.29	(\$1,409.29)
Agility Total	\$10,868.00	\$6,566.89	\$4,301.11	\$11,168.00	\$7,116.38	\$4,051.62
Awards						
SCA Bulletin Ad	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)
Award Total	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)
Bank Charges						
Service Charges	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Bank Charges Total	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Charitable Donations						
Church	\$0.00	\$166.00	(\$166.00)	\$0.00	\$166.00	(\$166.00)
DNA Collection	\$0.00	\$39.08	(\$39.08)	\$0.00	\$16.58	(\$16.58)
Herding Trial	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Program Speaker	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)
Sled Race	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)
Charitable Donations Total	\$0.00	\$580.08	(\$580.08)	\$0.00	\$580.08	(\$580.08)
Cheer						
Cards	\$0.00	\$64.71	(\$64.71)	\$0.00	\$64.71	(\$64.71)
Ink Cartridge	\$0.00	\$101.50	(\$101.50)	\$0.00	\$101.50	(\$101.50)
Postage	\$0.00	\$43.78	(\$43.78)	\$0.00	\$43.78	(\$43.78)
Cheer Total	\$0.00	\$209.99	(\$209.99)	\$0.00	\$209.99	(\$209.99)
Designated Specialty						
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$40.63	(\$40.63)	\$0.00	\$40.63	(\$40.63)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$173.35	(\$173.35)	\$0.00	\$173.35	(\$173.35)
Trophies	\$0.00	\$72.00	(\$72.00)	\$0.00	\$72.00	(\$72.00)
Unclaimed Sweeps	\$14.69	\$0.00	\$14.69	\$14.69	\$0.00	\$14.69
Designated Specialty Total	\$14.69	\$285.98	(\$271.29)	\$14.69	\$300.98	(\$286.29)
Hospitality						
Designated Specialty	\$0.00	\$211.08	(\$211.08)	\$0.00	\$211.08	(\$211.08)
Holiday Party	\$0.00	\$50.09	(\$50.09)	\$0.00	\$50.09	(\$50.09)
Supplies	\$0.00	\$45.16	(\$45.16)	\$0.00	\$45.16	(\$45.16)
Hospitality Total	\$0.00	\$306.33	(\$306.33)	\$0.00	\$306.33	(\$306.33)
Library						
Books/Video	\$35.59	\$71.17	(\$35.58)	\$35.59	\$71.17	(\$35.58)
Library Total	\$35.59	\$71.17	(\$35.58)	\$35.59	\$71.17	(\$35.58)
Local Specialty						
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.83	(\$49.83)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Rental & Cleanup Fees	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Trophies	\$300.00	\$404.95	\$75.00	\$980.00	\$404.95	\$855.00
Local Specialty Total	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$1,080.00	\$274.83	\$675.05
Membership : Dues	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Miscellaneous						
Postage	\$0.00	\$50.02	(\$50.02)	\$0.00	\$50.02	(\$50.02)
State Periodic Report	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	\$10.00	(\$10.00)
Miscellaneous Total	\$0.00	\$60.02	(\$60.02)	\$0.00	\$60.02	(\$60.02)

Grocery Certificate
Fundraiser 2008
Profit: **\$1282.50**

Happy



Springtime!



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Category	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2008 (2008 Committee Reports)		
	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Sam-O-Gram/Web						
Copy Services	\$0.00	\$36.26	(\$36.26)	\$0.00	\$36.26	(\$36.26)
Subscription	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
Sam-O-Gram/Web Total	\$20.00	\$36.26	(\$16.26)	\$20.00	\$36.26	(\$16.26)
Trophy Donations						
SCA National	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Trophy Total	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Ways & Means						
Barks & Growls	\$29.00	\$0.00	\$29.00	\$29.00	\$0.00	\$29.00
Grocery Certificates*	\$25,650.00	\$33,250.00	(\$7,600.00)	\$25,650.00	\$33,250.00	(\$7,600.00)
Ways & Means Total	\$25,679.00	\$33,250.00	(\$7,571.00)	\$25,679.00	\$33,250.00	(\$7,571.00)
Grand Total	\$37,252.28	\$42,219.67	(\$4,967.39)	\$38,727.28	\$42,933.99	(\$4,206.71)
Ending General Fund Bank Balance			\$12,755.47			
Ending Grocery Certificate Balance			\$9,350.00			
Total Ending General Fund Balance			\$22,105.47			

Rescue Fund			
Beginning Rescue Fund Bank Balance		\$10,773.51	
Beginning Rescue Fund Outstanding Checks (2007)		(\$63.25)	
Total Beginning Balance		\$9,820.02	
Rescue Fund		Calendar / Budget Year 2008	
Category	Income	Expenses	Net
Adoption Fee	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Boarding	\$0.00	\$297.00	(\$297.00)
Donations Received	\$1,668.50	\$0.00	\$1,668.50
Fundraiser			
Collars & Leashes	\$1,006.00	\$1,042.44	(\$36.44)
IGive.com	\$25.19	\$0.00	\$25.19
Microchip Clinic	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Raffle	\$0.00	\$40.00	(\$40.00)
Santa Pet Pictures	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$340.00
Fundraiser Total	\$1,511.19	\$1,082.44	\$428.75

Rescue Fund		Calendar / Budget Year 2008		
Category	Income	Expenses	Net	
Rescue Misc				
Electric Collar	\$0.00	\$90.00	(\$90.00)	
Licenses/Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$80.00	(\$80.00)	
Postage	\$0.00	\$22.36	(\$22.36)	
Supplies	\$0.00	\$112.61	(\$112.61)	
Rescue Misc Total	\$0.00	\$304.97	(\$304.97)	
Transportation Fees	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	
Veterinary Services				
Dewclaw Removal	\$0.00	\$65.00	(\$65.00)	
Med Boarding	\$0.00	\$191.50	(\$191.50)	
Microchip	\$0.00	\$52.00	(\$52.00)	
Neuter/Spay	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	
Shots/Meds	\$0.00	\$230.40	(\$230.40)	
Veterinary Services Total	\$0.00	\$788.90	(\$788.90)	
Grand Total	\$3,379.69	\$2,543.31	\$836.38	
Total Ending Rescue Fund Balance			\$11,546.64	

Colorado Fun Facts

Capital: Denver

Flower: Rocky Mountain Columbine

Tree: Blue Spruce

Animal: Big Horn Sheep

Fish: Greenback Cut-throat Trout

Insect: Colorado hairstreak butterfly

Bird: Lark Bunting

Dance: Square Dancing

Dinosaur: Stegosaurus

Gemstone: Aquamarine

Rock: Yule Marble

Mineral: Rhodochrosite

Nickname: The Centennial State

Statehood: 1876 - 38th

Motto: "Nothing without Providence"

Area: 104,247 square miles

Governor: Bill Ritter, Jr.

Flag:



2008-2009 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
May 16-18	Durango KC	Show - Close 4/23	Cortez, CO	Onofrio	Susan Godek Mrs. Lee Canalizo Joe Purkiser
17-18	Mount Ogden KC	Show - Close 4/30	Logan, UT	Onofrio	Jon Cole / Pete Dawkins
17-18	Sunflower KC of Olathe, KS	Show - Close 4/30	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	Vern Harvey / Richard Lake
22	Samoyed Club of LA	Specialty - Close 5/7	Pomona, CA	Bradshaw	Shannon Zaker (Sweeps) Dana Cline
23-24	Central Wyoming KC	Show - Close 5/7	Casper, WY	Onofrio	Robert Shreve / Judy Mears
25-26	Laramie KC	Show - Close 5/7	Laramie, WY	Onofrio	Cec Ringstrom/B Macdonald
25	Greater Pittsburgh KC	Designated Specialty - Close 5/7	New Castle, PA	MB-F	Jacqueline Rayner (Sweeps) Douglas Holloway
May 31 Jun 1	Flatirons KC	Show - Close 5/21	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	Faye Haupt Eugene Haupt
Jun 6	No Cal Samoyed Fanciers Skyline Fanciers	Designated Specialty - Close 5/21	Vallejo, CA	MB-F	Carrie Parma-Collier (Sweeps) Betty Cline
7-8	Flagstaff KC	Show - Close 5/21	Flagstaff, AZ	Onofrio	Mrs Canino/Joe Purkhiser
7-8	Colorado Springs KC	Show - Close 5/21	Colorado Springs, CO	Onofrio	W Spediacci / A DiNardo
14	Samoyed Club of San Diego Bahia Sur KC of Chula Vista	Designated Specialty - Close 5/28	Chula Vista, CA	Bradshaw	Michele Mulligan (Sweeps) Christie Smith
14	Chicagoland Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 5/28	Grayslake, IL	Rhodie	Frances Trojan (Sweeps) Diane Landstrom
20	Willamette Valley Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 6/4	Canby, OR	Garvin	Tina Grant (Sweeps) Rosemary Leist
21-22	Mile-High Rottweiler Club	AKC Herding Test & Trial	Fort Morgan, CO	Galey	Alan Koebke
28-29	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 6/11	Loveland, CO	Onofrio	Sandy Orr / Joan Anselm
28-29	Sioux Valley KC	Show - Close 6/11	Vermillion, SD	Onofrio	James Frederiksen Douglass Taylo
Jul 12-13	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/25	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	Lynn Peterson / Keke Kahn
17	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty - Close 7/2	Houston, TX	Onofrio	Jack Hensen (Sweeps) / Beth Riley
19-20	Nebraska KC	Show - Close 7/2	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	Anthony DiNardo Andrea Schoen
25	Grtr Milwaukee Samoyed	Specialty - Close 7/9	Waukesha, WI	Onofrio	Lynn Blackburn (Sweeps) Delbert Thacker
Aug 1-3	Mile-Hi Golden Retriever Club	AKC Agility - Open 6/11	Englewood, CO	Ascher	David Nauer / Judith Flagle Joan Meyer
14-17	Manhattan Kansas KC Topeka KC	Show - Close 7/29	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	Pat Hastings Keke Kahn / /Patti Long Smith Harry Smith
15	Samoyed Club of Washington State	Specialty - Close 7/30	Enumclaw, WA	Onofrio	Carol Chittum (Sweeps) Annella Cooper
16-17	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/30	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Marci Spalding / Judith Smith
21-22	Samoyed Assoc of Minneapolis—St. Paul	Specialty - Close 8/6	Lake Elmo, MN	Onofrio	Robert Krauss Edd Bivin
30-31	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/13	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	Beverly Capstick JoAnn Dutton

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Sep 5	Denver Samoyed Association	Specialty - Close 8/20	Greeley, CO	Hittesdorf	Robin Hug (Puppy/Vet Sweeps) Jason Loper(Working Sweeps) Beth Riley (Breed) Leslie Sorenson (Junior) C J Evert (Obedience)
6-7	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 8/20	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Margaret Downey Adrian Woodfork
6-7	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close 8/20	Roswell, NM	Onofrio	N/A
12-14	Salina KC Wichita KC Hutchinson KC	Show - Close 8/27	Salina, KS	Onofrio	N/A
13-14	Bonneville Basin Kennel Assoc	Show - Close 8/27	Farmington, UT	Onofrio	Steven Gladstone Joe Purkhiser
13-14	Coronado KC	Show - Close 8/27	Rio Rancho, NM	Onofrio	Jane Lemieux Norman Kenney
13-14	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/27	Chino Valley, AZ	Onofrio	Lorraine Boutwell Judy Doniere
20-21	Flatirons KC	Obedience - Close 9/3	Longmont, CO	Ascher	Louise Botko Peggy McConnell
20-21	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/3	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio	N/A Kay Radcliffe
Oct 2	Samoyed Club of America	Nat'l Specialty - Close 9/10	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	Lia Benson /Jean Fournier Kathy Bube
3-6	Mesilla Valley KC Chaparral KC	Show - Close 9/17	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio	N/A
4-5	Cornhusker KC of Lincoln, NE	Show - Close 9/17	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	Alberto Berrios / Sandy Orr
11-12	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Show - Close 9/24	Lawrence, KS	Onofrio	Andre Schoen / Judi Park
11-12	Valencia Valley KC of NM	Show - Close 9/24	Los Lunas, NM	Onofrio	N/A
17-19	Rapid City KC	Show - Close 10/1	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio	Stephen Hubbell LaMar Mathias/ Pete Dawkins
18-19	Kachina KC	Show - Close 10/1	Glendale, AZ Buckeye, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
18-19	Platte Valley KC of Fremont	Show - Close 10/1	Fremont, NE	Onofrio	Betty Krause / Arley Hussin
25-26	Sioux Empire KC	Show - Close 10/8	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio	N/A
26	Potomac Valley Samoyed Club Middleburg KC	Designated Specialty - Close 10/8	Leesburg, VA	MB-F	Jack Norton (Sweeps) Lawrence E Stanbridge
Nov 15-16	Council Bluffs KC	Show - Close 10/29	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	N/A
Nov 28-30 Dec 1	Yuma KC Imperial Valley KC	Show - Close 11/12	Yuma, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
Jan 17	Samoyed Club of Central Florida Clearwater KC	Designated Specialty - Close 12/31	Brooksville, FL	MB-F	Louis Thompson (Sweeps) Robert Forsyth
18	Willamette Valley Samoyed Fanciers Tualatin KC	Designated Specialty - Close 12/31	Portland, OR	Onofrio	Dale Simmons (Sweeps) Dr. Peter Emily

Good luck at the upcoming events!

Look for the latest events in our area on our web site at:
www.denversamoyed.org/ScheduleOfEvents.htm

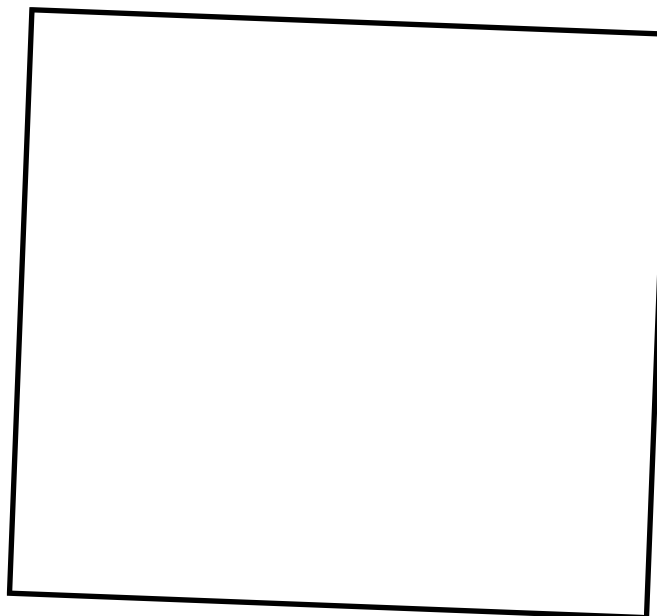
Denver Samoyed Association

DSA members
are committed to the
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of the Samoyed breed.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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May 19, 2008 Meeting Reminder - 7:15 PM - St. Joseph Episcopal Church

- **Membership determines the specific goal of the club for the following year (2008).** The Board of Governors is responsible for carrying out this goal for the club and may not delegate this to a committee. No particular focus shall encompass the goal in the previous 3 years. (4/16/01 motion)
- **Board meeting follows regular meeting. Agenda: Review/approve estimated budgets submitted by committee chairperson.**
Deadline for newsletter articles is 1st day of the month! / Snacks: Jane Reller

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE

As of 5/15/08, we have no Sammies available for adoption! WOOHOO!!

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call the DSR at 303-453-1360, or contact one of the Rescue committee members:
Deb Castro, Andi Mast, Jane Reller, Sue Wangerin, Thalia Peletis, Michele Christian or Pam Arnold. Thanks!

Rescue has several ways that you can support the committee's efforts to keep our treasury healthy so we can save as many smiles as possible.

White Pine Outfitter Collars and Leashes

Soft slip or buckle:

9/16" collars @ \$10

9/16", 4' & 6' leads \$10 & \$12.

Available colors: black, new pink, purple, red, rose, royal blue, twilight, teal, pine, and mint.

Adjustable collar sizes:

small (10"-16"), medium (13"-19"), large (15"-24").

Microchip Gift Certificates -

\$25 for members' pets

\$35 for non-members' pets

We are offering gift certificates for AKC Canine Animal Recovery System microchips which includes the registration fee for people who live in the Denver and Colorado Springs metro areas. Gift certificates can be redeemed by appointment with Deb Castro (Denver) or Pam Arnold (Colorado Springs).

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Do you shop online? If you shop through IGIVE.com (with over 680 merchants), the merchants donate a portion of their sales to your Denver Samoyed Rescue group. Last year, DSR was the recipient of \$200 from a similar program when an adopter chose DSR to receive the proceeds from his on-line car purchase.

**If you have any questions or would like to order collars/leads/gift certificates, please let me know at:
(303) 450-7712 or loveoursams@msn.com Thank you for your continued support.
Andi Mast - Rescue Co-Chairman**