

# SAM-O-GRAM

April 2026



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Tammy Linnert ..... 303.908.4541

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FastCAT

Tammy Linnert ..... 303.908.4541

Historian/Librarian

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Tammy Linnert ..... 303.908.4541

Hospitality - Summer Ice Cream Social

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Local Specialty '26

Lori Elvera ..... 720.344.4562

Public Education - Need volunteer

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Things to do with our dogs and friends this summer!

The Spring/Summer months are already shaping up to be busy! Tammy Linnert is planning the Summer Soiree dinners again this year; Lori Elvera and Donna Dannen are looking to have a hiking/dinner event at Stauton State Park; and DSA will be hosting a Concurrent Specialty with Flatirons KC with Linda Kitzman and Pam Buhl chairing.

Does anyone else have an idea they would like to see? Movie night, a concert, a play, any other event? We would love to have more fun things to do with each other; either with or without our Sammies!

Martha Lageschulte

DSA President

## Meeting Date and Location for April Meeting!

**April 20, 2026**

**6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Natural Grocers Wheat Ridge**

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

**Natural Grocers, Denver**

Meeting called to order 6:47 pm

Present: 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.

**President: Martha Lageschulte**

Linda Kitzman ran the meeting for Martha.

**Vice President: Linda Kitzman**

2nd reading of the application for Kent Cherne, individual membership sponsored by Julie Morris & Dan Elvera. Voted and approved as Individual member.

**Recording Secretary: Donna Dannen**

Approval of the Febuary meeting minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert**

No report.

**Treasurer: Terry Walb**

General fund: \$25,106.30

Rescue: \$25,268.59

Premier Time CD: \$21,281.37

Time CD: \$5000.00

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

No report.

**Committees**

**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.

**Colorado Legislation Liaisons: 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).

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

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

- Chair: Senator Katie Wallace,  
Chair, [katie.wallace.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:katie.wallace.senate@coleg.gov)
- Senator Tom Sullivan, Vice Chair  
[tom.sullivan.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:tom.sullivan.senate@coleg.gov)
- Senator William Lindstedt  
[william.lindstedt.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:william.lindstedt.senate@coleg.gov)
- Senator Rod Pelton  
[rod.pelton.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:rod.pelton.senate@coleg.gov)
- Senator Lynda Zamora Wilson  
[lynda.zamorawilson.senate@coleg.gov](mailto:lynda.zamorawilson.senate@coleg.gov)

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

#### **Concurrent Specialty: Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl**

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.

#### **FastCat: Tammy Linnert**

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, JoDee Putnins, Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister**

FastCAT photos are now up on the website, and on our Facebook page.

#### **Hospitality/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**

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.

**Motion 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.

**Motion 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**

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 has volunteered at this time to chair a "Meet the Breeds" event at the 2027 Colorado Kennel Club shows.

## 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

Rescue has received an application in hopes of adopting a female Samoyed.

A family in Tyler, TX contacted DSR to re-home 2 yo 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

### Conformation

Sid Marx  
Patti Widick-Neale  
Gena Box-Young  
Annella Cooper  
Ken Granacki  
Lynette Blue

Cathy De la Garza  
Shanan Streweler  
Ryan Grady

### Junior Showmanship

Diana Wilson  
Sarah Karl  
Robin Hug  
Marlene Groves  
Karen Rooks-Nauer

### Sweepstakes

Connie Rudd  
Lorrie McAllister  
Shauna DeMoss  
Noel Ramsey  
Carol Volberg  
Pam Buhl  
Brandy Burke  
Melissa Winslow Sorley

### Obedience

Linda Scanllion- Both Obed/Rally  
Julie Yamane- Both Obed/Rally  
Pat Maynard- Both Obed/Rally  
Carole Evans

### Rally

Marin Sampson  
Karen Lamb  
Kathy Howse  
Roberta Oxley  
Beth Bailey

### Barks 'n' 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 Trick Dog Novice title!

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dannen, Recording Secretary

## **DSA March Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

### **Zoom**

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin. Guest: Lori Elvera.

### **President: Martha Lageschulte**

This will be a Budget Review since this process has not been completed for several years. Treasurer, Terry Walb, will take the board through expenses and income for the committees and events recorded for DSA in 2025.

### **Vice President: Linda Kitzman**

Linda Kitzman commented that we need to have our video cameras on during meetings – especially as board members during our member meetings via Zoom, so that we appear open and welcoming to the membership.

### **Treasurer: Terry Walb**

Operating expenses were reviewed (taxes, Insurance, periodic state reports)

- Operating costs were recorded as \$1276.26 for 2025.

IT contracts are due at different schedules.

- Equisure's website is difficult to navigate, and Terry could not find our current insurance policy – she will continue to research Equisure to find out why our current insurance policy premium decreased by \$200 this year.
- IT payments: WIX (website platform) is due in 2026.
- Website domain is due in 2031.
- Email marketing is due in 2026 (mass mailings, new member info).
- Equid is due every year.
- Zoom account payment is due in 2026.
- Total cost for IT comes to \$1308.00 for 2026.

Terry Walb will also change the budget to reflect Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners dues under the Legislative committee rather than Treasurer/Operating Expenses.

Rescue expenses, income are separate from the DSA expenses/income.

- There was a recent donation of \$5000.00 to DSR from Mary Lloyd's estate.
- \$595.00 are anticipated donations for 2026.
- \$2500 are anticipated expenses.

Terry Walb explained expenses/income for the club's committees which is recorded on the attached documents. She will add a summary page with budgets for each committee for 2026 for board minutes and website publication.

- Cheer (on attached document)
- Historian/Librarian (attached document)
- Agility (attached document)
- Terry will update the budget spreadsheet to rename facility-related fees.
- Awards. There is no invoice yet for 2025 – the vendor will send this soon. This will be reported once we get and pay the invoice. (attached)
- Holiday Party – money is usually lost on this (attached)
- We will add the numbers for each banquet that was recorded.
- We also need to know how much the members have paid, which has varied in different years. Budgeting for 2026 is difficult before we know the place and numbers attending.

Question: Should we start a charging service fee for Website Store purchases? Currently we only do this for dues purchases. It was suggested we add a \$1.50 service fee to all purchases. Terry will pull the PayPal reports to provide a breakdown of dues, trophy donations and other income categories for the club's financial picture.

Summer Social (attached) (Ice cream social at the concurrent specialty). The expenses are based on 50 dog entries at the specialty. The first year is hard to estimate. \$300 was budgeted for 2026.

Concurrent Specialty (attached document)

- The expenses are estimates but are listed on the attachment along with a net loss.
- Linda Kitzman will check to see if an AKC recording fee is included in the superintendent's fee (Onofrio).
- Linda will also verify with Andrea what the hotel night requirements might be for our specialty judge.

FastCAT (attached document)

- On the income for each year of Fast CAT, the number of days at each year's event should be added. In 2024 we had a 3-day event, while in 2025 we had only 12 fewer runs during the 2-day event. Our future results will depend on the weather and competing events.

Public Education

- This has had no expenses for years
- Flyers were purchased this year (\$91.44) with plenty left over for other events.

Local Specialty (attached document)

- There is an increase in facility rental costs this year, from \$900 to \$1865 for the Douglas County Fairgrounds venue we use.
- Stewards are paid \$30 for Obedience and Rally, \$35 for conformation for one day, or \$75 if stewarding conformation at both days' shows.

- Discussion on losses at this event revolved around where we might cut down on expenses in the future.

Trophies

Juniors Judges

Classes offered (might we add a 2nd day of Working Classes/sweeps instead of obedience?)

What do other clubs do at their specialties, trophy and rosette-wise?

Do we "need" to make money on our specialties? We know the Specialty loses money, but how much is too much?

Should we limit trophies to only major wins and none for class placements?

Trophies may be seen as benefits of entering the specialty and to support the membership. The membership should be included in the above question.

- Terry Walb will break out judges' expenses for car rental, airfare, hotel, etc.
- Terry will update the specialty budget to reflect correct allocation of steward payments as judge gifts (as per January 2025 vote).

Discussed was where we get our money from our treasury to pay for specialty expenses

- King Soopers rebates for non-profit organization
- Dues
- What are our over-all income and expenses
- How is the club doing money-wise to support money-losing events?

## Google Drive

Lori Elvera requested access to the entire Google Drive as part of her position on the IT committee.

**Motion 26-006B:** Motion was made by Dan Elvera that Lori Elvera be the "chaperone" of the Google Drive as a part of the IT Committee. Seconded by Donna Dannen

The motion was approved.

Terry, as chair of the IT committee, requested the creation of policies and procedures for the use and maintenance of the Google Drive by Lori Elvera, and for her to report changes to the committee and the board.

## Judges Nominations

Tammy Linnert requested we take off the first two names on our 2028 Judges Nominations List since they may be judging in 2027. Tammy expressed concerns about automatically including last year's nominees on the ballot. The board agreed that while previously nominated judges should be considered, they shouldn't automatically include everyone from the previous year's list without individual nominations. Martha will get an updated list to Tammy Linnert for the ballot and to Donna Dannen for the meeting minutes.

There was no time left on the Zoom meeting to review the submitted Treasurer's Job Description made by Terry Walb. Terry would like feedback from the board in a couple of weeks concerning the detailed description. The board will then discuss this at the May Board meeting.

Adjourn at 9:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Dannen, Recording Secretary



## TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 3/31/2026

### GENERAL FUND

DSA YTD Income and Expense Report March 2026		
Category		General Fund
<b>Opnrng Balance</b>		25,312.11
<b>Income</b>		
	Agility Trial	12,276.00
	FastCAT Income	7,497.25
	Local Specialty	442.95
	Membership	682.48
	Paypal income Concurrent Specialty Trophi	583.9
	Ways & Means	215.37
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,697.95</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Agility Expense	-9,596.70
	Bank Charges	-18.3
	FastCAT Expenses	-720.18
	Hospitality	-60.88
	Legislation	-100
	Local Specialty Expenses	-600
	Miscellaneous	-27.08
	Miscellaneous Treasurer	-23.88
	Public Education	-91.14
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-11,238.16</b>
<b>Total</b>	-----	<b>10,459.79</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>32,196.20</b>

### RESCUE FUND

DSR YTD Income & Expense Report March 2026		
Category		Rescue Fund
<b>Opening Balanceve</b>		10,970.09
<b>Income</b>		
	Donation to DSR	5,148.50
<b>Expenses</b>		
	Charitable Donations	
	- Samoyed Rescue	-1,250.00
	DSR CD	-5,000.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-6,250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>-1,101.50</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>10,268.59</b>



# COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2024-2026

## Summary

	2024	2025	2026
Agility Gross Income	\$ 10,031.00	\$ 12,233.00	\$ 12,688.00
Agility Expenses	\$ 8,022.92	\$ 9,480.99	\$ 10,147.58
Agility Net Income	\$ 2,008.08	\$ 2,521.01	\$ 2,640.42
FastCat Gross Income	\$ 14,415.00	\$ 16,987.00	\$ 15,121.00
FastCat Expenses	\$ 8,981.77	\$ 9,171.47	\$ 8,509.43
FastCat Net Income	\$ 5,433.23	\$ 7,815.53	\$ 6,602.57
Dues Gross Income	\$ 2,159.00	\$ 2,112.00	\$ 2,112.00
PayPal Fees	\$ 85.37	\$ 79.89	\$ 79.89
Dues Net Income	\$ 2,073.63	\$ 2,032.11	\$ 2,032.11
King Soopers	\$ 1,136.72	\$ 1,243.02	215.37
Ring stewarding			
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,578.03</b>	<b>\$ 13,653.19</b>	<b>\$ 11,490.47</b>

	Projected/YTD		
Local Specialty Gross Income	\$ 14,065.16	\$ 14,835.64	14,195
Local specialty Expenses	\$ 16,903.40	\$ 18,003.80	18,560
Local Specialty Net Income	\$ 2,808.24	\$ 3,195.16	\$ (4,365.01)

Awards Net Expense	\$ 439.22	\$ -	
Holiday Party Expense to Club	\$ 1,897.00	\$ 1,992.32	
IT Expense to Club	\$ 735.89	\$ 1,049.28	\$ 1,482.53
Treasurer/Operating Expenses	\$ 899.81	\$ 1,212.30	\$ 1,276.26
Legislative Expenses	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Donations	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 25.00
Summer Social Cost to Club	\$ 80.00	\$ 209.57	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,451.92</b>	<b>\$ 4,938.47</b>	<b>\$ 2,858.79</b>

Actual
Projected/YTD
Totals

Treasurer Operating			
	2024	2025	2026
Quicken	\$ 74.81	\$ 107.00	\$ 77.88
Quicken Back up		\$ 5.30	\$ 23.88
Checks			\$ 18.30
Postage			\$ 31.20
State Periodic Report	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Insurance	\$ 800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Tax Prep		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Bank Charges		\$ 24.00	
Totals	\$ 899.81	\$ 1,212.30	\$ 1,276.26

Ways and Means			
	2024	2025	2026 YTD
King Soopers	\$ 1,136.72	\$ 1,243.02	\$ 215.37

Donations			
	2024	2025	2026
Colorado Federation	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00
AKC PAC	\$ 100.00	Clubs may no longer donate	
Donations for Members who have passed	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

Dues			
Dues		2025	2026
<b>Count of Members by Type</b>			
Individual		27	25
Family		22	22
Associate		48	31
Household			14
Junior		2	2
<b>Income Gross including PayPal fees</b>			
Individual	\$ 21.00	\$ 567.00	\$ 525.00
Family	\$ 26.00	\$ 572.00	\$ 572.00
Associate	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 651.00
Household	\$ 26.00		\$ 364.00
Junior	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ -
<b>Total Gross Income</b>		<b>\$ 2,159.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,112.00</b>
<b>PayPal Fees</b>		<b>\$ 85.37</b>	<b>\$ 79.89</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 2,073.63</b>	<b>\$ 2,032.11</b>

Agility			
	2024	2025	2026
Agility Trial:Entry Fees	\$ 10,031.00	\$ 12,233.00	\$ 12,688.00
Agility Trial Entry Refund		\$ 231.00	\$ 412.00
Agility Trial Entry Net Income		\$ 12,002.00	\$ 12,276.00
Agility Trial:AKC Application Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Agility Trial:Food & Beverages	\$ 378.67	\$ 165.65	\$ 293.05
Agility Trial:Judge's Fees	\$ 1,513.08	\$ 2,260.26	\$ 1,915.90
Agility Trial: Judge Hotel	\$ 203.60	\$ 234.92	\$ 237.38
Agility Trial: Judge Expenses			
Agility Trial:Judge's Gift	\$ 40.00	-	\$ 31.22
Agility Trial:Miscellaneous	\$ 23.26		\$ 50.31
Agility Trial Helen Gift Card		\$ 215.98	
Agility Trial:AKC Recording Fee	\$ 2,145.50	\$ 2,446.50	\$ 3,150.00
Agility Trial:Rental Equipment	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,170.00
Agility Trial:Facility Rental Fee	\$ 725.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00
Agility Trial:Facility Deposit		\$ 168.75	\$ 169.00
Agility Trial:Facility Heat Early Start Fee		\$ 131.25	\$ 131.00
Agility Trial:Ribbons	\$ 208.79	\$ -	
Agility Trial Custom Rosettes		\$ 115.03	\$ 39.37
Agility Trial:MACH bars	\$ 210.45		\$ 88.00
Agility Trial:Secretary Fees	\$ 1,274.57	\$ 1,391.60	\$ 1,997.35
Agility Trial:T-shirts/SweatShirts	\$ -	\$ 376.05	\$ -
<b>Agility Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,022.92</b>	<b>\$ 9,480.99</b>	<b>\$ 10,147.58</b>
	<b>\$ 2,008.08</b>	<b>\$ 2,521.01</b>	<b>\$ 2,640.42</b>

Awards		
	2024	2025
Awards		No Data
Plaques-Tags	Amount	
Plaques/Taga	\$ 569.22	
Plaque/Tag Reimbursement	\$ 130.00	
Net Cost	\$ 439.22	

## COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2024-2026

FastCat			
	2024	2025	2026
<b>FastCAT Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,415.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,987.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,112.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Secretary and Lure Operating Fee	\$ 3,805.00	\$ 4,442.00	\$ 4,327.00
AKC Recording Fee	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 2,033.50	\$ 2,223.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 800.00
Mileages	\$ 88.44	\$ 92.40	\$ 137.75
Generator Use		\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Tabs @ show		\$ 52.00	\$ 32.00
Tabs Mailed		\$ 22.00	\$ 4.00
<b>Total Expenses from Income</b>	<b>\$ 6,448.44</b>	<b>\$ 7,841.90</b>	<b>\$ 7,623.75</b>
Check to DSA from Harmony	\$ 7,966.56	\$ 9,145.10	\$ 7,488.25
Entry Check paid directly			\$ 9.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,966.56</b>	<b>\$ 9,145.10</b>	<b>\$ 7,497.25</b>
AKC Applications	\$ 140.00	\$ 210.00	\$140.00
Hospitality	\$ 212.23	\$ 256.01	\$427.71
Jackets	\$ 692.40	\$ 280.17	
Park Rental	\$ 240.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
Ribbons	\$ 982.60	\$ 238.56	\$117.97
Supplies	\$ 266.10	\$ 144.83	
<b>Total DSA paid expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,533.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,329.57</b>	<b>\$ 885.68</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,981.77</b>	<b>\$ 9,171.47</b>	<b>\$ 8,509.43</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,433.23</b>	<b>\$ 7,815.53</b>	<b>\$ 6,602.57</b>

<b>Total Runs</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>569</b>
Pre close	528	396	313
Post close	2	185	106
Day of			75
Fun Runs	19	75	75
# of Days	2	3	2
# of events	4	6	4

Holiday Party		
	2024	2025
<b>Location</b>	<b>Fox Run</b>	<b>Fox Run</b>
<b>Holiday Party Income</b>	<b>\$ 323.00</b>	<b>\$ 633.68</b>
<b>Venue Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Meals</b>	<b>\$ 2,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,149.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,897.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,992.32</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Member Paid</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>

IT			
	2024	2025	2026
Ecwid DSA	\$ 468.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
Domain DSA		\$ 214.75	
Wix			\$ 648.00
Zoom	\$ 147.89	\$ 174.53	\$ 174.53
Email Marketing	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
<b>Total for year</b>	<b>\$ 735.89</b>	<b>\$ 1,049.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,482.53</b>
Domain DSR			\$ 68.45
<b>Total for year</b>			<b>68.45</b>

Legislative			
	2024	2025	2026
<b>Colorado Federation</b>		\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00

Summer Social		
	2024	2025
Food	Donated	\$ 129.57
Park Rental	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>	<b>\$ 209.57</b>

Public Education			
	2024	2025	2026
<b>Brochures</b>			\$ 91.44

## ESTIMATED BUDGET 2026

### CONCURRENT SPECIALTY

#### INCOME

Trophies	\$740.00
Regular Entries @ 50	\$1,600.00
Sweeps Entries @ 25	\$675.00

**TOTAL INCOME \$3,015.00**

#### EXPENSE

Rosettes	\$650.00
Trophies	\$800.00
Hospitality & Ice Cream Social	\$300.00
Judge's Fee	\$200.00
Hotel Room	\$160.00
AKC Fees-Application	\$50.00
Onofrio Flat Fee	\$190.00
8.05/entry @ 50	\$402.50
6.45/Sweeps@25	\$161.25
AKC entry Fees@75	\$300.00
Sweepstakes prize	\$438.75
Catalogs	\$75.00
Judges Gifts	\$70.00

**TOTAL EXPENSE \$3,797.50**

**NET PROFIT/LOSS -\$782.50**

We were originally allotted \$1500 of club money to spend on the show by the board in December 2025

\*\*Some figures based on an entry of 50 dogs\*\*

## COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2024-2026

Local Specialty		
	2024	2025
<b>Income</b>		
Banquet	\$ 846.00	\$ 758.95
Catalog		\$ 196.00
Catalog Ad	\$ 27.00	
Entry Fees	\$ 4,816.00	\$ 5,011.43
RV Parking	\$ 120.00	\$ 259.37
Silent Auction	\$ 942.00	\$ 1,257.55
T Shirts	\$ 3,187.16	\$ 2,773.99
Towels		\$ 869.89
Trophies	\$ 4,127.00	\$ 3,708.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 14,065.16</b>	<b>\$ 14,835.64</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Application Fee	\$ 255.00	\$ 300.00
Arm bands	\$ 48.90	\$ 51.00
Banquet	\$ 1,149.14	\$ 1,236.74
Catalog Expense	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00
Decorations	\$ 265.09	\$ 539.70
Food & Beverages	\$ 741.86	\$ 843.32
Judges Books		\$ 108.00
Judges Fees	\$ 1,256.13	\$ 1,077.96
Judges Gifts		
Judges Hotel	\$ 367.69	\$ 543.12
Judges Misc		\$ 53.85
Premium List		\$ 25.00
Recording Fee	\$ 443.00	\$ 492.00
Rental & Cleanup	\$ 889.59	\$ 873.00
Rental Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Ribbons	\$ 1,683.42	\$ 2,234.81
Ring Steward Expenses		\$ 205.00
Show Secretary Fees	\$ 877.35	\$ 681.54
Special Award		\$ 150.00
Supplies	\$ 100.26	\$ 146.64
Sweepsatakes	\$ 775.00	
T Shirt Expense	\$ 3,247.86	\$ 2,118.25
Towel Expense	\$ 60.86	\$ 547.80
Trophy Expense	\$ 4,110.25	\$ 5,094.07
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,903.40</b>	<b>\$ 18,003.80</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$2,838.24</b>	<b>\$3,168.16</b>

Submitted Budget Local Specialty 2026			
	2025	2026	Change
<b>Income</b>			
Entry Fees	5,012	5,012	0
Trophy Donations	3,600	3,600	0
T-Shirt and Towels Sales	3,830	3,830	0
Banquet Income	787	787	0
Silent Auction	628	500	(128)
Other (RV and Catalog)	466	466	0
	<b>14,323</b>	<b>14,195</b>	<b>(128)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Trophies	5,094	5,094	0
T-Shirt and Towels	2,666	2,666	0
Ribbons	2,235	1,800	(435)
Facility Rental	900	1,865	965
Banquet Expense	1,237	1,237	0
Judges Fees and Gifts	1,647	1,781	134
Show Secretary	953	953	(0)
Food and Beverage	843	850	7
Recording/Application Fees	767	748	(19)
Decorations	540	600	60
Catalog	332	316	(16)
Stewards Gifts	205	205	0
Other	423	445	22
	<b>17,842</b>	<b>18,560</b>	<b>718</b>
<b>Net Cash</b>	<b>(3,518)</b>	<b>(4,365)</b>	<b>(847)</b>
<b>Other:</b>			
Supplies	147	175	
Special Award	150	150	
Arm Bands	51	45	
Rental Equipment	50	50	
Premium List	25	25	
T-Shirts and Towels Net Contribution	1,164	1,164	0
Banquet Net Contribution	(450)	(455)	(5)

# ***FAST & FURIOUS***

## **2026 FastCAT Event Summary**

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> & Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**494** runs

**75** fun runs

**177** unique dogs

**29** titles awarded

↳ a new DSA FastCAT record!

**\$7,488.25** to DSA



Thank you to the 23+ volunteers who worked the event!



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# SUMMER SOIRÉES



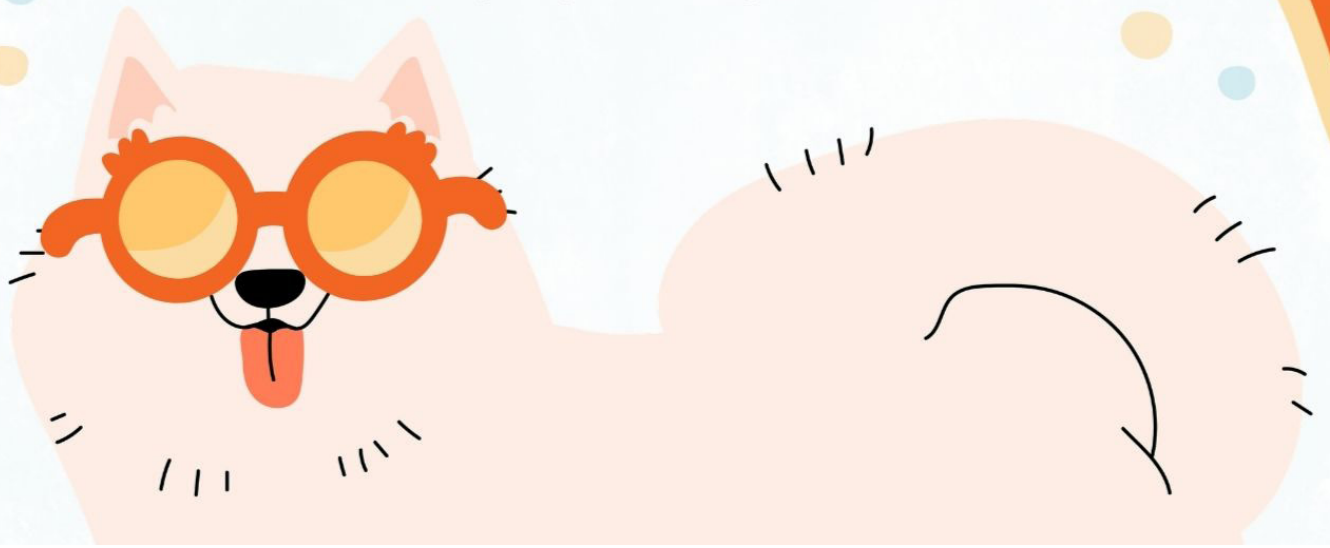
*June* SOUTHERN REGION

*July* NORTHERN REGION

*August* CENTRAL REGION

SUGGEST A FAVORITE RESTAURANT  
& PICK A DATE (EVENINGS/WEEKENDS).

SEND YOUR SUGGESTION TO TAMMY  
(ICEFIRE10@MSN.COM) BY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF THE  
RESPECTIVE MONTH



# What is Copper Storage Disease in Dogs?

Copper Storage Disease (CSD) (also known as Copper Storage Hepatopathy or Copper-Associated Hepatopathy (CAH) in dogs) is a disease that more of us are becoming aware of — we've certainly had plenty of emails about it from concerned dog parents.

**So here's everything you need to know.**

**What is Copper Storage Disease (aka Copper-Associated Hepatopathy)?**

Copper is an essential mineral. It is supplied through the diet and is handled in the liver. Excess copper is dealt with in healthy dogs through the excretion of copper through bile.

CSD occurs when copper is stored in the liver, causing liver damage, and scarring and leading to liver disease which can be fatal. CSD can occur from a recessive gene (COMMD1) which affects copper metabolism, but this isn't always the case.

**What dog breeds get Copper Storage Disease?**

Several breeds are more often affected by CSD, including Bedlington Terriers, Labradors, Skye Terriers, West Highland Terriers, Dalmatians, and Doberman Pinschers. Within these breeds, there are characteristics too. For instance, in Doberman Pinschers it is almost always females who are affected.

It was previously thought that CSD only occurred in breeds which were affected by the inherited COMMD1 gene, but CSD has the potential to occur in any breed of dog and at any age.

**What are the symptoms of Copper Storage Disease in dogs?**

For many dogs, CSD is found during adulthood, but it is possible for copper to begin accumulating from around five months of age, with excess copper being seen in the liver from 12 months old.

CSD can go undetected for many years until the late stages of the disease when symptoms such as anaemia, weight loss, lethargy, vomiting, and depression can be noticed. Dogs with the COMMD1 recessive gene often accumulate levels of copper which are toxic to the liver by 2 to 4 years of age.

**Diagnosis and Treatment of Copper Storage Disease**

CSD is diagnosed through a vet conducting a liver biopsy. Often CSD is managed through a low copper diet and often a copper chelation medication such as Penicillamine. The goal is to reduce copper absorption and encourage its excretion from the body. Copper chelation medication binds copper and stops so much being absorbed into the body by encouraging more to be excreted in urine.

Zinc supplementation can also be used to reduce copper absorption from the diet. Zinc blocks copper absorption from the digestive tract. Regular blood tests are carried out of pets with CSD to monitor liver health and the success of the treatment over time.

**How can dogs develop Copper Storage Disease?**

AAFCO sets the nutritional guidelines for pet foods, to ensure that pet food contains all the nutrients needed, in the correct balance for our pets to be healthy. For copper, there is no upper nutritional limit for AAFCO nutritional profiles. It is thought that this can cause an oversupply of copper in pet food which leads to the potential for copper to accumulate.

Copper is often present in vitamin and mineral premixes which are added to foods to ensure that they contain adequate nutrition to meet the AAFCO Nutritional profiles. Pet foods often now contain more meat, or animal and fish proteins than traditionally.

This means more minerals, including copper, are provided to the pet food through these ingredients. When combined with potential added copper via a premix means that copper far in excess of the nutritional requirement can be delivered in pet food.

The maximum value for copper was removed due to a lack of evidence to support the value. The previous maximum was also based upon data in pigs which it was decided was not a good representation of dogs and cats.

**How much copper is healthy?**

You'll nearly always find some form of copper on a dog food label as copper is an essential mineral for dogs, cats and humans.

That's because in order to legally claim a product is "complete and balanced", a dog food must contain the right amount of copper to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles:

"Copper is a nutritionally required micronutrient in the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles; it must be present in a complete dog food formulated to meet the AAFCO profiles."

According to the official 2015 AAFCO publication, a dog food must contain not less than 7.3 mg of copper per kg of dog food. Despite this, a 2022 report by the Copper Claim Workgroup to AAFCO's Pet Food Committee 1 found that some dog foods contain 10 times that amount, as there is no upper limit and currently no scientific data to establish what a safe limit might be.

Any mineral (even the sodium that makes up common table salt) can be toxic in excessive amounts. Because some compounds of copper

## What is Copper Storage Disease in Dogs?, continued

have such poor bioavailability for dogs, AAFCO does not permit copper oxide to be used to meet the association's official nutrient requirements.

So, manufacturers must use copper sulfate or a chelated form of the mineral, such as copper proteinate, copper complexed with an amino acid or polysaccharide to meet these guidelines.

### What is being done about Copper Storage Disease in dogs?

Re-introducing a nutritional maximum for copper is something that is being proposed to AAFCO for future versions of the nutritional guidelines, and to safeguard against toxicity issues.

Testing for COMMD1 genetic predisposition to CSD is carried out now, especially in breeds such as the Bedlington Terrier, where it was thought that up to 50% of dogs in the USA and UK carried the recessive gene.

This means that breeders can avoid matching dogs who both carry the recessive gene and avoid this impaired copper metabolism in their puppies.

### What can I do to protect my dog from Copper Storage Disease?

If you'd like to know the quantity of copper in your pet's food, you can ask the manufacturer who will be able to advise. The quantity of added copper and source is declared in the FEDIAF guidelines of Europe, but the quantity is not always given under AAFCO.

Either way, the manufacturer can advise the total quantity of copper in a diet. The AAFCO nutritional profile states a requirement for 7.3mg of copper per kg on a dry matter basis for maintenance, and 12.4mg/kg for growth. You can compare the copper in your pet's food to these values.

Other sources of copper in our pet's diets are eggs, beans and legumes, some cereals, liver, and organ meats. If your pet is recommended a low copper diet, be sure to avoid dehydrated liver and organ, and treats containing these ingredients too.

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