

# SAM-O-GRAM

February 2025



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Be Prepared

As many of you have heard, Kent Dannen recently died, he was a long-time member of DSA. We are very saddened to hear of his passing - he accomplished so much in his life. His passion for photography was amazing, most of us are familiar with the hundreds of pictures of dogs he took over the years.

Kent had 3 dogs, which the community and DSR helped to get adopted into their new forever homes. I am very proud of the numerous club members that jumped in and assisted where they were needed and could help.

Kent's passing did bring up issues that everyone of us with dogs and cats face in our untimely passing (or infirmity) - what happens to our beloved companions? Does anyone have a key to get into our home? Where is there food stored? Do they have medications that need to be given? Who do our pets go to and how are expenses covered? Even if you have been proactive and put provisions in your will, what happens to them until the will is read? It has given us a lot to think about and take action upon.

I have included a very good article regarding these issues and how do we be prepared for the good of our companions; see it later in this newsletter.

It isn't an easy subject, and one that we all feel we can deal with further in the future. But now is the time - be prepared for the unknown.

Martha Lageschulte  
DSA President

## Meeting Date and Location for February Meeting!

**February 17, 2025**

**6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Natural Grocers Denver**

**Colorado Blvd and Evans**

## **DSA Board Planning Meeting - Saturday, January 11, 2025**

Julie Morris' house

Meeting called to order 10:10 am

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Pam Buhl, Donna Dannen, Rodney Martin, Tammy Linnert, Julie Morris, Terry Walb, Linda Kitzman; Lorrie McAllister (via Zoom)

Guest: JoDee Putnins

### **DSA 2024 Specialty Wrap Up**

We owed Douglas County Fairgrounds \$31 for per entry fees for 2024 regular classes (96 dogs).

Pam compared net proceeds in 2023 and 2024 in document below. 2024 income was lower: entries were down, but also t-shirt income was much lower. We had to pay \$327 for t-shirt mistake.

Income was reduced by \$84 for entries using worker coupons, \$120 for banquet.

Judges gift came from trophies line item.

Cheryl did not submit decorations paid by her. We need those expenses to be visible, and to know value. Martins' payment of those expenses can be shown as a donation to the club.

New title ribbons are now shown as an expense. In the past, Cheryl McCloud donated new title ribbons, but we ran out, and stopped providing. Terry purchased 10 ribbons costing \$184. New title ribbons need to be in premium list so can be awarded in the ring and communicated to stewards. They can be generic—no theme. If desired, exhibitor can return to DSA after photo.

**MOTION 25-001B:** Beginning in 2025 DSA to provide new title ribbons at local specialty. Terry Walb move, Rodney Martin 2nd. Passed unanimously.

We received thank yous from judges Cheri Hollenback and Lia Benson. Cheri didn't charge all fees—e.g., only half of airfare. Obedience judge cost was \$301.

### **DSA 2025 Specialty: JoDee Putnins**

Specialty theme ideas:

- Fairytales
- Alice in Wonderland
- Castles and Dragons.

Martha Lageschulte—logo could work for either one. Castles—similar to last year, dark, not focused enough

We chose Alice—"Sammies in Wonderland".

If we have the logo completed soon enough, we can get trophy stools from Heart of America Specialty.

Assistant Chair—Terry Walb, Ribbons—Lori Elvera; Trophies- Julie Morris and Jan Cherne.

Tip for trophy chair—earlier, longer close date

allows later trophy purchases.

Hospitality cost increases—wraps are no longer available at Costco. Quantities were adequate. Chocolate difficult to store.

Trophy Donations— Offer trophy donation to those who won previous year first before offering public trophy donations.

At the specialty: next year trophy sheet available early—as soon as the win on Saturday.

### **Steward's Pay**

Obedience, rally: not as long, but more complex. Stewards show up early, reset ring.

Conformation: longer days.

DSA stewards have gotten gifts like t-shirts, bags, etc.

No other gifts. Lunch is provided.

**MOTION 25-002B:** Starting in 2025 and going forward obedience/rally stewards will be paid \$30 per person; conformation stewards will be paid \$30 per day or \$75 for entire weekend in lieu of gifts.

Pam Buhl move, Julie Morris 2nd. Passed unanimously.

### **Sweepstakes Judges Compensation**

A few clubs provide hotel room for sweepstakes judges. We discussed offering a voucher towards room. Rules preclude paying sweepstakes judges. We will hold off on vouchers and stay with gifts.

Entry Fee Increase:

- Current entry fees for DSA-\$25 sweeps-\$28 regular classes; in 2024 we raised slightly because of AKC fee increase.
- Other clubs' entry fees: \$32-34. Additional dog: \$5-10.
- Sweepstakes fees are not an issue because fees go back to winners.

**MOTION 25-003B:** Starting in 2025, entry fees will be \$30 for the first entry and \$25 for additional entries on the same day and for sweepstakes. Junior showmanship will still be free. Motion Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen 2nd. Passed unanimously.

We discussed whether to add a Brace Class on Sunday or both days.

Considerations—would require additional ribbons and trophies.

**MOTION 25-004B:** Beginning in 2025, DSA will offer brace class on Sunday. Linda Kitzman move, 2nd Julie Morris. Passed unanimously.

We discussed having Juniors both days. Not all judges can do juniors. Could bring judge in for second day. JoDee will ask Marlene Groves about costs for a second day of juniors. We will table discussion until the March meeting.

Donna Dannen will be responsible for judges' gifts. Pam Buhl will consolidate existing gifts and trophies at her house.

The show closing date will revert to closing entries a week earlier: Lorraine needs to know we close earlier.

Fees charged by Lorraine and Ginger were less than expected.

For 2025 specialty, Lorraine will prepare sweepstakes prizes and will send envelopes with stickers, and we just put money in envelopes.

Music: Jim Cheskawich's has supplied the sound equipment in the past. Lori Elvera bought speakers and a microphone, so Jim won't have to lug heavy equipment to the specialty. We still want him to do the playlist for us!

### **Show Photographer**

Exhibitor participation is important to help with photos.

We need to ensure we have one photo of every win.

Need wrangler to get dog's attention and for throwing toys in a timely way.

We discussed our photographer options: FastCAT-Tales of Voyage may not charge but asks for recognition. JoDee Putnins suggested contacting Riley Cox photography. Formal show photography is a specific skill set.

Donna Dannen will contact photographers and oversee. Donna D. and Lorrie McAllister will develop a punch list for the photographer.

Pam Arnold will not do judges' liaison beyond 2026. Linda Kitzman will discuss the job with Pam.

Martha Lageschulte asked JoDee Putnins to attend the next board meeting to report back on Specialty.

Traditionally the show chair appears in photos. JoDee is not able to do this. DSA will designate alternates ahead of the 2025 show.

BREAK (JoDee Putnins left)

Martha Lageschulte: We need to bring in new people, make it fun. Find fun things to do. We need to be open to look at why we do things the way we do. Not keep our ideas to ourselves.

- DSA events are favorites: agility, FastCAT, picnic, specialty.
- Challenge ourselves to step back and resolve disagreements with reaching out directly. Don't let things fester.
- People in the Samoyed community know they need to bring their best to DSA.
- Document knowledge and share it—prevent mistakes, not reinvent the wheel.
- More shadowing, i.e., Treasurer
- Encourage new members—be proactive in sharing why we've done things the way we have.

Not discourage new ideas.

- Donna Dannen-Frankie Trojan's grandson would like to be member (Thornton). Invite to agility trial, FastCAT.

- Reach out and follow up on invites.

- Hannah Deering's mother gave Pam Buhl dues for Hannah. Hannah is a junior from Ouray. They will need to fill out a membership application.

- Need to infuse club with younger energy.

### **Committee Chairs**

Need yearly reports

### **Vice President: Terry Walb**

No new applications.

New applicants typically submit their application first, then attend whatever meeting requirements there are. The bylaws state the converse—the application is submitted after attending two meetings.

### **Recording Secretary: Lorrie McAllister**

Minutes will be more explanatory going forward, with fewer acronyms, titles, abbreviations. Publish quarterly glossary.

### **Treasurer: Pam Buhl**

Trophies for FastCAT: new stuff, fun prizes

### **Agility: Terry Walb**

Agility trial set up will be 3:30 pm on Friday, 1/17. Equipment vendor is now providing some new supplies so we no longer need to provide brown paper for the barrier.

### **Awards: Kristi Schopfer**

Kris has agreed to continue to chair annual awards: fillable form made the job easier.

### **Cheer: Donna Dannen**

Donna is continuing. She averaged two cards sent per month.

### **Legislative Liaisons: Pam Buhl/Lorrie McAllister**

Both continuing. What issues do we want to prioritize? Issues coming up: Flatirons—bill McCormick/Sanders; Dougherty revising definitions. PACFA agency is up for sunset review soon.

CFDCO dues--\$75. Lack of updates and communications are a concern. Include note with dues payment.

**MOTION 25-005B:** Pay dues to CFDCO of \$75 and make a \$100 donation with a note requesting more communication (monthly updates)

Pam Buhl move, 2nd Rodney Martin. Passed unanimously.

AKC PAC possible \$100 donation to be considered at next membership meeting. Add donation, \$100.

CFDCO wants us to name delegate: Pam Buhl and Lorrie McAllister

**FastCAT: Tammy Linnert**

Workers' coupons will be taken for entries—see Tammy for more information. Hats offered for non-member workers. Workers must work 8 hours for jacket. New sign for photo backdrop. No whiteboard—line?

Worker sign-up sheet will be out after agility trial so we don't poach volunteers.

**Historian: Donna Dannen**

Donna wants to abolish this committee. Most materials will be available under Rex website.

We discussed how to go about this and who should receive materials from our library. Having an inventory sheet would help. Possible receivers include DSA members, Rex Library, SCA-Mary Drexler. Linda Kitzman—there's disagreement between SCA and Rex Library on how materials should be handled. We may ask DSA members how they want to handle historic DSA materials.

**MOTION 25-006B:** Abolish the historian/librarian role and during 2025 we will determine how we will disburse materials.

Donna Dannen move, Julie Morris 2nd. Passed unanimously.

**Hospitality/Summer Picnic: Linda Kitzman**

Linda will chair with Pam Buhl's help. Include informal match. On the Facebook page, ask if someone is considering qualifying for AKC judge's license. Date will be in June in Sterne Park. We will need to consider Buckhorn KC show date. Memorial Day shows interfere. Mid-May?

Additional activity considered—DSA hike at Staunton State Park in Conifer, CO. We will need everyone to sign liability waivers. Just Sammies. Open to non-members? Liability waiver. Good way to introduce people to club. Friendlier, more relaxed activity. Possible achievement of working points.

**Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert**

Tammy agreed to chair again!

**Public Education**

Waiting for Rachel Paulson to respond.

Weight Pull: reach out to JoDee Putnins about offering this through Greeley KC.

**Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte**

Martha will be continuing. Glossary of titles to be included on a periodic basis.

**Rescue: Sue Wangerin**

Sue will continue to chair. Donna Dannen is volunteering.

Pam Buhl—Dani chewed up donation checks. Pam will ask to re-issue.

**Website: Terry Walb**

Terry is continuing. Committee members have not been real active: JoDee Putnins, Calla Compton

and Lorrie McAllister.

- New content: Need to rotate pictures on the website for new content.
- Finding things: We're hoping to offer more help for users to find material—screen captures? Terry has some how-to's. Can we do hover descriptions? Site map?
- We need redundancy and training for committee members.
- Certain committees have had Google Drive access. What level of access should committee members have? Who determines (up to chair)? What level of access? View only, editor, people with link.
- If you have access and make a mistake, admit mistakes ASAP! Almost always it can be fixed/restored.
- Organization of files and folders needs to be consistent. Consistent naming of files and folders is a problem. It becomes more important as we add more users.
- Google Drive: presently only officers and board members have access. Needs to be more of a central repository.
- We need an oversight committee for all IT.

**MOTION 25-007B:** Change the name of the website committee and rename it the Information Technology Committee encompassing the website, Google Drive and WhatsApp.

Lorrie McAllister, 2nd Donna Dannen. Passed unanimously.

Chair-Terry Walb, Co-chair-JoDee Putnins, Lori Elvera, and Lorrie McAllister are on the committee.

**Job Descriptions**

Last job descriptions document was in 2006. Each person will look at their current role. Start with old description and update it.

Include work plan elements, like task deadlines and frequency--yearly, monthly, etc. When Timeline—tasks due in January, etc.

How much time does the job require? What are the important tasks? What skillsets are required?

Goal is to complete new job descriptions by July 1; have rough draft for March meeting.

**Revisit By-laws**

New application form for membership, staggered terms, AKC language requirements, etc. Board will look at bylaws and discuss at March meeting.

**Zoom Meetings**

Voting meetings in person—judge nominations and votes (March-April), board nominations and voting (October and November).



**MOTION 25-008B:** Membership meetings will be held by Zoom in February, July and August. All other membership meetings will be held in person except as provided in the by-laws for weather or other special circumstances.

Julie Morris move, Tammy Linnert 2nd.

- Board meetings will continue to be held via Zoom except when in-person meeting is necessary. Some prefer not to meet on Sunday. Martha will look at her schedule.

- Tammy asked if committee chairs can get the Zoom administrative password? Terry to look into this.

- Pam Buhl will set up alternate locations for in-person meetings:

- February Zoom

- March Wheat Ridge Natural Grocers

#### **Future change of DSA Specialty Date**

Tammy Linnert brought up the possibility of changing DSA specialty dates starting in 2027. Assume same location.

Douglas County Fairgrounds has opportunities in late March (mid-late) and April.

Discussion ensued:

- Some people come to DSA because of date.

- Some would favor additional specialty, but not moving date.

- Add a second specialty? Tammy will ask Lori E. if she wants to pursue.

- We used to affiliate with all breed shows. We had bad experiences with all breed shows, especially regarding judge choices. We decided to do standalone.

- Reasons to consider different time of year: costs—banquet, airfare higher, hotels higher.

- Other shows: York, PA; Ft. Worth, Atlanta specialties; HOA mid-March

- Timeline for discussion: earliest would be 2027. We're voting on 2027 judges in 4/25. Need to concern about people losing puppy eligibility.

Tammy Linnert will check it out and come back with more information.

Terry Walb handed out a business calendar draft.

We need to change the main DSA password for the website and ECWID.

**MOTION 25-009B:** Information Technology committee will change DSA passwords for main DSA accounts: website, Gmail, Google Drive, ECWID in January when the new board is seated starting in 2025.

Terry Walb move, Rodney Martin 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Adjourn 3:34 pm

#### **DSA January Membership Meeting - Monday, January 20, 2025 6:40 pm**

Zoom (due to weather)

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm

Present: Cathy An, Pam Buhl, Jan Cherne, Donna Dannen, Dan Elvera, Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tammy Linnert, Cheryl Martin, Rodney Martin, Christine Maslin-Cole, Lorrie McAllister, Julie Morris, Heidi "Scooter" Nieman, Valerie Passmore, Rachel Paulson, Connie Rudd, Michele Schmitt, Shanan Streweler, Colin Veerkemp, Terry Walb, Sue Wangerin, Lori Johnson

Guest: Joe Trojan

#### **President: Martha Lageschulte**

We should try to include everyone, lots of people are interested in learning. Reach out. It was good to see lots of members learning new jobs at agility trial

#### **Vice President: Terry Walb**

No new applications.

#### **Recording Secretary: Lorrie McAllister**

We're now doing check in sheets for the membership meetings. I've done a six month summary of attendance.

#### **Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert**

I sent list of new officers to AKC.

#### **Treasurer: Pam Buhl**

Profit and Loss reports for specialty and agility trial will be available next time.

Pam —reached out to members not yet renewing. One person not renewing because of move.

**MOTION 25-010:** Extend deadline to pay dues until 1/31/25. Pam move, Rodney Martin 2nd Passed.

General Fund, \$17,894.27

Rescue Fund, \$12,600.04

CD \$ 20,495.24

#### **Agility: Terry Walb**

This was our 20th trial and there was a good vibe, and it was successful in spite of the weather. Thanks to Martha Lageschulte for keeping things moving. Chris Maslin-Cole and Donna Dannen headed up hospitality. Martha Lageschulte and Pam Arnold were great at making sure workers

got to their correct posts and got worker coupons. There was lots of praise for the number of club members.

At the trial this year we had more MACH (Master Agility Champion) and PACH (Preferred Agility Champion) titles earned than we have ever had. We had 5 along with an AGCH (Agility Grand Champion).

Melissa Whittingslow from CO Springs worked all day both days! Our aspiring photographers, Trace and Savannah Martin, were there taking lots of candid shots. They have promised to share them with me. When I get the photos, a link will be posted so everyone to be able to see them.

We want to mentor future agility trial chairs! Rodney and Cheryl Martin are interested in learning.

This is Helen Hittesdorf's last year as trial secretary. Looking for new secretary. Terry W. is working with Marthak Lageschulte—one looks hopeful.

#### **Awards: Kristi Schopfer**

Kris has agreed to continue to chair annual awards. No report.

#### **Cheer: Donna Dannen**

Created card for Helen Hittesdorf with we had cake and water bottle gift (that Lori Elvera made). Thanks to club members and Donna D. for time and talent—members expressed how much it was appreciated.

#### **Legislative Liaisons: Pam Buhl/Lorrie McAllister**

CFDO and AKC PAC dues and donation are important. This year a busy one. Pam and Lorrie will work on getting a list of representatives for our members, perhaps to be published on website? List of relevant proposals—Lorrie M. to keep updated. We'll post on FaceBook. There's also an NAIA list

#### **FastCAT: Tammy Linnert**

Trial just opened and already we have 200 entries. Volunteer sign-up sheet will go out tomorrow with job descriptions. We'll be accepting worker coupons for entries. Volunteers are needed:

Catching and releasing dogs, Timing, Hold dogs for multiple dog owners

Trial has been posted on website and FastCAT events page

#### **Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen**

Donna proposed that we abolish that office because so much material is on line.

DSA will decide the disposition of materials over the next year

Terry Walb reminded us that we will ask our membership how they want to see materials disbursed.

Donna will create inventory when it's warmer.

Some of the options to be considered include: offer to membership for purchase? Donate to Rex of White Way library with website index? SCA archives? Maybe some books for DSA silent auction? Sell some to greater dog world—make money?

#### **Information Technology: Terry Walb**

At the January planning meeting, the board created a new more comprehensive committee including the Website, Google Drive, WhatsApp and similar technologies. Terry Walb is the chair, with JoDee Putnins as the assistant chair. Lorrie McAllister and Lori Elvera are also on this committee.

One of the tasks for the committee will be ensuring access for members who need it to work on committees and projects. Let JP or TW know if you need access.

IT standards recommend changing passwords frequently.

We will begin changing passwords each year. This does not affect individual user passwords. We will be refreshing content on the website.

One of the goals for this year is to put some new photos out on the website. Lorrie McAllister and Lori Elvera will be heading up this process. If you have any photos that you would like to enter for consideration, please contact one of those ladies.

#### **Hospitality/Summer Picnic: Linda Kitzman & Pam Buhl**

Should we have a B match for Samoyeds? We would need to file paperwork with AKC, match qualifies as education. Trophies for top wins? There would be no major difference from our informal practice show for exhibitors, except there may be an entry fee. Only BOB and BOS would be chosen. We'd need to find a judge—will most likely be a prospective AKC judge.

Date TBD—We need to consider dates of other AKC conformation shows. 5/31-6/1, 6/28-29 don't conflict with conformation shows.

Sterne Park availability? Jan Cherne will check with South Suburban. UPDATE: Jan has secured Sterne Park.

#### **Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert**

We will probably have the next one at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Lakewood. We had 41 reservations, 6 people didn't show. We did hit our minimum dollar requirement.

#### **2024 Specialty - Cheryl Martin**

Ginger Sammonds and Lorraine were great!

#### **2025 Specialty - JoDee Putnins**

Martha Lageschulte reported for JoDee.

Theme "Sammies in Wonderland".

- We will raise entry fees to be comparable

to other clubs. \$30 for first entry with \$25 for additional entries.

- We added a Brace class to try in 2025.
- Trophy book will be available for following year (2026). Encourage 2025 winners to pick up trophy for 2026.
- We will pay stewards, \$30 for obedience/rally, \$35 conformation for one day, \$75 for conformation both days. No gifts.
- Sweepstakes judges will not be offered a hotel room.

Contracts for judges are in, Douglas County Fairgrounds contract is done.

Linda Kitzman: Specialty Photographer discussion—Patrick Aspinall. A wildlife/nature professional photographer who shows Cane Corsos. He is on FaceBook, from Bailey. Donna Dannen will contact.

### **Public Education**

Rachel Paulson will not do it this year. Job description is to be a liaison with other events that could incorporate education like the picnic. Grooming seminar? B match would count. We could publicize via FaceBook Colorado Dog Events—publicize that it's Sammies only. Greeley KC activities for performance weekend too.

### **Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte**

If you see an article or have idea for it, contact Martha.

Glossary—will be published periodically in SOG. Alphabet soup! Start next month. CH, GCH, CD, etc.

Martha needs materials by first of month

### **Social Media: Lori Elvera & Pam Buhl**

They can help you make fun, attractive flier for events. Make the post public on your personal page first, then post to other pages (Sammies in CO). Lori Elvera will create cheat sheet. Lori E and Pam can help with promotion.

### **Rescue: Sue Wangerin**

DSR received \$475 donations and three applications to adopt. Several pups and adults have been referred for adoption.

Lori Elvera questioned whether to list Sue with AKC, since we're no longer fostering and not doing White Pine collar sales—YES! Rescue stays very busy with referrals and applications

### **Old Business**

Committee Chair Reports: Due to Martha Lageschulte by end of January.

Job Descriptions: First draft is due by March meeting. Should include time commitment, key tasks, experience, skills.

By-laws: need to revisit and change language for

AKC recommendations; submit DSA application before having to attend required meetings; and staggered board terms to reinforce board experience. Need interested members for review.

### **New Business**

Lori Elvera received a Thank you note from judge Cheri Hollenback.

Donation was requested for the AKC PAC.

**MOTION 25-011:** Donate \$100 to AKC PAC. Lori Elvera moved, 2nd Donna Dannen. Passed.

AKC's political representation benefits all of us, and particularly purebred dogs. We need a strong advocate.

Lori Elvera reminded attendees about King Soopers reward program where DSA receives a percentage, e.g. \$300-400 per quarter. Contact Pam Buhl or see Sam-O-Gram.

Increasing DSA Participation (Lorrie McAllister):

I'd like to head a project gathering input from members on how to make DSA more appealing to participate in.

- Feedback-Lori Elvera wants to check in with members.
- We can prepare talking points with work group via email and Zoom.
- Member contact needs to be a personal approach, like phone calls.
- Lorrie M., Linda Kitzman, and Donna Dannen are each willing to call 4 people with a short informal survey. Lori Elvera later said she would help too.

### **2025 Specialty**

We are considering holding a junior showmanship class both days. JoDee Putnins is following up on what's involved. What's the benefit to them and to us? Investment in club and breed. More money for trophies and ribbons, but maybe more juniors get involved?

Rodney suggested non-breeder judges for juniors at DSA specialty. All breed judge would be more fair. We would have to pay another judge. We are waiting to see what JoDee P. learns.

Donna Dannen was concerned about class length on Saturday.

### **Barks 'n Growls**

Linda Kitzman: At the Samoyed Club of San Diego Specialty in Palm Springs, my girl, "Dior" (Wintermist's Dressing For Revenge) finished her championship by going WB/BOW for a major under breeder Judge Kathy Ronald. Then the next day at the Samoyed Club of LA Dior went Best In Sweepstakes under breeder Judge Anita O'Berg. Special thanks to Brielle for handling Dior! My other girl, "Shelby" (Wintermist's Wildest Dreams), went WB/BOW and Best Bred-by Exhibitor under breeder Judge Erica Flahaut for a major win! The next day at the kennel club of Palm Springs Dior was

moved up and took Select under Judge Roberta Davies. Then the last day "Shelby" took WB/BOW for a major to finish her championship under Judge Leslie Hiltz!

Brielle Bolena:Thurs-Samoyed Club of San Diego specialty Reserve Best Junior Handler  
Fri-Samoyed Club of Los Angeles Specialty Best Junior Handler

Sat-Palm Springs KC "Eira" was Winners Bitch for a 4 point major to become NEW Champion  
Saratoga's Chasing Snowflakes BCAT TKN for her 4th major win from the bred by class.

Sun-Palm Springs KC - Best Junior Handler with Eira!!!

Heidi Nieman: \*GCHB Saratoga's Catching Snowflakes CGC TKA "Nessie" was Best of Opposite Sex at the Samoyed Club of Los Angeles Specialty in Palm Springs

Martha Lageschulte: Capella finished her Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers titles in style with three 1st placements at the DSA agility trial.

Adjourn Julie move, Terry 2nd 8:28 pm.

### **DSA Special Board Meeting - Sunday, January 26, 2025**

Zoom

Meeting called to order 4:00 pm

Present: Martha Lageschulte, Pam Buhl, Donna Dannen, Rodney Martin, Tammy Linnert, Julie Morris, Terry Walb, Linda Kitzman, Lorrie McAllister

Guest: Sue Wangerin

Since Kent Dannen has passed away, we are helping ensure that the dogs are cared for. Kent Dannen's three dogs need assistance from DSA/DSR.

One female, Grace, is currently with the show handler, Wendy Oelrich and her husband Barry. Wendy is not clear on DSR's role. Sue has not spoken with Wendy. Donna has spoken with her.

The two male dogs, Light and Moses, are at the vets office/boarding in Estes Park. All three are littermates approximately 10 ½ years old.

We've identified a potential adopter (Joe) interested in Light, who has sister Luna. Joe wants to make sure he is healthy before committing.

Kent's sister Debbie is concerned about expenses like food, boarding.

Grooming will be done by Shanan Streweler.

DSR limit is \$1,000 without board approval.

Moses' status is unclear—there may be interest, but we need to clarify his health and his needs. He is already neutered, but was injured in a car accident.

Vet in Estes Park can do bloodwork and health evaluations.

Grace has a potential adopter, Jane, in Pagosa Springs, and either Debbie or Wendy is contacting. Any transaction would be between Debbie and Jane.

**MOTION 25-012B:** DSR is authorized to spend up to \$5000 for the veterinary assessment, grooming and expenses required to prepare to place Light and Moses in new homes

Lorrie McAllister moved, Tammy 2nd. Motion passed.

Anticipated Expenses:

- Food
- Boarding
- Light—veterinary evaluation and neutering. Grooming.
- Moses—vet evaluation. Grooming.

We will re-evaluate DSA's involvement after assessments and grooming. Julie Yamane (Ft. Collins area, well known AKC rally judge) has an excellent network of adoption contacts and rehab resources. She's willing to work with Moses. Boarding would likely be at Susan Schwartz' kennel, rehab with Julie's contact at a discount. Cost? Boarding more expensive than vet (vet is \$30/day?).

Sue will get in touch with vet tomorrow.

Light—Vet will evaluate, then Shanan will groom ASAP, then Joe visits? Joanne or Donna can transport dog to/from Estes Park.

Moses—time frame a little less certain.

We want to ensure that emergency contact info on the renewal form/application form. There is a spot for emergency contact on second applicant.

Pam wants members to give info to friends. Linda wants to keep the info on Google Drive in a folder with board access—encourage for all members.

More effective than putting it in a will. Immediate access.

Adjourn 4:53 pm



# TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 1/31/2025

## GENERAL FUND

### INCOME

Agility Trial	
Entry Fees	9,721.00
Entry Refund	-231.00
Judge's Fees	-2,495.18
Recording Fee	-2,446.50
Rental Equipment	-1,100.00
Rental Fee	-843.75
TOTAL Agility Trial	2,604.57
FastCAT Income	
Jackets	-280.17
Ribbons	-238.56
TOTAL FastCAT Income	-518.73
Local Specialty	
Rental & Cleanup Fees	-31.68
Trophies	1,380.00
TOTAL Local Specialty	1,348.32
Membership	
Dues	554.00
TOTAL Membership	554.00
Ways & Means	
Grocery Certificates	381.96
TOTAL Ways & Means	381.96
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4,370.12</b>

### EXPENSES

Credit Card Fees	58.13
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>58.13</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 4,311.99**

## RESCUE FUND

### INCOME

Donation to DSR	200.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>200.00</b>

### EXPENSES

Credit Card Fees	5.98
Rescue Misc	
Supplies	1,251.73
TOTAL Rescue Misc	1,251.73
Rescue Misc Grooming	370.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,627.71</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL -1,427.71**

It was with much sadness that we learned of the loss of long time DSA member Kent Dannen in January. Kent left behind 3 dogs which Denver Samoyed Rescue helped place, after paying for grooming and vet care.

If you would like to make a donation to Denver Samoyed Rescue in Memory of Kent,

Donations can be made through PayPal to:  
samoyedrescue@msn.com

# **FAST AND FURIOUS**

## **AKC Fast CAT Event**

**HOSTED BY THE DENVER SAMOYED ASSOCIATION**

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**FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> - MAR 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025**

**9A-3P**

**ARAPAHOE PARK**

*4450 Indiana St.  
Golden, CO, 80403*

***Entries open 1/17 at 8am MST***

***Pre-entries close 2/14 at 9pm MST***

*Day of test entries may be available based on space*



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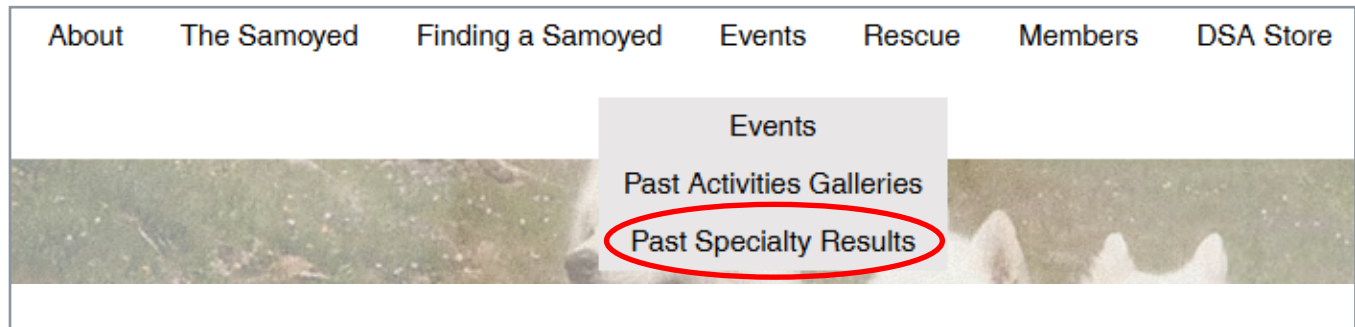


## WEBSITE HINT OF THE MONTH

DSA has updated their site in the recent past ([denversamoyed.org](http://denversamoyed.org)) and we will be sharing the information that is available for members and hints on how to access and use the content.


Did you know that you can view the win photos from all past specialties on the Website?

Go to the Events Page – Past Specialty Results



Pick the Specialty you would like to view (They are listed latest to earliest)

### Past Specialty Results



**#43 December 1, 2024**

Show Chair: Cheryl Martin, JoDee Putnins | Judge Liaison: Lorrie McAllister | Judge: Cheri Hollenback

Click on the Photo

A new window will open.

Click on any text in purple to view. You will find Individual Win Photos, Specialty Results and the Group Photo.

### #43 December 1, 2024

Updated: Dec 6, 2024

#### 2024 Specialty Results

##### Group Photo

Best of Breed	<a href="#">GCHS Millcreek's On A Starquest BCAT, CGC, TKN.</a>	Pat Griffin, Martha Lageschulte.
Best of Winners	<a href="#">Wintermist's Wildest Dreams.</a>	Linda Kitzman.
Best Opposite Sex	<a href="#">GCH CH Starquest's Heart &amp; Spirit of Denali The Great One RI.</a>	Scott Deits, Linda Deits, Martha Lageschulte.
Select Dog	GCHB CH Sweet Ts Come And Knock On Our Door At Second Star RN CGC WS.	Garry and Susan Bost, Roberto Santiago.
Select Bitch	<a href="#">GCH CH Cloudnine's When You Smile That Smile.</a>	Bob & Ann Hochworter, Janet Cherne.



## **BE PREPARED!**

Margaret DiCorleto, AKC Delegate for the Chow Chow Club

All Breed Clubs Committee

No one wants to think about getting old or sick, but as responsible dog owners, we must think about what would happen to our dogs if we became incapacitated or died. Everyone should have a written plan for how to care for their dogs in the event of an accident, illness, or death. Share this plan with the significant people in your life! Every day we hear about dogs that end up homeless or confiscated because the owner couldn't care for them. **Do not assume that family members will be willing or able to take on the responsibility of caring for your beloved pets!**

### **Plan Ahead**

Regardless of your health today, have a plan for your dogs in the event of temporary or permanent disability or death. The best way to do this is with an attorney familiar with these issues, but even an online Power of Attorney form, properly witnessed, is better than nothing. Post Emergency Care and contact instructions in an easily found location in your home or kennel. Authorize AKC registration/ownership to be made on your behalf if you are incapacitated or dead.

When preparing an estate plan, pet owners often fail to include provisions that provide for their pet's care upon the owner's death. According to a January 2022 article by ABC News, the number of pets surrendered to shelters due to the declining health or death of a caretaker is up from 7.3% in 2009 to 10.2% during the pandemic. Many of these cases could have been avoided had the pet owner asked their attorney to prepare a pet trust

### **Including Your Pet in Your Will**

Once you have selected a caregiver for your pets, finalize the arrangement and include it in your will. This ensures that you are leaving formal instructions for who will take custody of the animals after your passing. You may also want to discuss setting up a trust with your attorney. This way you can leave behind funds for the caregiver to help cover the financial costs of caring for your pets.

### **What if Dogs Need Placement?**

Time is of the essence if you die! Establish and confirm who should be contacted if your dogs would need immediate care. If necessary, identify a breed rescue and provide contact information if you do not have family, friends or club members who would help. Make sure that health records are available for those assuming care of your dogs.

Your designated caregiver should be trustworthy, responsible, and be able to provide a safe environment. Consider selecting a backup caregiver as well. Life can be unpredictable and the original caregiver's circumstances might change and become unable to care for your pet(s).

The responsible individuals should have: 1) keys to the home and kennel where the dogs are housed



2) your veterinarian's contact information, and information provided by you regarding permanent care of the animals.

Make sure neighbors, friends, and relatives know the names and contact numbers of the individuals who have agreed to be emergency custodians. Emergency custodians should also know how to contact each other.

Post "In Case of Emergency" signs on doors or windows with the number and type of animals inside. These signs will alert emergency responders during a fire or other emergency.

**Inside the home and any kennel building** post a listing of the emergency contacts. Inside the home attach a pet emergency packet to the refrigerator, or other prominent location. A copy of a Pet Care Durable Power of Attorney and/or Pet Trust document (if in place) should be included.

**Summary:** As difficult as it may be to think about, there's a chance your dogs might outlive you or you die unexpectedly. What happens to pets when their owners die and there is no plan in place? Thousands of pets are placed in animal shelters every year when their owner passes away. It is estimated that the exact number is between [100,000 and 500,000 animals per year](#). Of those, roughly 60 percent end up being euthanized when an adequate home cannot be found. Is that the outcome you want for your dogs?

**Please plan ahead.**

**AKC has a form "In Case of an Emergency"** ([https://images.akc.org/pdf/emergency\\_info](https://images.akc.org/pdf/emergency_info))

**Print one out for each of your dogs and post.**

Below is a link to our Best Practices for At Risk situations. This applies to clubs and how they can be helpful to individuals in "risky" situations.

[Best Practices for At Risk Situations.docx](#)

# In Case of an Emergency

Who would take care of your dog if you were hurt and unable to do so? To make sure vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to fill out this emergency information sheet.

List two or three people as contacts in case of emergency. Include the contact's name, address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement, which gives immediate custody of your dog to a designated individual with that individual's consent. Notify that individual of his or her responsibility, and put his or her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information sheet.

Attach a recent photo of your dog to the information sheet to help others locate your dog if it should wander off.

Put the information sheet on your refrigerator or other prominent spot in your house. You may also want to keep similar information in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the sheet to provide necessary care.

## Emergency Pet Information

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of food, dishes, biscuits, medication: \_\_\_\_\_

The following people will care for my dog in case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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