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Perception is Reality

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Perception Is Reality – How we are shooting ourselves in the foot with the public

When I worked for GE Commercial Finance, I had a boss that loved to say "Perception is reality." He used it in nearly every team meeting we had, and even sent out surveys to our own internal customers asking them for feedback on how our team, and team members, were perceived. Since I'm a computer programmer, the bar is set pretty low for interpersonal skills, but I'd like to think of myself as the exception to that rule, and always went out of my way to be very social with the departments I wrote applications for, and to explain to the users what the programs did. (Lets face it; most computer programmers would prefer a dark basement, some Star Trek DVDs, and a couple of slices of pizza to the thought of having a conversation with a "real" person.) For over a year, nearly all of my surveys came back with glowing reviews, but then I got one with very low scores, and the comment "Scot gave me exactly what I needed, and it works perfectly, but he consistently talked down to me, and made me feel stupid." I didn't give it much thought, but my boss printed the comment and taped it next to my computer. He explained his ac-

tions by saying, "9 out of 10 people may love you, but that 10th person will spread their negative opinion more strongly to others who don't know you than the other 9 combined. Perception is reality."

When you think about it, it makes sense. The last time you had a good meal at a restaurant, how many people did you tell? Probably a couple. But, I bet the last time you had a terrible dining experience, you told everyone you knew that could possible ever eat there. If this meal was during a dog show weekend, you probably told everyone near your set up, your fellow exhibitors, and maybe a couple of judges too. Right about now you are thinking, "What does this have to do with dog shows?" Good question. The answer is **EVERYTHING!** If you haven't noticed, the AKC is in a Public Relations battle with not only PETA, but dozens of other dog registries, and many high powered state/local politicians. Right or wrong, the perception the general public has of us is their reality. *You can't talk Public Relations, without using the word PUBLIC.* (I have a feeling that "Public Relations" will be quite the buzz word to the new Board of Directors, as it should be.)

This PR battle begins and ends on the front line. A front line that isn't in a far away country or on Capitol Hill, but one that is found at every dog show, next to every ring, all over the United States. The problem is that, as dog show participants, we stand on BOTH sides of this line...and John Q. Public is caught in the middle.

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Special points of interest:

- * **Weight Pull clinic and benefit a Huge Success! See Page 4**
- * **Vote for Judges at April Meeting. See page 3 for list of nominees.**
- * **Specialty Match date August 8 - See page 7**

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Meeting Minutes

03/16/09 - Membership Meeting

Present: Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tom Lisec, Mary Lloyd, Rachel Paulson, Thalia Peletis, Kim Perry, Bob and Debi Sencenbaugh, Michele Sottile, Chris Stewart, Terry Walb, Sue Wangerin, Marijean Zacha

Guests: Karriann Hallam

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Lori Elvera.

President's Report: Lori Elvera: We have a few vacancies that need filled. It has been recommended that we break up each one of the events up for Hospitality so that it is not so much for one person. For hospitality we need the Local Specialty, Picnic, Christmas Party and Agility. Volunteers are as follows: Christmas Party – Michelle; Picnic,-Marijean; Agility – Lori; Local Specialty –open. Marijean has the boxes with the hospitality supplies in it. Mary Lloyd volunteered to the 2010 Designated Specialty.

Vice President's Report: Michelle Sottile: Michelle has looked into regulations regarding membership, voting members in and denying membership. In AKC it says that denying membership must be by secret ballot and all procedures for processing such applications must be followed. The only information to be given to the person applying is that they were denied. We are not go give them any other information. Michelle had made up some ballots to be used for membership. Discussion surrounding our bylaws took place. Since we are an AKC club and there is nothing in our bylaws stating otherwise this would default to AKC rules.

Secretary's Report: Terry Walb: No Report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Martha Lageschulte for Jane Reller: A letter was received from AKC saying that an officer needs to sign the application. This has been done.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lisec:

As of 03/16/09 our combined assets are \$36,785, and so far we have earned \$592 in profit from grocery certificates. We have not received the check from Plum Creek Kennel Club yet and we have earned a profit of \$2683 from the agility trial. Our tax return has been sent to Ed. See Treasurers report for details.

Committee Reports-

Agility – Martha Lageschulte for Jane Reller: As soon as AKC has the calendar set for next year Jane will start contacting judges and getting paperwork submitted.

Awards – Mary Lloyd:

There are still some of the corrected tags that need to be handed out. Mary will mail them out. Additional tags are \$3.50 a piece and

payable to Mary Lloyd. The recognition ad is in. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make it smoother please contact Thalia.

Breeder Referral – Kathi Metter:

Continue to let Kathi know about puppies. No Report

Cheer - Terry Walb

It has been a pretty sad month. I have sent: Get well cards to Andi Mast and Mary Lloyd Sympathy cards to Marnie Grube and Deb Sencenbaugh, Loss of Dog card to Mary Carlson Encouragement cards to Bob and Andi Mast and Jan Cherne. Birthday cards have been sent. Thank you note to Starbucks for donation of coffee for the agility trial . Please let Terry know of anyone who should be sent cards.

Designated Specialty 2009 – Mary Lloyd:

Our 2009 Designated Specialty is a perfect example of "if at first you don't succeed, try try again" and "Third time is a charm." Our original show chair, Deb Sencenbaugh needed to take more time to deal with family needs, our second show chair was confined to her couch with an infected food and unable to attend, so our DSA President, Lori Elvera, stepped in and finished the job. Lori also provided transportation and lodging for our Sweepstakes judge and took care of hospitality.

We had 13 sweepstakes entries for judge Karen Brooks and 52 entries for Plum Creek/ Designated Specialty Judge Jane Poppolo. We have not received the check from Plum Creek so final financials will be reported after the check is received.

Future Considerations:

- Have the procedural guide critiqued and upgraded
- Obtain required accuracy and timelines, particularly in regard to the printing of the Premium list.
- Absolute clarification from PCKC regarding trophies must be agreed upon.

It was suggested that we work with Michelle Schmidt to streamline the process

Discussion and clarification regarding trophies took place. DSA has always supplied and paid for the trophies for the Designated Specialty. Sometimes we would just pay PCKC for the trophies they chose and some sometimes we would buy our own. It is up to the show chair to make this decision based on the trophies PCKC have chosen but keep it in the same dollar range.

Historian/Librarian – Tom Lisec:

Please contact Tom if anyone would like to borrow something from the library.

Hospitality – volunteer needed:

See President's report

Programs – Mary Lloyd/Tom Lisec:

Any ideas for programs are welcome. There is a novice pull/clinic weight pull this weekend that is very Sammy friendly. It is a fund raiser for Jane Reller. It will be a IWPA sanctioned pull followed by the clinic. Bob will be hosting a practice at his home on Wednesday evening at 530 for those who are interested in getting a head start. The pull is sponsored by Four Paws and Company.

We had a herding clinic on Saturday. Bob and Debbie were there with 4 dogs; Mary Powell was there to socialize her puppy and brought a friend. We got to see several different types of dogs and their different herding styles.

Public Education – Michele Sottile:

Buckhorn Kennel Club sent out a flyer asking if we want to be part of Meet the Breed. We discussed the set up and who we would be talking with. A decision was made not to participate.

Sam-O-Gram/Web Site – Thalia Peletis:

SOG deadline first of the month. Results of the Local Specialty and Designated Specialty are out on the website.

Sammy Rescue – Deb Castro, Andi Mast and Thalia Peletis:

We are lucky enough to not have any dogs in rescue at this time.

We now have our display at Blue Springs, so if you have puppy owners who train there and need some supplies have them check out the display. We have received our first proceeds check and have earned \$60.00.

We also received a \$225.00 check from PetSmart for Santa Paws and a check from Igive for \$35.00

We do monitor the shelters on our website and many of the dogs to not become part of DSR.

Specialty Match 2009–Rachel Paulson:

It will take place on August 8, 2009 at 8AM at Sterne Park.

'09 Local Specialty – Martha Lageschulte.

We have a contract with the photographer, the show secretary, and all of the judges. Secretary. A volunteer is needed for hospitality.

10 Local Specialty – Open:

No Report

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Guidelines were discussed for posts for the DSA Yahoo group. Thalia and Martha will work on a list of do's and don'ts.

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Meeting Minutes

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We were contacted by a lady who would like to advertise in the news letter. Martha reported that we had been approached in the past regarding advertisements and a decision was made at that time not to do advertising due to the cost of printing the advertisements and increased postage. After discussion a motion was made by Michelle Sottile to not allow advertising in the SOG. Motion was seconded by Thalia. Motion was passed.

Tom has looked into liability of DSA and animal rights legislation. DSA is allowed to participate as a club to make donations and to lobby. Is this something the club wants to entertain or should we continue on as we are now. The only restriction is that we track our expenses. Deb Sencenbaugh made a motion to create a legislative committee. Linda seconds the motion. It was passed. Deb Sencenbaugh volunteered to chair the committee.

Annual donation amounts were discussed:

- Thalia made a motion to increase our donation to SCARF to \$200.00 for dogs that are lost during the year, as long as reserves are adequate. Deb seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Thalia made a motion to increase the donation that we make to SCA for trophies from \$50.00 to \$100.00 as long as reserves are adequate. Linda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The donation to the church is \$125.00 to \$150.00. Agreed to keep the same.

Martha was approached by the Rottweiler National Committee and asked if DSA would take over and run their three day agility trial taking place April 9- 11, 2010 in Greeley. Discussion took place and a decision to decline was made.

The new working sweepstakes rules were discussed. Thalia made a motion to approve the new rules effective 2009 and beyond. Deb

Sencenbaugh seconded. Motion passed. Thank you Martha for chairing this committee.

Nominations for 2010 judges:

Martha made a motion to use one judge for puppy, veteran and working sweeps. Bob seconded the motion. Motion Failed.

The following nominations were made:

Breed

Lea Benson
Annella Cooper
Linda Sparks
Kathy Bube
Audrey Lycan
Kathy Mackai
Larry Machai
Sherry Webster
Jeanne Nonhof
Judy Elford
Jennifer Brown

Puppy/Veterans

Diane Garcia
Marion McNeil
Jan Warner
Gail Campbell
Sharon Johnson
Tina Oswald

Working

Beth Tallentire
Walter Hermann
Louis Thompson
Brenda Valletta
Shannon Streweler

Marijean asked about Colorado doing a donation for the auction at the National. She will look into possibly doing a scooter theme and bring information back next month.

Barks and Growls:

Thalia won the raffle for the grocery certificate.

Bob and Debi Sencenbaugh – Starchey's Moonlight Rumor WSX "Arrow" and Ch. Galaxies Prime Directive "Journey" both passed their

first leg of Herding Instinct at Herding on Saturday 3/14 and then on Sunday 3/15 Arrow pulled 2275 lbs at the 17th Annual St. Patrick Day Pull. It was 38 times his body weight.

Mary Lloyd – BISS Ch Storm Cloud HIC "Twister"

- BOB both days at Abeline KC under judges PA Smith and Col Purkhiser
- BOB GP III both days at Hobbs KC under judges B Capstick and J Brown
- BOB at Peak to Peak KC shown by Shanana Steweler under judge Ms Sharon Cook
- BISS at DSA Designated Specialty shown by Shanana Steweler under judge Jane Roppolo
- BOB GP III at Garden City KC shown by Shanana Steweler under judge Patricia Hess
- BOB GP II at the Garden City KN shown by Shanana Steweler under judge Lenora M Riddle
- BOB at Garden City KC shown by Shanana Steweler under judge Ralph J (Sonny) Ambrosio

Rachel Paulson – RBD Saratoga's Sugar Magnolia "Maggie" was Winner's Bitch at Plum Creek Kennel Club with a 4 point Major under judge Jane Roppolo.

Terry Walb – Cloudnine's Attitude Matters "Tude" was RSB at Garden City on Friday under judge Patricia Hess and WB on Saturday and Sunday under judges Lenora Riddle and Ralph Ambrosio

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Committee Budgets are Due!

Attention Committee Chairs!

Estimated budgets are due to the President by the April meeting

The report should include your committee's anticipated income and expenses for this year. Think about the goals your committee plans on accomplishing this year to help you prepare your budget.

Copies of your committee's previous year's financial report can be found on the club's website in the Member's Only Section >> Treasury Reports: http://www.denversamoyed.org/_dsaprivate/strpmm.htm

Membership Roster Updates

Barbara Arnest

New Email

barbaraarnest@q.com

Donna Dannen

New Addresses

28221 Bonanza Drive
Evergreen, CO 80439
tundrawinds@me.com

A new Membership Roster may be downloaded from the Members Only section on our website www.denversamoyed.org

Weight Pull Clinic & Competition & Benefit a Success

I just wanted to share with you all and to thank a lot of great people.

This weekend we hosted the first Four Paws Spring Fling weight pull in Longmont, Colorado. We had two days of IWPA sanctioned weight pulls and one Novice / Clinic weight pull. We had a lot of Sams show up and you can look for an article in the DSA newsletter and one in the Bulletin with pictures of the great group of dogs there.

A very special thank you has to go out to these very special people:

Bob and Andi Mast, Bob worked as a sled marshal at all three pulls, Andi was our announcer for all three pulls.

Butch and Terry Walb, I never saw Butch slow down he was always lifting and carrying and Terry never stopped either.

Thalia Peletis used her computer skills to record the event and straighten out my excel spread sheet.

Lori and Dan Elvera help register and weigh dogs back up and relieve the sled marshals and keep things moving.

Marnie Grube was there all weekend helping and took over for Thalia on Sunday as re-

cord.

Jamie Powell and Marijean Zacha helped all day Saturday and even made sure I got fed.

Sally Wheeler was running errands and helping all weekend.

Pam Arnold was helping filled in wherever needed.

Terry Hicks-Anderson worked as a sled marshal on Saturday.

Debbie Sencenbaugh substituted for Terri as a sled marshal on Saturday.

Anyway thanks to this great group and all of the folks that brought their dogs out either for the Sanctioned pull or for the clinic, we had a great time and it was a very successful weekend. As I said in the title this was a benefit pull, we were raising money and when all was said and done we are going to be able to present Jane Reller with a check for \$2,000.

Thank you again, without all your hard work this would never have happened.

Thank you Thank you.

Bob
Samoyed Participants in this weekend's

Sanctioned Weight Pull:

Marnie Grube & Lacey
Sally Wheeler & Maji
Bob Sencenbaugh & Arrow

Novice Pull:

Marijean Zacha & Keet
Jamie Powell & Chena
Lorrie McAllister & Chase
Terry Walb & Mattie & Tude
Butch Walb & Splash
Dan Elvera & Vail
Lori Elvera & Kaelin
Pam Arnold & Sadie
Sally Wheeler & Keisha & Sashya



**We Pulled
Together for Jane!**



Left to Right: Terri Hicks-Anderson, Marnie Grube, Marijean Zacha, Jamie Powell, Pam Arnold, Debbie Sencenbaugh, Lorrie McAllister (sitting), Andi Mast, Lori Elvera, Bob Mast, Terry Walb, Butch Walb, Bob Sencenbaugh, Thalia Peletis and Sally Wheeler.
Not pictured but present: Michele & Cody Sottile, Dan & Nicholas Elvera, and on Sunday, our guest of honor Jane Reller and hubby Michael Prewitt.

Weight Pull Clinic & Competition & Benefit a Success



Sally & Keisha



Lorrie & Chase



Jamie & Chena



Lori & Kaelin



Pam & Sadie



Marnie & Lacey



Weigh-In



Bob & Arrow



Sled Marshal Bob taking a well-deserved break



Timing the pulls

Thank You

April 7, 2009

Dear Participants in the IWPA Longmont Weight Pull,

I don't think I will ever be able to properly express my appreciation to Bob and Debbie Sencenbaugh, the DSA members who participated and helped, and to the other IWPA members who competed. We came by on Sunday morning to see how things were going and the DSA members commented that they had lots of fun and learned a lot at the Novice and clinic and pull on the previous day.

I hope that we've got some new weight pull enthusiasts within our ranks now. It is lots a fun and for the

dogs who do enjoy the pulling, it gives them another avenue to expend their unlimited energy.

Michael have picked out a really 3-night stay at a nice bed and breakfast west of Colorado Springs in Woodland Park. We are so looking forward to a long weekend the anniversary we weren't sure we would actually see. Your support of us and our situation means so much us. We could not be more grateful to have such a nice group of people in our lives.

Thank you again for your support, love, and prayers.

Jane Reller and Michael Prewitt.



Jane and Michael on their wedding day
April 26, 2008

Perception is Reality

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"Can I pet your dog?"... "Is that dog fast?"... "Is this a greyhound?"... "My brother has a Golden Retriever that looks just like this."... "Do you ever put a Sherlock Homes hat on the bloodhound, and fake pipe in its mouth?"... "If your dog were a football player, what position would he play?"... "Guess how much I can bench press."

Without a doubt, we have all heard questions and statements like that from a well-meaning spectator at a dog show. Our reply is what will either win us the PR war, or lose us everything we hold dear about showing dogs. Unfortunately, by the time this article is printed, both Westminster and the Chicago International Kennel Club shows will be over, and thousands of people will have either left with a positive experience, or a negative one. Those that left feeling good will tell a couple of people about the cute dogs they saw, or the Saint Bernard they got to touch. But, those that left having a negative experience will tell everyone they know about the "snobby dog show elitists", they will NOT care when the AKC comes under fire, they will NOT care when breed-specific laws are passed, or when PETA compares us to the KKK. The John Q Publics of the world will sit back and watch as laws are passed which limit our ability to own dogs, and they won't just watch, they will probably feel good about it, all because of a bad experience.

The challenge we all face, from big time handler to long time breeder to owner handler, is to provide the public a positive experience, to share with the public everything we love about showing dogs. Why do we do this? Why do we have the breeds we do? What is it about those breeds that we adore? Why do we like showing dogs? It only takes two minutes to influence their opinion...for the better or for the worse. Judging from the decline in entries, kennel club membership, and new exhibitors, we need to get a lot better.

You're knee-jerk reaction is most likely: "They should know better!" or "Why isn't the show giving club making announcement?" When the general public is at a dog show, they are in sensory overload, they are seeing dogs they have never been exposed to, they are seeing that their Cocker at home doesn't quite look like the Cockers at the show, and much like the masses walking through a mall at Christmas time, they are just there in body, and might have checked their head at the door. After all, this is their family day together at a dog show. As far as announcements go, well, most of the time, the announcement is muffled or too quiet, and sounds much like Charlie Brown's teacher "Wah wah wah wah, wah, wah, wah."

"Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their image" - Goethe

As I sat at the St Paul shows, the first weekend of Jan, and watched the general public meander through the show building I was appalled at

how they were treated. The treatment ranged from slight disgust, to a reaction that seemed to be a cross of nausea and a bad allergic reaction to shell fish.

If you're a professional handler reading this, you're thinking that you have a string of dogs to show, or groom, or exercise, and you don't have time for "them". Although, I'm pretty sure that if you're able to text on your "Crackberry", while clipping the PWD, all while listening to your Ipod, you're able to answer a few simple questions or at least smile politely. I realize that there isn't anything worse than having someone come up to as you are rushing to the ring to ask you questions, most likely it's a small child with a half melted chocolate ice cream cone and you just groomed your **Samoyed**. But, all it would take to give you peace is: "I'm about to go in the ring, catch me later today when I'm done showing." That answer resolves your issue of sticky fingers on nicely quaffed fur, but also gives John Q Public the perception that they will eventually get 30 seconds of your time.

Last year at the International, my wife (a professional handler) gave me the job of "handling the public." Once we were done for the day, while she exercised the dogs, I pulled the Saint Bernard out of his crate, put him on the grooming table, and let everyone and their brother take pictures or pet him, or just look at him. (He had a temperament which fit that task, and his owner actually took pride that Harvey was our ambassador to the public.) It was a small, sim-

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ple action, which drew quite a crowd, and hopefully gave them all a fun end to their day at the dog show. You know what questions they are going to ask you. What's his name? What kind of dog is it? Does he eat a lot? Being a professional handler is a lot of work, it's incredibly tiring, both mentally and physically...but try to remember, that to these people, to the people asking you these questions, you and your dog are the most fascinating thing in their world at that moment.

You may have just finished 3rd out of 2...but to the child asking to pet your dog...your dog is the most beautiful animal in their world. You may be tired, cranky, and no longer have an "indoor voice", but to them you will be remembered for your actions. If you're a breeder, or owner handler, you should love the fact that someone is taking an interest in your breed or

the dog you are showing. After all, that's how you got started, right? At some point, you too were the "public" asking all kinds of silly questions, and hoping someone would answer them for you. I look back on how I got started in dogs. Just some guy who had never shown before, looking for a Vizla, and lucky enough to talk with Betty Anderson (She's got top ranked Vizlas!), taking lessons from the late judge, Lenny Schulman (Holy cow, a judge!), and from Michael Canalizo (I think he showed at Westminster!), watching my dog finish with Ron and Tigger Hahn (Real life professional handlers!). I was wide-eyed, and in awe of these people. They all shared one thing. They all had patience, knowledge, and a pure love for not only what they did, but for sharing their experiences. Thankfully, about 10 years ago, when I was "the public," those people gave me a positive dog world experience. There isn't a show that goes by that I don't think about some lesson that I learned from one of them, or the count-

less other folks that took the time to work with me.

If, we, as a dog show community are perceived as dog show snobs. If the general public looks at us, and perceives us to be rude, arrogant, and unwilling to answer their questions...then that is **THEIR** reality. When enough of the public have that same shared reality, then **OUR** reality will become one that does **NOT** include the AKC or dog shows at all, because at a time when we needed to win the PR battle, we were **too** busy to answer a few questions...we were **too** proud to let the "public" pet our dog...and we were **too** rude to care, that is until it was **too** late.

Just remember, the next time John Q. Public asks you if your Whippet is a greyhound, or if they can pet your dog...take the time to give them a good experience. After all, a little kindness goes a long way.

Specialty Match



Denver Samoyed Association, Inc. - Specialty B Match

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2009
Registration: 8:00 AM
Obedience: 9:00 AM
Conformation: Following obedience
Show Chair: Rachel Paulson
 303-935-0701 / samshinesam@msn.com

Competition open to all AKC registered Samoyeds over 3 months

Sterne Park, 5800 South Spotswood Street, Littleton

Take Santa Fe or Broadway to Littleton Blvd. From Santa Fe go east, from Broadway go west to Spotswood Street. Turn south on Spotswood and it dead ends at the park. We will be on the north side, east of the pond.



Judges: To Be Announced

Obedience classes include:

- Utility A
- Utility B
- Open A
- Open B
- Novice A
- Novice B

Conformation classes include:

- Puppy dogs/bitches 3 to 6 mo.
- Puppy dogs/bitches 6 to 9 mo.
- Puppy dogs/bitches 9 to 12 mo.
- Open dogs
- Open bitches
- Bred-by-exhibitor
- Junior Showmanship

Ribbons will be awarded for:

- High in trial
- Best of breed
- Best opposite sex to best of breed
- Best Junior

Microchip Clinic to Benefit Denver Samoyed Rescue

If you are interested in having your dog microchipped, please contact Andi Mast prior to the match at: loveoursams@msn.com or 303-450-7712.

DSA Member Cost*: \$25; Non-Member Cost: \$35. Cost includes the Home Again microchip and enrollment.
 *DSA member cost only applies to dogs that the member owns or co-owns.

DSA will provide a picnic lunch following the competition.

Please contact Marijean Zacha if you are able to help: 303-215-9922 / mazacha@aol.com

Treasury Report - As of March 31, 2009

General Fund						
Beginning General Fund Bank Balance			\$20,043.10			
Beginning General Fund Outstanding Checks (from 2008)			(\$344.73)			
Beginning Grocery Certificates Balance			\$0.00			
Total Beginning Balance			\$19,698.37			
Category	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2009 (2009 Committee Reports)		
	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Agility						
Entry Fees	\$10,929.00	\$432.00	\$10,497.00	\$10,929.00	\$432.00	\$10,497.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Food & Beverages	\$0.00	\$790.84	(\$790.84)	\$0.00	\$790.84	(\$790.84)
Judge's Fees	\$0.00	\$1,547.20	(\$1,547.20)	\$0.00	\$1,547.20	(\$1,547.20)
Judges Gifts	\$0.00	\$52.40	(\$52.40)	\$0.00	\$52.40	(\$52.40)
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$121.45	(\$121.45)	\$0.00	\$121.45	(\$121.45)
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$1,980.00	(\$1,980.00)	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	(\$2,250.00)
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$485.00	(\$485.00)	\$0.00	\$970.00	(\$970.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$135.11	(\$135.11)	\$0.00	\$135.11	(\$135.11)
Secretary Fees	\$0.00	\$1,446.96	(\$1,446.96)	\$0.00	\$1,446.96	(\$1,446.96)
Agility Total	\$10,929.00	\$7,490.96	\$3,438.04	\$10,929.00	\$8,245.96	\$2,683.04
Awards						
Plaques/Tags	\$0.00	\$156.78	(\$156.78)	\$0.00	\$156.78	(\$156.78)
SCA Bulletin Ad	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)	\$0.00	\$198.00	(\$198.00)
Award Total	\$0.00	\$354.78	(\$354.78)	\$0.00	\$354.78	(\$354.78)
Cheer						
Cards	\$0.00	\$86.66	(\$86.66)	\$0.00	\$86.66	(\$86.66)
Ink Cartridge	\$0.00	\$37.99	(\$37.99)	\$0.00	\$37.99	(\$37.99)
Cheer Total	\$0.00	\$124.65	(\$124.65)	\$0.00	\$124.65	(\$124.65)
Designated Specialty						
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	(\$15.00)
Ribbons	\$0.00	\$164.55	(\$164.55)	\$0.00	\$164.55	(\$164.55)
Trophies	\$0.00	\$140.00	(\$140.00)	\$0.00	\$140.00	(\$140.00)
Designated Specialty Total	\$0.00	\$304.55	(\$304.55)	\$0.00	\$319.55	(\$319.55)
Membership : Dues						
Dues	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Membership Total	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$720.00
Miscellaneous						
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	\$60.02	(\$60.02)
Local Specialty						
Recording Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)
Trophies	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Local Specialty Total	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$760.00	\$100.00	\$660.00
Sam-O-Gram/Web						
Copy Services	\$0.00	\$13.64	(\$13.64)	\$0.00	\$13.64	(\$13.64)
Postage	\$0.00	\$54.98	(\$54.98)	\$0.00	\$54.98	(\$54.98)
Subscription	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Sam-O-Gram/Web Total	\$10.00	\$68.62	(\$58.98)	\$0.00	\$54.98	(\$54.98)
Specialty Match						
Rental Fee	\$0.00	\$32.00	(\$32.00)	\$0.00	\$32.00	(\$32.00)
Specialty Match Total	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$32.00)	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$32.00)
Supported Entry						
Trophies	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Supported Entry Total	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)	\$0.00	\$133.00	(\$133.00)
Trophy Donations						
SCA National	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)
Trophy Donations Total	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)

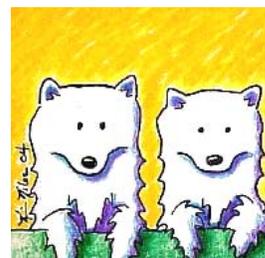
**Grocery Certificate
Fundraiser 2009
Profit: \$785.00
Donate: \$25.00**

**Easiest way to
support DSA is by
purchasing
King Soopers or
Safeway grocery
certificates!**

**You buy \$100,
You spend \$100,
and the
club earns 5%!!**

**Contact Tom Lisec
to purchase!
303-741-5778**

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Springtime!



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Treasury Report - As of March 31, 2009

General Fund	Calendar Year			Budget Year 2009 (2009 Committee Reports)		
	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Category						
Ways & Means						
Barks & Growls	\$9.50	\$0.00	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$0.00	\$9.50
Grocery Certificates	\$15,700.00	\$28,500.00	(\$12,800.00)	\$15,700.00	\$28,500.00	(\$12,800.00)
Ways & Means Total	\$15,709.50	\$28,500.00	(\$12,790.50)	\$15,709.50	\$28,500.00	(\$12,790.50)
Grand Total	\$27,143.50	\$37,068.56	(\$9,925.06)	\$27,143.50	\$37,068.56	(\$9,925.06)
Outstanding Checks (EOY)			\$0.00			
Total Ending General Fund Balance			\$9,773.31			
Ending Grocery Certificate Balance			\$14,275.00			

Rescue Fund			
Beginning Rescue Fund Bank Balance			\$12,814.65
Beginning Rescue Fund Outstanding Checks (2008)			\$0.00
Total Beginning Balance			\$12,814.65
Rescue Fund Calendar / Budget Year 2009			
Category	Income	Expenses	Net
Charitable Donations: ABRN	\$0.00	\$40.00	(\$40.00)
Donations Received	\$2,353.50	\$0.00	\$2,353.50
Fundraiser			
Collars & Leashes	\$751.75	\$979.41	(\$227.66)
IGive.com	\$38.74	\$0.00	\$38.74
Microchip Clinic	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Santa Pet Pictures	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Fundraiser Total	\$1,115.49	\$979.41	\$136.00
Rescue Misc			
Licenses/Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$80.00	(\$80.00)
Pet Food	\$82.20	\$0.00	\$82.20
Rescue Misc Total	\$82.20	\$80.00	\$2.20
Grand Total	\$1,467.69	\$1,099.41	\$368.28
Total Ending Rescue Fund Balance			\$13,182.93

The following annual donations amounts were revised at the March membership meeting:

- Increase our donation to SCARF from \$100 to \$200.00 in memory of member's dogs that passed that year
- Increase the SCA National Specialty Trophy Donation from \$50.00 to \$100.00

New Committee Formed

At the March meeting, Tom Lise reported that after checking with our tax attorney, DSA is eligible as a club to make donations and lobby on behalf of animal rights legislation. These actions will not compromise our tax exempt status. As a result, the membership chose to form a new committee called Colorado Legislation Liaison, to help keep DSA informed about

new legislation and determine how we can best use our strength as a club to protect our interest as responsible dog fanciers.

Debbie Sencenbaugh has graciously volunteered to head up this committee and has already been in contact with the Colorado Dog Federation Club which is new and improved

version of the now defunct Colorado Dog Fancier Association. She will have a full report about this club and other related matters in the future. In the meantime, you can learn more about the CDFC by visiting: www.codogfederation.org

Harmful Colorado Bill Tabled Indefinitely

[Friday, February 06, 2009]

Late Wednesday, the Colorado House Agriculture Committee voted to table indefinitely House Bill 1172, which sought to strictly regulate dog breeders. HB 1172 would have: limited the number of dogs a person could own to 25, provided the Commissioner of Agriculture with extraordinary rulemaking powers, and have infringed upon privacy rights by allowing inspections of breeder's facilities at any time.

The AKC strongly supports the humane treat-

ment of dogs, including providing an adequate and nutritious diet, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship and training in appropriate behavior. The AKC believes that numerical limits do not address the underlying issues of responsible ownership and proper dog care. Instead, the AKC supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of dogs without restricting the rights of owners or breeders who take their responsibilities seriously.

The AKC congratulates our Colorado federation, the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs, for leading the effort in opposition to this bill, and thanks them for their tireless efforts on behalf of Colorado's responsible dog breeders and owners. The AKC was pleased to assist the Colorado federation with educational background materials, and strong letters of opposition to the members of the House Agriculture Committee.

— via AKC web site

2009 Schedule of Events

Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Judge or More Info
18-19	Potomac Valley Samoyed Club Antietam Creek Samoyed Club Baltimore KC	Designated Specialty - Close 4/1	Timonium, MD	MB-F	Frances Trojan Walter Hermann (Sweeps) Audrey Lycan
25-26	Seward County KC	Show - Close 4/8	Seward, NE	Onofrio	Lynette Blue/ Judith Goodin
25-26	Mile High Agility—Boulder	AKC Agility - Open ?	Jeffco Faigrounds	Makowski	Ann McQuillen
Apr May 30 1	Intermountain KC Utah Valley KC	Show - Close 4/15	South Jordan, UT	Onofrio	Cecilia Ringstrom F. M. (Butch) MacDonald Wanda Spediacci Faye Strauss
2	Buckeye Samoyed Club Crawford County KC	Designated Specialty - Close 4/15	Bucyrus, OH	MB-F	Noel Ramsey (Sweeps) Roberta Brady
8	Barbary Coast Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 4/22	Woodland, CA		Sylvia Thomas (Sweeps) Bernard Schwartz
9-10	Rio Grande KC	Show - Close 4/22	Albuquerque, NM	Onofrio	David Bolus /Paula Hartinger
May 9-10	Western Colorado Agility Club	Agility - Open 4/24	Grand Junction, CO	Ascher	Keith Harold
15	Heart Of America Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 4/29	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	Richard Samide (Sweeps) Lourdes Carvajal
15-17	Durango KC	Show - Close 4/29	Cortez, CO	Onofrio	Jon Cole / Jean Fournier Ruth Zimmerman
16	Sunflower KC of Olathe, KS	Show - Close 4/29	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	Donald Carmody
17	Heart Of America Samoyed Club / Sunflower KC of KS	Designated Specialty - Close 4/29	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	Rebecca Wood (Sweeps) Terry Temple
16-17	Mount Ogden KC	Show - Close 4/29	Logan, UT	Onofrio	Ronald Menaker Joe Purkhiser
22-23	Central WY KC	Show - Close 5/6	Casper, WY	Onofrio	Kenneth & Donna Buxton
23-24	Laramie KC	Show - Close 5/6	Laramie, WY	Onofrio	M. Billings / Joe Purkhiser
24	Greater Pittsburgh Samoyed Trumbull County KC	Designated Specialty - Close 5/6	New Castle, PA	MB-F	Janice Hovelman (Sweeps) Nancy Dinkfelt
30-31	Flatirons KC	Show - Close 5/13	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	Don Carmody / Linda Sparks
Jun 1	Mile-Hi Golden Retriever	AKC Agility - Open	Greeley, CO	Hittesdorf	David Nauer
5-6	No Calif Samoyed Fanciers Skyline Dog Fanciers	Designated Specialty - Close 5/20	Vallejo, CA	MB-F	Kathleen Farlow (Sweeps) Sylvia Hammarstrom
6-7	Colorado Springs KC	Show - Close 5/20	Colorado Springs, CO	Onofrio	Donovan Thompson Doris Cozart
6-7	Flagstaff KC	Show - Close 5/20	Flagstaff, AZ	Onofrio	Jon Cole / Patricia Trotter
12-14	Front Range Agility Assoc.	Agility - Open 5/18	Castle Rock, CO	R Johnson	Cynthia Tilly / Pamela Sturz
13	Samoyed Club of San Diego Bahia Sur KC of Chula Vista	Designated Specialty - Close 5/27	Chula Vista, CA	Bradshaw	Gloria Touissant (Pup Swps) Margaret Williamson (Vet Swps) Lesli Valiunas
19	Willamette Valley Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 6/3	Canby, OR	Garvin	Joy Ritter (Sweeps) Ms. Dany Canino
27-28	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 6/10	Loveland, CO	Onofrio	Garry Newton Carolyn Alexander
27-28	Sioux Valley KC	Show - Close 6/10	Vermillion, SD	Onofrio	Shilon Bedford Stephanie Hamblin-Barnhill
Jul 11-12	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/24	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	Dany Canino / Pat Hastings
11-12	Nebraska KC	Show - Close 6/24	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	Janet Sinclair Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna
16	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty - Close 7/1	Houston, TX	Onofrio	Tom Maurer (Sweeps) Cheri Hollenback

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Jul 24	Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 7/8	Waukesha, WI	Onofrio	Nancy LaSanska (Sweeps) Stephanie Hamblin-Barnhill
Aug 8	Denver Samoyed Association	Specialty B/OB Match / Picnic / Microchip Clinic	Sterne Park, Littleton, CO	Rachel Paulson	N/A
13-17	Topeka KC Manhattan KC Topeka KC Manhattan KC Jesse James KC	Show - Close 7/29	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	J D Jones Tomas Gomez Pete Dawkins Stuart Rogell Robert Vandiver
15-16	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/29	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Donald Gill / Jay Richardson
20-21	Samoyed Association of Minneapolis- St. Paul	Specialty - Close 8/5	Lake Elmo, MN		Lori Chapek Carlton (Sweeps) Dana Cline Janice Croft (Sweeps) Celinda Cheskawich
29-30	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/12	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	Christina Hubbell Charlotte Clem McGowan
Sep 4	Denver Samoyed Association	Specialty - Close 8/19	Greeley, CO	Hittesdorf	Ron Horn—Puppy/Vet Swps Elizabeth Lampe - Working Nancy Russell - Breed Obedience - CJ Evert
5-6	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 8/19	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Robert Stein / Walter BeBout
5-6	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close 8/19	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	Robert Shreve / J D Jones
11-13	Hutchinson KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 8/24	Salina, KS	Onofrio	N/A
12-13	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/26	Chino Valley, AZ	Onofrio	Christine Salyers Anderson Jane Roppolo
12-13	Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close 8/26	Farmington, UT	Onofrio	N/A
26-27	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/9	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio	Mrs. Robert Smith Arley Hussin
Oct 3-4	Cornhusker KC of Lincoln, NE	Show - Close 9/16	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	Mark Houston-McMillan Judith Goodin
4-5	Mesilla Valley KC	Show - Close 9/18	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio	N/A
Oct 4-10	Samoyed Club of America	Specialty - Close 9/9	Indianapolis, IN	Trent	Elizabeth Lockman (Bitches) Judy Mears (Dogs) Houston Clark (Breed)
15-17	Rapid City KC	Show - Close 9/30	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio	Diane Landstrom Charles Trotter Patricia Trotter
24-25	Sioux Empire KC	Show - Close 10/7	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio	N/A
Nov 15-16	Greater Sierra Vista KC	Show - Close 10/28	Tucson, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A
29-30	Imperial Valley KC	Show - Close 11/11	Yuma, AZ	Bradshaw	N/A

Happy Birthday to our DSA Members!

April

Linda Kitzman - 04/04
Kevin Perry (Jr.) - 04/12
Jan Cherne - 04/13
Julie Morris - 04/13

Bill Stewart - 04/18
Anne O'Neill - 04/25
Michael Prewitt - 04/26



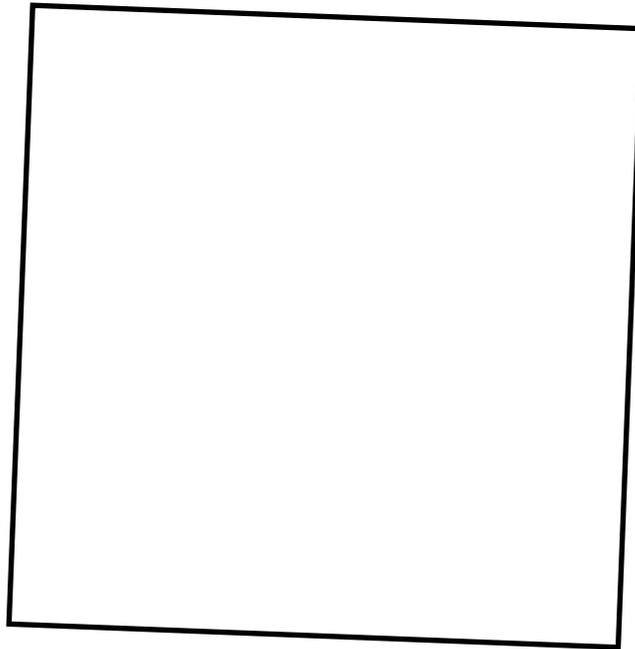
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April 20, 2008 Meeting Reminder - 7:15 PM - St. Joseph Episcopal Church

- Vote for 2010 Local Specialty Judges (Breeder Judge).
- 2009 Committee Chairperson's estimated annual budget reports are due to the President. President will compile reports and present in May's board meeting for review. (see page 3 for details).

Deadline for newsletter articles is 1st day of the month!

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE

As of 04/10/09, we do not have any Sammies available for adoption!

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 Sottile 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 - 1/2" collars; M: 8"-10", L: 10"-16"

\$10- 9/16" collars; S: 10-16", M: 13"-19",
L: 15"-24"

\$10- 9/16", 4' leads

\$12- 9/16", 6' leads

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

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