The Newsletter of the Denver Samoyed Association

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Who's Who

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May, 1997

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All Breed Match: Volunteer needed Awards: Volunteer needed Breeder Referral: Martha Lageschulte 451-1737 Breeder's Showcase: Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Cheer: DSA Liaison to SCA: Martha Lageschulte 451-1737 Historian/Librarian: Tom Lisec 741-5778 438-7235 Hospitality: Denise Baugh

Steve Baugh
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Sam-0-Gram: Thalia Peletis 933-0392
Sammy Rescue: Carolyn Bateman 750-1740

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Specialty Match: Volunteer needed
Tournament: Volunteer needed
Ways & Means: Volunteer needed

Working Dog: Michele Schmitt 770-2167

We have several committees in need of a chairperson.

Won't you consider volunteering?



Denver Samoyed Association, Inc.

Canine Legislation News

American Kennel Club Position Statement on the Petition for Rulemaking Filed By the Doris Day Animal League to USDA

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the Federal Register on March 25, 1997 a Petition for Rulemaking filed by the Doris Day Animal League (DDAL), with a request for public comment. The DDAL petition requests that APHIS amend its Animal Welfare regulations to:

Change an alleged APHIS policy of excluding persons who sell dogs for hunting, security or breeding purposes from regulation.

Amend the definition of "retail pet store" to include only "non-residential business establishments used primarily for the sale of pets to the ultimate consumer." The deadline for public comment on the petition is May 27, 1997.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

April 21, 1997 - Membership Meeting

Present:

Carolyn Bateman
Deb Castro
Tom Lisec
Andi MastDebbi Sencenbaugh
Bob Mast
Julie Morris
Heidi Nieman
Thalia Peletis
Bob Sencenbaugh
Michele Schmitt
Sue Wangerin

Guest: Ellen Young

-Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Andi Mast.

-Review of the 03/17/97 meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.

-President's Report, Andi Mast:

Several committee chairperson positions are still available. Please consider signing up for one of the positions.

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:

Newsletters to pass around.

-Treasurer's Report, Carolyn Bateman General Fund: \$1,878.38. \$1900 in certificates. Rescue Fund: \$689.87

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Sue Wangerin: Notebook to pass around.

-Committee Reports-

All Breed Match -

No Report.

Awards -

No Report.

Breeder Referral - Martha Lageschulte:

No Report

Breeder's Showcase/Public Education -

No report.

Cheer -

No Report.

DSA Liaison to SCA- Martha Lageschulte -

No Repor

Historian/Librarian - Tom Lisec

Notebook of pictures of 1997 Local Specialty.

Courtesy of the Niemans, the book includes a listing of champions of all past specialties.

Hospitality - Denise Baugh:

No Report.

Membership - Sue Wangerin:

No Report.

Program - Tom Lisec:

Next program meeting will be in May.

Sam-O-Gram - Thalia Peletis:

May 9th is the deadline articles for the next issue.

Sammy Rescue - Deb Castro:

Deb passed around pictures from the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Rescue report:

- · Placed 2 dogs.
- Have 4 Rescue Sams available at DogTown.
- Per the new DSR Guidelines, DSR had to turn away an 8 yr old and 11 yr old Samoyed, due to their age. These dogs currently resided with their owners.

Michele Schmitt reported that Petsmart will allow approved non-profit organization to utilize their Love-A-

Pet adoption program. This would provide a great deal of exposure for our rescue Sams. It is not restricted to any particular Petsmart store. Approval is conducted through Petsmart's corporate in Phoenix. Michele will further investigate the process and the adoption program.

Tom Lisec had a two questions on the new DSR Guidelines:

What does the All-Breed Rescue Network membership provide to our club? ABRN provides insurance liability to both club members and non-club members who provide foster care for are rescue Samoyeds. Foster homes have not actively sought due to the liability issue. ABRN also can provide better media attention, than can DSR on its own.

Why do we need to have a PACFA license? This is a state requirement, for any organization placing 24 dogs or more, within the calendar year. Last year DSR placed 55 Samoyeds.

DSR fundraisers:

- Deb passed around Janet Whites personal fund raiser for DSR: old fashion bottles in cobalt blue or light green, to be filled with bubble bath or oil and herbs.
- We still need to find out more information from Linda Kitzman regarding the casino bus trip.

Specialty Match -

No Report.

Tournament -

No report.

Trophies -

No report.

Ways & Means -

Thalia presented the Englewood Garden Center Certificate program, which starts immediately and ends June 15. The club will earn 20% of the total certificate amount sold. Please contact Jane Reller, Julie Morris, Andi Mast, Martha Lageschulte or Thalia Peletis, if you wish to purchase certificates. The Garden Center offers a wide variety of house plants, bedding plants, perennials, rose bushes, unique gift items, gardening tools, tomato plants and herbs. They do not offer trees and shrubs. This fundraiser has a lot of potential so talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Working Dog - Michele Schmitt:

Michele is actively looking at providing new Working Dog events and education for our club. According to the 1997 DSA Questionnaire, 20 of the 54 members who responded, desired to see more Working Dog events. She also would like to have a regular section in the Sam-O-Gram dedicated to working dog interests. The most interest was in the following activities: skijouring, pet therapy, pack hikes, sledding and weight pulls.

Pack Hikes:

Since this the season for pack hikes, Michele would like to plan a workshop to illustrate conditioning techniques and the various equipment used. She has tentatively set May 17th or 18th as a date for the first pack hike of the season. If you wish to attend, please contact Michele. Michele stressed that the hikes will cater to the novice hiker, so don't be afraid to come along! Weight Pulls:

Michele passed out the IWPA brochure, and the SCA forms for the Working Dog. Bob Sencenbaugh also volunteered to conduct a clinic on weight pull. At the clinic he plans to have a cart and the harnesses used, courtesy of a friend, who no longer participates in this

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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event. At the end of the clinic, those that wish to purchase the previously owned equipment could do so.

Specialty-Jane Reller.

*Motion was made and seconded to suspend the regular membership meeting and convene the Specialty meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Jane Reller.

- Nominations of 1998 Local Specialty Judges. Jane prepared and passed out an information sheet, listing all the conformation and obedience judges chosen for the 1998 Plum Creek and Colorado Kennel Club show, and judges who resided in Colorado. Also, nominated names from last years Specialty, for Puppy and Working Sweepstakes. If the membership chooses from this list, the judging cost should be less. However, once nominated, Jane will further investigate if the judges are available and their cost. The membership present picked their nominees. Please see below for listing of nominees to date.
- Final Nominations will be made at the next meeting, May 19th. We will vote on the 1998 Local Specialty Judges at the following meeting, June 16th.
- Jane passed around Specialty Committee sign-up sheet. There are many slots left to be filled. Please contact Jane, if you wish to volunteer.
- * A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Specialty meeting and reconvene the regular membership meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Andi Mast.

-Unfinished Business:

Andi Mast has not been able to contact Carol Panning of Pets Control. This is a possible site for the summer

fund raiser, the Doggie Carnival.

-New Business:

Andi talked about the possibility of a DSA dues increase for 1998, that was discussed earlier this year. Due to the fact that it takes \$1500 to operate our club, and we only take in \$500 currently in dues, that leaves \$1000 each year to make up in fundraisers. Also, our club has not had a dues increase for the last 8 years. A motion was made and seconded that the annual DSA dues for 1998 will be \$15 - individual, \$20 - family and \$5 - junior. This motion was approved my the membership present. Voting on this motion will be tabled until the June meeting.

Andi mentioned the Doggie Carnival, several fundraising events in one day, such as tattoo and eye clinic, considered in lieu of All-Breed Match. Currently, no one has volunteered for the All-Breed Match chairperson position.

-Barks and Growls:

Jane - **Cooper** received his 2nd leg at Scottsbluff KC. Heidi - At the Yuma KC, Ch. Saratoga's Artic Tern CD, **Teri** went BOB and received a Group 1. Ch. Saratoga's Speed of Sound, **Mach** went BOS.

-Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

1998 Local Specialty Judge Nominees to Date

Name	Event	PCKC/CKC or Local Judge?	Available?	Cost
Klaus Anselm	Conformation	CKC	No	
Helen Lee James	Conformation / Obedience	PCKC	No	
Dorothy Nickles	Conformation	CKC	Yes	1 night hotel. \$125 day
Irene Bivin	Conformation	PCKC	Yes	\$250 day
Everett Steele	Conformation	Local	Yes	\$2.50/dog
Stuart Rogell	Conformation	Local	Yes	\$3.00/dog
Shirley Mangini	Conformation	California	Yes, if CKC or PCKC picks up other breeds	1 night hotel
Sue Effinger	Obedience	Local	Not available for judging until after 3 pm.	
Fred Effinger	Obedience	Local	No	
Mary Jo Ragsdale	Puppy Sweeps	Local	Unable to contact.	
Gary Griffin	Puppy Sweep	Minnesota	Yes	No Charge
Brenda Valletta	Working Sweeps	Local	Unable to contact.	
Carol Deeks	Working Sweeps	Local	Unable to contact.	
Tom O'Keefe	Working Sweeps	Local	No	

Please attend the May 19th Membership Meeting to finalize the nominees for the 1998 Local Specialty!

Voting will occur during the June 16th Membership Meeting.

Treasury Reports

rreasury Report	5		
Treasury Report for Feb	ruary & March	- Ways & Means	219.00
March 7, 1997 - GENI	-	- King Soopers & Sa	
	-1.7.12 1 0112	* - '97 Specialty Bangu	
1/20/97 Ending Balance	\$2,611.75	or openiary barret	1,533.70
Deposits:	*- ,•····•	* 3/4/97 - '97 Specialty Bangu	
•	\$ 418.00	* - '97 Specialty Entrie	
	1,138.00	- Ways & Means	217.00
	1,576.00	 * Re-deposit change 	100.00
	473.00	3	473.00
3/4/97	1,533.70	Total Deposits	\$ 5,138.70
Total Deposits:	\$5,138.70	Grocery Certificate profits to da	ate: \$75.00
·		* Denotes Specialty Items.	
Checks Paid Out:			
* #742 Julie Morris	80.26	Treasury Report	for February
'97 Spec Judges gifts		February 24, 1997 -	RESCUE FUND
# 743 King Soopers	970.00		
Certificates		1/20/97 Ending Balance	\$ 2,520.50
#744 Safeway	582.00		
Certificates		Deposits:	
* #745 Cash	100.00		- 0 -
Change for Specialty		Checks Paid Out:	
* #746 Joan Luna	267.00	# 1025 Janet White	\$144.10
'97 Spec Judge's expens	es	Vet bills - Artie	
 * #747 Nancy Pollack 	121.85	# 1026 Janet White	<u>53.00</u>
'97 Spec Judge's expens	es	Vet bills, rescue fee	
* #748 AKC	44.50	Total Checks Paid Out:	197.00
'97 Spec recording fee		Bank Service Charge:	<u>4.00</u>
 * #749 Nancy Golden 	24.16		201.10
'97 Spec trophy table		Ending Balance 2/24/97	<u>\$ 2,319.49</u>
* #750 Tom Lisec	202.80		
'97 Spec Sweepstakes p		Treasury Report fo	
* #751 CKC	181.00	April 21, 1997 - R	ESCUE FUND
'97 Spec cleanup			•
		2/24/97 Ending Balance	\$ 2,319.49
Following checks for '97 Specialty			
* #752 Karen Evasuik	8.00	Deposits:	
 * #753 Bobbie LaFortune 	8.00	3/4/97	\$ 240.00
* #754 Karen & Phillip Nalley	8.00	3/26/97	\$ 624.00
* #755 Nancy Golden	16.00	4/21/97	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
* #756 Judy Mears	8.00	Total Deposits	\$ 1,364.00
* #757 Sakura Moses	8.00		
* #758 Fielding Graber	8.00	Checks Paid Out:	
* #759 Catherine Carter	8.00	#1027 Denver Post	22.00
* #760 Linda Kitzman	3.00	Ad	
* #761 Ericka & Scott Stefans	8.00	#1028 Kay Hegstrom	75.70
* #762 Kristi Schopfer	8.00	Vet Bill	
* #763 Custom Sportswear	481.90	#1029 Broadview Animal Cl	inic 218.92
New Logo sweatshirts	470.00	Vet Bills	75.00
#764 Achievements Rewarded	172.83	#1030 All Breed Rescue	75.00
Awards	254.44	Membership	2 600 00
* #765 K-M Concessions	<u>254.44</u>	#1031 Dogtown Kennels	<u>2,600.00</u>
'97 Spec banquet	2 572 74	Boarding Fees Total Chacks Baid Out:	2 004 62
Total Checks Paid Out: Ending Balance 3/7/97	<u>3,573.74</u> \$4,176.71	Total Checks Paid Out: Bank Service Charge:	2,991.62 2.00
Ending Balance 3/1/91	<u>\$4,170.71</u>	S S	\$ 689.87
Deposit Breakdown:		4/21/97 Ending Balance	<u>φ 003.01</u>
* 2/11/97- '97 Specialty entries	\$ 418.00	Deposit Breakdown:	
- K. Soopers/Safeway	\$959.00	3/4/97 - Adoption Fees	240.00
- Dues & Sam-O-Gram	140.00	3/26/97 - Adoption Fees 3/26/97 - Donations	309.00
* - '97 Specialty trophies	24.00	- Items	70.00
- Awards	9.00	- Adoption Fees	245.00
- Barks	6.00	, aoption i ooo	624.00
246	1,138.00	4/21/97- Boarding Fees	500.00
* 2/11/97- '97 Specialty entries	1,576.00		\$1,364.00
* 3/4/97 - '97 Specialty entries	74.00		* /
* - '97 Specialty ad	12.50		
- Dues & Sam-O-Gram	100.00		
- Awards	5.20		
* - '97 Specialty trophies	170.00		
 * - '97 Specialty catalog 	3.00		
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Spring Fund Raiser Notice



Canine Legislation News

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APHIS's current Animal Welfare regulations brings under federal regulation "puppy mills" and other commercial breeders that raise and sell dogs at wholesale. The Animal Welfare Act, under which the Animal Welfare regulations are authorized, specifically exempts "retail pet stores."

APHIS, by regulation, also currently exempts purebred dog fanciers who raise and sell dogs at retail directly to another person for the buyer's own use and who buy and sell no animals for resale and who sell no animals to a research facility, an exhibitor (such as a circus or zoo), a dealer or a pet store.

The DDAL petition seeks to restrict the retail exemption to non-residential business facilities, thereby bringing purebred dog fanciers who breed dogs and sell them at retail directly from their home under federal regulation.

The American Kennel Club strongly opposes the regulatory changes proposed by the DDAL petition for the following reasons:

By enacting the original retail pet store exemption, Congress clearly intended to exclude all persons who sell dogs at retail from federal regulation.

The proposed changes would bring hundreds of thousands of breeders under federal regulation, overwhelming APHIS's ability to enforce the Animal Welfare Act for those it was intended to regulate - large commercial breeders who sell dogs at wholesale and inhumane "puppy mills."

There is no need for federal regulation of show and hobby breeders. Customers who buy dogs directly from them can see for themselves the conditions under which their prospective pet was raised.

The proposed changes would require federal inspection and licensing of purebred dog breeders' homes. The original federal animal care standards were designed for commercial operations, not residences.

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs. The AKC registers more than 550,000 litters of purebred dogs annually from more than 350,000 breeders. The vast majority of breeders of AKC-registered litters are purebred dog fanciers who do not sell puppies at wholesale and are currently exempt from federal regulation.

The American Kennel Club does not support the changes to the USDA Animal Welfare regulations proposed by the Doris Day Animal League. The AKC endorses and encourages reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare, health and well-being of dogs. The AKC finds the proposed changes to be neither

reasonable nor enforceable. The intention of the Animal Welfare Act administered by the USDA is to regulate commercial breeders of dogs and the AKC strongly supports that intention.

The American Kennel Club endorses the breeding of dogs by responsible breeders for the purpose of improving breeds of purebred dogs. Toward that end, the AKC supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate breeders about responsible breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership.

AKC encourages all purebred dog fanciers who breed

and sell dogs to write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to oppose the Doris Day Animal League's petition. A strong response from the purebred dog fancy is critical to defeat this measure. The Doris Day Animal League claims that 75,000 people have contacted USDA in favor of their petition.

Letters of comment can include the four basic objections listed above and should be sent to:

Docket No. 97-018-1 Regulatory Analysis and Development

PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03 4700 River Road Unit 84 Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

Please send your original letter and three (3) copies. Consideration will be given only to comments received by APHIS on or before May 27, 1997.

AKC's federal government relations consultant asked USDA if letters of comment could be faxed or sent by email. USDA responded that they are not yet equipped to receive letters of comment by fax or e-mail on this issue.

For more information, please call the American Kennel Club's Canine Legislation department at 1-800-AKC-TELL and leave a message. It would be helpful if you also sent a copy of your letter to APHIS to the AKC Canine Legislation department, 51 Madison Avenue, NY NY 10010. You may also fax the copy to the department at 212-696-8272.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

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A Little Humor

TOP TEN MIND GAMES TO PLAY WITH HUMANS

 Walk around the house, crying and whining, for no particular reason.

Bark everytime you hear a doorbell on t.v., even if you don't have a doorbell.

Become convinced that someone is at the door. (I play this joke on my humans all the time, but they don't see the humour in it!)

 Constantly follow one of the humans all around the house, especially when the human is in a rush to do something.

 Stare at your humans while they are on the toilet or in the shower...get right into the shower if you have to!

After coming in from outside, whine at the door.
 When the human finally gets up and opens the door, stand there, tilt your head and searchingly stare right into the human's eyes. Repeat often.

6. At night, perk up your ears, sniff the air and growl as

if there's someone in the house. This works particularily well, when it's just you and the human female at home.

7. Make the humans spell. Everytime you hear a word that sounds remotely like, 'walk' or 'treat', get very excited. Get SO excited, that the humans are forced to spell these words out. Humans spelling...very funny!

8. Act like a wild dog. When company comes over, instantly disregard everthing your humans say. Forget all basic commands and rules of the house. Cease this behaviour, the second the visitors leave.

9. Play sick. Act like you are on death's doorstep. Continue this game, until you get into the vet's examining room, and then mysteriously get better.

 Pretend you are deaf. When you are outside, and the humans call your name, don't acknowledge them. Instead, just keep on doing whatever you are doing.

Facts and Figures

AKC Division 8 Point Schedule 5/13/97 Samoyed															
1 p	oint	2 pc	points 3 points 4 points		oints	5 points									
D	В	D	В	D	В	D	В	D	В						
2	2	6	7	11	13	15									



	AKC					
Dog Registration Statistics						
		Work	ing Bree			
		1996	ing Breek	1995		
		#		#		
Breed	Rank	Reg.	Rank	Reg.		
Rottweiler	2	89867	2	93656		
Boxer	12	36562	15	31894		
Siberian Husky	17	25557	17	24291		
Doberman Pinscher	20	17919	18	18141		
Great Dane	32	12052	33	11015		
Akita	35	11161	35	10661		
St. Bernard	37	7519	37	6537		
Mastiff	43	4807	45	4245		
Alaskan Malamute	44	4616	43	4510		
Great Pyrenees	45	4521	44	4465		
Samoyed	47	3678	47	4088		
Newfoundland	50	2984	51	2862		
Bullmastiff	52	2849	53	2575		
Bernese Mountain Dog	67	1822	66	1709		
Giant Schnauzer	78	1164	77	1124		
Portugese Water Dog	86	997	86	919		
Standard Schnauzer	100	551	100	500		
Kuvasok	109	374	104	388		
Greater Swiss Mtn Dog	116	249	84	931		

	OFA							
Breed Risk for Hip Displaysia From January 1974 through December 1996								
	Breeds with over 100 Evaluations = 107							
	Working Breeds Listed							
Rank	Breed	Evaluation	% Excellent	% Dysplastic				
4	St. Bernard	1468	3.7	47.8				
6	Newfoundland	7364	5.4	27.7				
7	Bullmastiff	2053	2.6	26.9				
15	Kuvaszok	1069	8.0	21.6				
16	Rottweiler	67017	7.0	21.5				
19	Giant Schnauzer	2679	7.1	21.1				
20	Mastiff	3115	5.7	21.0				
25	Bernese Mountain Dog	4868	7.1	19.8				
36	Greater Swiss Mtn Dog	330	6.4	16.7				
39	Portugese Water Dog	2055	9.3	15.7				
41	Akita	10289	13.9	14.9				
53	Alaskan Malamute	9283	14.4	12.6				
54	Great Dane	5590	9.7	12.6				
55	Boxer	1614	2.7	12.5				
58	Samoyed	10446	8.5	12.0				
63	Great Pyrenees	3324	12.5	10.00				
66	Standard Schnauzer	2254	6.8	9.4				
81	Doberman Pinscher	7775	15.8	6.5				
103	Siberian Husky	11143	30.2	2.2				



Canine Eye Registration Foundation

Eliminating Heritable Eye Disease in Purebred Dogs

What is CERF?

CERF is the Canine Eye Registration Foundation CERF was founded by a group of concerned purebred owner/breeders with a goal of eliminating heritable eye diseases in purebred dogs through registration, research, and education

Registration

CERF cooperates with the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO) to maintain a registry of purebred dogs that the ACVO Diplomates (members) examine and have found to be unaffected by major heritable eye disease.

Research

CERF also maintains a research data base which consists of information that is generated by all examinations done by ACVO Diplomates. Reports generated from this resource help breeders and ophthalmologists identify trends in eye disease and breed susceptibility.

Education

CERF is dedicated to educating the public on matters involving canine eye disease. CERF provides a variety of reports, the CERF newsletter and other eye disease materials to help educate the owner/breeder on heritable eye disease questions, healthy breeding stock, and breed-specific eye problems.

Why should I have my dog's eyes examined by an ACVO Diplomate?

- An ACVO Diplomate is board certified to meet high standards of proficiency in the field of veterinary ophthalmology.
- An ACVO Diplomate can accurately diagnose and treat any eye diseases your dog may have.
- An ACVO Diplomate can offer breeding advice based on research and standards established by the ACVO genetics committee for a particular breed.
- CERF and ACVO are separate, but cooperating entities. The ACVO Diplomats provide their professional services and expertise to ensure uniform standards are upheld in CERF's registration of dogs found to be free of evidence of heritable eye disease.

Why is it important to get my dog registered with CERF?

- Your dog can be identified as being registered with CERF to other interested dog breeders or buyers.
 Dogs can be advertised using CERF registration numbers.
- CERF registration shows your support for the mutual goal of eliminating heritable eye disease in purebred canines, and provides your puppy buyers and other breeders with proof of your integrity and commitment to maintaining the highest quality bloodlines.
- CERF registration contributes to the support of your national and local breed clubs, some of which require CERF registration to be in good standing.
- CERF registration supports the American Kennel Club's (AKC) role in promoting responsible breeding and ownership. AKC is incorporating CERF registration numbers on their registration slips and certified pedigrees.

How do I register my dog with CERF?

- After a painless examination of the dog's eyes, the ACVO Diplomate completes the examination section of the CERF form and indicates any specific disease (s) found.
- Dogs found to be unaffected by mayor heritable eye disease by an ACVO Diplomate can be registered with CERF.
- To initiate registration, the owner/breeder must complete the backside of the owner copy (pink form) of the CERF examination form and forward it, with the appropriate fee, to CERF headquarters.
- CERF registration is good for twelve months from the examination date. Thereafter, the dog must be reexamined by an ACVO Diplomate and re-registered with CERF to maintain an up-to-date CERF number.
- There is NO minimum age for CERF registration.

How does CERF gather its research data?

- The research copy (white form) of the CERF examination form is sent to CERF headquarters for computer processing for every examination performed by an ACVO Diplomate, regardless of the outcome of the examination.
- At CERF headquarters, the research copy is completed and run through a computer scanner. The computer then merges the data from the form with the data from other animals of the same breed to generate a current research report. Only general information about the dog and the health of its eyes are compiled into the CERF research data base. All other information is treated strictly confidentially.

CERF Services

- A variety of CERF memberships are available with benefits which include:
- Semi-annual CERF Newsletter which covers various general topics in canine ophthalmology as well as highlighting current eye disease trends in specific breeds.
- CERF Registration lists which provide a report of all animals in a specific breed registered during the last year.
- Current research reports on hereditary eye disease for specific breeds or a summary of all breeds.

CERF headquarters also aids in helping you find the locations of the nearest ACVO Diplomates, or in answering other questions you may have concerning CERF or heritable canine eye diseases.

CERF is located at the Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine and is a subsidiary of the Veterinary Medical Data Base (VMDB), which compiles animal data from nearly all North American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

To register your dog with CERF or to have your canine eye health questions answered. Contact CERF at:

CERF SCC-A Purdue University W. Lafayette, IN 47907 (317) 494-8179 (317) 494-9981(FAX)



Progressive Retinal Degeneration

Written by Dr. Dennis Hacker, Edited by Dr. Michael Zigler December 24, 1995

Progressive retinal degeneration (PRD) is also known as progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) and refers to retinal diseases that cause blindness. Some breeds have blindness by abnormal development of the retina and this is called dysplasia. Other breeds have a slowly progressive degeneration or death of the retinal tissue and this is degeneration. These two types of diseases affect many breeds. In general these diseases are thought to be inherited but inherited differently in each breed.

In all animals with PRD the outcome, age of the patient and what the veterinary ophthalmologist sees are the basis for the classification of exactly what type of condition the patient has. Different breeds of dogs have variations in the age the problem starts and speed with which the blindness develops. The condition of PRD has been seen in almost every registered breed and in mixed breed dogs as well. This same condition occurs in humans and is known as retinitis pigmentosa.

As the name PRD implies, a slow death of retinal tissue occurs. It is a slowly progressive disease and the earliest signs may be overlooked. As stated above, these diseases are known to be passed from parents to offspring even though the parents may have normal eyes. Therefore, identification of breeding animals with PRD is essential to prevent spread of this condition.

To better understand PRD, a basic understanding of the function of the retina is needed. The retina is a highly complicated tissue located in the back of the eye. Light strikes the retina and starts a series of chemical reactions that causes a nerve impulse. The impulse passes through the layers of the retina to the optic nerve and from there to the brain where vision takes place. In the retina, cells called rods are involved with black and white or night vision and cells called cones are involved with color or day vision. Progressive retinal degeneration may effect either the rods alone, the cones alone or both the rods and cones together.

Progressive retinal degeneration is not a painful condition so your pet will not have a reddened eye or have increased blinking or squinting. For this reason most clients will not notice the early stages of the condition. Some clients will notice an abnormal shine coming from their pet's eyes. This abnormal shine is because the pupils are dilated and don't respond as quickly to light as pupils of normal dogs. The earliest signs of PRD include night vision difficulties that in most cases will progress to day blindness. Clients will often remember that their pets seemed disoriented when going out to the yard at night and they had to leave a light on for them. Night blindness may be manifested by a pet that is afraid to go into a dark room. Occasionally these pets will get lost in their own home after the lights have been turned off.

The veterinary ophthalmologist examines the retina with an instrument called an indirect ophthalmoscope. Changes in the retinal blood vessel pattern, the optic nerve head, and the reflective substance within the dog's eye called the tapetum can be seen which are classic for PRD. However in some breeds PRD characteristics have little or no early changes. The eyes

of these dogs may appear normal until they are in the later stages of the disease. Progressive retinal degeneration will progress at different rates in different breeds. This variation causes difficulty in determining just how long any particular dog will continue seeing.

There is no possible treatment for PRD although a number of vitamin therapies have been suggested by various people. One such vitamin "Ocuvite" manufactured by Stortz has been recommended for people with retinitis pigmentosa and some patients claim that their vision is improved somewhat. At this time, none of the vitamin treatments have been proven to be effective scientifically, so use of Ocuvite must be deemed a naturopathic remedy rather than a medical treatment. Use of any other megavitamin treatment is discouraged.

Cataracts may occur in some patients with PRD and generally occur later in the disease. Formation of cataracts may interfere with the ophthalmologist's direct examination of the retina and make other tests such as an electroretinogram (ERG) essential for diagnosis.

Diagnosis is made and confirmed by the ERG. This test involves sophisticated instrumentation used to measure the response of the retina to flashes of light. Your pet would be anesthetized for this test. The pet is then placed into a darkened area, a special contact lens with a gold ribbon is placed on the cornea and two tiny needles are placed under the skin around the eye. A light flash that has been dimmed with filters stimulates the retina and this procedure is repeated intermittently for 20 minutes. Finally, a bright red, blue and white flash are used for final analysis. A healthy retina will produce a characteristic wave form that builds from the time the lights are turned out. The ERG is sensitive enough to diagnose dogs with PRD before they begin to demonstrate signs of the disease.

Here is a partial list of breeds affected with Progressive Retinal Degeneration:

Breed Collie Irish Setter Cairn Terrier Norw. Elkhound	PRD Type rod-cone dysplasia rod-cone dysplasia rod-cone dysplasia rod dysplasia, cone degeneration	Age of Onset under a year under a year under a year 2 to 3 years
Samoyed Cocker Spaniel Min. Poodle Min Schnazer Akita	rod-cone degen. rod-cone degen. rod-cone degen. rod-cone degen. rod-cone degen.	3 years 2 to 7 years 6 mo. to 5 yrs 3 to 6 years 3 to 6 years.

In summary, PRD refers to a broad group of inherited retinal disease which result in the blindness of dogs. Because of the nature of the disease and sometimes the late onset, repeated examinations may be required to detect individuals with the condition. Patients affected should not be used for breeding. Pedigree studies are used to help eliminate other carriers of this condition such as the pet's brothers, sisters, mother, father and any offspring.

1997 Schedule of Events

Date		Organization	Event	Location	Phone #
Мау	17-18	George Alston	Dog Handling Clinic	Douglas Cnty Fairgrounds Castle Rock, CO	Alan Krenek 303-646-3094
	24-25	Laramie KC	Show - Close 5/7/97	Laramie, WY	Onofrio
	31	Flatirons KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
June	1	Evergreen KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
	6	N. CA Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close 5/21/97	Antioch, CA	Beckman (SS)
	6-7	Pikes Peak Obed. Club	Agility - Close 5/21/97	Colorado Sprgs, CO	Joni Weed(TS)
	7-8	Colorado Springs KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Fountain, CO	Onofrio
	7-8	Flagstaff KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Flagstaff, AZ	Wilson
	7-8	Utah Valley KC Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close 5/14/97	Lehi, UT	Wilson Brown
	10-11	Snake River Canyon KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Filer, ID	Brown
	12-15	Eagle Rock KC Lizard Butte KC Idaho Capital City KC Pocatello KC	Show - Close 5/21/97	Blackfoot, ID	Brown
	14	Chicagoland Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 5/28/97	Grayslake, IL	Rhodie (SS)
	14-15	Central Wyoming KC	Show - Close 5/28/97	Casper, WY	Onofrio
	17-18	Yellowstone Valley KC Helena Montana KC	Show - Close 5/28/97	Billings, MT	Brown
	19-21	Gallatin KC (2) Electric City KC	Show - Close 5/28/97	Bozeman, MT	Brown
	21	Five Valley KC	Obed. Trial - Close 5/28	Missoula, MT	Brown
	22-23	Five Valley KC	Show - Close 5/28/97	Missoula, MT	Brown
	22-23	West Texas KC	Show - Close 6/4/97	Odessa, TX	Onofrio
	28-29	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 6/11/97	Brighton, CO	Onofrio
July	12-13	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close 6/25/97	Eagle, CO	Onofrio
	12-13	Deb & Gary Platt - Mtn States	Obedience Clinic	Adams Cty Fairgrounds	303-423-5225
	17	Samoyed ClubHouston	Specialty - Close 6/25/97	Houston, TX	Antypas
	18-20	Houston KC Beaumont KC Galveston County KC	Show - Close 6/25/97	Houston, TX	Antypas
Aug	9-10	Buckhorn Valley KC	Show - Close 7/23/97	Fort Collins, CO	Onofrio
	10	Longs Peak Trng Club	Agility	Fort Collins, CO	
	16-17	Greeley KC	Show - Close 7/30/97	Greeley, CO	Onofrio
	30-31	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close 8/13/97	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio
Sep	1	Plum Creek KC	Show - Close 8/13/97	Highlands Ranch, CO	Onofrio
	6	Bonneville Basin KC	Show	North Lehi, UT	Brown
	7	Utah Valley KC	Show	West Jordan, UT	Brown
	12-14	Greater Emporia KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Salina, KC	Onofrio

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Sep	13-14	Prescott Arizona KC	Show - Close 8/27/97	Prescott, AZ	Onofrio
	19-21	Electric City KC Yellowstone Valley KC Helena Montana KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Helena, MT	
	20-21	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close 9/3/97	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio
	20-21	Fort Worth Texas KC	Show	Fort Worth, TX Mesquite, TX	Onofrio
	26-28	Heart of the Plains KC	Show - Close 9/10/97	Lubbock, TX	Onofrio
	27-28	Sunflower KC of Olath	Show	Gardner, KS	Onofrio
Oct	4-5	Rio Grande KC Sangre De Cristo KC	Show	Santa Fe, NM	Onofrio
	4-5	Intermountain KC Mount Ogden KC	Show	Magna, UT	Onofrio
	10-11	Chaparral KC Rio Pecos KC	Show	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio
	12-13	El Paso KC Mesilla Valley KC	Show	Las Cruces, NM	Onofrio
	14-19	SCA National	Specialty	Sturbridge, MA	Jim Rau
	18-19	Rapid City KC	Show	Rapid City, SD	Onofrio
	25-26	Kachina KC	Show	Goodyear, AZ	
	25-26	Sioux Valley KC Sioux Empire KC	Show	Sioux Falls, SD	Onofrio
	25-26	Travis County KC	Show	Austin, TX	Onofrio
Nov	1-2	Bartlesville KC Mid-Continent KC	Show	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio
	8-9	Evergreen KC Flatirons KC	Show	Longmont, CO	Onofrio
	8-9	Mid-Del Tinker KC Oklahoma Clty KC	Show	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio
	29-30	Southern Colorado KC	Show	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio
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Book Review

History Buffs and Book Collectors Capture the Iditarod Spirit!

IDITAROD SILVER

written by Lew Freedman and photographer Jeff Schultz.

ISBN 0-945397-56-9, Epicenter Press, Fairbanks and Seattle, \$29.95.

This gorgeous book covers 25 years of the Iditarod, mushers, dogs,officials, village people, veternarians, and photography of the checkpoints the trail. This material often

overlooked in publications. Don't miss this book!

DSR Success Letter

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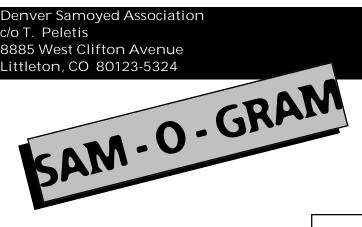
Debbie,

Junior is now Kyrin (Ky). He is doing great! He adjusted much faster than we thought it would take. He now follows us everywhere, is very affectionate and is very happy.

Thank you for all your help.

Neil







May 19, 1997 Meeting Reminder:

- Program: Pack Hiking, presented by Lorrie McAllister. Program begins at 7:15 pm before the meeting. It will be held on Littleton Hospital's south parking lot.
- Meeting will be held at Littleton Hospital after the program.
- Nominations for 1998 Local Specialty judges will be held.
- Sam-O-Gram June issue deadline for articles is Friday, June 6th.
- Call Carolyn in advance to place your grocery certificate order.
- Call Thalia in advance to place your Englewood Garden Ctr order.
- Next Board Meeting is: May 20th, 6:30 pm at Gates Rubber Company.

Attention!!!

If you know of any individual, or any business with boarding kennel

facilities in the Denver metro area that may be willing to accommodate our rescue dogs, please contact Deb Castro at 220-7536. DSR is beginning to push the time limit with our current facility (they are giving up their lease) and we

need to make

alternate boarding

arrangements as

soon as possible!

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE Dogs placed during the month of April: 0 Year to Date Total: 7

As of 05/08/97, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Male(Abner) Unknown Kennel Female(Daisy) 8 yrs. Unknown Kennel

Comments: Suggest these two be placed together because of their age. They were picked up running together. Shots due in May. Abner is easy (very cute), Daisy is more the worrier. They will need someone who is patient and can spend time with them. Both need grooming.

Male(Shadow) 8 yr. House Owner

<u>Comments</u>: OK with other dogs and kids. Owner thinks he would do best with another dog - does not like to be left alone. Very people oriented. Placement Reason: Owner doesn't have time for him.

Male(Dakota) House/Outdoor

Female(Snowflake) 7 vrs. House/Outdoor

Comments: Owner prefers that dogs be placed together. Both are average size (m-50#, f-40#). OK with other dogs, cats and kids. Female is afraid of thunder. Placement Reason: Dogs bring too much dirt into the house.

Male(Rambo) 8 yrs. House Kennel Comments: OK with other dogs, all children, and cats. Medium activity level. Large size (90#), very overweight. Knows basic obedience commands. Does get

nasty over grooming (nails in particular). Placement Reason: Owner moved overseas

House/Outdoor

Male(Raja) 1 yr. Flouse/Odition (Salas) Comments: Large size, slightly overweight (~10#). OK with other dogs, cats, and (loves) kids. Knows some obedience commands. Would probably do best with

another dog. Does have a floppy ear and only part of a tail.

Placement Reason: Owners are moving.

Female(Sula) 6 yr. House/Outdoor Owner Comments: Knows basic obedience commands. OK with other dogs, cats and kids. Low activity level. VERY people oriented! Placement Reason: Owner must be mobile/flexible to move on short notice and thinks that is unfair to the dog.

Male(Gabby) 4 yr. ?? Kennel Comments: Average size. Likes to "talk". This boy is a fence jumper. Placement Reason: Picked up from Adams County A.S.

House/Outdoor Comments: Knows basic obedience commands, likes to play ball. OK with other dogs and loves kids. Large size. Medium activity level.

Placement Reason: Dog belonged to Mother-in-law who recently passed away.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call Heidi (660-1472), Carolyn (750-1740), or Deb (220-7536). Thanks!