

# SAM-O-GRAM

January 2026



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### The New Year is Here!

The holidays are over, decorations have coming down, and January is upon us. Now is also a time for New Years Resolutions and new beginnings.

I always get excited to set my goals with my dogs for the new year and get into classes to help us obtain these goals. Several matches are held in January and February to get our puppies ready or the dust brushed off of our mature kiddos. And the February shows are always fun, starting the magic of a new year!

There are so many new opportunities to try with our dogs, I hope to add attending Nose Work trails and getting Capella's therapy dog certification this year. Is anyone up for a Rally title challenge with our dogs - we can pick a fun trial and get as many of us entered as would like, and root on our fellow Samoyed teams? Challenges for any other event would be fun too, just reach out and we can get the word out to the rest of the membership.

Best of luck for a fabulous 2026 with your Samoyeds!

Martha Lageschulte  
DSA President

## Meeting Date and Location for January Meeting!

**January 19, 2026**

**6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**

**Natural Grocers Wheat Ridge**

**I-70 and Kipling**

*Correction to November Meeting Minutes: Sue Wangerin was present.*

**DSA December Holiday Party -  
Sunday, December 17, 2025**

Fox Hollow Country Club, Morrison, CO

Present: Dan Elvera, Lori Elvera, Donna Dannen, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne, Julie Morris, Joe Morris, Linda Kitzman, Lorrie McAllister, John McAllister, Martha Lageschulte, Jim Lageschulte, Pam Buhl, Rachel Paulson, Sue Wangerin, Tammy Linnert, Terry Walb, Butch Walb, Valerie Passmore, Linda Deits, Scott Deits, Bob Mast, Chris Maslin-Cole, Anne O'Neill, Kristi Schopfer, Tom Schopfer, Clarissa Black, Steven Black

**President: Martha Lageschulte**

Thank you everyone for coming and celebrating a wonderful year!

**Awards: Kristi Schopfer**

CH Azteca's Party In The USA

CH Azteca's Strange Brew

MOHBIS GCHB CH Queen City's Heart of Gold RN  
BCAT FITB

CH Queen City's Magic Man, CGC, TKN

OHBIS GCH CH Queen City's Dancing in the  
Moonlight

GCHB CH IntICH IntIRBIS T-Snow Star's Feel'N The  
Need For Speed RN FCAT ACT2 ACT2J SWA SCNE  
SBNE SCE THDN RATCHX3 CZ8P CGCA CGCU  
TKN ATT FITG POA IT HCT NOHS-B WSXM VS

GCH WhiteStar & Mystic Frost's Rockin' Reindeer  
BCAT STR TKN

CH WhiteStar's Reindeer Express

CH WhiteStar's Stuffed With Fluff

CH WhiteStar's Fly By Night With Southwind

Emmy and Mikaela Best in Show Brace SCA 2025

Miles Best In Show Owner Handled 2025

GCH CH Silverado's All That Jazz RE MS2 RAE2 BN  
OA OAJ NF BCAT SWN SCNE SINE SHDN CGCA  
CGCU TK

Magellan's Say Yes to Life's Wintersong  
RE TKI RATN

GCH Silverado's Soaring Linc to Magellan  
RE TKI POA RATN

CH Wintermist's Blue Teardrops On My Guitar

CH Wintermist's Dressing For Revenge

CH Wintermist's Wildest Dreams

CH Hawkwind's Sapphire Solitaire

Frostfire's Majestic Mountain DCAT

BISS GCHB White Gold's Winter Solstice BCAT AOM

BISS MOHBIS GCHS CH Saratoga's Catching  
Snowflakes CGC TKA

BISS OHBIS GCH CH Saratoga's Chasing  
Snowflakes DCAT CGCA ATT TKI FITB

CH Silverplume Sunnyside's All That Jazz  
NA DCAT NAJ

GCH CH WhiteStar's His Imperial Majesty POA

CH WhiteStar's Stuffed With Fluff

GCH CH WhiteStar's Rockin' Reindeer  
POA STR BCAT TKN

CH WhiteStar's Fly By Night to SouthWind

CH WhiteStar's Reindeer Express POA

GCH CH WhiteStar's Danger Zone  
FCAT RATN CGCU TKN ATT FITG

MBISS GCHS SnowStar's Reindeer Games  
2024 SCA Top Brood Bitch

BISS CH Silverplume's I Hope You Dance

GCH CH Taiga Run's Reigns Always Room for  
Dessert

GCH Sunkaska's Meant To Be BCAT

CH Starquest N Millcreek Charting The Stars  
BN RI NAP OJP

BISS GCH Starquest's Zarry Night TKI

GCH Starquest Put A Spell On Snowbastian

CH Starquest's Making Magic BCAT TKN

GCH Starquest Aries Shooting For The Stars 5M  
DCAT CGC

GCH Starquest Quintessentially Millcreek  
MBISS MOHBIS CD MX MXJ RE ROMC

Congratulations to all of the winning done in 2025!

Link to Title abbreviations - <https://www.akc.org/sports/titles-and-abbreviations/>

## DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE

**DSR Fundraisers:**

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes chip and enrollment fee.  
Make an appointment with: Pam Buhl, 303.915.1725; or Linda Kitzman, 303.794.7136

## DSA Special Board Meeting – December 22, 2025

Zoom

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm - Terry Walb started the Zoom meeting and then left.

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

We gathered input from members on WhatsApp for judge preferences for the June 2026 designated specialty.

- Marissa Clark and Pam Schroeder garnered the highest votes and were tied
- Marissa Clark has judged in our area recently. Pam Schroeder has not judged locally
- We decided Pam Schroeder would be our first choice for the specialty, and we would request Marissa Clark to judge one of the other days at Flatirons KC
- We'd also request Carolyn Herbel

Sweepstakes judge suggestions were Pam Buhl and Suzie Francis.

Pam Buhl suggested we choose Suzie because Pam will be busy with logistics.

Martha Lageschulte will contact our chosen judges, since she's already on the panel, so there's no conflict.

Linda Kitzman and Pam Buhl asked for preliminary guidance on the budget, primarily rosettes and trophies and hospitality.

- While we want the designated specialty to be fun and special, our November regular specialty remains the crown jewel. We don't want to compete or try to match it.

- Shanan Streweler is helping obtain rosettes and has a contact. We also have an Oregon contact. Ribbons will not be as fancy as November.
- We decided on a preliminary number of \$500 for flat ribbons and rosettes
- Possibly get businesses to donate
- If we only do trophies for big wins (BOB, BOS, Selects, BOW), estimated cost \$1500
- Trophies for conformation only as high as \$4k
- Spending for rosettes and ribbons \$1100 in 2025
- We discussed whether to do a smaller rosette for 1st place wins
- The board will discuss donations strategy in January. Time is short and we don't want to cannibalize November donors.
- Linda asked for \$1500 for the budget and the board agreed
- There was some disappointment in November. We will strive to make the designated more inclusive
- Typically, the DSA picnic is before June shows
- We want to do the annual picnic on Saturday afternoon. Andrea has reserved pavilion.
- We'll bring up the possible picnic change to members in January

7:35 adjourned

Submitted,  
Lorrie McAllister, DSA Recording Secretary

Note from Christie Martinez, the Saturday Specialty judge  
Dear DSA:

I would like to Thank You and the members of Denver Samoyed Association for inviting me to judge your recent Specialty. It was fun seeing Donna, Jan, Julie, Lori, Linda, Heidi, Martha, Pat, Gary, Judy, Jim, and others. It was like coming home.

The Show site was amazing. The theme, Sammies in Wonderland, accompanied by the amazing artwork thruout was so much fun. What a smooth transformation of the rings to a dining room, with more fun decorations.

I am so proud of our breed. The last few years the quality has exceeded my expectation and I have been pleased to place them often in the Working Group. The line up of the Specials at your show was the best!

I had some tough choices to make, but in the end, I was pleased with what I had chosen. I was sincere when I said all those in the final line up could have taken Breed, but my winner stole my heart. She possessed all the attributes I dream of finding when I judge.

Again, thank you for having me and I wish Denver Samoyed Association continued success,  
Christie

## TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 12/31/2025

Income/Expense by Category: 1/1/2025-12/31/2025

### GENERAL FUND

#### INCOME

Agility Trial.....	12,233.00
FastCAT Income .....	9,145.10
Holiday Party .....	711.00
Local Specialty.....	10,959.22
Membership .....	1,459.00
Specialty Match .....	90.00
Ways & Means.....	1,243.02
TOTAL INCOME.....	35,840.34

#### EXPENSES

Uncategorized .....	21.65
Agility Expense .....	11,155.70
Bank Charges.....	33.46
Coupons Used .....	1,349.00
Credit Card Fees.....	371.82
FastCAT Expenses.....	1,285.07
Holiday Party Expense .....	2,399.00
Insurance.....	600.00
Legislation .....	175.00
Local Specialty Expenses .....	13,358.59
Miscellaneous .....	219.49
Sam-O-Gram-Web.....	540.00
Summer Social .....	209.57
Taxes.....	500.00
Trophy Donation .....	50.00
Website Design .....	214.73
Zoom Subscription .....	174.53
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	32,657.61

OVERALL TOTAL ..... 3,182.73

### RESCUE FUND

#### INCOME

Donation to DSR .....	800.00
Microchips.....	100.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	900.00

#### EXPENSES

Charitable Donations-SFSR.....	1,000.00
Credit Card Fees.....	8.52
Rescue Misc Grooming .....	370.00
Veterinary Services .....	1,251.73
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	2,630.25

OVERALL TOTAL ..... (1,730.25)

### ACCOUNT BALANCES (includes unrealized gains)

#### Bank Accounts

General Fund.....	21,530.21
PayPal.....	39.66
Rescue Fund .....	10,870.09
Rescue Fund CD (Cash) .....	21,281.37
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts .....</b>	<b>53,721.33</b>

#### Asset Accounts

**TOTAL Asset Accounts .....0.00**

#### Investment Accounts

**TOTAL Investment Accounts .....0.00**

**OVERALL TOTAL .....53,721.33**

# ***FAST & FURIOUS***

## **AKC Fast CAT Event**



HOSTED BY THE DENVER  
SAMOYED ASSOCIATION

Administrative & Secretary Service by HarmonyDogSports, LLC

**Pre-entries open  
1/16 at 8am MST & close  
2/13 at 9pm MST**



Scan for  
premium list &  
registration  
or visit

**SATURDAY 2/28 &  
SUNDAY 3/1, 2026**  
9am-3pm

**ARAPAHOE PARK**  
4450 Indiana St.  
Golden, CO, 80403

<https://harmonydogsports.com/upcoming-events/denver-samoyed-association-fast-cat/>

# When Movement Stops: Understanding Different Types of Paralysis in Dogs

Few moments feel as heart-wrenching as watching a beloved companion struggle to stand or walk. Paralysis in dogs often arrives without warning—one day, a joyful sprint, the next, a silent struggle to move. Recognizing the early signs, such as dragging legs, knuckling, or sudden weakness, can make all the difference in seeking urgent care.

## Types of Paralysis in Dogs

Paralysis in dogs isn't one-size-fits-all. The condition is classified by which limbs are affected and the degree of movement loss:

- **Tetraplegia:** All four limbs lose function, leaving a dog unable to move or stand.
- **Paraplegia:** Only the hind legs are affected, often resulting in dragging or complete loss of use.
- **Paresis:** Partial paralysis; movement is possible but weak and uncoordinated.
- **Monoplegia:** Only one limb is affected, which can be subtle but still life-altering.

Each type brings its own challenges, from mobility to basic needs like urination and grooming.

## What Causes Paralysis in Dogs?

The causes of paralysis are as varied as the dogs themselves. Trauma, such as a car accident, tops the list, but many cases stem from hidden threats:

**Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD):** Common in Dachshunds and Corgis, this condition involves spinal disc material pressing on the spinal cord, often resulting in sudden or gradual paralysis.

**Degenerative Myelopathy (DM):** Degenerative Myelopathy is a genetic, progressive disease seen in older German Shepherds and Boxers, causing slow loss of hind limb function.

**Tick Paralysis:** Certain ticks inject neurotoxins that can rapidly paralyze a dog, starting in the hind legs and moving forward.

**Fibrocartilaginous Embolism (FCE):** A spinal stroke that blocks blood flow, leading to sudden, often temporary paralysis, especially in large breeds.

Cancer, infections, and autoimmune disorders can also disrupt nerve signals, resulting in partial or total paralysis.

## Breed Matters: Who's at Risk?

Some breeds face higher risks due to genetics or body structure. Dachshunds, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, and German Shepherds are particularly vulnerable to spinal conditions, while larger breeds may suffer from embolisms or degenerative diseases.

## Hope and Healing: What Dog Parents Can Do

Paralysis is always an emergency—swift veterinary attention is critical. Diagnosis may involve physical exams, imaging, and bloodwork to pinpoint the cause. Treatments range from surgery and medication to physical therapy and supportive care, tailored to the underlying issue. In cases like tick paralysis, prevention and prompt removal of the tick can help.

While paralysis brings fear and uncertainty, many dogs adapt with courage and grace against different types of paralysis in dogs. Wheelchairs, harnesses, and dedicated rehabilitation can restore joy and mobility. The journey demands patience, but the rewards—a wagging tail, a determined spirit—remind us of the unbreakable bond we share.

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