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Denver Samoyed Association, Inc.

What's in a Name?

"The following article was taken from a recent ABRN newsletter and is reprinted with permission of the author, Martha Smith. The point of the article is to question use of the word "Rescue" in our group names – and that is something we may want to consider, however Martha does an excellent job of identifying the various ways your time is spent when you are involved on a daily basis in a rescue effort – in addition to placing dogs." - Deb Castro, DSA Sammy Rescue Co-Chair

What's in a Name?

When All Breed Rescue Network was formally incorporated in 1996, it did not occur to any of us that the word "rescue" might have negative connotations to other members of the animal welfare community. Little did we know that animal collectors and some commercial brokers also use the term to describe themselves. In addition, we did not understand the unintentional insult delivered to shelter personnel, who do not, as a rule, behave in a way that requires us to save animals from their clutches. We adopted the term because it was and is the one in general used by breed clubs to describe what we do: breed education and assistance, general canine welfare, and the placement of abandoned adult dogs in quality, permanent homes.

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Membership Meeting Minutes

03/16/98 - Membership Meeting

Present:

Carolyn Bateman	Linda Kitzman
Steve Baugh	Thalia Peletis
Denise Baugh	Jane Reller
Carol Beatty	Bob Sencenbaugh
Julie Beatty	Debbi Sencenbaugh
Nancy Golden	Michele Schmitt
Tom Lisec	Kristi Schopfer
Mary Lloyd	Sue Wangerin

Guest : John Dextras, Rhonda Dextras

-Meeting was called to order at 07:20 PM by Bob Sencenbaugh.

-Review of the 01//19/98 membership meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.

-President's Report, Bob Sencenbaugh :
No Report.

-Secretary's Report, Thalia Peletis:
Newsletters to pass around.

A current listing of paid membership dues was requested from the Treasurer to update our membership roster for our next meeting.

-Corresponding Secretary's Report, Jane Reller :
Following passed around :Newsletters, newspaper articles on sled dog racing and pictures from the recent DSA Specialty.

-Treasurer's Report, Julie Beatty :
General Fund: \$ 3797.27
Rescue Fund: \$ 2102.58
Raffle Fund: \$ 14.25

-Committee Reports-

All Breed Match - Colleen Groseth
No report.

Awards - Debbi Sencenbaugh
No report.

Breeder Referral - Martha Lageschulte
No report.

Breeder's Showcase/Public Education - Jane Reller
Breeder Showcase held on Feb 28th and March 1st at Boulder's Crossroads Mall. We had a very good booth and we spoke to lots of people about the Samoyed breed. **Thank you Jane for organizing this important event!**

Cheer - Debbi Sencenbaugh
Cards sent to Kathi Metter for Bunny, Julie Beatty for Sassy, Bob Mast who was in the hospital and Caitlan McFarland who is recovering after being struck by a car. A card will sent to Kathi Metter for her brother's recent passing.

DSA Liaison to SCA - Debbi Sencenbaugh
No DSA report will appear in the March SCA Bulletin, due to the fact Debbi just took on this position. Debbi highlighted some features to be found in next bulletin:

- Changes in futurity requirements: OFA and CERF required for both DAM and SIRE. Some discussion in regards to litters created via frozen semen and no such certificates are available.
- Working dog changes.
- New Obedience committee formed.
- Special working committee created and headed by Kent Dannen.
- Talk about carting - for those who don't live in a winter type environment, to be applied toward Working Dog title.

- Advanced herding should get more credit toward working titles.
- Rescue - Janet White, SCA Rescue Rep, raised discussion about breeder responsibility "where it starts and ends".

If you have any comments or ideas on these topics, please relate them to your Colorado SCA board members: Heidi Nieman or Judy Mears.

Historian/Librarian - Tom Lisec

New additions to our library:

- Set of tapes and book purchased on Dog Massage created by the Lang Sisters in Loveland, CO.
- Dog Locomotion a book which features gait analysis. Bob Sencenbaugh offered to loan his Tellington Touch book and video to anyone interested.

Hospitality - Steve Baugh

Soda tonight. Steve and Denise won't be here the next couple meetings (They are going to have a baby soon!)

Membership - Janet Cherne

For Janet, Jane Reller re-read John and Rhonda Dextras membership application. A secret ballot was taken and their membership was unanimously approved! **Welcome John and Rhonda!** Unfortunately for us, the Dextras are being transferred to Santa Maria, CA in April. However, they still wanted to become members!

Bob Sencenbaugh requested a committee to call on the 12 people who technically have lapsed on their membership by not paying their dues by February. Bob Sencenbaugh and Julie Beatty will perform this task.

Program - Tom Lisec

No program tonight due to the Caitlan McFarland's unfortunate accident. Future programs will be planned.

Sam-O-Gram - Thalia Peletis

No report.

Sammy Rescue - Deb Castro / Andi Mast

We participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday and it was success! We gave out "business" cards created for the breeder's showcase and per Carolyn, we have already received calls back by interested adoptive families. **Thank you to all participants in this fun-filled event!**

Tom Lisec reported that more raffle items have been donated to benefit rescue:

- Darlene Wilson - large Samoyed artist print
- Two tapes on dog massage

Specialty Match - Jane Reller

Tom Lisec has reserved Sterne Park for Sept 12th. If you have suggestions for judges, please let Jane know.

Tournament - Nancy Golden

No report.

Ways & Means - Steve Baugh

Short and long-sleeved T-shirts are in stock with current logo. Close-out sale on "Sammy's Give the Best Hugs" stock: \$7 sweatshirts, \$5 for short-sleeved, two-tone shirts and \$3 for long-sleeved, monotone shirts.

If you are interested in any of this merchandise please call or e-mail the Baughs.

Working Dog - Michele Schmitt

Skijoring event is planned for this Sunday (3/22) at Snow Mountain Ranch, starting around 9:30-10:00 AM. This may be last weekend. So far we have had lots of participation in this activity!

Working Title changed to allow pack hiking participants

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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to count distance on asphalt and covered bridges.

Bob reported that SCA's webmaster requested pictures from DSA's skijoring outing to place on SCA's web page.

Specialty - Jane Reller / Carol Beatty / Julie Beatty

* A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Regular meeting and convene the Specialty membership meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Jane Reller.

Please see Jane's Specialty report on page 3.

We have the following left over trophies.

- 10 - Wooden Dumb Bells
- 3 - 4' Obedience Leads
- 2 - Black leather show leads
- 9 - Fuschia soft-slip collars
- 7 - Black soft-slip collars.

Motion made and tabled for voting at next membership meeting: "Donate the remaining '98 DSA Local Specialty 16 soft-slip collar trophies to DSR."

Meeting chair was turned over to Carol and Julie Beatty.

- A sign-up sheet for '99 Specialty Chairs passed around: Advertising, Grounds, Hospitality, Publicity, Ways & Means, and Working Sweeps. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol or Julie.
- Colleen Groseth will be our Trophy chairperson.
- We have received back the judges contracts. Application to AKC will be going out.
- Show Secretary - Daphane Lowe will not be available next year. Jane has 2 names that she will provide to Carol.

Question raised to membership if anyone was interested in chairing the Year 2000 DSA Local Specialty, otherwise a judge's panel would be required to contact the nominees given tonight. No one volunteered to chair, but Debbi Sencenbaugh agreed to be on the judge's panel.

Nominations for Year 2000 DSA Local Specialty

Sweepstakes:

Joan Anslem		Bill Lee	CO
Julie Beatty	CO	Jan Leonard	CO
Joyce Curtis	AZ	Chuck McWilliams	CO
Donna Dannen	CO	Kent Dannen	CO
John Donner	MN	Kathi Metter	CO
Jack Feinberg	NY	Heidi Neiman	CO
Gary Griffin	MN	Louise O'Connell	PA
Susan Hampton	CO	Carole Selleck	CO
Glenda Henson		Mary Jo Ragsdale	CO
Janice Hovellmann	NY	Karen McClain	
Leslie Jocelyn	Canada	Joy Ritter	OR
Judy Schold	WI	Jill Smoot	MO

Working Sweepstakes:

Brenda Abbott	CO	Darlu Littledeer	
Donna Dannen	CO	Lorrie McAllister	CO
Kent Dannen	CO	Lana McClellan	CO
David Holley	CO	Bob Sencenbaugh	CO
Pam Landers	MN	Debbie Spiller	CO

Obedience:

Irene Biven	TX	Richard Muhlenhaupt	
J.J. Ham		Helen Phillips	CO
Barbara Handler	CO	Nancy Pollack	
Helen Lee James	CO	MaryBelle Reuche	
Patricia Maynard	CO	Rex Wolff	
Gerald Miller	CO		

Conformation (Breeder Judge):

Don Hodges	WI	Jeanne Nonhof	WI
Dorothy Hodges	WI	Gail Spieker	CA
Joyce Johnson		John Studebaker	MI
Audrey Lycan	AL	Frank Thomas	CA
Karen McFarlane	MO	Mardee Ward-Fanning	MT
Larry Mackai	MN	Robert Ward	CA

Nominations closed.

* A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Specialty meeting and reconvene the regular membership meeting. Meeting chair was turned over to Bob Sencenbaugh.

-Unfinished Business:

Vote on motion made in January meeting:

"If the 1999 Local Specialty Regular Class Judge cancels prior to the Specialty, DSA will pick the replacement all-breed judge from the PCKC/CKC judge's panel."

Motion passed.

-New Business:

The '99 SCA National Specialty trophy committee has sent a request for trophy donations. The deadline is June 1st. See list below for trophy requests.

BOB	\$100	BOS	\$80
BOW	\$80	WD/WB	\$60
Reserve	\$50	Rosettes	\$25
Reg classes: 1st -\$40, 2nd-\$35, 3rd-\$30, 4th-\$35			
Best Puppy in Sweepstakes	\$50		
BOS Puppy in Sweeps	\$45		
Best Puppy in Reg Classes	\$60		
Best Bred By in Reg Classes	\$60		
Best Puppy in Futurity	\$40		
Best Junior in Futurity	\$40		
Grand Futurity	\$100		
Best Veteran in Sweeps	\$60		
BOS Veteran	\$50		
Best Jr. Showman	\$50		
High in Trial	\$80		
Highest Combined in Trial	\$80		

Nonreg/Obed classes: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$20, 3rd-\$15, 4th-10, rosettes \$20

Motion made and tabled for voting at next membership meeting: "DSA to determine if we will donate the cost of trophy for the '99 SCA National Specialty".

Motion made and tabled for voting at next membership meeting: "DSA to donate \$100 to SCA Foundation".

Discussion: Initially fund was given \$40,000, which earns annually \$2000 in interest. This interest is donated to medical research concerning Samoyed breed or larger picture of dogs. Many requests are made to receive this donation, including AKC. This donation is to build the principle so the interest then higher, and allow for such donations.

Bob suggested a phone/e-mail tree be created for last minute news, such as cancelled meetings due to inclement weather. Members who have internet e-mail access will receive an e-mail and the rest will receive a phone call. So please, if you have an e-mail address you wish to share, please send your address to Bob Sencenbaugh (StrChySams@aol.com) or Thalia Peletis (t_peletis@msn.com).

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Membership Meeting Minutes

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-Barks and Growls:

- Bob Sencenbaugh - **Artic Mist Forget Me Not** - received her first point at the Hobbs, NM show under Judith Goodin.
- Carolyn Bateman - **Artic Mist Light Gyrs Away "Bucky"** - went Winner's Dog on Saturday in Hobbs, NM, under Judith Goodin
- Sue Wangerin - **Nakiska's On Cloudnine "Kaydee"** earned her CD at the February shows with scores of 193 ½, 191, and 177 ½ (yuck), and **Cloudnine's Roving Gambler, CD, "Rover"**, earned one leg

towards his CDX at CKC with a score of 183 ½.

- Michele Schmitt - **Frostacres Tip of the Iceberg** - went Winner's Dog and Best of Winners in Hobbs, NM
- Linda Kitzman - **"Puffin"** - had her puppies 2 girls and 1 boy!! **"Chuck"** received his 1st open leg with a score of 198 ½ and took 1st place in open class at our 1998 Specialty.

-Meeting was adjourned at 08:45 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

03/30/98 - Board Meeting

Present:

Heidi Nieman Jane Reller Michele Schmitt
Thalia Peletis Bob Sencenbaugh

-Meeting was called to order at 07:15 PM by Bob Sencenbaugh.

-Review of the 01/19/98 board meeting minutes for corrections. Minutes were approved as written.

-**President's Report**, Bob Sencenbaugh :

No Report

-**Recording Secretary's Report**, Thalia Peletis:

No Report.

-**Corresponding Secretary's Report**, Jane Reller :

No Report

-**Treasurer's Report**, Julie Beatty :

No Report

-Unfinished Business:

In response to the suggestions put forth by the '97 board in the 1/19/98 board meeting, the following recommendations were made by the '98 board:

1. DSR Committee Guidelines change to the section:
What if a breeder would like DSR's help in placing a returned puppy or dog?
 - Replace "breeder" with "DSA club member".
 - Add the following paragraph:
"When DSA club members need to place a dog, whether it's a puppy or an adult Samoyed, they should contact the DSA Breeder Referral Chairperson. It is expected that if DSR does not have a rescue Samoyed that fulfills the needs of a possible adoptive family, then DSR will provide to them the DSA Breeder Referral Chairperson's phone number".
2. The Board requests the membership committee:
 - Review the current DSA Membership Application, and consider possible additional questions to ask of the prospective member, in order to find out more about their philosophies on dog ownership. Suggest reviewing questions listed on the DSR adoption application.
 - Create a membership packet to provide to a new club member. Suggestions included, the original DSA club brochure, DSA

Constitution, Samoyed Breed Standard, SCA Code of Ethics, DSA Committee Guidelines, DSR Guidelines, health problems associated with the breed, grooming products, tools and techniques, and all the activities that a owner can do with their Samoyed.

-New Business:

The Board will make the following motion during the next membership meeting to: "Limit club members to two Local Specialty judge nominations per category. The reason, to control club resources, both financial and member's time, that are required to follow-up on each of these nominations".

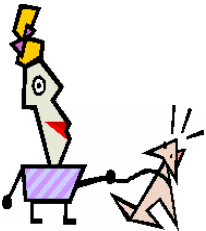
All-Breed Fun Match

- Last year the All-Breed Fun Match made a profit of \$383.21. However, it was held on the same day as the Basset Hound Fun Match.
- It was suggested that at this year's match, which is tentatively scheduled in August at Morris Park, more activities should be offered to raise money. Ideas offered: agility, canine good citizen test, and microchip clinic. Jane will follow-up with Martha, who had mentioned last year about the possibility of renting the agility equipment from the Rhodesian Ridgeback club.
- If additional activities are offered then Colleen Groseth must be provided with more club volunteers or a co-chair to assist her in coordinating this effort.
- As soon as the date, place and events offered are finalized, we must advertise our fun match by distributing flyers as early as possible, and also have it published in both The Scoop and Colorado Dog Fancier Association Newsletters. It also must be stressed to our own club members, that this is a major DSA fundraiser and they are asked to volunteer and participate in this event to make it a big success!

Sammy Daze or Sammy Olympics! Bob suggested we also hold a fun outing with our Samoyeds, similar to Colleen's successful Sammy Daze.

-Meeting was adjourned at 09:30 PM.

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SAM-O-GRAM

1998 Local Specialty Report

We had 72 dogs entered with a total of 106 entries. The breakdown was: 7 Obedience entries (C. Evert), 24 Puppy sweepstakes (M. Lageschulte), 8 Working sweeps (J. Hug), 67 Regular, Non-regular, and Junior Showmanship (S. Mangini). Entries were down from last year probably due in part to the Westminster reschedule and having another breeder judge (entries were down from the whole weekend as well). However, we did well with show expenses and Ways and Means (see below). We also had our first ILP entrant in obedience. Hopefully we can encourage more people to enter their ILP dogs.

Having a hospitality table all day in lieu of a banquet seemed to go over quite well. It gave people a chance to eat when they had time, and a chance to visit with each other.

Introducing the High in Trial winner (who was the ILP entrant) after Working Sweeps was a great idea and people seemed to enjoy it. I hope we continue to do that in the future.

The rescue raffle made money (see below) and the donated items were a hit. Tom Lisec has already obtained a couple of items for next year's raffle.

Having a blind exhibitor was new. I was disappointed on show day to find out that they had already consulted a lawyer and came into the situation in an offensive manner, almost expecting a fight. Fortunately, I found out of her entry in advance, talked to Shirley, and she talked to her

Expenses	
AKC Application Fee	\$50.00
PC/CKC Location Fee	\$200.00
Clean-up Fee	\$40.00
Show Secretary	\$644.66
Rosettes and Ribbons	\$103.81
AKC Recording Fee	\$34.50
Judge's Airfare (hotel donated by judge)	\$201.00
Judges Gifts	\$85.20
Obedience Judge Fee	\$30.00
Total Expenses	\$1,389.17

Income	
Entry Fees	\$1,663.00
Catalog Ads	\$130.00
Catalog Sales	\$138.00
Total Income	\$1,793.00

Total Profit - Specialty	\$541.83
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AKC rep and most issues were already settled, and the whole thing went off without a hitch (at least on our end).

Shirley donated her room for two nights (~\$120) and suggested we use that money for next year's specialty, perhaps to pay our judge.

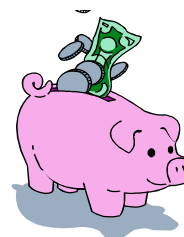
We had a couple of minor mistakes in the catalog, but other than that I was very pleased with Daphane Lowe as our show secretary. Unfortunately, she is not available next year. She is show chair for the Saluki specialty. We will need to find another show secretary for next year, but I would have no qualms about using her again in the future.

Plum Creek and Colorado Kennel Club again were great to work with and helped make the whole thing easy for us. We still suggest that obedience be moved upstairs next year and I have made that suggestion to next year's chair.

One glitch that cost us a few entries was that the AKC Events Calendar had another show secretary listed. So anyone who entered late got their entries back, and missed the deadline. Suggested that next year the chair confirm the show secretary listing.

I enjoyed being show chair this year, I learned a lot and I couldn't have done it without the support of club members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Reller
1998 Show Chairperson



Other Income and Expenses			
	Expenses	Income	Net
Rescue Raffle	\$0	\$175.00	\$175.00
Hospitality	\$99.43	\$84.90	(\$14.53)*
Ways and Means	\$168.00	\$288.00	\$120.50
Total Other Income			\$195.50

*Some money was spent on a cash box, and other items the club will continue to use and profit from.

Poem



*"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true,
to the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him to be worthy
of such devotion."*

- author unknown

DSR Success Letters

"Dutchess"

February 21, 1998

(Dutchess is going to be Lisa's Guide Dog when Caitlyn completes training her.)

Hi,

Well, my keyboard is wet now! You guys are great! I have to confess that I am greatly indebted to the Sammie Angels and to Denver Samoyed Rescue. Lisa and I have had nothing but good, positive experiences since we first spoke with Janet White and Deb Castro. We jumped right in and explained exactly what we were looking for in a guide dog prospect, and DSR was there with not one, but about three decent candidates for the job. Something made me think about Dutchess first, so I went with the gut instinct, and here she is. She's had a great attitude throughout her surgery and recovery, and will be proudly walking in the annual Denver St. Patrick's Day parade in her new guide dog harness. We never expected any help with this dog, either financially or otherwise, but we were gladly surprised by everyone's help Janet and Deb's good dog sense, Andi's help when Dutchess took an unscheduled stroll around the neighborhood at 10 pm (the night before a show, no less!), Deb and Janet and Deb both for help with transportation to and from the vet, and the list goes on and on...

I know we are going to help out and give back as much as we can...

Caitlyn and Dutchess

February 21, 1998

Hi, I'd like to echo what Cait has said. Thank you very much for all the help that has been given to Cait, Dutchess and me. This really would not have been possible without all of the help I have received.

Thank you,

Lisa Connor

"Chinook"

March 26, 1998

Happy Anniversary, Chinook!

Yes, that's right, it's been 2 years since Chinook came to live with us. The last year has been much quieter than the first since we've all settled into having a dog in our lives and Chinook's gotten used to us.

Our major adventure for the year was traveling to Nevada to see my parents. Chinook has my mother wrapped around her paw and my father bought her one of those really big dog beds for Christmas (she looks like she should be in a catalog when she lies on it). My mother even promised to make Chinook treats from the 3-dog Bakery and then had to apologize to her when she slipped it back a day. My cookies didn't have as large a priority!

So, once again, thank you to Denver Samoyed Rescue for helping us find our girl. The really good news is that I think I've convince Ryan we should get another one, so this summer....

I'll be home in 2 weeks and

I can't wait to see Chinook's reaction after my being gone for 4 months. Ryan tells me she misses me, so I know she'll be pretty excited. I'll post about it, no doubt.

Joni Conway

Taszar, Hungary (2 weeks to go!)

Editor's Note:

Chinook, Joni (usually), and Ryan live in Arkansas. They drove out to Denver two years ago to pick up their rescue girl.

When Deb Castro asked Joni for permission to reprint her message she added the following: Just make sure that you mention how much my parents spoil their "grandpuppy". My mother even bought Chinook a bookmark with two Sammies on it (picture by Kent and Donna Dannen) and had it signed by Dolly Ward, who wrote it "To Chinook."



Denver Samoyed Rescue

As I See It

This month (with special thanks to Deb Castro and Andi Mast) DSA and DSR were involved with the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. This is the second largest, Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the nation. The unit comprised of DSA and DSR took top honors as the **Best Canine Unit**. This is the fifth year DSA & DSR have participated in the parade, and four out of five years they have received the top canine unit award. To quote Deb Castro "those smiling, white faces are a real crowd pleaser ..." Thanks to all the members who took the time to participate. What a wonderful way to showcase our breed.

In March all members who have not brought their dues current are removed from active status. As you know the Board contacted all those members who were listed as not having renewed their dues. I am leashed to report that the findings were not all bad. First, several people were listed who had just forgotten, or thought they had sent in dues. Then there were a few people who were no longer active with, or no longer had Sams at all. These people did not want to belong to a club that they were not participating in, if they became active in either working or confirmation, they plan to renew their memberships. The last group is the one that concerns me and should concern the whole membership: these people reported that they were not renewing their membership because they felt meetings dragged on too long and occasionally

they felt a lot of tension during discussions. As I see it, exchanging ideas during discussion on a motion or club action is a necessary and useful tool. However if the perception exists that personal attacks are part of that discussion we need to change that perception. Lets remember when confronting another member on his or her ideas, to challenge the idea and not the person.

While we did lose a couple of members this year, we have several new faces who bring in new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. This is great to see; hopefully we will be able to learn from each other, and all grow in our personal and Sammy lives. In order to keep our group strong and healthy I believe we should be trying to increase membership, by reaching out to more Sammy people. The latest SCA Bulletin listed the membership by state, only half of SCA members are members of DSA. Even assuming that several of these members are on the Western Slope, or are too far from the metro area, it still means that we are missing Sammy people in the area. Lets reach out to these people and try to get them involved.

Bob Sencenbaugh
DSA President



Hikers! There's a New Tool for Your First Aid Kit!

Editor's Note: Tom Lisec provided this article on a tool for tick removal. If you would like to see what this tool looks like, please see Tom at the next meeting, where he plans to bring pictures of this tool.

Tick Talk

The O'Tom Tick Remover: From hi-tech to low, this little gadget is the simplest unit you can imagine. It is two inches long, weighs less than a half-ounce and is made of a single piece of green "poly-oxy-meth-ylene" (which is plastic-like material that is extremely strong and can be recycled or incinerated without the release of chloride fumes). It is curved like a hook, with a slit in the curved end. It was invented by a French veterinarian and has been proven very successful in Europe.

It is a simple to use as it looks. Simply slip the slit the hook over the tick's body from the side as close to the dog's (or your!) skin as possible and turn counterclockwise. After two or three rotations the tick detaches itself and may be safely lifted out and disposed of.

Our tester tried the O'Tom tick remover when she found a tick on her dog recently and the tick slipped out like magic. No need to touch the tick and risk exposure to Lyme disease. No risk of breaking the tick mouth parts off in the dog's skin. And absolutely no discomfort or struggling on the part of the dog.

The O'Tom is available through veterinarians and some animal shelters. If yours don't carry it, ask them to contact "C-Specialties, Inc." at 800-234-5330 to become a distributor. Our tester and the Whole Dog Journal give the O'Tom tick remover a strong recommendation as an

All I Need to Know About Life, I Learned From Dogs

- If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
- When it comes to having sex, if at first you don't succeed, beg.
- Don't go out without I.D.
- Be direct; let people know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
- Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
- Leave room on your schedule for a good nap.
- Always give people a friendly greeting - a cold nose in the crotch is effective.
- When doing something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged out from under the bed).
- If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

Report on St. Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations and Thank you!!!

to the following Sammies (and their Owners) who participated in the

♣ St. Patrick's Day Parade ♣

on 03/14/98 as part of the Denver Samoyed Rescue unit.

We were awarded the ***Best Canine Unit*** this year.



Sidney and Cooper with Jane Reller

Keesha and Mr. Freeze with Michele Schmitt

Thunder, Lightning and Flurry with Deb and Gabe Castro

Kandi with Carolyn Bateman

Zin with Andi Mast

Rocket with Jan Kelly (they came all the way from Albuquerque to join in the fun!)

and Sam, Zach, Klondike, Keyla, Sampson and Samantha, our rescue dogs and their

Owners who served as wonderful ambassadors for our breed.

They really worked the crowd!



A good time was had by all and ***our dogs looked great!!!***

Shoppers!

For those who *SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP !!!*

(and those who aren't quite as dedicated but do get out once in awhile...)

You can help Denver Samoyed Rescue !!

Have you seen -

- The school folder with a Sam pup on the front?
- How about the puzzle(s) with the Samoyed puppies
- The Samoyed gift bag?
- Maybe the note pad with a Samoyed pup on the cover
- The glass "snow ball" with Sammies inside?
- We've all seen greeting cards!
- Deck of playing cards?
- Note cards?



What else have you seen - ***IT WAS TOO CUTE!!!***

(but you didn't really need it). Don't forget about Rescue!



Anytime you see something "Sammy oriented" - that doesn't cost an arm and a leg - please consider the purchase and donate it to Denver Samoyed Rescue. These items will be sold/raffled/auctioned off later in the year to benefit our smiling, fluffy white, friends.

P.S. The items don't necessarily need to be "Samoyed" - how about one of those collapsible dog bowls? Any dog (and his person) would find that handy!

Please contact Deb Castro, 220-7536, if you have any questions (or donations!).

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What's in a Name?

(Continued from page 1)

Almost everyone is aware of the last activity because it is the most visible; however, we spend enough time on the others that they deserve some explanation.

1 – Breed Education. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Members of the network spend many hours on the phone explaining to potential owners what it is really like to live with our particular breeds. Indeed, we prevent many unwise acquisitions and often are able to steer an individual in a more appropriate direction. (In some cases, that is no dog at all.) In addition, most of us have spent a good deal of time and money developing extensive written materials, as well as displays for pet fairs and breeder showcases. All of us know that the more the potential pet owner knows before he acquires a dog from any source, the less likely the dog will be to end up in the animal welfare system.

2 – Breed Assistance. When we are not on the phone trying to head off unwise purchases, our lines are busy trying to help people with the puppies they bought from someone who did not bother to inform them of teeny details like propensities for digging, chewing, chasing the cat, baying at the moon – whatever. It is hard to tell how many animals we have helped to keep their happy homes, because few of us keep records beyond the animals we actually take into rescue. Perhaps we should. When we have not been able to keep a dog in its original home or accept it into our program, and he lands in a shelter, we continue to assist both

the animal and shelter staff by referring qualified adopters to them.

3 – General Canine Welfare. Many people think that breed rescue people care only about purebreds. This is absolutely not the case. We care about all dogs, most of us about all animals. We concentrate on our particular breeds because we know about them and because we feel especially responsible for them not because we think that they are inherently more worthy than others. We all actively promote the adoption of random bred dogs from shelters and many of us are able to accept mixes of our breeds into our programs. We understand that most pet seekers are looking for a “type” rather than a breed, and we all spend too much time in shelters to keep people who aren’t absolutely certain that only a Sheltie or Scottie or Chessie will do on our waiting lists. We maintain relationships with other animal placement organizations and let them know when we hear of one of “theirs” in the system. Our goal is the same as everybody’s else’s. We want to work ourselves right out of business.

I think that we all tend to measure our success one dog at a time because a good placement is tangible and measurable, to say nothing of emotionally satisfying. When dealing with some of the more obtuse members of the public, it helps to remember real dogs out there who are alive and well loved because of us, but all of the facets of a successful breed rescue are important and interconnected. In Britain, most groups doing what we do describe themselves as breed welfare or assistance leagues. Does anyone out there think we should start doing the same?

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Date	Organization	Event	Location	Contact	Conf. Judge (if Show)
Apr 3-5	Hutchinson KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close 3/18	Wichita, KS	Onofrio	J.G. Kay B. Capstick J.E. Federiksen
4	Longs Peak Dog Trng Club	Obedience - Close 3/18	Loveland, CO	N. Rigas	
10	Town & Country KC	Show - Close 3/25	Norman, OK	Onofrio	P.A. Gellerman
11	Clovis Portales KC	Show - Close 3/25	Clovis, NM	Onofrio	H.M. Cresap
11	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close 3/25	Roswell, NM	Onofrio	V.S. Hampton
11	Oklahoma City KC	Show - Close 3/25	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio	J.A. Goodin
12	Mid-Continent KC	Show - Close 3/25	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio	D. Shipley
12	Metro. Atlanta Samoyed	Specialty - Close 3/25	Perry, GA	Onofrio	J.R. Cole G. Lycan (Sweeps)
13	Bartlesville KC	Show - Close 3/25	Dewey, OK	Onofrio	M.K. Bryant
18	Potomac Valley Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close	Northern Virginia	MB-F N. Hermle	Irene Biven G.Chamberlin(Sweep
18-19	Manhattan Kansas KC Topeka KS	Show - Close 4/1	Topeka, KS	Onofrio	R.M. Chashoudian P.W. Laurans
Apr 18-19	Mesilla Valley KC El Paso KC	Show - Close 4/1	Las Cruces, NM	Onofrio	R.P. Berton C.P. Herendeen
25-26	Utah Shetland Sheepdog Association	AKC Obedience Judging Seminar	Salt Lake City, UT Cost \$50 both days	Mel Stanley 801-773-3016	Seminar Speaker: Mr. Bob Squires
25-26	Seward County KC	Show - Close 4/8	Seward, NE	Onofrio	R.S. Pritchard J.R. White
25-26	Big Spring KC	Show - Close 4/8	Big Spring, TX	Onofrio	J.G. Kay Q.N. La Ham
26	Friends of Bearded Collies	All Breed Fun Match Registration @ 8:30 AM	Larimer Cty Fairgrounds Loveland, CO	R. Jarrett 970-667-8293	1st Entry Fee \$6.00 2nd Entry Fee \$5.00
May 2	Mtn States Obed. Trng Club	Obedience - Close 4/15	Brighton, CO	R. Miller	

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May 2-3	Cornhusker KC Grand Island KC	Show - Close 4/15	Lincoln, NE	Onofrio	G.J. Heitzman P.N. Doniere, Jr.
2-3	Mid Del-Tinker KC Canadian Valley KC	Show - Close 4/15	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio	J. Roppolo
3	Greater Sierra Vista KC	Show - Close 4/15	Sierra Vista, AZ	Onofrio	R.J. Shreve
3	Friends of the Mals	All Breed Fun Match Registration @ 7:30AM	Arapahoe Community College Littleton, CO	C.McWilliams 681-2251	Entry Fee \$6.00 Junior \$4.00
8	Samoyed Assoc. of Minneapolis - St. Paul	Specialty - Close	Brooklyn Park, MN	Show Sec Lois Noble	J. E. Clark Dana Cline (Sweeps)
9-10	Greater Emporia KC	Show - Close 4/22	Emporia, KS	Onofrio	H.M. Fisher H.L. James
9-12	Sangre De Cristo KC Rio Grande KC Chaparral KC	Show - Close 4/22	Albuquerque, NM	Onofrio	M.P. Tucker R.H. Menaker N.D. Simmons
15	Samoyed Club of San Diego	Specialty - Close 4/28	Rancho Sante Fe, CA	B. Lowe Show Sec	R.J. Caswell Jr. P. Cingota (Sweeps)
15-17	Durango KC	Show - Close 4/29	Cortez, CO	Brown	G. Schwartz B. La Ham Q. N. La Ham
16-17	Mount Ogden KC	Show - Close 4/29	Ogden, UT	Onofrio	A. Downey Lt. Col. W.H. Pede
16-17	Council Bluffs KC Nebraska KC	Show - Close 4/29	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	N/A
16-17	Rocky Mountain Yorkshire Terrier Club	George Alston Dog Handling Clinic	Castle Rock, CO Douglas Cty Fairgrounds	Alan Krenek 303-646-3094	\$150 - participant \$60 - observer
22-23	Central Wyoming KC	Show - Close 5/6	Casper, WY	Onofrio	C.E. Trotter W.F. Hixon
24-25	Laramie KC	Show - Close 5/6	Laramie, WY	Onofrio	N/A
29-30	Flatirons KC Evergreen KC	Show - Close 5/13	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	N/A L.A. Reasin
Jun 5	Northern California Samoyed Fanciers	Specialty - Close	Antioch, CA	Show Sec D Beckman	H. Dullnig H. Shore (Sweeps)
6-7	Contra Costa KC	Show - Close	Antioch, CA	Brown	
5-6	Flagstaff KC	Show - Close 5/20	Flagstaff, AZ	Wilson	K. Anselm N. Liebes
5-6	Colorado Springs KC	Show - Close 5/20	Fountain, CO	Onofrio	G.J. Wallin T. Gomez
5-6	Utah Valley KC Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close 5/20	Lehi, UT	Johnson	D.V. Hansen
13	Chicagoland Samoyed Club	Specialty - Close 5/27	Grayslake, IL	A. Rhodie 847-362-8023	L. Grant Bond H. Janicki (Sweeps)
20-21	West Texas KC	Show - Close 6/3	Odessa, TX	Onofrio	T. Gomez G.J. Wanner, Sr.
27-28	Terry-All KC	Show - Close 6/10	Brighton, CO	Onofrio	N/A
July 11-12	Roaring Fork KC	Show - Close	Eagle, CO	Onofrio	N/A
16	Samoyed Club of Houston	Specialty - Close	Houston, TX	Newport	Joan Luna Karen Brooks(Sweeps)
17-19	Houston KC Beaumont KC Galveston KC	Show - Close	Houston, TX	Antypas	A. Davis R. S. Pritchard J.H. Honig
25-26	Colo. Dog Fancier Assoc.	Breeders Showcase	Buckingham Mall-Aurora, CO	C. Snively	367-5623

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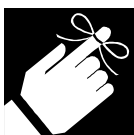
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Aug 13-16	San Antonio KC Bexar Co KC KC or Grtr Victoria Comal Co KC	Show - Close	San Antonio, TX	Onofrio	N/A
14	Samoyed Club of Washington State	Specialty - Close	Enumclaw, WA	Brown	R. Petersen-Berton M. Foster(Sweeps)
15-16	Greeley KC	Show - Close	Greeley, CO	Onofrio	N/A
29-30	Cheyenne KC	Show - Close	Cheyenne, WY	Onofrio	N/A
29-31	Topeka KC Heart of America KC Leavenworth KC	Show - Close	Kansas City, MO	Crowe	N/A
Sep 5	Bonneville Basin KC	Show - Close	West Jordan, UT	Brown	N/A
6	Utah Valley KC	Show - Close	Lehi, UT	Brown	N/A
11-13	Greater Emporia KC Salina KC Wichita KC	Show - Close	Salina, KS	Onofrio	N/A
12	Denver Samoyed Assoc.	Tournament	Sterne Park, CO	N. Golden	N/A
12	Denver Samoyed Assoc.	Specialty Match	Sterne Park, CO	J. Reller	N/A
19-20	Grand Valley KC	Show - Close	Grand Junction, CO	Onofrio	N/A
25-27	Heart of Plains KC	Show - Close	Lubbock, TX	Onofrio	N/A
26-27	Sunflower KC of Olathe	Show - Close	Gardner, KS	Onofrio	N/A
Oct 3-4	Rio Grande KC Sangre De Cristo KC	Show - Close	Sante Fe, NM	Onofrio	N/A
3-4	Intermountain KC	Show - Close	Magna, UT	Onofrio	N/A
9	Rio Pecos KC	Show - Close	Alamogordo, NM	Onofrio	N/A
10-11	Mesilla Valley KC El Paso KC	Show - Close	Las Cruces, NM	Onofrio	N/A
24-25	Kachina KC	Show - Close	Goodyear, AZ	Crowe	N/A
24-25	Travis County KC	Show - Close	Austin, TX	Onofrio	N/A
31	Bartlesville KC Mid-Continent KC of Tulsa	Show - Close	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio	N/A
Nov 1	Tri-State	Show - Close	Tulsa, OK	Onofrio	N/A
5-8	Mid Del-Tinker KC Oklahoma City KC Canadian Valley KC Town & Country KC	Show - Close	Oklahoma City, OK	Onofrio	N/A
6-7	Scottsdale DFA Arizona White Mountain KC	Show - Close	Phoenix, AZ	Wilson	N/A
6-7	Evergreen Colorado KC Flatirons KC	Show - Close	Longmont, CO	Onofrio	N/A
14-15	Greater Sierra Vista KC Tucson KC	Show - Close	Tucson, AZ	Onofrio	N/A
21-22	Cornhusker KC Nebraska KC	Show - Close	Omaha, NE	Onofrio	N/A
28	Samoyed Association of Canada	National Specialty	Toronto, Ontario	Judi Elford 705-932-2559	Dorothy Hodges Frank Gruber(Sweeps)
28-29	Southern Colorado KC	Show - Close	Pueblo, CO	Onofrio	N/A
Dec 5-6	Fort Smith KC Muskogee KC	Show - Close	Muskogee, OK	Onofrio	N/A

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SAM-O-GRAM



**April Showers
Bring Me Flowers!**



April 20, 1998 Meeting Reminder: Littleton Hospital - 7:15 PM

- **Vote** on Year 2000 Local Specialty Judges (see page 3 for nominees)
- **Vote** on '99 SCA National Specialty trophy donation request.
- **Vote** to donate remaining '98 DSA Local Specialty 16 soft-slip collar trophies to DSR.
- **'98 Committee Chairperson's estimated annual budget reports are due.**

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no **HOME**, all **ALONE** **March Rescue Placements: 2** (referred) **Year-to-Date: 8**

As of 03/30/98, we have the following Sammies available for adoption:

Female(Spring) 4 yrs. House/Outdoor Foster Home

Comments: Has an eye problem (the result of an immune system problem) that will require treatment with a topical ointment for life (\$15/mo.). She can be outside, but needs a place where she can get out of the light (at her own discretion) - prolonged exposure to light is uncomfortable for her. Good with kids and other dogs. Very cute!

Why: From Fort Collins H.S. Owner moved.

Male(Dylan) 2.5 yrs. House/Outdoor Owner

Comments: 100#. Medium activity level, does know basic obedience commands. OK with kids, cats, and other dogs. May suffer from separation anxiety. Will need to be crated if left for extended periods because he's destructive.

Why: Owner unwilling to confine dog and he's destructive if left alone for an extended time (8 hrs.)

The following Samoyeds are available at area shelters: *Contact a Rescue Committee member for current information.*

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call one of the Rescue Committee members. Thanks!

Why Denver Samoyed Rescue? Follow-Up Report

Deb Castro has provided a follow-up to her article that appeared in the December 1997 Sam-O-Gram, "Why Denver Samoyed Rescue?".

To date, DSR has received a total of \$650.27, from the various Samfans projects -

♥ Rescue Quilt, \$166.00

- ♥ Christmas Rescue Fund, \$111.88
- ♥ Sammy Angels, \$154 This donation allowed us to completely cover the cost of Dutchess' surgery.
- ♥ Rescue Sam, \$218.39