

SAM-O-GRAM

November 2025



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The world we are living in is becoming more and more anxiety driven. There is no escaping from the news of unrest, hate, rising costs, stretched finances, and a plethora of many more issues. It is overwhelming and all-consuming. Even our dog events are not a free area from this; life concerns are creating more anger and frustration between exhibitors and complaints and clashes are on the rise at the shows. There used to be so many fewer hearings at shows than are arising now.

As we all know, our Specialty is coming up soon. We are fortunate that our members truly like each other and work together marvelously to host a great event. But with all of these outside stressors, we need to take a deep breath when things become frustrating, treat our fellow exhibitors with respect, and keep in mind:

- We do this for fun
- We are all volunteers
- We are first, and foremost, friends
- Everyone goes home with the best dog

I wish everyone good luck at the shows - whatever your goals are for you and your beloved Sammy. Smile and have a great time!

Martha Lageschulte
DSA President

Meeting Date and Location for November Meeting!

November 17, 2025

6:45 pm – 8:30 pm

Natural Grocers Denver

Colorado Blvd and Evans

**DSA October Membership Meeting -
Monday, October 20, 2025**

Natural Grocers, Wheat Ridge, CO

Meeting called to order 6:45 pm

Present: Cathy An, Tamara Barach, Pam Buhl, Jan Cherne, Donna Dannen, Linda Kitzman, Martha Lageschulte, Tammy Linnert, Cheryl Martin, Rodney Martin, Lorrie McAllister, Julie Morris, Rachel Paulson, JoDee Putnins, Sam Streweler, Shanan Streweler

President: Martha Lageschulte

Glad everyone got home safely from the National.

Vice President: Terry Walb

No report.

Recording Secretary: Lorrie McAllister

Minutes from September meeting approved.
Rodney Martin moved, Julie Morris seconded.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

No report.

Treasurer: Pam Buhl

General Fund: \$25,038.01,
Rescue fund: \$10,520.09
CD: \$21,281.37 We earned \$381.71 between 4/15-10/14. CD renewed on 10/14/25 at APR 3.7%
King Soopers Rewards for 3rd Quarter = \$306.86 which is higher than 2nd Quarter.

Terry Walb put insurance policies and certificates on Google Drive.

Board:

No report.

Committees

Agility: Terry Walb

We are all set. The Premium List is on the website on the Events page and on the AKC Website. Entries open on November 19th. She'll send the workers list out sometime in December. Thank you in advance for helping with the agility trial.

Awards: Kris Schopfer

No report.

Cheer: Donna Dannen

Sent card to Deb Castro, who lost Cinder. Kris Schopfer has had another setback-will send card.

Designated Specialty: Linda Kitzman

Linda Kitzman had a phone call with Andrea Floyd to discuss participation in Flatirons KC June show. We discussed the possibilities:

- Concurrent specialty gets a bigger draw—usually held on Saturday or could do twice in same day.
- Could do regular all breed show (could be designated) in morning and concurrent specialty

in afternoon (or vice versa). We could allow spayed/neutered dogs and veterans).

- Maybe use pavilion which is available Saturday. Pavilion slightly south and farther away—many squirrels but we could enhance the pavilion and make it special.
- Questions: Onofrio role--superintendent? Ribbons? Premium List and Catalogue?

Consensus: Morning concurrent specialty on Saturday 6/6/26 at Pavilion.

- Simplify by having Onofrio do most of the work.
- All but rosettes and trophies through Onofrio (Onofrio would do flat ribbons). Shanan Streweler will check with friend re: option to do ribbons.
- We send info for Premium List to Onofrio.
- We need to get SCA's approval ASAP. Pam Buhl will write motion for Beth Tallentire.
- We will offer sweepstakes for veterans and puppies—okay spayed/neutered.
- Pavilion—could use covered area for food.

Legislative Liaisons: Pam Buhl, Lorrie McAllister

No report.

FastCat: Tammy Linnert

Our application was approved by AKC. We will need help setting up. Need 4-5 people setup/tear-down Friday and Sunday. Details to follow. Park contract still outstanding.

Historian/Librarian: Donna Dannen

Nothing new.

IT: Terry Walb

Rail Bike Adventure pictures are on the Event page under Past Activities Galleries. If anyone have more pictures to add send them to me.

Hospitality/Holiday Party: Tammy Linnert

We're at Fox Hollow again - 12/14/25.

Local Specialty 2025: JoDee Putnins

- JoDee Putnins reported that entries are now open.
- Coupons need to be to Pam Buhl by 10/30.
- Backdrop ordered and here by 11/7/25.
- Martha Lageschulte has ad for Kent Dannen (DSA 2025 show is dedicated to Kent). Martha will get all ads to Lorraine ahead of time.
- Shanan Streweler's friend Joe adopted Kent's dog Light and may want to do an exhibition run.
- We'll have silent auction this year—need 3 tables.

Local Specialty 2026: Lori Elvera

No report.

Sam-O-Gram: Martha Lageschulte

Needs need input by first of month.

Social Media: Lori Elvera and Pam Buhl

Pam Buhl reminded us that we can post to DSA & Friends FaceBook page. Pam will do a flyer for specialty.

Rescue: Sue Wangerin

She was contacted for two applications to adopt have been received since the last meeting. Linda Kitzman has another application to share.

Old Business**Emergency Contacts: Linda Kitzman**

Form was published in last Sam-O-Gram. The form will also be included with renewal information and new membership info.

New Business**Microchipping**

AKC Reunite has new temperature sensing microchips. Lorrie McAllister will send flyer to Martha Lageschulte for Sam-O-Gram. Lorrie McAllister will forward AKC Reunite contact info to Pam Buhl, Pam Arnold, and Linda Kitzman.

Nominations from the floor

Cheryl Martin nominated Rodney Martin for the Board.

Barks 'n' Growls

Pam Buhl: Arapahoe Kennel Club: Juno (Queen City's Sunshine Walks Beside Her, BCAT, TKN) showed Friday and Saturday and was Winners Bitch both days. Her sister Appa (CH Queen City's Dancing in the Moonlight) was BOB/OHBOB Friday and Sunday, and OH Group 2 and 4

At the SCA National: on Tuesday Shimmer (MOHBIS GCHB Queen City's Heart of Gold RN, BCAT) was Best in Veteran Sweepstakes from a nice entry of 47 Veterans. On Friday she was 2nd in the 8-10 Veteran Bitch class in an Entry of 14

On Saturday Appa made the first 2 cuts, and although she did not get a ribbon, she was still in the ring at the end and showed beautifully for me.

Tammy Linnert: Winter was select Friday, BOB on Saturday at Arapahoe KC.

Cheryl Martin: Savannah and Charity—had good FastCAT runs; at weight pull Charity pulled 960#. Aries also pulled 960#. Saturday at SCA, Savannah was chosen as Best Junior! She also qualified for AKC Nationals.

Rodney and Cheryl Martin and JoDee Putnins helped get weight pull equipment to the National when Sencenbaughs had motor home trouble.

Linda Kitzman: at the National, Shelby was 2nd in Working Sweeps.

JoDee Putnins received the SCA Sportsmanship Award at the banquet.

Bob Sencenbaugh received award for 25 years of service for weight pull.

Martha Lageschulte: Pax son was Grand Futurity. Pax made first cut in BOB. Growl: Pax bloated in Topeka. He's doing well now.

At SCA Khori won Select Bitch. Quinn got ROMC at the SCA banquet.

Donna Dannen: Mikaela made first cut at the National; she won brace.

Lori Elvera: At the SCA National EMMY - GCHB OHBIS Kenosha's And The Winner Is, RI, BN, CGC, WSX, BCAT won 1st place in Veteran Bitch Sweeps 10-12 yrs under breeder/judge Donna Cummings; and 1st place in Veteran Bitch Class 10-12yrs. under breeder/judge Kathy Ronald.

We got Best Brace at the National under breeder/judge Karen McFarlane with EMMY - GCHB OHBIS Kenosha's And The Winner Is, RI, BN, CGC, WSX, BCAT

Mikaela - GCH Kenosha's Making First Tracks at Tundrawinds, WSX, DCAT, FITS

This was Emmy's second national and she turned 10! The last time she was in the ring was 2020 (just before the world shut down) when she won BISS at the Heart of America Specialty under breeder/judge John Ronald.

Shanan Streweler: Growl - horse has leg infection.

Adjourn: Rodney Martin moved, Julie Morris and Donna Dannen 2nd.

DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE

DSR Fundraisers:

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$35 for non-members. Cost includes chip and enrollment fee. Make an appointment with Pam Arnold - davepamarnold@msn.com

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 10/31/2025

GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Agility Trial	
Entry Fees	12,133.00
Entry Refund	-231.00
Food & Beverages	-165.65
Judge's Fees	-3,174.93
Miscellaneous	100.00
Recording Fee	-2,546.50
Rental Equipment	-1,100.00
Rental Fee	-975.00
Secretary Fees	-1,391.69
T-shirts	-376.05
TOTAL Agility Trial	2,272.18
FastCAT Income	9,145.10
AKC Applications	-140.00
Hospitality	-256.01
Jackets	-280.17
Park Rental	-200.00
Ribbons	-238.56
Supplies	-144.83
TOTAL FastCAT Income	7,885.53
Local Specialty	
Application Fee	-275.00
Banquet	143.23
Rental & Cleanup Fees	-931.68
Rental Equipment	-300.00
T-Shirts	929.75
Towels	234.20
Trophies	-1,047.30
TOTAL Local Specialty	-1,246.80
Membership	
Dues	554.00
TOTAL Membership	554.00
Specialty Match	
Entry Fee	90.00
TOTAL Specialty Match	90.00
Ways & Means	
Grocery Certificates	936.16
Unused Trophies	20.00
TOTAL Ways & Means	956.16
TOTAL INCOME	10,511.07

EXPENSES

Bank Charges	
Service Charge	20.00
TOTAL Bank Charges	20.00
Coupons Used	489.00
Credit Card Fees	224.47
Hospitality	
Holiday Party	250.00
TOTAL Hospitality	250.00
Insurance	
Liability and Property	600.00
TOTAL Insurance	600.00
Legislation	
Dues	75.00
Political Action Committee	100.00
TOTAL Legislation	175.00
Miscellaneous	
State Periodic Report	25.00
Supplies	81.47
TOTAL Miscellaneous	106.47
Sam-O-Gram-Web	
Ecwid Store	540.00
TOTAL Sam-O-Gram-Web	540.00
Summer Social	80.00
Food & Beverage	129.57
TOTAL Summer Social	209.57
Taxes	
Federal	500.00
TOTAL Taxes	500.00
Trophy Donation	50.00
Website Design	214.73
Zoom Subscription	174.53
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,553.77
OVERALL TOTAL	6,957.30

RESCUE FUND

INCOME

Donation to DSR	550.00
Investment Income	404.42
TOTAL INCOME	954.42

EXPENSES

Charitable Donations	
Samoyed Rescue	1,000.00
TOTAL Charitable Donations	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 **-1,675.83**



DENVER SAMOYED ASSOCIATION

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Pax Surviving Bloat on the Road, submitted by Linda Deits

What started out as an uneventful drive from the Samoyed National Specialty in Wilmington, Ohio to Topeka, Kansas turned out to be anything but. Scott and I planned to feed Lakota and Pax at the hotel; after a quick potty stop and drink of water, they both ate their dinner. Nothing out of the ordinary. Within five minutes of finishing his dinner, Pax became anxious and stretched into multiple "play bows". He put his head in my lap and was stretching and turning his neck as if he wanted to vomit but nothing was coming up. The look in his eyes told me he was in severe distress.

Minutes later we were in the car heading to the first emergency vet clinic that came up through a Google search. The Emergency Animal Clinic of Topeka came to Pax's rescue. An X-ray revealed he was in bloat with torsion. Literally within fifteen minutes of our arrival, Pax was undergoing life-saving surgery. When bloat occurs, the spleen may have to be removed due to the pressure of the stomach expanding and blood flow being cut off. Fortunately, there was no evidence of necrosis in any of Pax's organs – spleen, liver, pancreas, heart, or lungs. Dr. Joy Thayer and her staff operated on Pax and stayed with him during the night. They are our heroes! Updates came periodically through the night until morning when Pax was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at the Veterinary Health Center at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas.

After twenty-four hours observation and telemetry ECG monitoring, Pax was released to make the eight-hour drive home to Littleton. Drs. Weber and Upchurch and the grad students who took extraordinary care of Pax, Linda and Kiernan, helped ease our worries. We felt Pax was with the best medical team that would help him on the initial steps of his recovery.

The shock of how quickly bloat can develop is still with both of us, now this much later. If we had waited any longer to get Pax to emergency care, the outcome would have been devastating. We did not have time to second guess anything -- we had to put our complete faith and trust in Dr. Thayer and the medical team at Kansas State.

AKC describes bloat as an emergency condition where "the stomach fills with gas and rotates on its axis, leading to cardiovascular shock and abnormal function of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, kidney, and clotting systems. As the stomach fills with air, pressure builds, stopping blood from the hind legs and abdomen from returning to the heart. Blood pools at the back end of the body, reducing the working blood volume and sending the dog into shock. As the stomach flips, it drags the spleen and pancreas along with it, cutting off the blood flow. The oxygen-starved pancreas produces some

very toxic hormones. One, in particular, targets the heart and stops it cold. In fact, a dog can go through successful treatment and seem to be out of danger, when suddenly the heart stops."

We were extremely fortunate Pax's symptoms presented so quickly and the emergency vet hospital was only six minutes away from our hotel. Signs of bloat can include restlessness, abnormal stretching, attempting to vomit, excess drooling, and distended/painful abdomen. The vets are not sure what caused Pax to bloat. It could be because Pax sits up in his crate when riding in the car and pants pretty heavily. Even with the air conditioning on and fans blowing, he seems to be uncomfortable riding in the car. Through the panting, he inhales quite a bit of oxygen and that could have been the culprit.

We have our best buddy home with us and his recovery is going well. The incision is healing beautifully and "peach fuzz" is growing on his belly and legs. Pax is slowly resuming taking longer walks and returning to rally class, albeit without jumping until he is cleared in a few more weeks. Scott and I learned a few things through this bloat surgery journey ...

*We will know in advance where the closest emergency vet clinic is located.

*We will have digital copies of our animal's medical records to help doctors quickly know their health history (we just happened to have recently asked our vet for complete records, so they were readily available.)

- We will always bring the whole bottle of both dog's medications and ours ... not just enough for the number of days we plan to be gone.
- Through this surgery/recovery, we realize codeine is not a good medication for Pax. Higher levels of anxiety can be a side effect of codeine; we certainly saw this. It is one that we hope never to have to give again.
- Pax will be given medication to relax prior to long drives in the car in an effort to help him relax, laydown, and enjoy the ride.
- We will continue to be watchful for a recurrence of bloat. Just because Pax had gastropexy (stomach tack) does not mean he cannot bloat again and in rare instances, torsion can also occur. Our rule of thumb is quiet time an hour prior to eating and an hour of quiet after eating.

We are so grateful for the "Sammie Village" ... all your prayers, care, healing energy, and reassurances that Pax was going to be okay helped us weather this storm. You are the best of the best! And best of all, Pax is getting back to being our lovable 100% goofball!

Healthy Dog Dental Care for Breeders is Key to a Successful Breeding Program

A Silent Epidemic Among Dogs

Savvy breeders recognize that maintaining breeding animals in good dental health can positively impact a dam's pregnancy and the health of her puppies.

"The current research in human medicine suggests that poor periodontal health in women contributes to lower birth weight, preterm labor and increased neonatal mortality," says Christopher Smithson, DVM, DAVDC, who practices at The Pet Dentist at Tampa Bay in Wesley Chapel, Florida.

"While there is not a large data set to suggest this in dogs, we highly recommend keeping dams in good oral health and overall health before, during and after gestation," Dr. Smithson says.

"More than 80 percent of dogs over 3 years of age have dental disease affecting the teeth, gums and structures that support their teeth."

"Few dogs show signs of dental disease; thus, it progresses uninhibitedly making it the most undertreated canine health condition."

Periodontal disease begins when plaque hardens into tartar below the gum line causing inflammation in the tissues that support the teeth and jawbone. One of the most common clinical conditions in dogs, periodontal disease may progress to a harmful systemic bacterial infection.

"After 72 hours, plaque that is not removed from the tooth surface begins to harden into tartar, or calculus, that is not easily removed by brushing or using other dental products," Dr. Smithson explains.

The American Veterinary Dental College recommends professional dog teeth cleanings with radiographs under general anesthesia for small-breed dogs as early as 1 year of age and then every six to 12 months and for large breeds starting at 3 years of age followed by every 12 to 24 months based on the findings at a dog's annual physical exam.

"These are general guidelines," says Dr. Smithson, one of about 230 board-certified veterinary dental specialists across the U.S. "A patient should be treated on an individual basis. A dog's dental health can be impacted by genetics, nutrition and environment. Even a dog's breed, age and bloodline can contribute."

In his practice, Dr. Smithson advocates for regular home dental cleanings and educates dog owners about the health risks when teeth are neglected.

Beyond bad breath, gingivitis, tooth loss and agonizing pain, periodontal disease carries the danger of dental plaque bacteria spreading to the bloodstream.

"Periodontal disease is a known risk factor for heart disease, liver disease and kidney disease in dogs," Dr. Smithson says. "In people, periodontal disease can even contribute to diabetes. There is evidence that the same is true in dogs."

Dental disease in dogs also includes inherited conditions. Dr. Smithson commonly treats these genetic dental disorders:

- Persistent, or retained, deciduous ("baby") teeth in toy breeds
- Malocclusion, or misaligned teeth, causing mandibular prognathism (an underbite) or mandibular distocclusion (an overbite)
- Malocclusion in brachycephalic breeds, causing crowding of teeth or impacted mandibular first premolar teeth with painful fluid-filled odontogenic cysts
- Mesioverted maxillary canine teeth ("Lance" canines) in Shetland Sheepdogs, resulting in the upper canine teeth angling further forward than normal

"Affected dogs and breeding pairs that produce malocclusion should not be bred," Dr. Smithson says. "In Shelties, there has been success selecting against Lance canines."

Despite the complex cases he sometimes treats, the veterinary specialty dentist finds his work gratifying.

"It is so rewarding to see patients with dental diseases and problems that we can almost always fix," Dr. Smithson says. "I love getting feedback from owners about how much better their dogs feel after their procedure. That never gets old."

Dog Dental Care Basics

At-home dental care is essentially a 72-hour race to beat plaque from turning into tartar.

"Many dog owners wonder 'what is the best way to clean dogs' teeth at home?' Dr. Smithson says,

"Brushing the teeth with a veterinary approved toothpaste and a soft-bristled toothbrush is the best way to prevent plaque and tartar formation on the teeth and from eventual periodontal disease."

"Ideally, tooth brushing should be performed daily, though every other day can also be effective," he says. "Anything less than every other day is not effective."

Training dogs to accept tooth brushing should start early.

"Dogs should receive dental home care as early as possible after the permanent teeth erupt, usually between 4 and 6 months of age."

"Beginning earlier when puppies have their deciduous 'puppy' teeth can help train them to allow brushing."

"Dental care performed at home combined with regular periodontal treatments can help slow the progression of periodontal disease and tooth loss over time."

Benefit-Based Dental Treats and Diets for Dogs

Proactive dog dental care for dogs may include dry food, treats and chews developed to help battle dental disease. These dental products combined with regular dental checkups and periodontal treatment may help promote dental health.

"More and more people are choosing treats for their dogs that offer functional benefits, such as preventive dental care," says Purina Senior Veterinarian RuthAnn Lobos, DVM, CCRT, CVAT. "Dental is the top benefit owners see in value-added treats."

"Purina has developed a dental dry dog food and chew and oral treats that have the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) Seal of Approval," Dr. Lobos says. "Their texture promotes teeth abrasion and significantly reduces tartar buildup."

"I recommend selecting chew toys that can bend and are soft enough that you can imprint your thumbnail," Dr. Smithson says. "Hard plastic toys and chews are typically too hard for their teeth and put pets at high risk for fractures."

Dog owners should look for dental products that have the VOHC Seal of Approval indicating they meet the standards of effectiveness in dental plaque control approved in partnership with the American Veterinary Dental College.

Purina offers a range of food and treat products that have the VOHC Seal of Approval endorsing their effectiveness at controlling dental plaque.

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